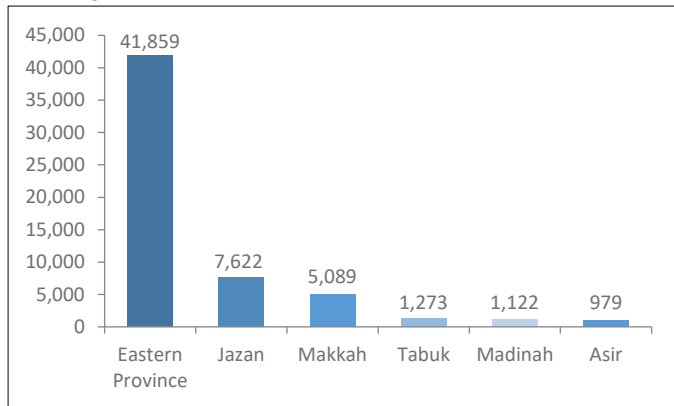


Total catch from marine fisheries over 63 thousand tons in 2021

Total catch amounted to 63,362 metric tons during 2021, with 66.1% of the catch from the Arabian Gulf and 33.9% from the Red Sea, a decrease of 2% compared to 2020. The traditional catch accounted for 91.4% of total catch in Saudi Arabia (Figure 1)

Figure (1): Total Catch from Traditional Marine Fisheries(in Metric Tons)

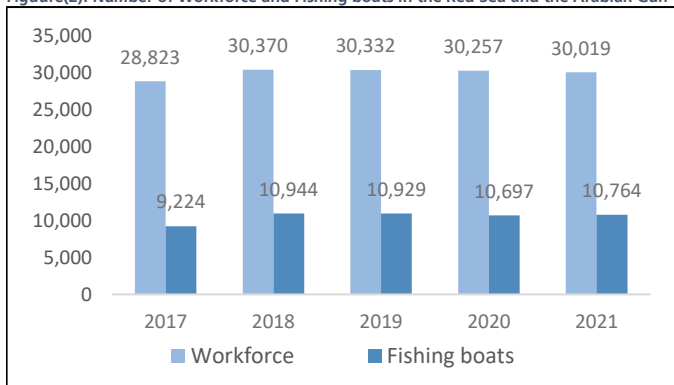


Workforce and Fishing boats

The workforce in marine fishing in 2021 amounted to 30,019 workers, 29.1% of whom were fishers, while fishing workers accounted for 70.9% of the total workforce. Saudi fishing workers amounted to 17.4%, while non-Saudis amounted to 82.6%.

The number of fishing boats in Saudi Arabia amounted to 10,764 in 2021. Traditional boats recorded the highest percentage of fishing boats, approximately 99% of total boats. The Red Sea coast boats accounted for 80.2% of the total boats on the coasts of Saudi Arabia (Figure 2).

Figure(2): Number of Workforce and Fishing boats in the Red Sea and the Arabian Gulf



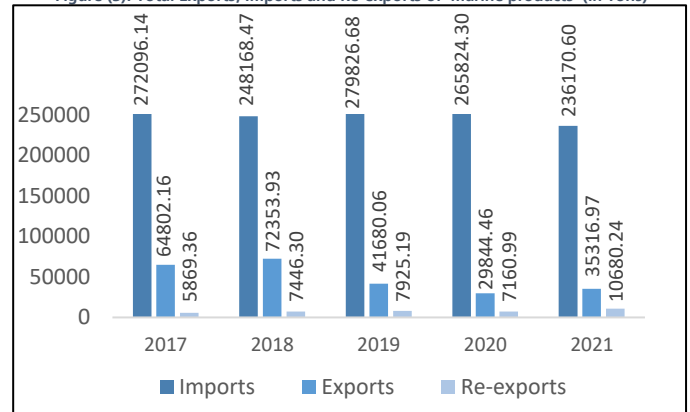
Catch in Arabian Gulf

Shrimp recorded the highest percentage of the catch in traditional marine fisheries in the Arabian Gulf, with a percentage of 16.8%, an amount of 7,036 metric tons in 2021, and an increase of 7.5% compared to 2020. The catch of Lethrinidae constituted 13.2% of the total traditional catch in the Arabian Gulf, with an amount of 5,508 metric tons.

Exports and imports of marine products

Total imports of marine products in 2021 amounted to 236,171 tons, a decrease of 11.2% compared to 2020. Total exports in the same year amounted to 35,317 tons, an increase of 18.3% of the total exports in 2020. The total of re-exports in 2021 amounted to 10,680 tons, an increase of 49.1% compared to 2020 (Figure 3).

Figure (3): Total Exports, Imports and Re-exports of marine products (in Tons)



Marine fishing development loans

Value of development loans granted to marine fishing amounted to 74,284,037 riyals for the year 2021, distributed to shrimp breeding projects, with a value of 70,902,781 riyals, and fishing boats and gear, with a value of 3,381,256 riyals.

| Key indicators | Unit | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total catch from marine fisheries | Thousand Metric Ton | 66.3 | 67.9 | 66.2 | 64.7 | 63.4 |
| Number of fishing boats | Number | 9,224 | 10,944 | 10,929 | 10,697 | 10,764 |
| Number of workforces | Number | 28,823 | 30,370 | 30,332 | 30,257 | 30,019 |
| Total imports of marine products | Thousand (Ton) | 272.1 | 248.2 | 279.8 | 265.8 | 236.2 |
| Total export of marine products | Thousand (Ton) | 64.8 | 72.4 | 41.7 | 29.8 | 35.3 |
| Marine fishing development loans | Million (SR) | - | - | - | - | 74.2 |

Tables

Methodology

The Marine Fishing Publication identifies the total catch of fish and shrimps in the marine fisheries in the Kingdom, the number of fishing boats, the number of manpower, exports and imports. The Publication is based on Administrative Records data from the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Zakat, Tax and Customs authority and Agriculture Development Found. [Methodology](#)