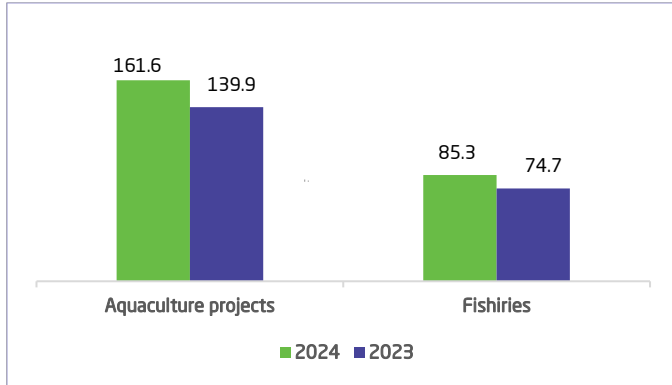


Production of fisheries increases to 246.9 thousand tons in 2024

The 2024 Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics showed that the total production of fisheries reached 246.9 thousand tons. Statistics indicated that production from aquaculture projects amounted to 161.6 thousand tons, an increase of 15.5% compared to 2023. On the other hand, figures on marine capture fisheries showed that marine catch amounted to 85.3 thousand tons, an increase of 14.2% compared to 2023 (Figure1).

Figure1. Aquaculture projects production and marine fisheries catch (thousand tons)



Aquaculture projects production

The 2024 Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics indicated that the total fish production from marine aquaculture projects reached 95.6 thousand tons. The data also showed that fish production from inland water projects amounted to 65.9 thousand tons. Moreover, the statistics revealed that shrimp production reached 71.7 thousand tons, making it the top species in terms of production from aquaculture projects, followed by tilapia with a production of 62.8 thousand tons, and in third place seabass with a production of 16.4 thousand tons. (Figures2 and 3).

Figure2. Quantity of aquaculture production by project (thousand tons)

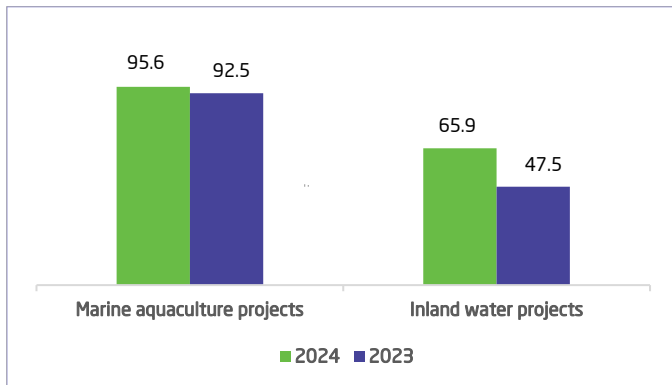
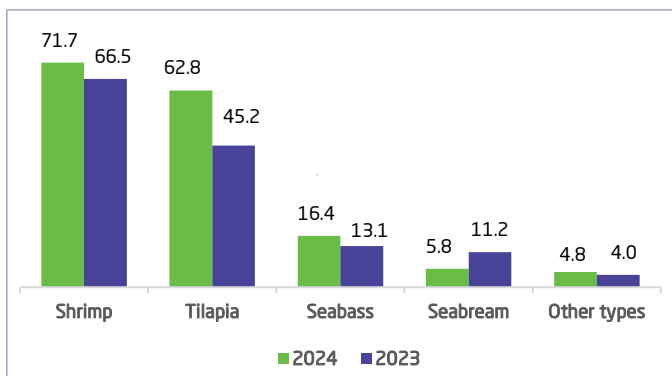


Figure3. Quantity of aquaculture production by species (thousand tons)



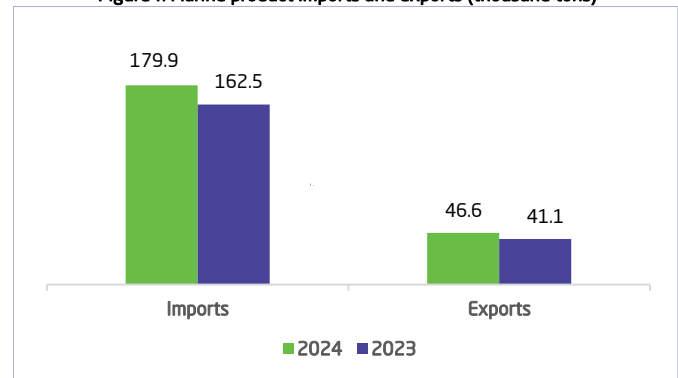
Marine fisheries catch

The 2024 Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics showed that the total marine catch in the Kingdom reached 85.3 thousand tons. The Arabian Gulf accounted for the largest share with a total marine catch of 53.6 thousand tons, while the Red Sea contributed 31.7 thousand tons. The statistics also indicated that the quantity of shrimp caught from marine fisheries amounted to 15.6 thousand tons, of which the Arabian Gulf accounted for the majority, with a catch of 14.7 thousand tons, representing 93.9% of the Kingdom's total shrimp catch in 2024.

Marine product imports and exports

The 2024 data indicated that imports of marine products reached 179.9 thousand tons, an increase of 10.7% compared to 2023. Conversely, the data showed that exports of marine products amounted to 46.6 thousand tons, an increase of 13.5% compared to 2023 (Figure4).

Figure4. Marine product imports and exports (thousand tons)



Key indicators of fisheries and aquaculture statistics

Indicators of aquaculture	Unit	2023	2024
Total aquaculture production	Thousand tons	139.9	161.6
Total aquaculture shrimp production		66.5	71.7
Marine fisheries indicators			
Total quantity of marine fisheries catch		74.7	85.3
Total quantity of shrimp catch		13.7	15.6
Indicators of imports and exports			
Total quantity of marine product imports		162.5	179.9
Total quantity of marine product exports		41.1	46.6

Source: [Tables](#)

Methodology and Quality

Through the Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics Publication, the key statistics on fisheries in the Kingdom are highlighted, including production quantities from aquaculture projects as well as catches from marine fisheries. The publication is based on data from the Agricultural Survey, in addition to administrative records from the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture and the Agricultural Development Fund.

For more details, please refer to the [Methodology and Quality Report](#).