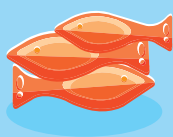


# Malta: Multiannual national plan for the development of sustainable aquaculture an overview

## Current situation



**Total volume  
(2013):**  
9 077  
tonnes



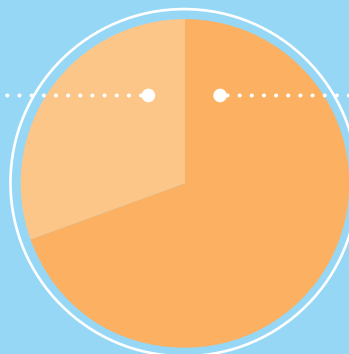
**Total value  
(2013):**  
106 million  
euro



**Malta's contribution to  
EU aquaculture:**  
0.7% volume  
2.6% value

## Main species by volume

**Sea bass / bream**  
2 677 t  
30.4%



**Bluefin tuna**  
6 123 t  
69.6%

● Marine finfish

Source of data: Eurostat



## National Growth Objectives (2014-2020)

**Production volume** from 8 606 tonnes to **10 500 tonnes** in 2020  
(22% increase).

**Production value** from 101 million euro to **120 million euro** in 2020  
(19% increase).

- **Capture-based species e.g. Bluefin tuna** maintain 2014 levels.
- **Closed cycle species** 60% increase in volume by 2020.





# Response to the strategic guidelines



## Simplify administrative procedures:

- Review the licensing procedure for aquaculture development to ensure transparency and sustainability through the standardisation of permitting and licensing conditions.
- Ensure proper co-ordination between the various regulators to establish effective implementation of the national aquaculture plan.



## Level playing field:

- Research and innovation is highlighted as a primary tool to further exploit the strengths of the sector.
- Support collaborative mechanisms between the Malta Aquaculture Research Centre and the University of Malta and other institutions in the Mediterranean or in Europe.



## Coordinated spatial planning:

- Regulate the management of Aquaculture Zones and identify new zones.



## Enhance competitiveness:

- Undertake a holistic approach to regulation to facilitate efficiency in processes and procedures to improve access to investments.
- The construction of a commercial scale marine hatchery and encouraging species diversification (through research and development) with amberjack production being viewed as the main priority for development.

