

## Canned fish and shellfish production and export grows

The manufacture of preserved fish and seafood in Spain grew by 0.7 per cent in volume in 2016 and 1.1 per cent in value, according to the latest data presented by the association Anfaco-Cecopesca.

Last year, the Spanish manufacture of canned fish and shellfish (including that of anchovy, which is semi-preserved) amounted to 348,436 tonnes, with a value amounting to EUR 1.5 million.

In volume, canned tuna is the main product produced by the canning industry of sea products and aquaculture, and accounted for almost 68.65 per cent of the total. They were followed by the group of other canned products (8.27 per cent), sardines (6.85 per cent), and preserved mackerel (4.25 per cent).

In value, canned tuna is again the star product of the seafood canning industry and aquaculture, representing 59.72 per cent of the total. Further back lies the group of mussels (7.35 per cent) and sardines with 6.68 per cent.

Exports of prepared, preserved and semi-preserved fish and seafood also grew in 2016, 5.99 per cent in volume and 9.98 per cent in value, to 178,559 tonnes and EUR 792.8 million, respectively.

Canned tuna accounted for almost 60 per cent of total exports of these products.

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