

Economics

Introduction

At Seafish our mission is to support a profitable, sustainable and socially responsible future for UK seafood businesses. The work carried out by the Economics team is central to Seafish's aims of improving profitability and informing decision making. We achieve this by providing economic data, analysis, evidence and advice that is impartial, relevant and trusted.

OUR THREE WORK PROGRAMMES ARE:

Data Collection (programme leader: Steven Lawrence)

Our surveys and data collection programme allow us to build up the evidence base on which we form our economic analysis and advice. We carry out surveys of the fishing fleet and processing sector for our own research outputs and also to fulfil the mandatory economic requirements of the EU fisheries Data Collection Framework (DCF).

Economic Analysis and Evidence (programme leader: Arina Motova)

Our fleet economic performance database, updated annually, contains estimated financial, economic and operational fleet performance indicators dating back to 2008. We use this database to analyse long term trends and identify the drivers of profitability for UK fishing businesses.

We also produce bespoke economic analyses and impact assessments to evaluate how changes in fisheries management measures could affect UK seafood businesses, with findings published in regular and ad hoc reports.

Economic Advice (programme leader: Hazel Curtis)

We provide advice to industry and policy makers supported by our high quality analysis, evidence and data. We aim to inform policy and business decisions that will create a successful and resilient seafood industry, with particular focus on the catching, processing and importing sectors.

We provide financial performance benchmarking for UK vessel owners. This tool is available free of charge to all vessel owners who contribute their accounts to our fleet survey. Benchmark reports allow vessel owners to compare their financial performance with that of similar vessels and to identify areas where cost savings could potentially be made.

Our team respond to general ad-hoc enquires from industry and government, providing information and advice on a range of issues.

We chair, facilitate and fund the UK Fisheries Economics Network (UKFEN), a network of seafood industry researchers to promote professional exchange between fisheries economists and analysts.



Quay Issues: 2016 Economics of the UK Fishing Fleet

Our fleet economic report presents a summary of the findings of our latest survey of the UK fishing fleet and examines changes in average costs and profits for vessel owners.

The report is published annually in July.



Quay Issues

Our award-winning magazine examines the challenges faced by fishing business owners and the innovative methods used to overcome these.

The magazine is published annually in November.



2016 Seafood Processing Industry Report

Our processing economic report presents an overview and analysis of the UK seafood processing industry based on our latest surveys.

The Seafood Processing Industry Report is published biannually.

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