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Fisheries and Aquaculture in the Danube and the Black

Sea region: views for building forward better



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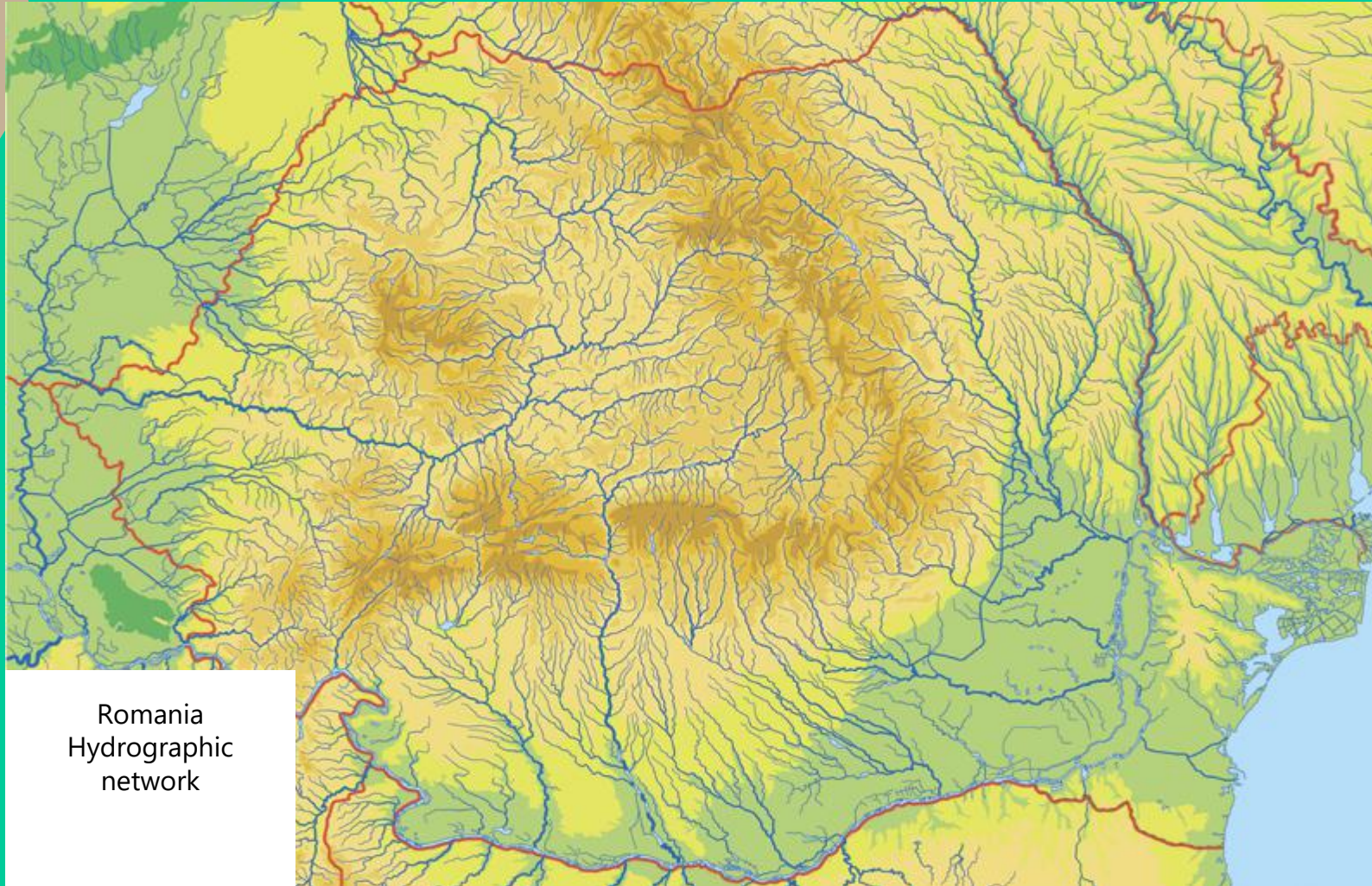
Romanian Aquaculture during 2020

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Romanian Fish Farmers Association



Brief overview



Romania
Hydrographic
network

Aquaculture

Total 134,100 ha

Extensive, low intensive

Reservoirs 30,000 ha

Danube Delta 44,000 ha

Ponds 60,000 ha

Intensive:

Trout 100 ha

Inland Fishing

Permanent rivers 115,000 km

Natural lakes 262,000 ha

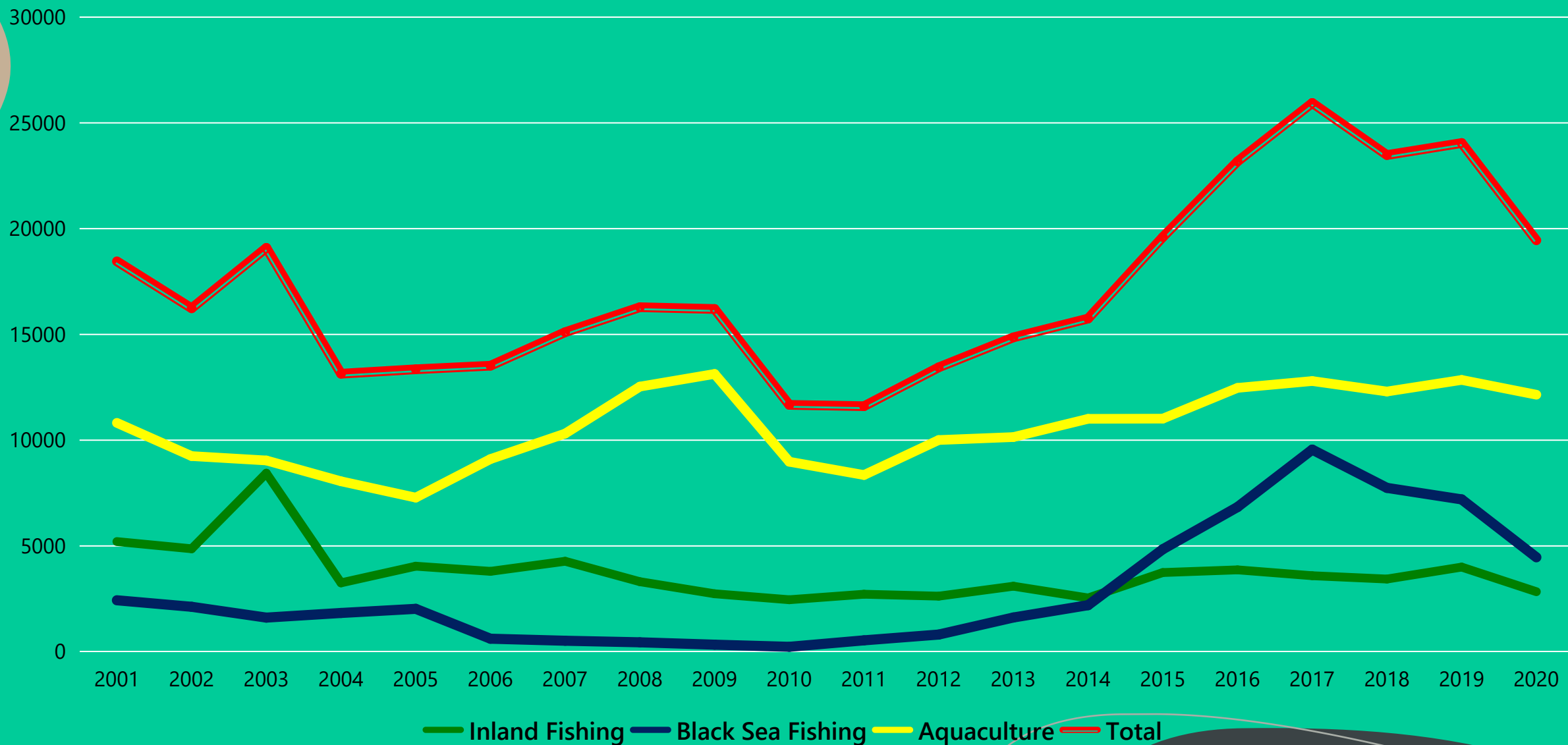
The Danube
Danube Delta – 500,000ha

Black Sea Fishing

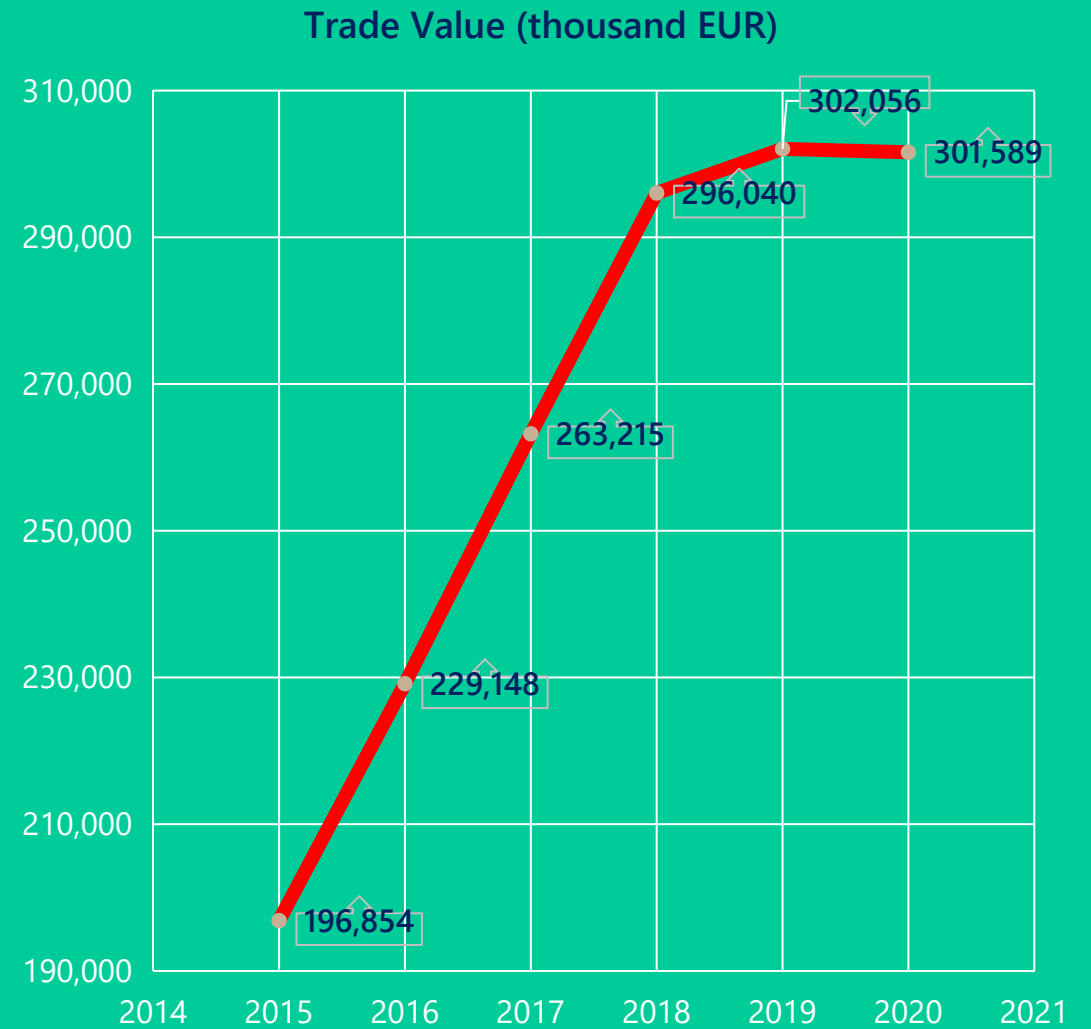
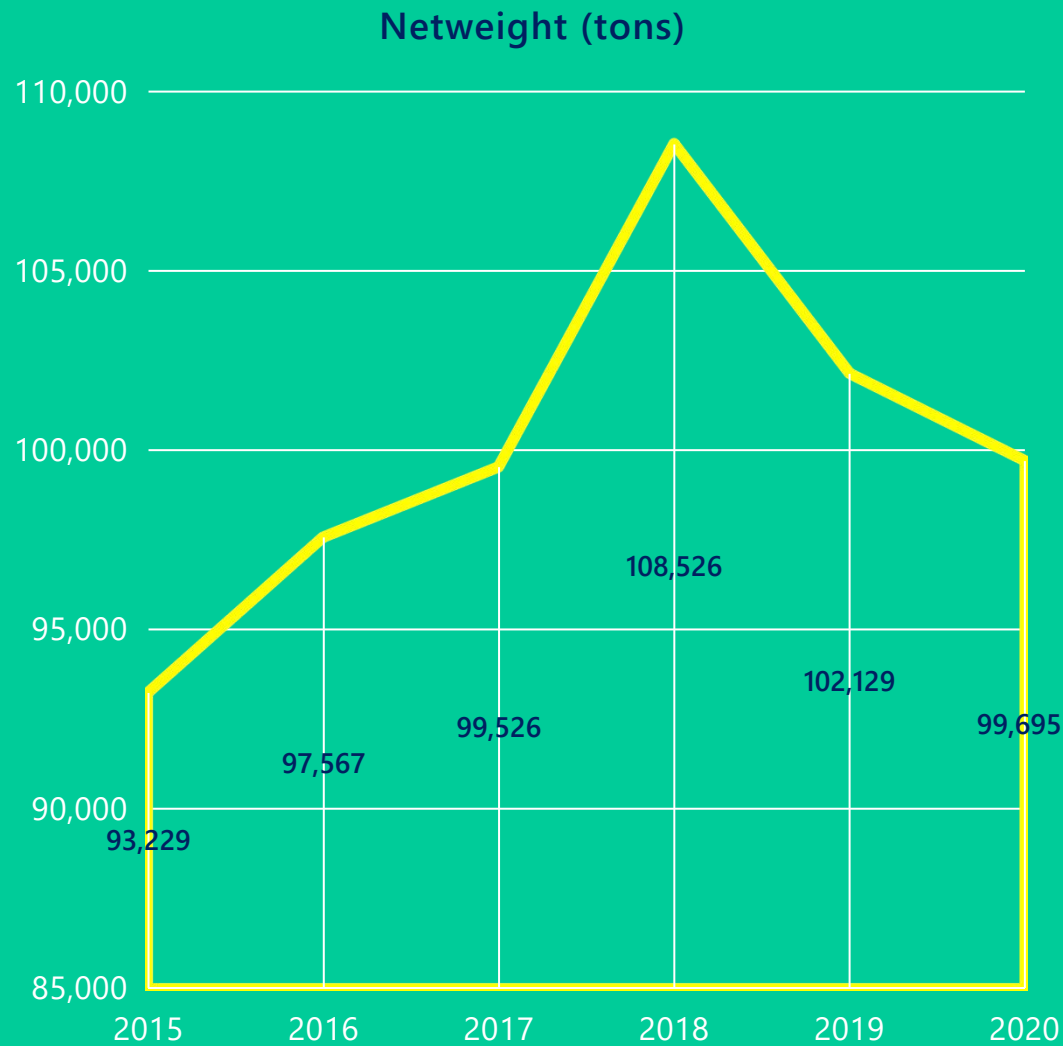
Coastline 250 km

EEZ 29,000 sq.km.

Evolution of the Romanian fisheries

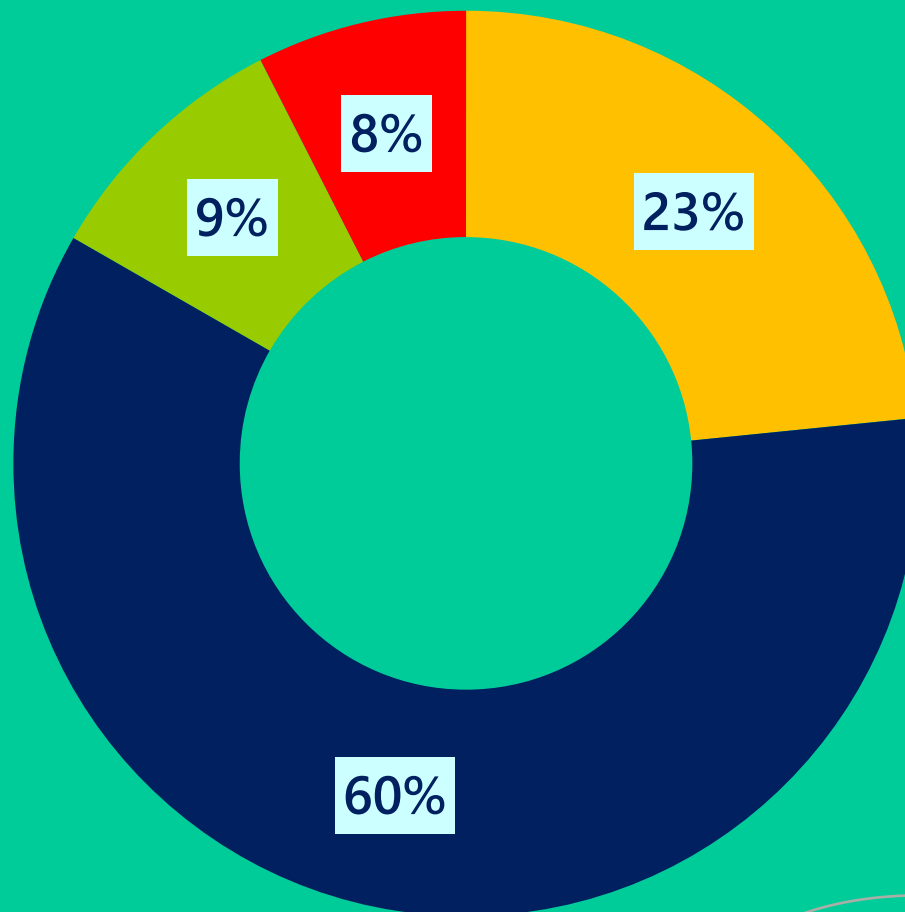


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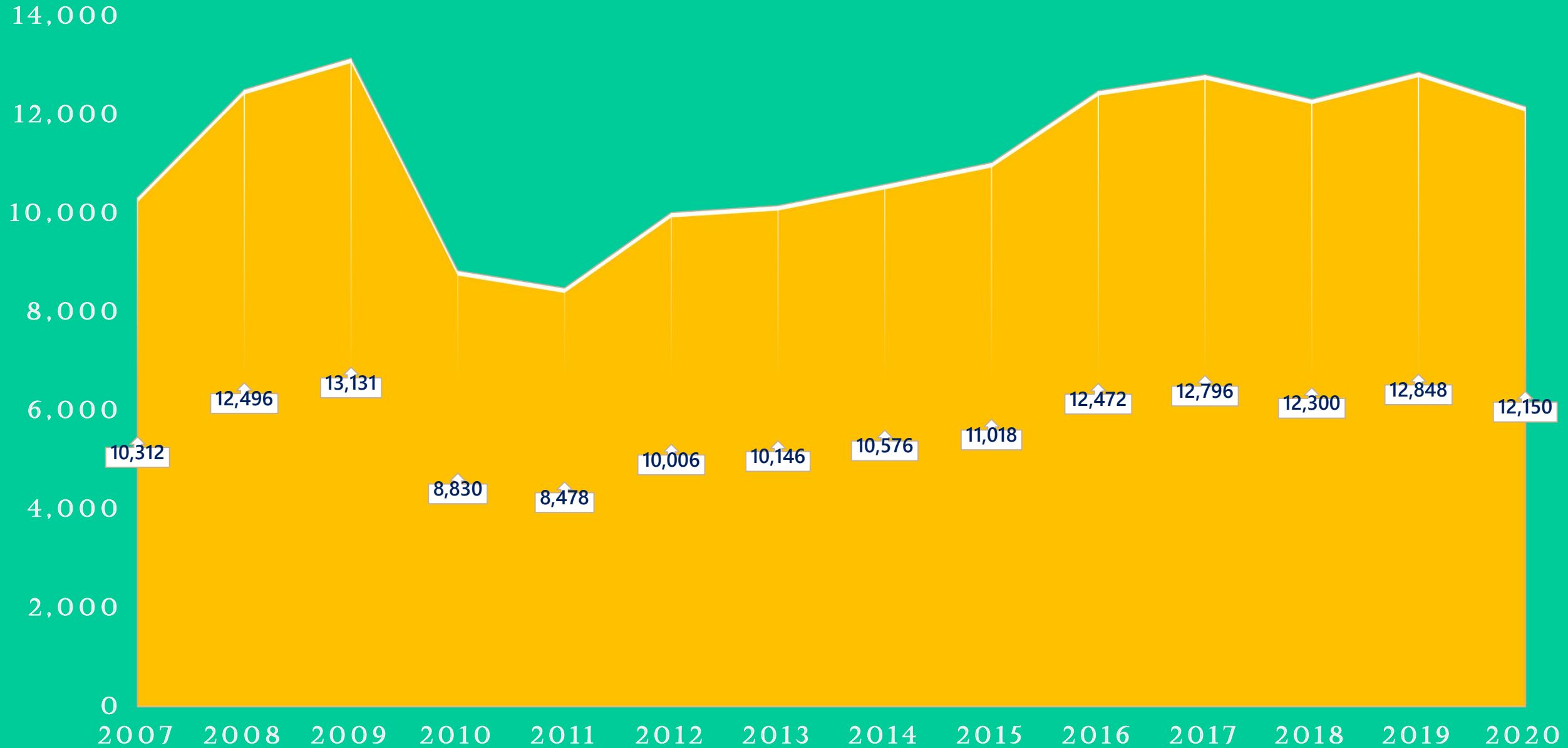


Sales channels of the locally farmed fish

- Direct sales (farmers' fish shops)
- Modern retail (supermarket chains)
- Traditional retail (local or regional fishmongers)
- Processing



Aquaculture sales, kg

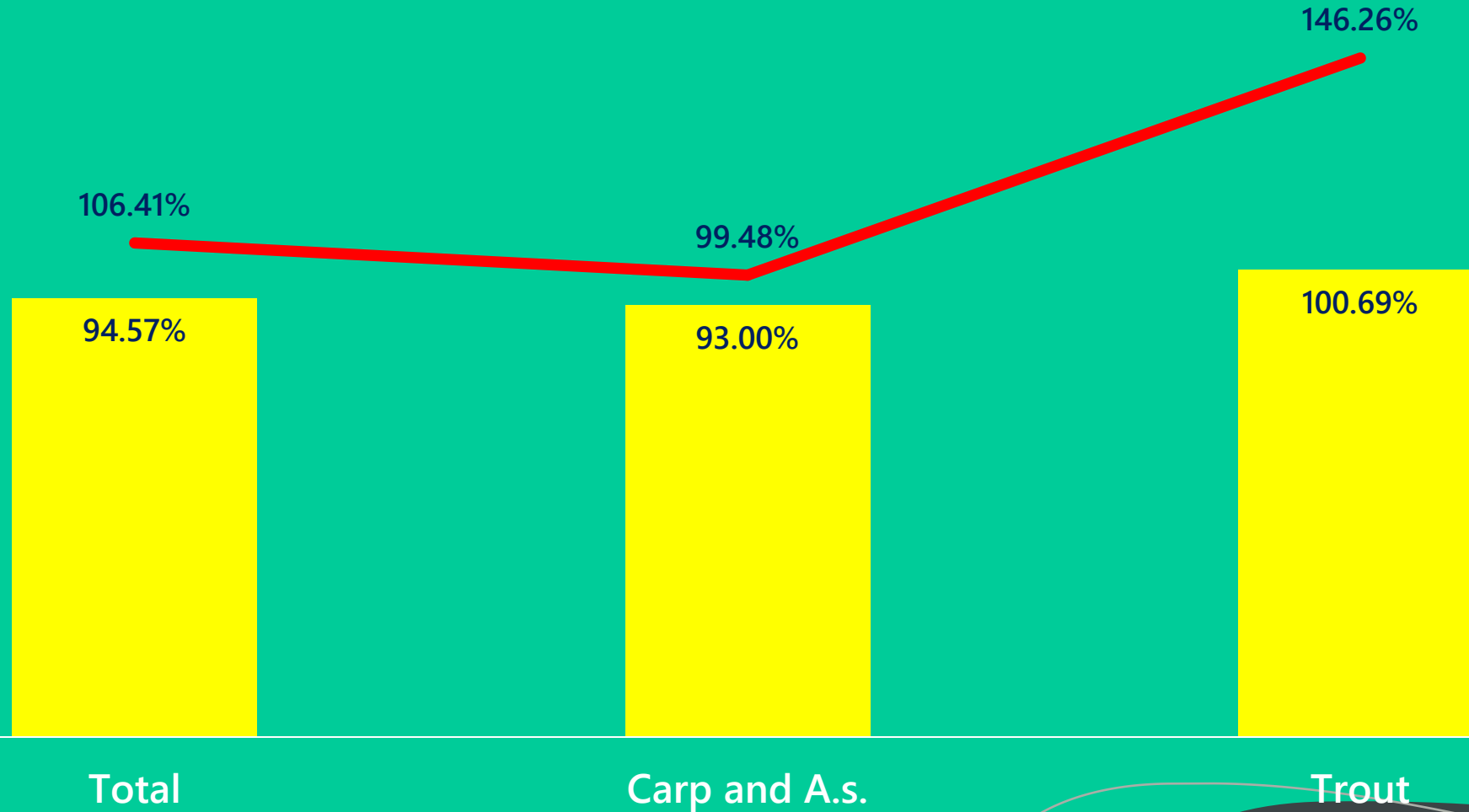


Structure of aquaculture sector

Production per year, tonnes	Share of enterprises, %	Share of production, %
<30	79.0%	15.32%
30-100	14.3%	22.55%
100-250	4.1%	23.10%
250-500	1.7%	18.40%
> 500	1.0%	20.63%
TOTAL	100%	100%

2020 vs 2019, sales volume - kg

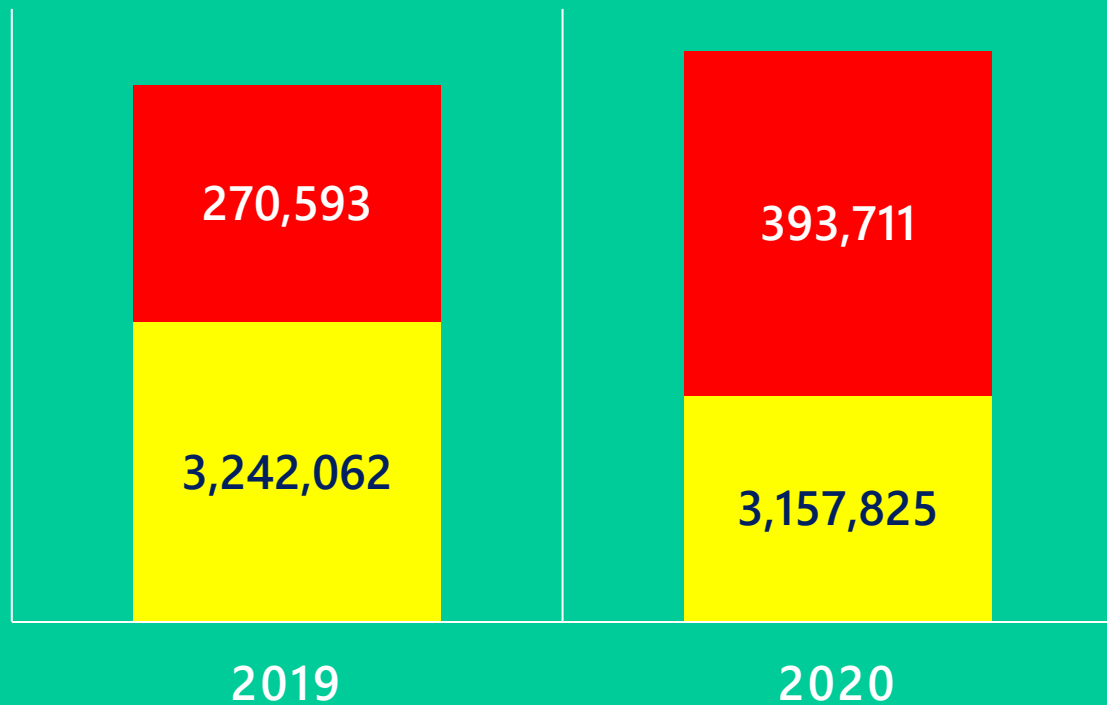
■ National — ROMFISH



Variation on groups of species

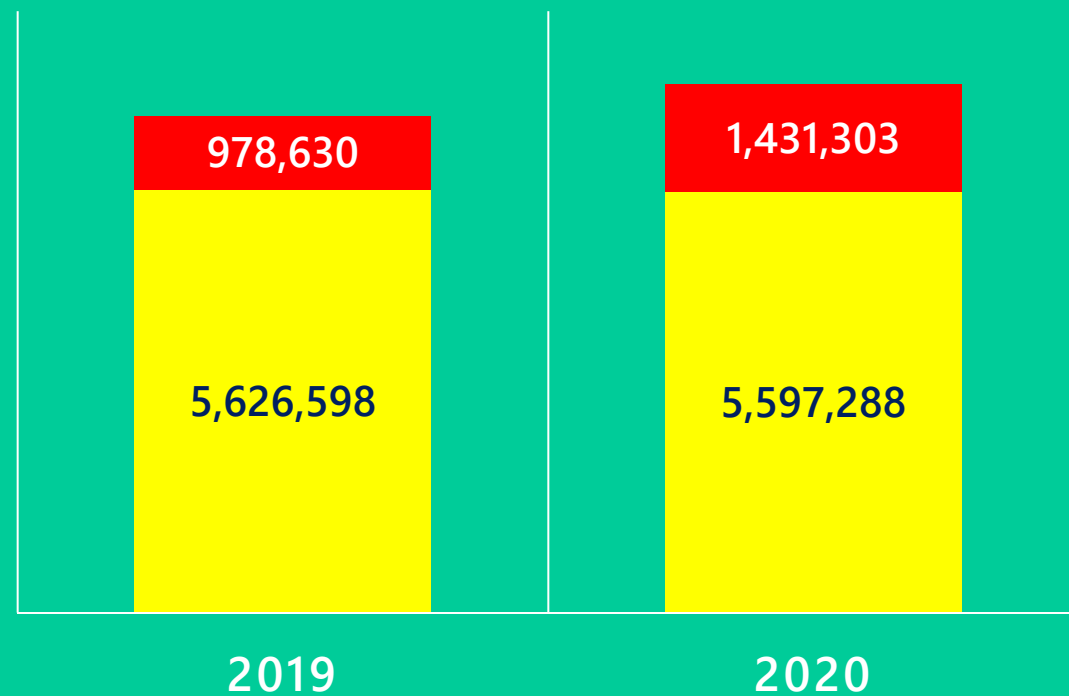
VOLUME, KG

■ Cyprinids+As ■ Trout



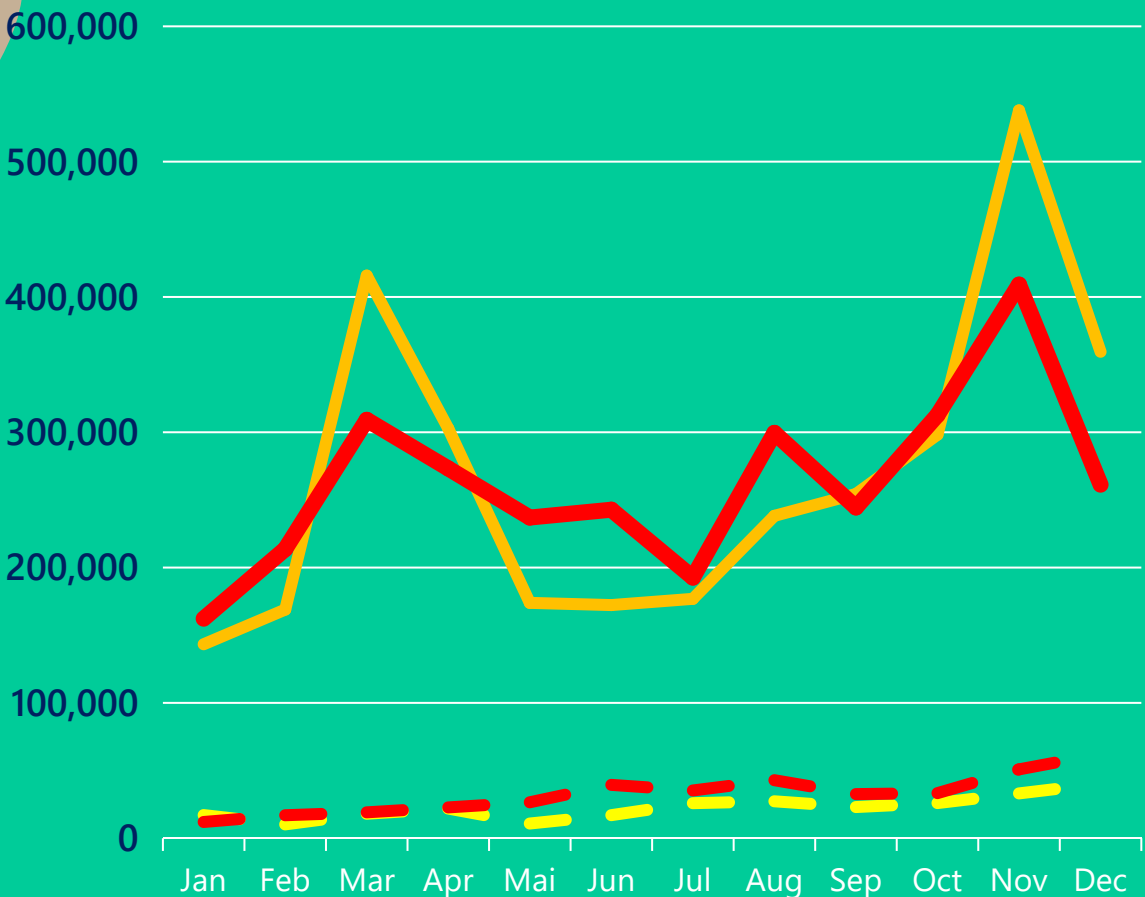
TURNOVER, EUR

■ Cyprinids+As ■ Trout

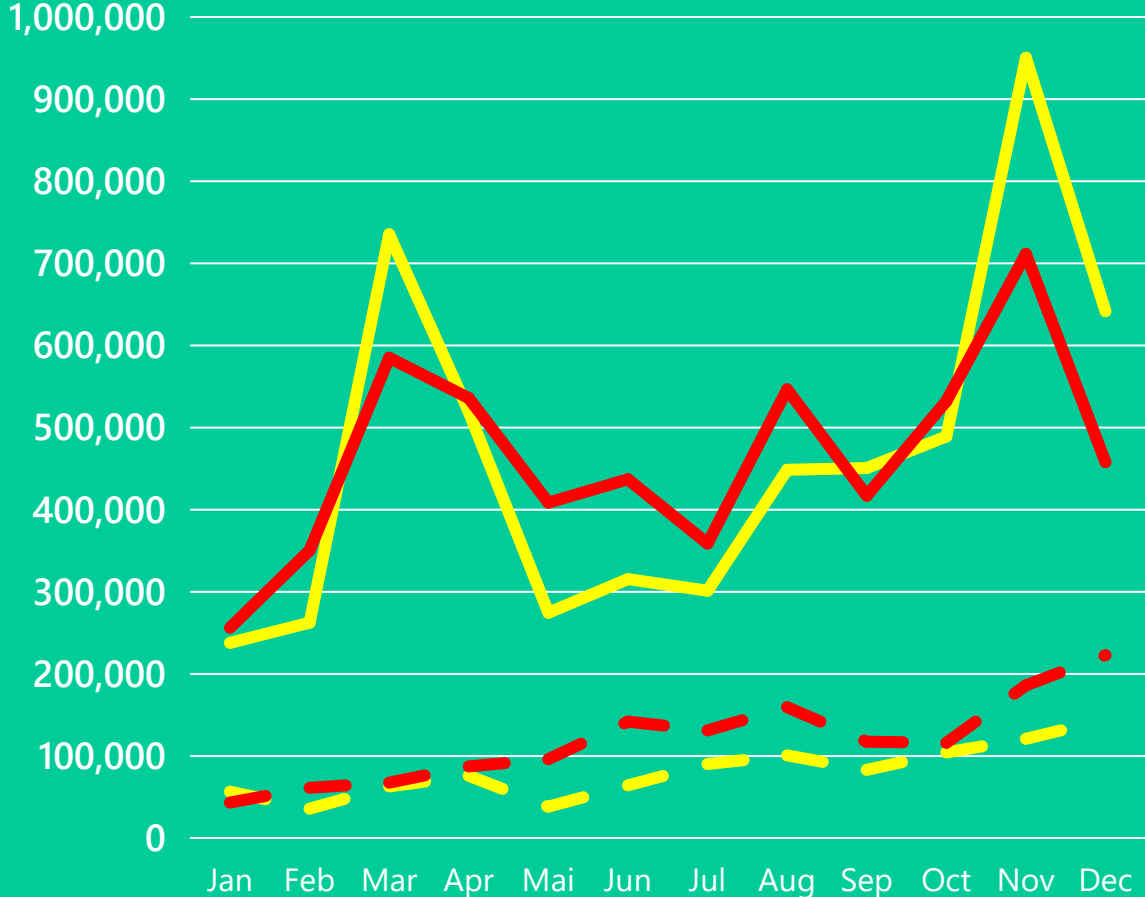


Sales volume contribution

kg



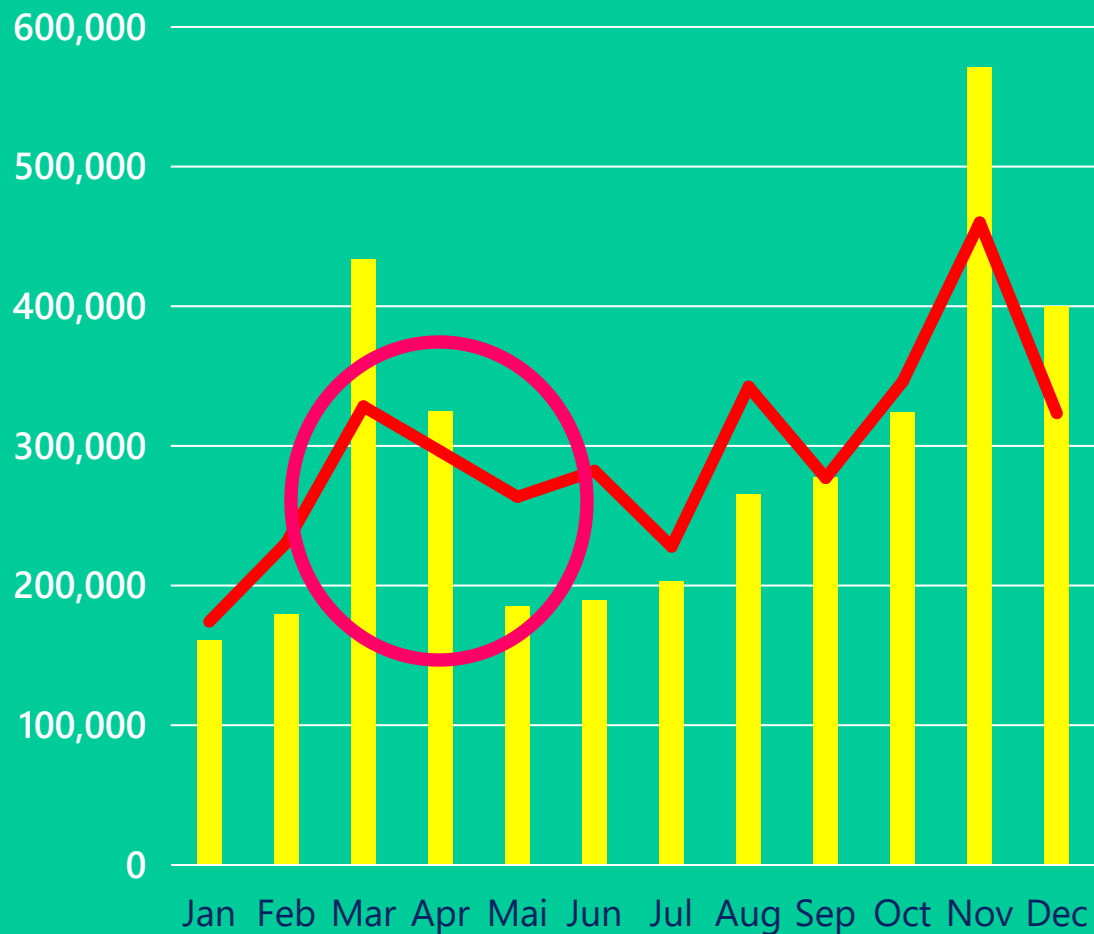
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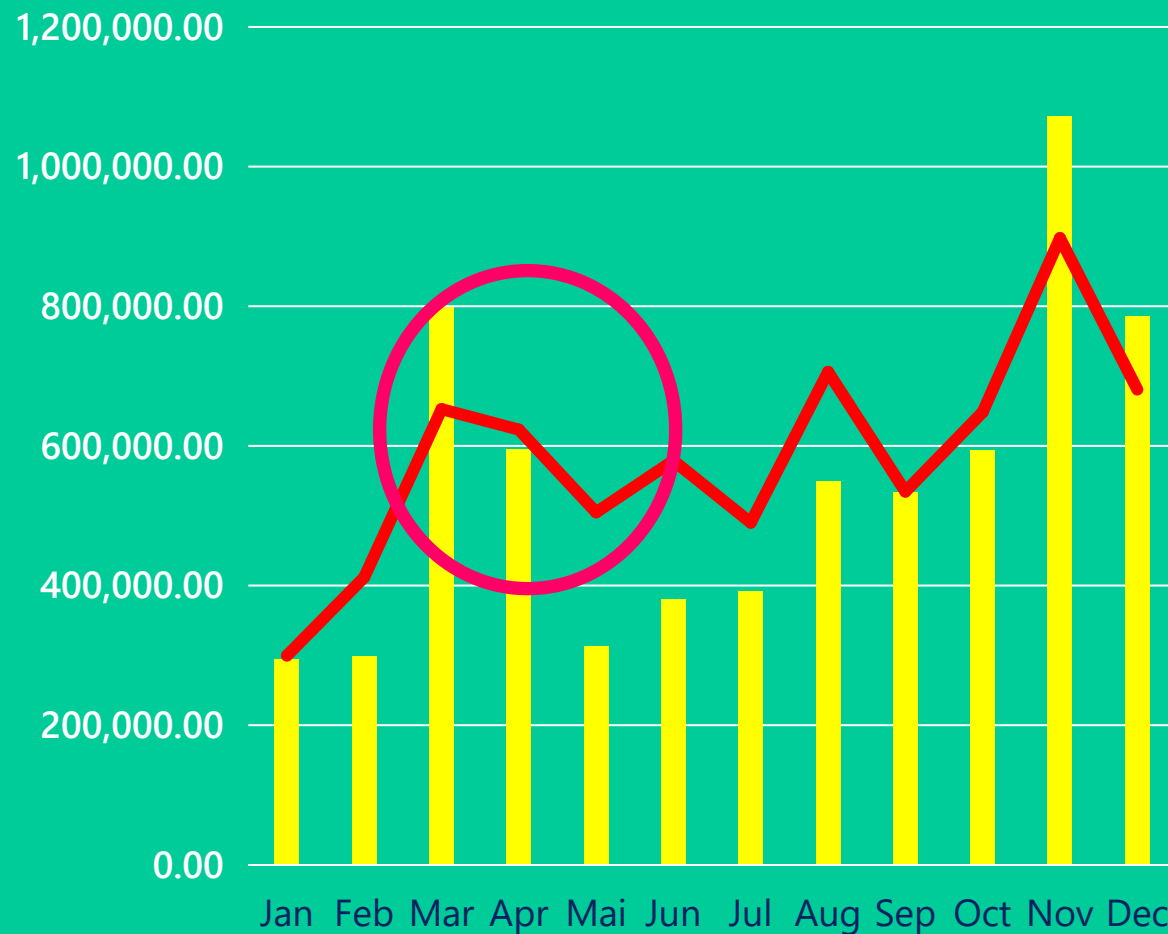
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Sales volume, kg



Sales volume, EUR



■ 2019 — 2020

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Problems identified

- Live fish storage is not considered as in commercial fishing;
- Workforce is permanently challenged by other A or non-A businesses;
- Low capitalization due to unfinished privatisation;
- Overwhelming bureaucracy;
- Aquaculture does not benefit the same financial instruments as agriculture.

Measures adopted

EU/National initiatives

- **Regulation 508/2013**
 - **Art. 55 - Public health measures**
 - **Art. 67 – Storage aid**
- **SME invest/Agro-Invest for working capital and investments as guarantee funds**
- **State Aid Temporary Framework– ceiling raised to 120.000EUR and 270.000EUR as guarantee funds and 10% grants;**

Analyses

- **Aquaculture Advisory Council - impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the EU aquaculture sector (deadline September 2021)**
- **FAO - The impact of COVID-19 on fisheries and aquaculture food systems, possible responses (Information paper, November 2020)**

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A group of fishermen are shown in a boat, pulling a large net filled with fish. The fish are piled up in the net, and the fishermen are working together to haul them in. The scene is set on a body of water, and the fishermen are wearing various caps and work clothes. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid in large red letters across the center of the image.

Thank you!