

# Status and trends of most important Groundfish markets

## FRANCE

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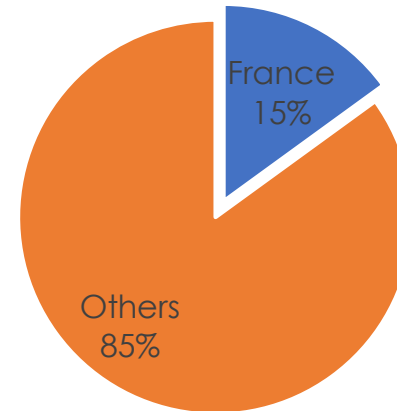
# Context and definitions

- France accounts for 15% of E.U. aquatic products apparent consumption.
- Slight decrease (volume only) of apparent consumption in France since the 2000', 2 million tons in 2015
- Whitefish account for about 24% of total apparent consumption (LWE 2015)

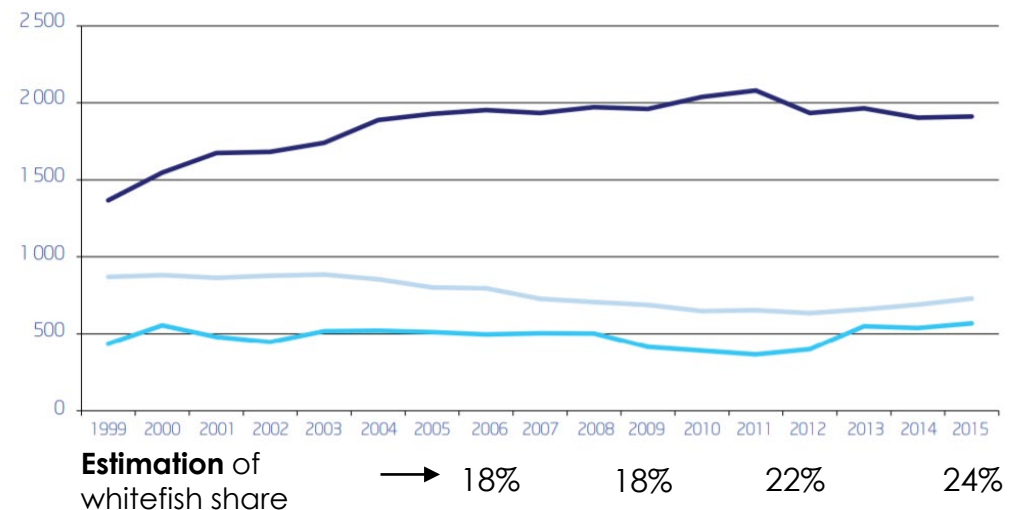
Species considered as whitefish:

- Cod
- Haddock
- Saithe
- Ling
- Whiting
- Hake
- Redfish
- Alaskan Pollock

Share of France in EU apparent consumption of aquatic products (FAM and EUMOFA)

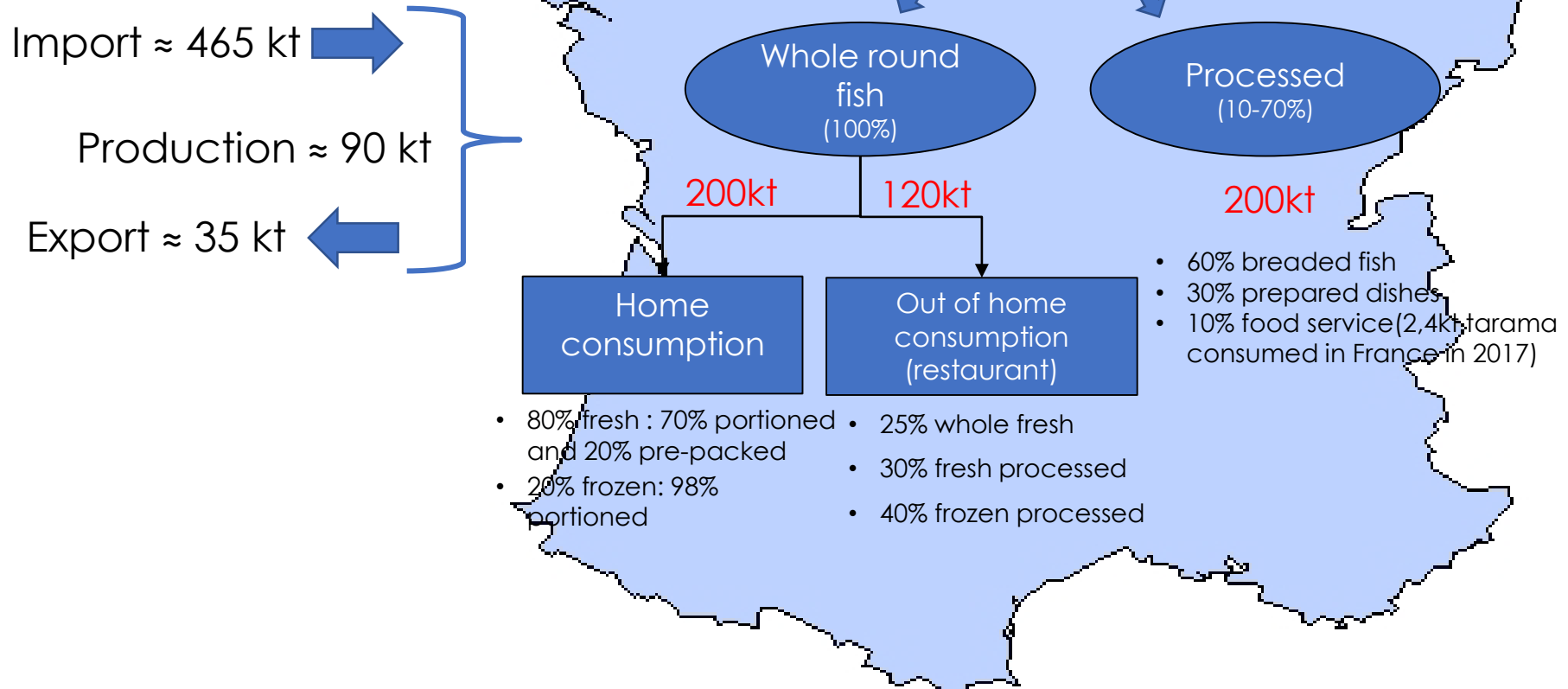


Evolution of French production, import and export (kt LWE) (FAM, 2018)



# White fish market in France (Weight WFE)

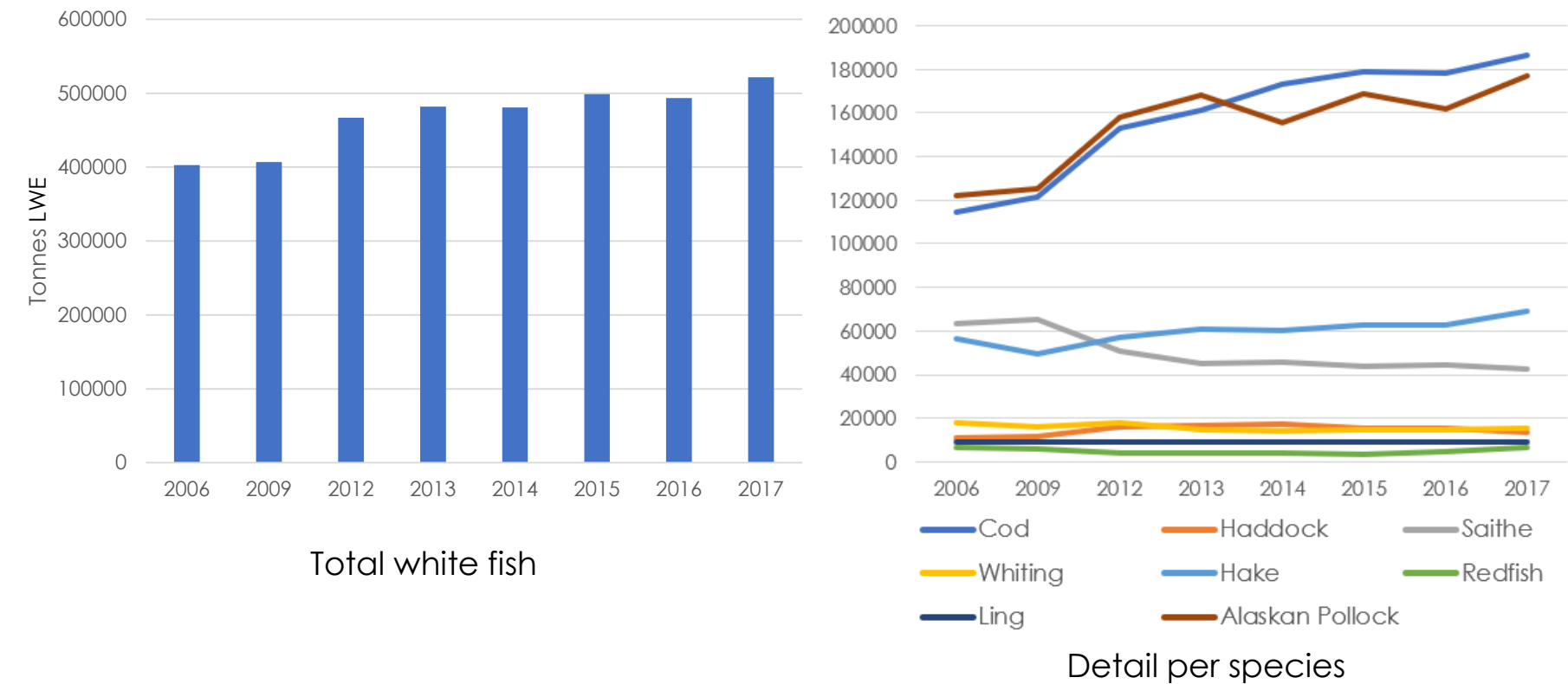
Source : Via Aqua / FAM 2018, 2015.



# White fish market in France (Weight WFE)

Source : Via Aqua / FAM 2010 - 2018

Evolution of white fish apparent consumption († WFE)



# White fish import in France (Net weight)

Source : Via Aqua / FAM 2018

## Cod

Presentation	Volume (t net)	Price (mean)	Origin
Whole, fresh	12 895	5.49	<b>NO</b> (30%) <b>DK</b> (21%) <b>PL</b> (16%) <b>UK</b> (14%)
Fresh filets	20 810	8.98	<b>IS</b> (45%) <b>DK</b> (22%) <b>NO</b> (12%)
Whole, frozen	6 790	3.8	<b>USA</b> (82%)
Frozen filets	29 238	5.4	<b>CN</b> (34%) <b>IS</b> (12%) <b>RU</b> (10%) <b>NO</b> (9%) <b>PL</b> (8%)

## Alaskan pollock

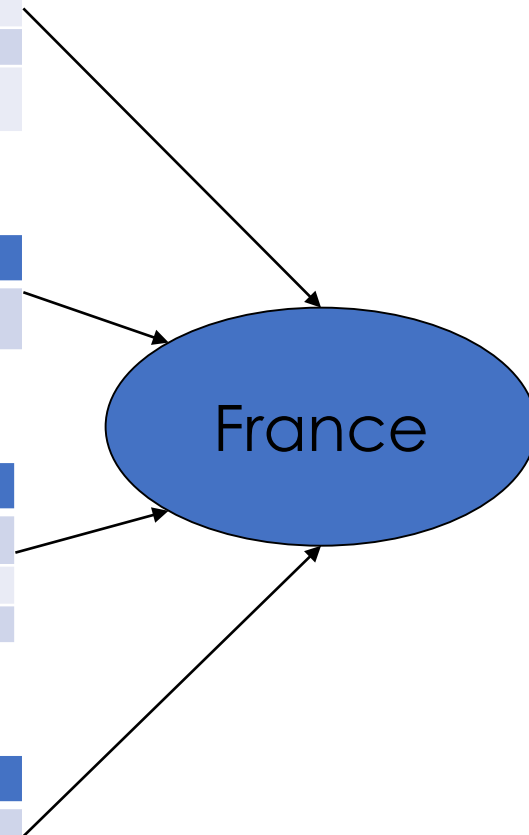
Presentation	Volume (t net)	Price (mean)	Origin
Frozen filets	63 000	2.31	<b>CN</b> (51%) <b>USA</b> (22%) <b>RU</b> (15%)

## Saithe

Presentation	Volume (t net)	Price (mean)	Origin
Whole, fresh	6 960	1.98	<b>UK</b> (31%) <b>DK</b> (30%) <b>NO</b> (20%)
Fresh filets	4 749	4.93	<b>DK</b> (49%) <b>UK</b> (23%) <b>IS</b> (20%)
Frozen filets	7 227	3.89	<b>FO</b> (31%) <b>CN</b> (25%) <b>IS</b> (17%)

## Hake (misc.)

Presentation	Volume (t net)	Price (mean)	Origin
Whole, fresh	4 000	3.07	<b>CA ES</b>
Frozen filets	10 000	3,5	<b>Extra EU</b> (Namibia, South Africa, Argentina)



# White fish import in France (Net weight)

Source : Via Aqua / FAM 2018

## Red fish

Presentation	Volume (t net)	Price (mean)	Origin
Whole, fresh	6 009	1.88	IS(78%) DK(4%)
Fresh filets	519	7.19	IS(83%)
Frozen filets	962	4.77	IS(51%) CN(32%)

## Haddock

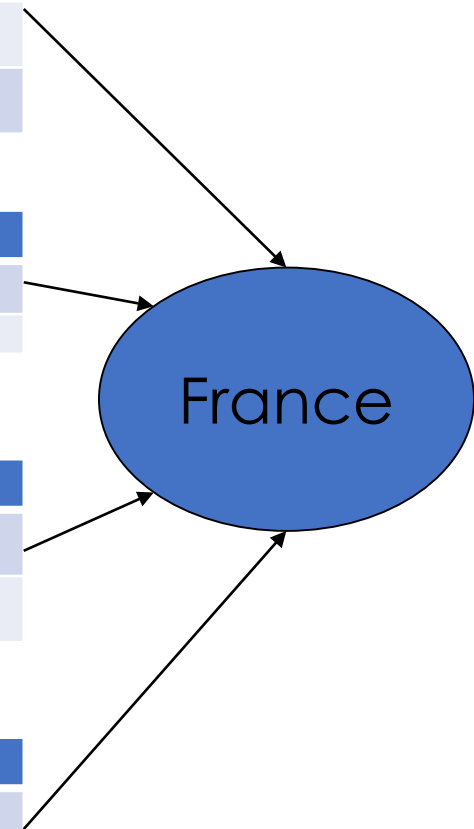
Presentation	Volume (t net)	Price (mean)	Origin
Whole fresh	3 333	2.48	NO(66%) DK(15%)
Frozen filets	1 428	5.16	RU(40%) IS(18%) CN(13%) PL(10%)

## Ling

Presentation	Volume (t net)	Price (mean)	Origin
Whole, fresh	2 719	2.32	UK(59%) DK(12%) IS(10%)
Frozen filets	275	4.52	IS(61%) UK(23%)

## Whiting

Presentation	Volume (t net)	Price (mean)	Origin
Whole, fresh	2 234	2.69	UK(38%) NL(34%) IE(17%)
Frozen filets	790	5.31	UK(53%) IE(17%) NL(18%)

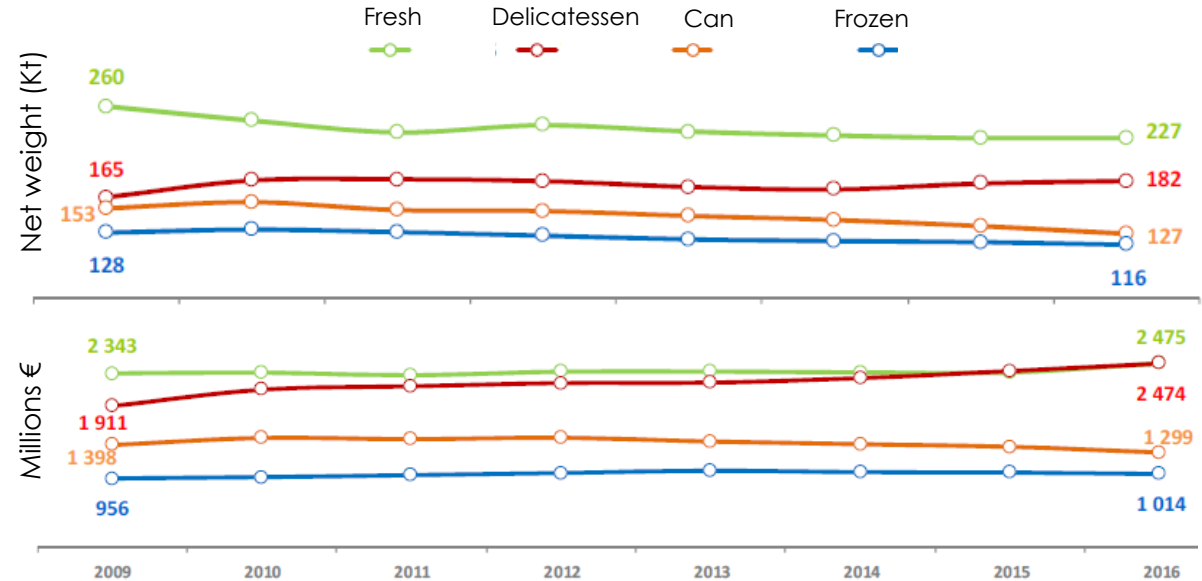


# Evolution of seafood households consumption in France

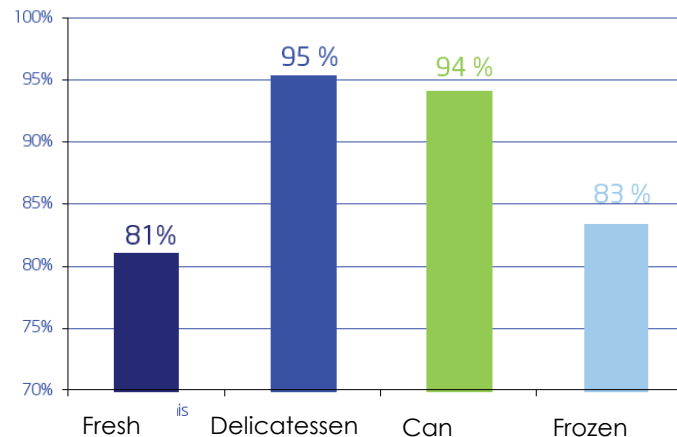
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Decrease in volume, mainly in fresh and frozen, but prices are raising

Only food service volumes keep increasing

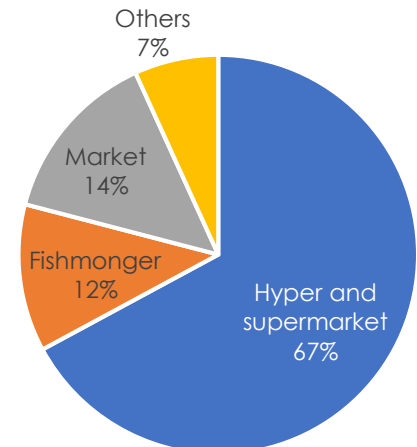


Ta Seafood household penetration rates



20% of French households do not buy fresh seafood

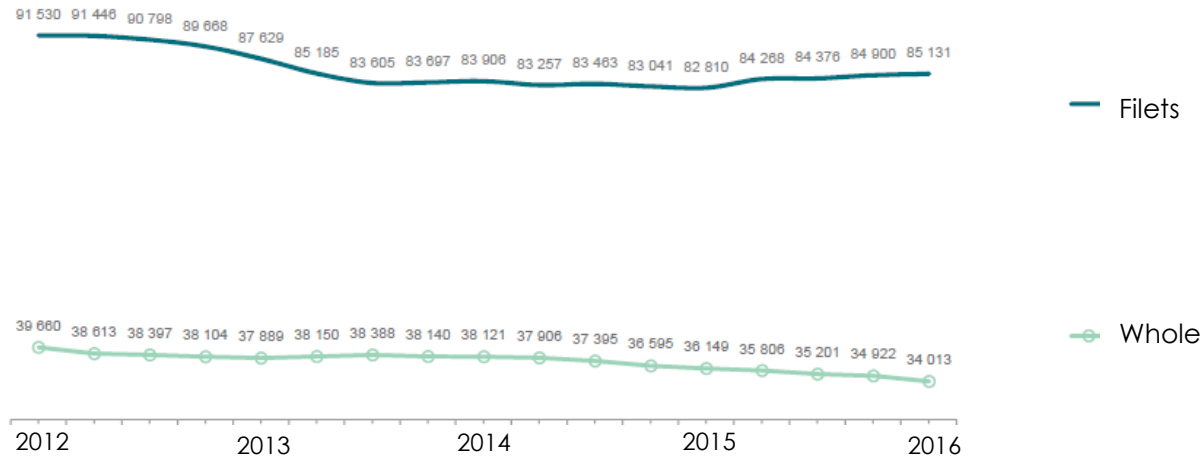
French distribution channels (t)



# Evolution of seafood consumption in France

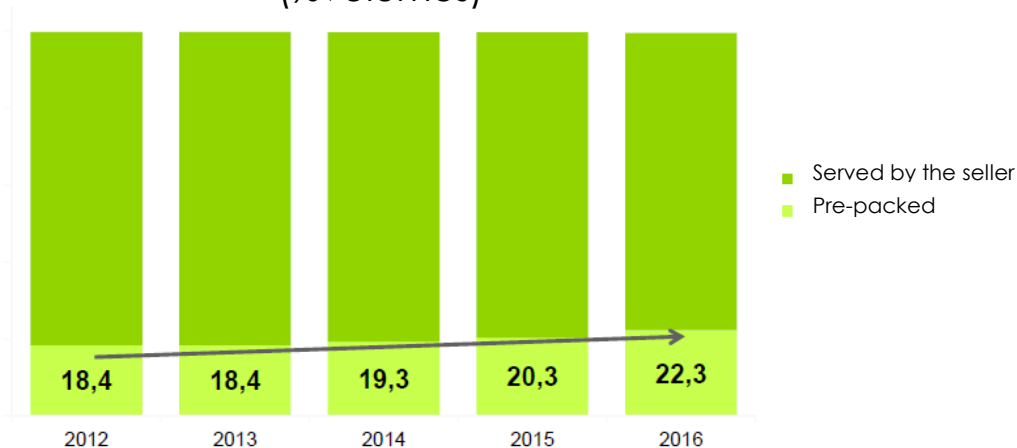
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Type of fresh fish sold to consumer (net volumes in tons)



Whole fish are less and less purchased: -9% in volume between 2016 et 2017

Packaging of fresh fish sold to consumer (%volumes)



1 client out of 2 purchased pre-packed products in 2017.

CSU = a strong trend of self-service in retailer store, with both own CSU and industrial CSU





Grand Frais store

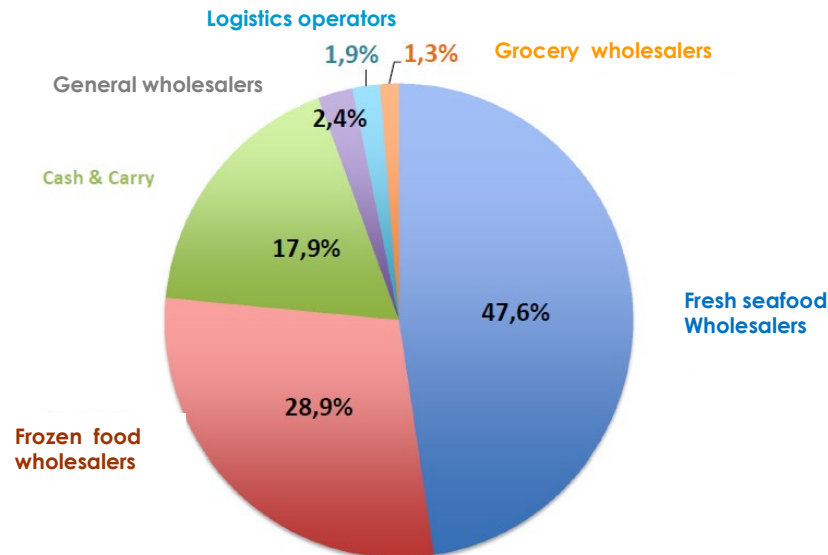


Intermarché Fishcounter

# Focus on Food Service

Source : GIRA Foodservice 2018, FAM 2015

Sources of procurement by restaurants (value)



## Commercial catering

Chains of restaurants: stringent specifications

Gastronomic restaurants: fine and seasonal fish, whole / certified products

Traditionnal : portioned filets

## Institutional catering

Long term price policy

Very strict products specifications: skinless, boneless, fixed weight

Increasing demand for fresh products

Increasing demand for sustainable products: MSC & ASC represents 10% in volumes

# Evolution of fish consumption in France

Source : Via Aqua / Blézat 2017

Figure 46 : Effets d'âge et de génération sur le coefficient budgétaire des ménages en poissons et fruits de mer

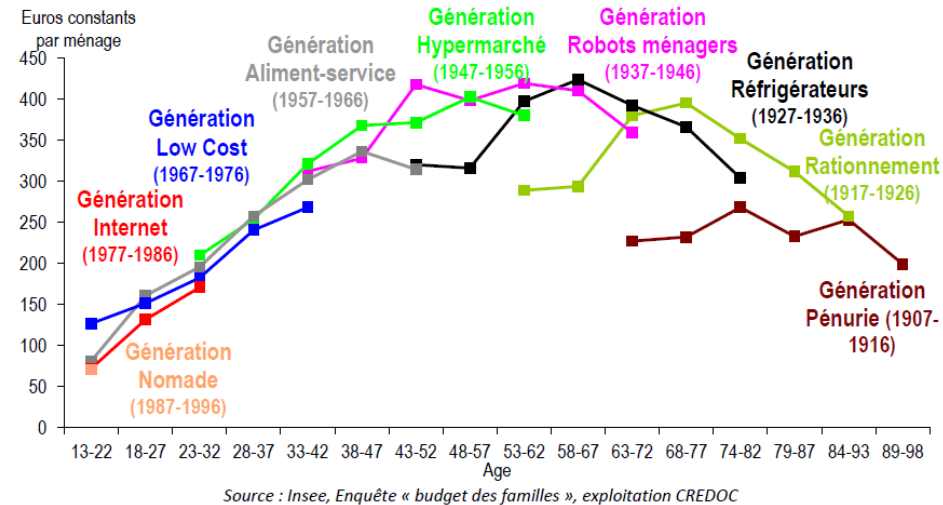
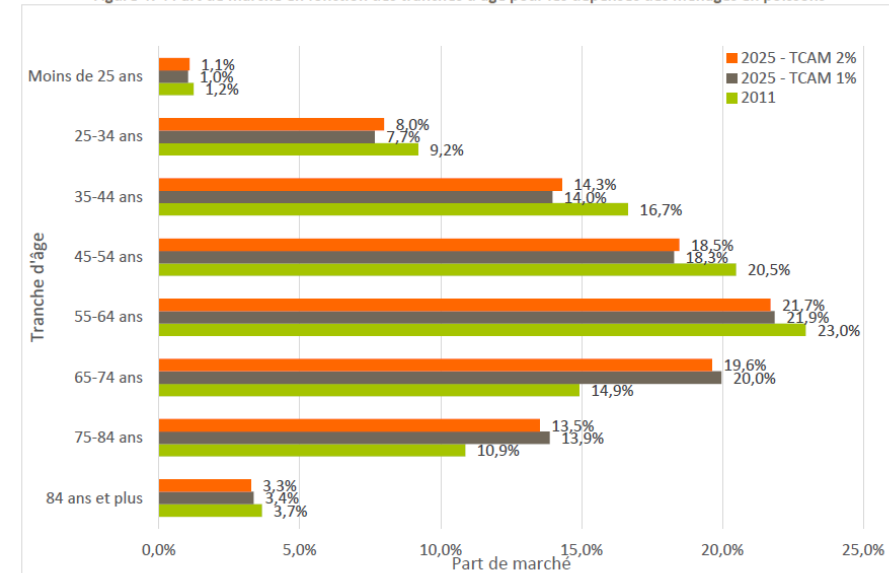


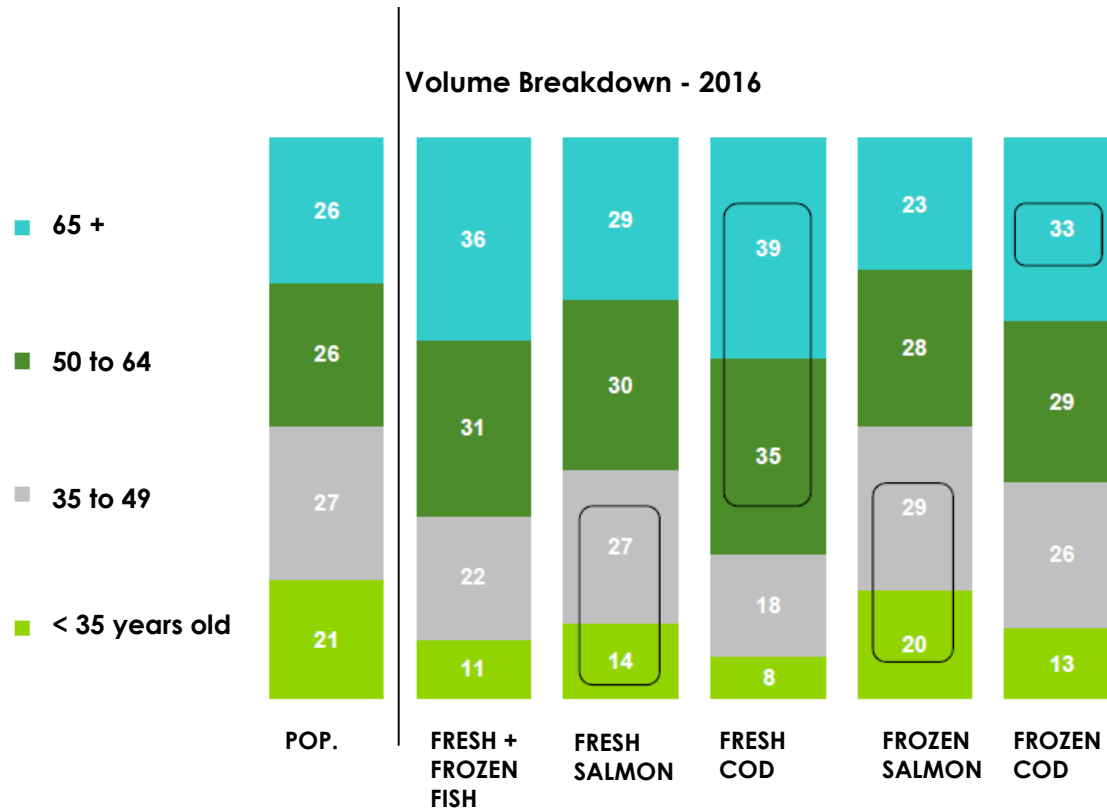
Figure 47 : Part de marché en fonction des tranches d'âge pour les dépenses des ménages en poissons



- Cross generation phenomenon: youngsters consume little seafood but increase consumption when they get older
- Market share of 65+ consumers should increase sharply by 2025

# Evolution of fish consumption in France

Source : Via Aqua / Kantar WorldPanel 2017



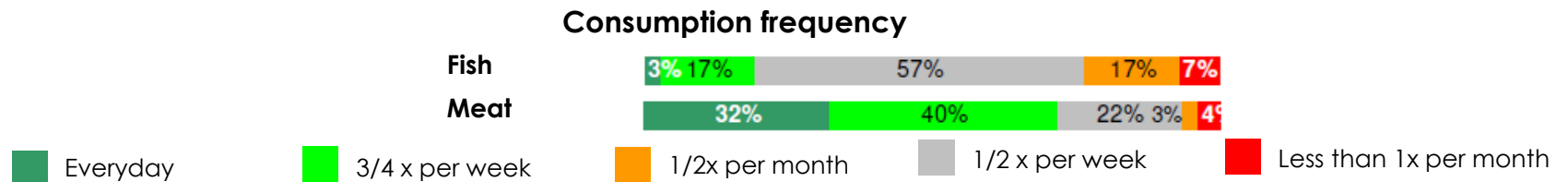
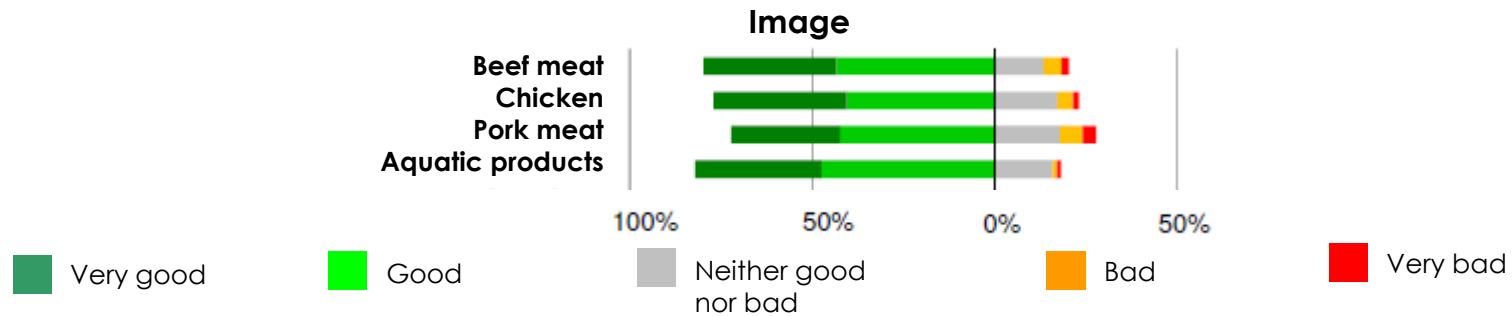
Senior consumers over-consume cod and other white fish

➔ An opportunity to support the white fish demand in the coming years



# Consumer perception and motivation

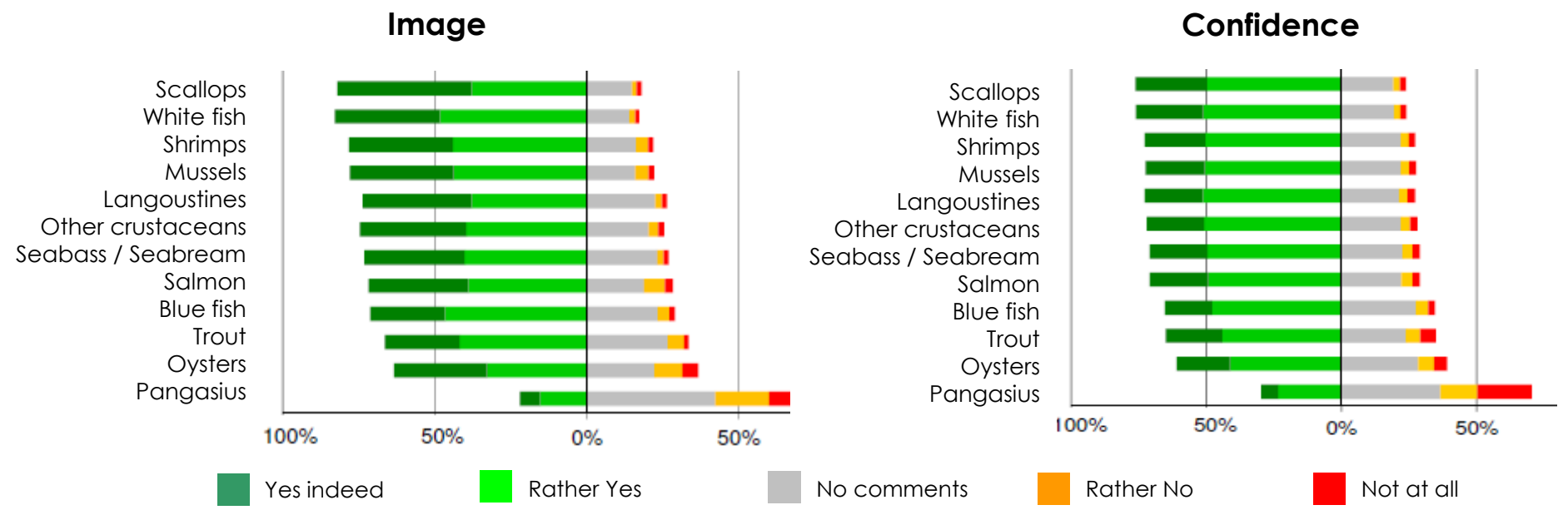
Source : FAM 2017, Image survey



Motivations	Limits
Taste Health benefits	Price Inconvenience

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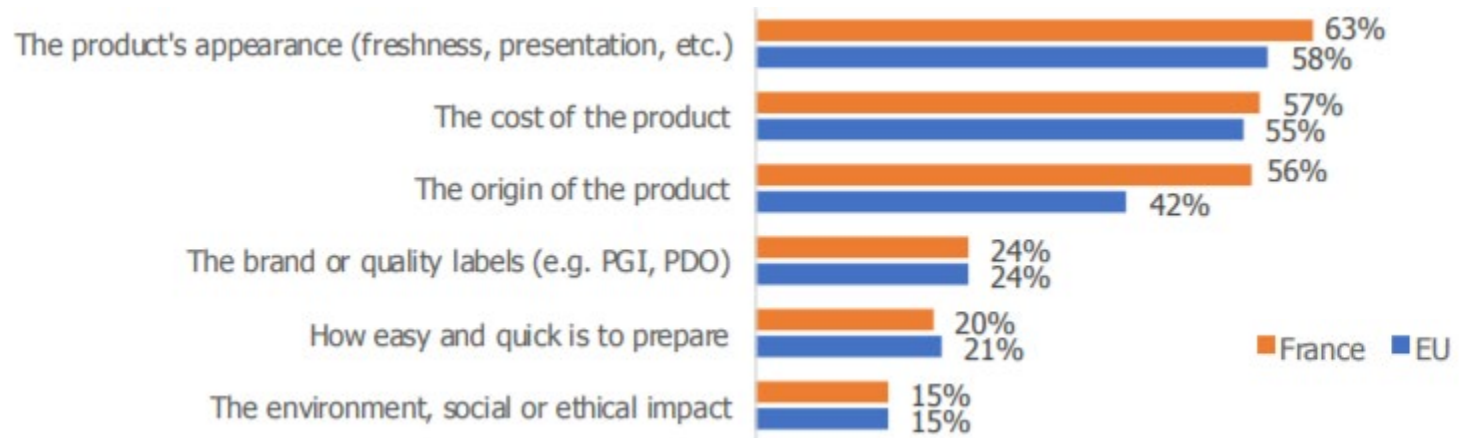
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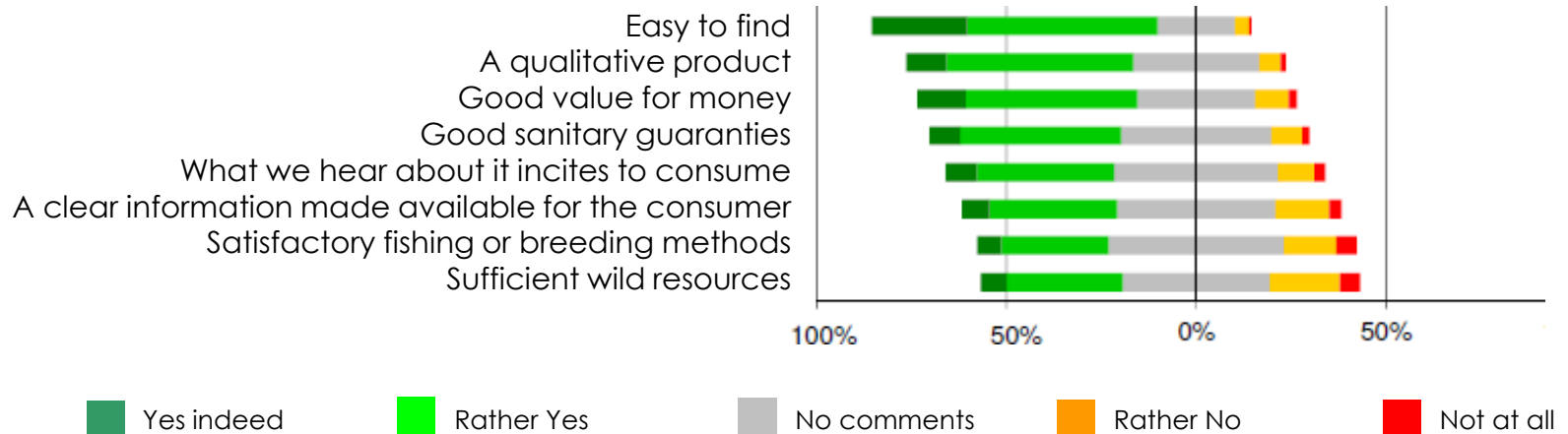
# Consumer perception and motivation

Source : FAM 2017, Eurobarometer 2017

## Ranking of seafood purchases criteria in France



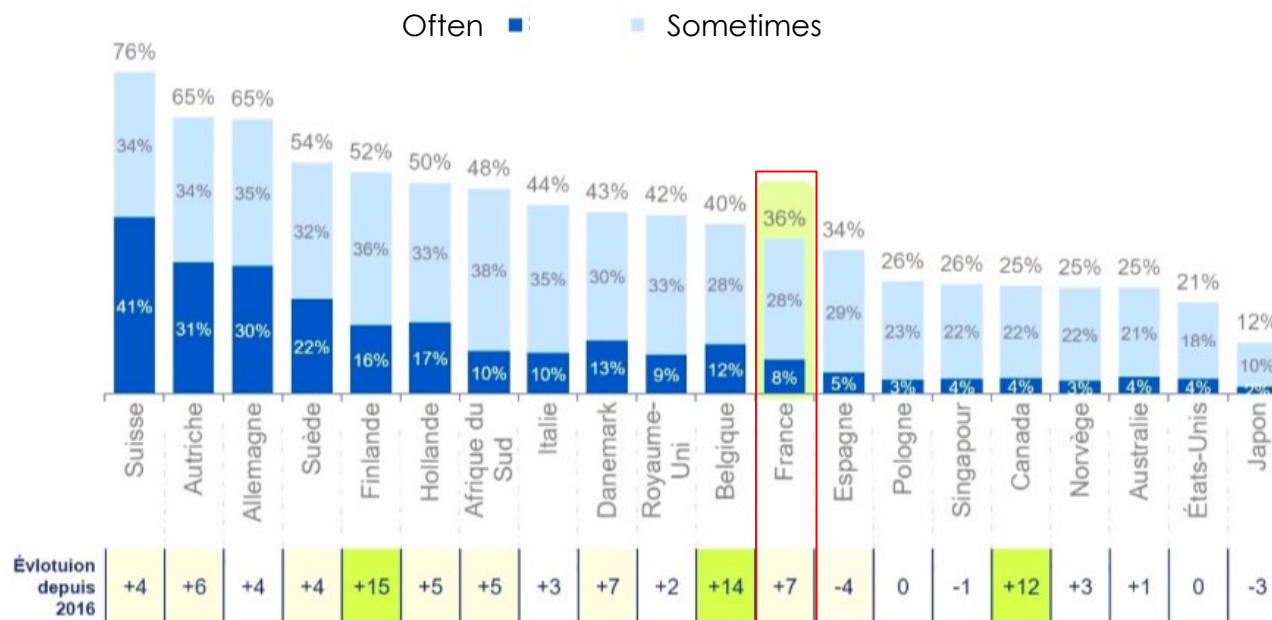
## WHITE FISH: reasons for buying



# Consumer perception and motivation

Source : MSC 2018

- Major concern with respect to oceans: overfishing and pollution
- Increasing reputation of the MSC label in France (+ 7% between 2016 and 2018) and in Europe



- 8 out of 10 people expect companies to communicate more about the sustainability of the seafood they use
- Sustainability becomes a prerequisite for B2B sales



# Focus on price sensitivity

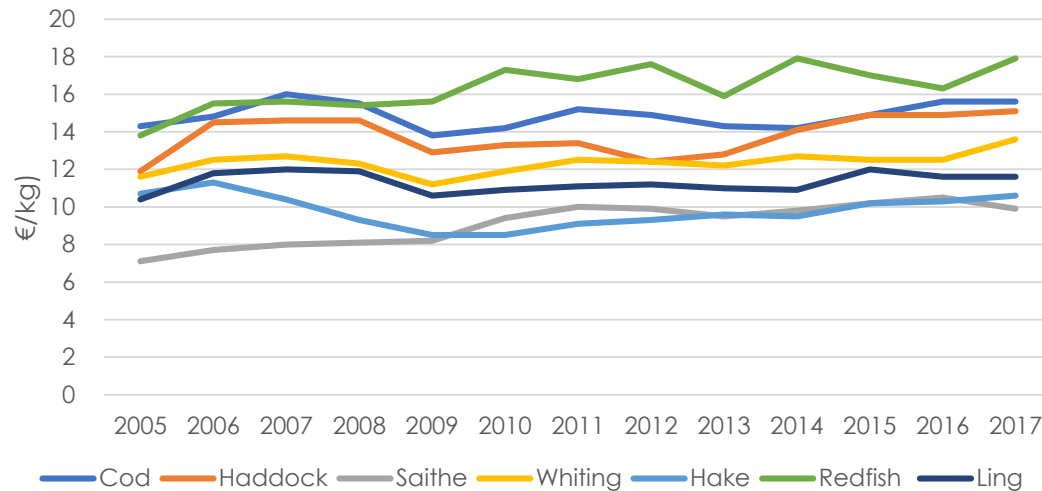
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Price and sales trends (net weight in tons, home consumption)

# Possible fish substitutions

Source : Via Aqua / FAM 2018



Trends in consumption prices (fresh fish, current €)

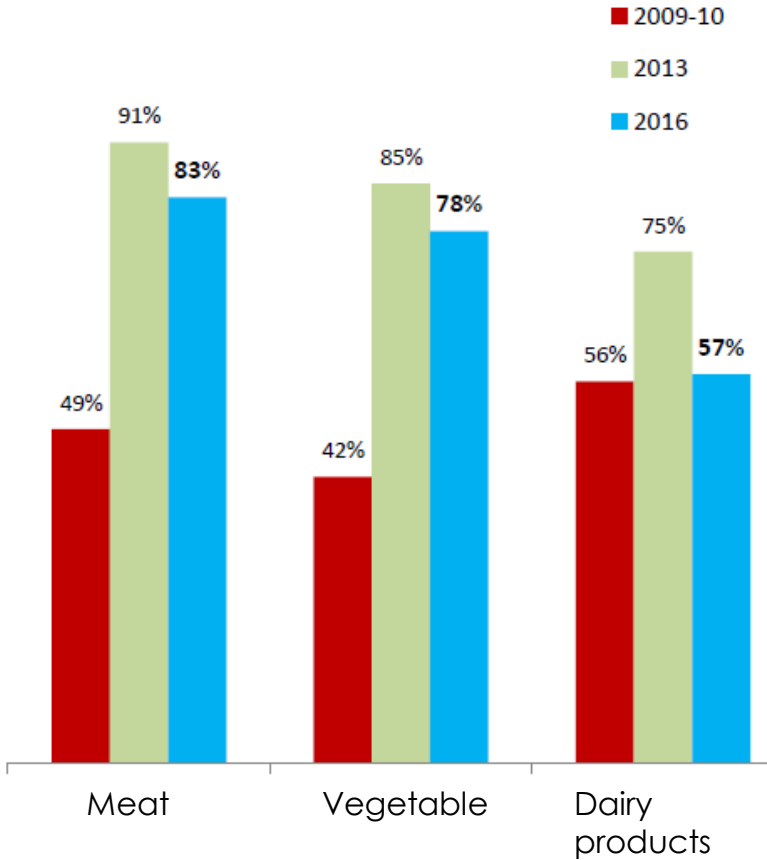
Penetration rate 2017 for fresh white fish species (home consumption)

Species (fresh)	Penetration rate
<b>Cod</b>	<b>41%</b>
Saithe	20%
Whiting	18%
Ling	13%
Hake	11%
Haddock	10%
Redfish	2%
<b>Salmon</b>	<b>42%</b>

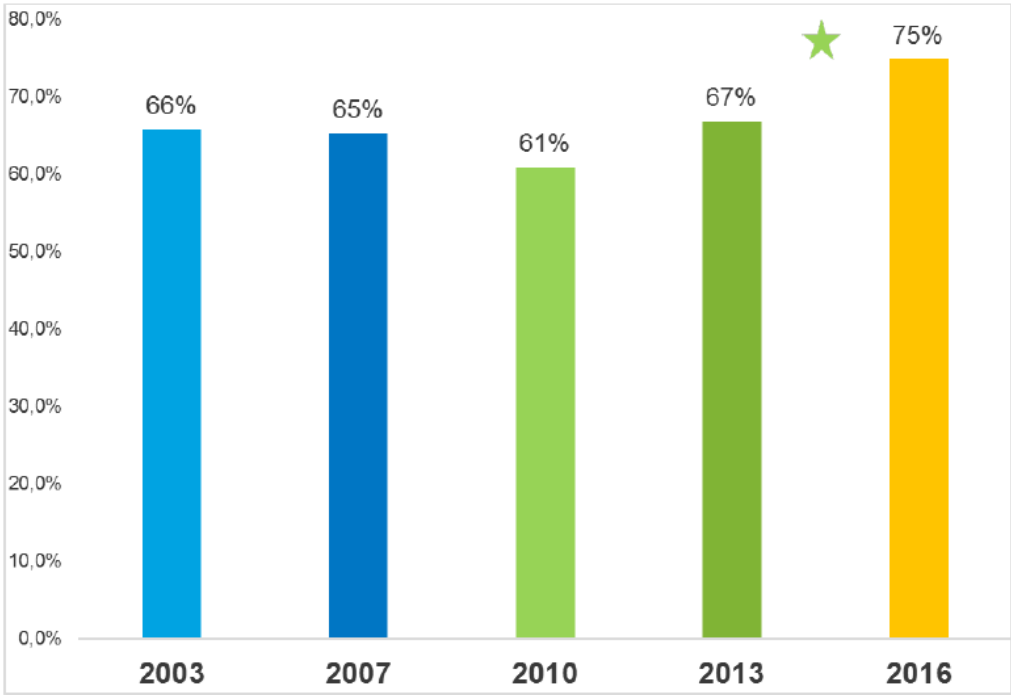
# Global evolution of food consumption

Source : Cr doc 2016 & 2017

Evolution of the level of concern regarding food products (%)



Do you agree with the following sentence:  
I am willing to pay 10% more for a better product  
("Yes indeed" + "Rather Yes")



# Global evolution of food consumption

Source : Crédoc 2017

**Open question:** If I say "quality food", what are the words that come to your mind ...?



# Distributors purchasing criteria



# Trends and challenges for groundfish on the French market: a SWOT analysis

## **STRENGTHS:**

- Good image and high level of consumer confidence in seafood in general
- Evolution of expectations related to Quality favouring seafood
- Outcome of CFP favouring consumer reassurance
- Specific positive attributes of whitefish in consumer's mind matching seafood purchasing criteria
- Rising proportion of whitefish in overall seafood consumption
- Groundfish species together do constitute a product range that, as such, provides various advantages (versatility, substitution, robustness of image,...)

## **WEAKNESSES:**

- Category is highly price sensitive
- Groundfish are not/not enough perceived as being sustainably produced

# Trends and challenges for groundfish on the French market: a SWOT analysis

## THREATS:

- Seafood consumption slightly decreasing, as any source of animal protein
- Consumer do easily start to worry (media, NGOs, ..): contaminants and residues, animal welfare, environment issues, ...

## OPPORTUNITIES:

- Ageing population
- Delicatessen on the rise
- Self-service counter (prepacked) on the rise
- Addressing consumer wariness with groundfish reassuring attributes
- Various growing expectations (at home consumption and restaurants)
  - Consumer more and more ready to pay more for Quality
  - Sustainability and societal responsibility
  - Labels and communication
  - Origin
  - Wholesome and raw products
  - Convenience (portions, refresh, ..)
  - Packaging issues (shelf life, overpackaging, polluting plastics, ..)
- Increase penetration rates of certain groundfish species based on the general advantages of the groundfish range (versatility, substitution, ..)

**Thank you for your attention!**