



## EUROPEAN FISHMEAL AND FISH OIL PRODUCERS

# Europe is leading producer of fishmeal and fish oil

**On a global level, Europe is producing 15% of the world's fishmeal and 21% of the world's fish oil**

Fishmeal and fish oil are important marine ingredients with an increasing global demand. Used for aquaculture, human consumption and animal feeds, the products bring the important omega-3 fatty acids EPA and DHA into the human food chain via farmed fish and fish oil supplements.

European Fishmeal represents producers from EU as well as non-EU countries. The member countries are Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Spain and United Kingdom.

European Fishmeal members produce ~570,000 tonnes of fishmeal and ~160,000 tonnes of fish oil annually and the total value of production is approximately 1 billion €/year. The export goes to a number of countries worldwide.

The high-quality production is based on landings of small, oily, short-lived species such as blue whiting, capelin, sandeel, Norway pout and sprat as well as by-products (trimmings) from the fish processing sector.

The production sites of the European fishmeal and fish oil industry are often placed in remote coastal areas and the sector contributes to growth and development in coastal communities across Europe.

Fishmeal and fish oil are produced from sustainable fisheries on marine resources. The sector meets international standards and certifications applying to raw materials, production and traceability.

Aquaculture is the most resource efficient animal protein, and efficient utilisation of marine resources is key to the growth of a low carbon food production system.

### FACTS:

#### **Fishmeal production in Europe:**

570,000 tonnes on average annually (2016-2020)

#### **Fish oil production in Europe:**

160,000 tonnes on average annually (2016-2020)

#### **Estimated production value of European fishmeal and fish oil:**

1 billion €/year

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