

AQUACULTURE IN LATVIA

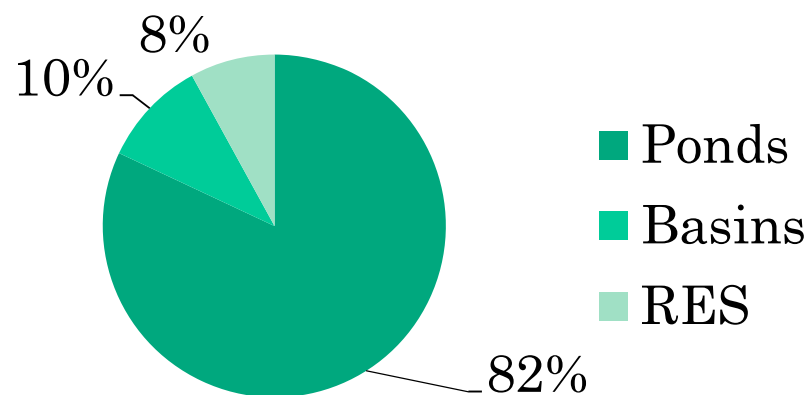
Currently only freshwater aquaculture is developed in Latvia. The main activities are the following:

- artificial propagation and production of fish and crayfish juveniles for restocking in natural streams and lakes;
- fish and crayfish cultivation for consumption or for processing;
- short-term fish cultivation in ponds for commercial angling;
- fish cultivation in household ponds for self-consumption or hobby angling.



In 2013 - there were 145 aquaculture companies in Latvia recognized by the Food and Veterinary Service.

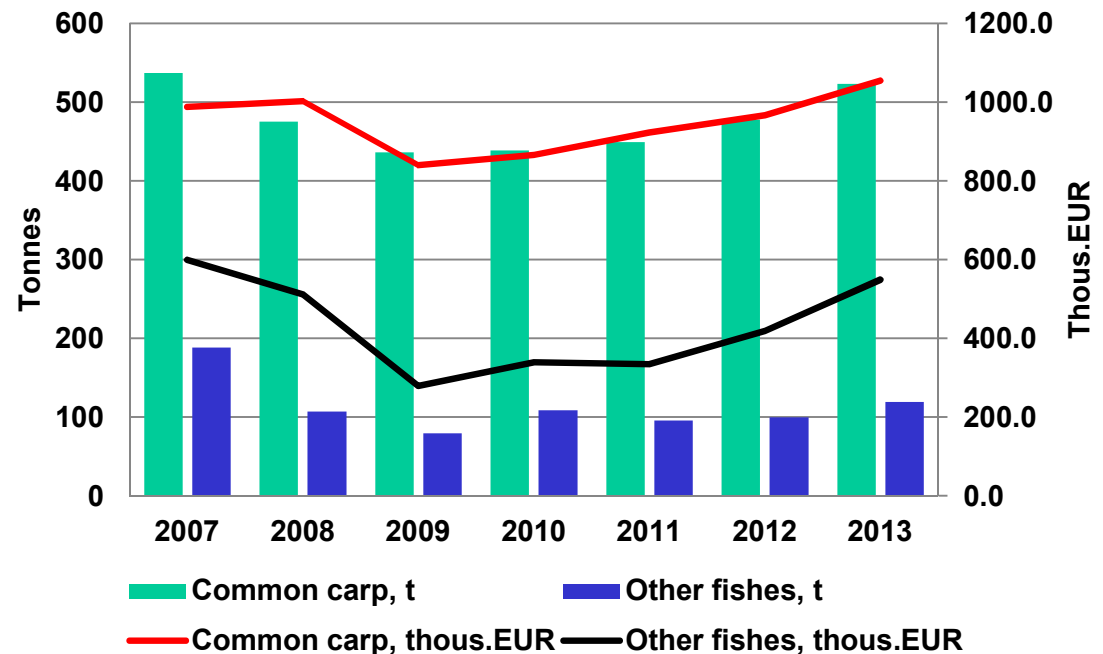
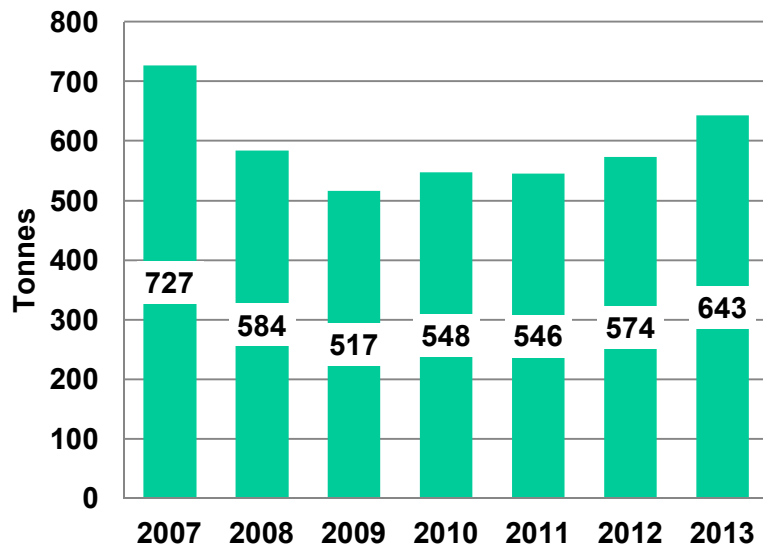
39% - registered as producers of fish for consumption purposes, 32% - specialised in juvenile propagation for further rearing or for the restocking in natural waters, and 29 % provide both kinds of production.



In 2013 – 67 economically active aquaculture companies

Год	Пруды	Площадь, га	Бассейны	Объём, м ³	Рециркуляционные системы	Объём, м ³	Количество предприятий
2007	311	3196	1080	12041	4	325	41
2008	605	4350	1227	16723	5	395	44
2009	749	5018	1196	17122	10	712	46
2010	801	5123	1240	17448	10	712	48
2011	728	5707	1270	17051	13	1184	55
2012	756	5607	1303	17727	25	2786	66
2013	728	5380	1277	17143	43	3879	67

AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION VOLUME AND VALUE



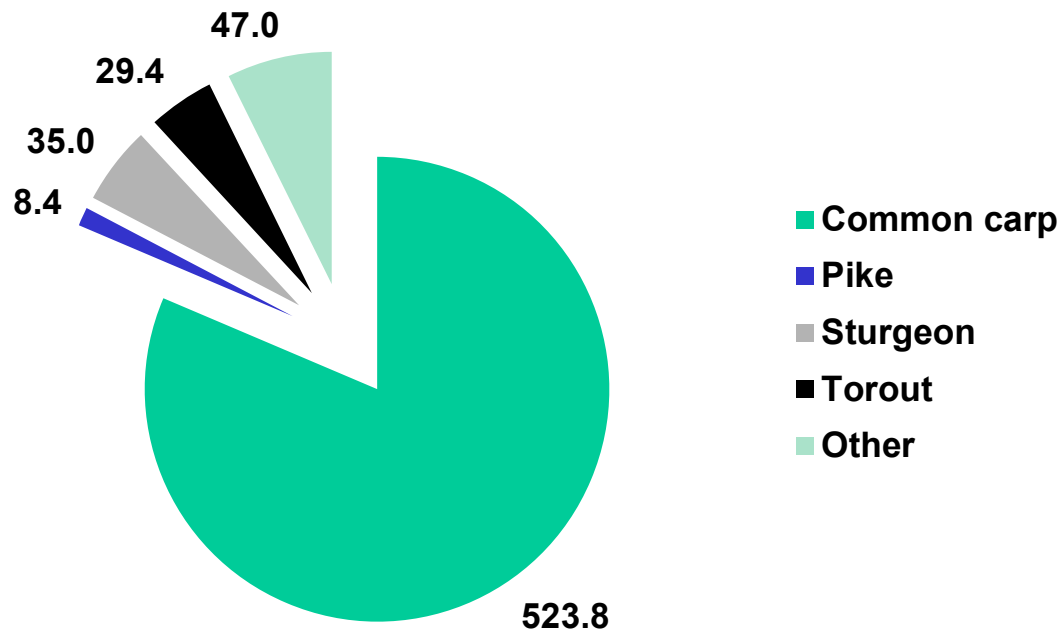
Most of the farmed fish (mainly cyprinidae) for consumption purposes was reared in the open ponds (87,9%).

Aquaculture production value ranged between 1 590 780 EUR (2007) and 1 119 806 EUR (2009) per year.

Although common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) constitutes approximately 80% of the total volume the value of this product forms only about 60-70 % of the total aquaculture production value.



PRODUCTION FOR CONSUMPTION, 2013



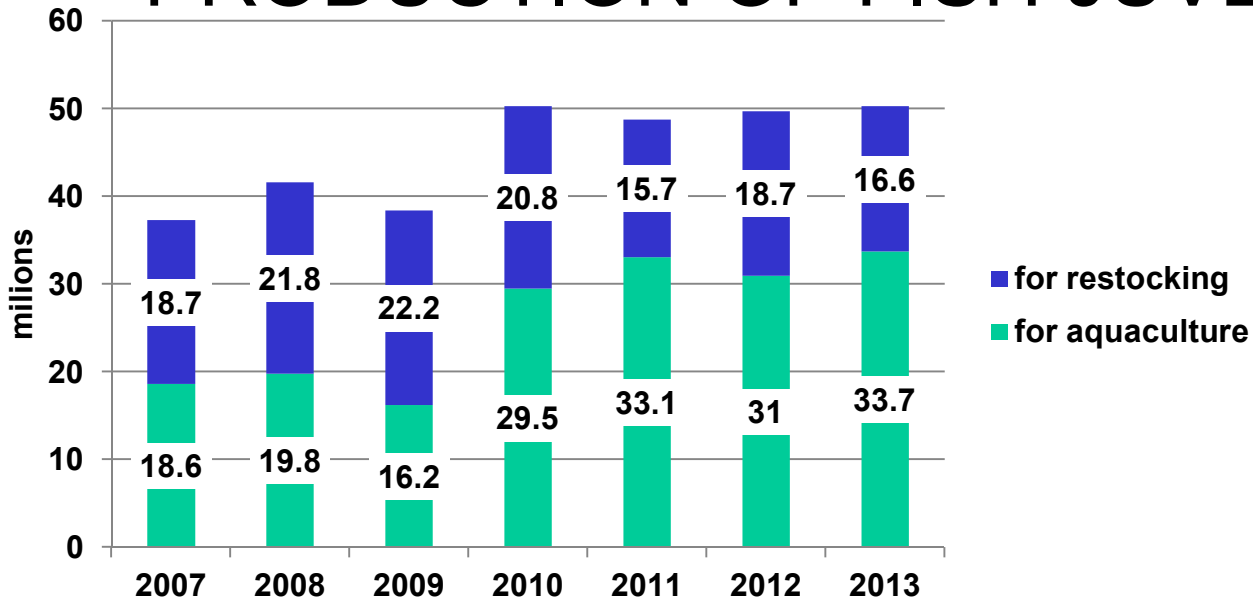
Mainly was focused on common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) breeding.

Some negligible amounts of brown and rainbow trout (*Salmo trutta fario* and *Onocorhynchus mykiss*), sturgeon (Bester sturgeon, Siberian sturgeon, Sterlet, Russian sturgeon), pike (*Esox lucius*) and other freshwater fish species and crayfish were also farmed.

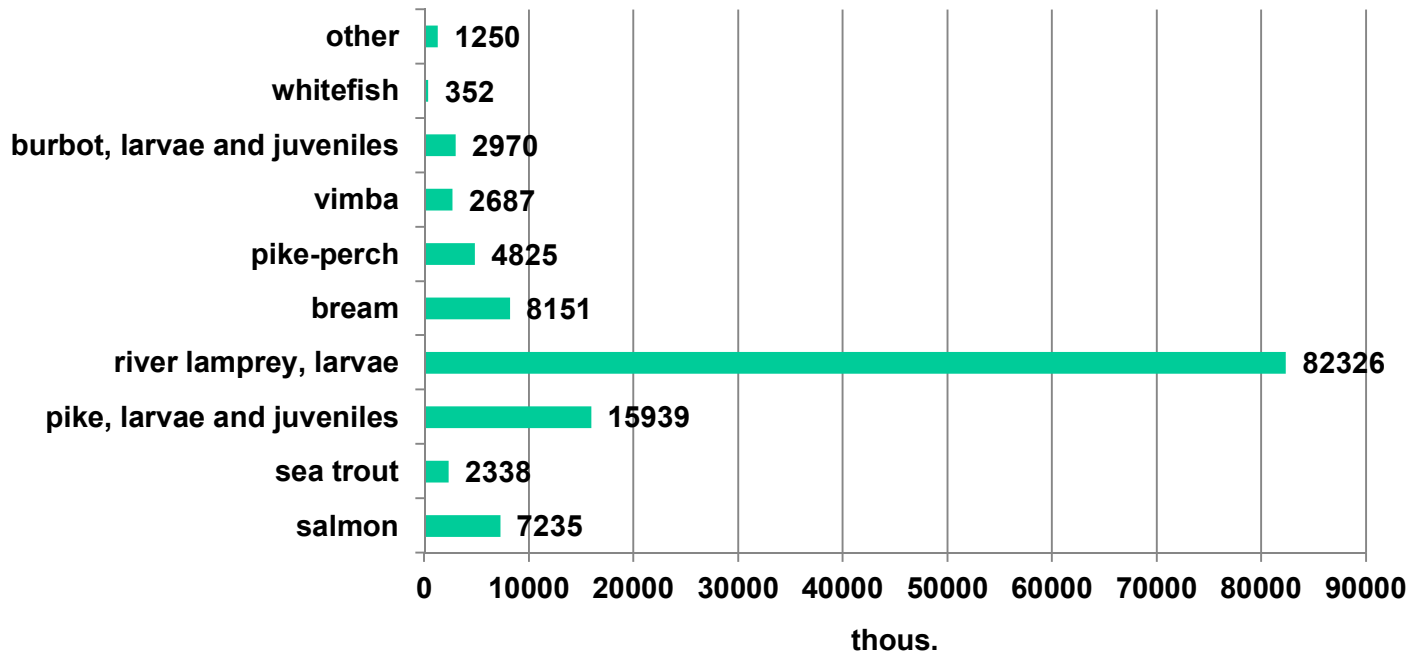
Recently some changes can be seen in the sector, reorienting from carp to other species (i.e. trout, African catfish).



PRODUCTION OF FISH JUVENILES



TOTAL AMOUNT OF RESTOCKED FISH SPECIES, 2007-2013



EMPLOYMENT

