

FISHERIES

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Dutch trawler fisheries in the red

In the first eight months of 2022, the Dutch trawler industry suffered estimated losses of over 20 million euros. This number comes from the 2022 Fisheries in Figures presentation by Wageningen Marine Research. Beam trawlers were affected most badly. The deployment of ships was down 25 to 30 per cent on the previous year. Many ships were out of action for long periods, mainly due to high fuel prices and crew shortages. As a result, the supply of fish and prawns also fell substantially during this year. Revenues per kilo increased, but costs increased much more steeply. Alternative, more energy-efficient fishing methods are being investigated, but innovation takes time. Analyses will be performed to see whether the alternatives are profitable.

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