

SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE FISHERIES SECTOR ON THE COASTAL ZONES. BULGARIAN CASE.

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Abstract: The beginnings of modern fishing in Bulgaria are set in the period between the two World Wars when, in order to encourage the activity, the state creates a law on fisheries. During these years a fishing school in Varna is being established, which trains fishermen for the whole Bulgarian coast.

Catches in the Black Sea in 2016 are 8537 tones according to official data, and according to unofficial estimates, which account for unregulated catches, the quantity reaches 10 000 tones. In addition, there are 674 active fish and shellfish farms.

Thanks to the subsidies received under various EU programs, in recent years the level of the fish industry has increased from the infrastructure, even though it is still far from the world standards. There are 1903 registered fishing vessels. There are a number of small boat lodges and places to fish, but officially registered fishing ports are only three.

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