



Boosting the Black Mackerel value chain in CABO VERDE

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The Sustainable Fish Value Chains for Small Island Developing States (SVC4SIDS) project aims to improve opportunities for the black mackerel value chain in Cabo Verde and enhance its sustainability and competitiveness



Employment
2021

7 000+
people²

employed in the fisheries sector.
Women play a crucial role
in post-harvest activities

86% of
fish vendors
are women



Vessels

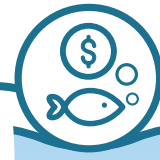
Mainly fished with encircling nets
by a semi-industrial fleet



**Fish landings
2013-2017**

6% Black mackerel represents
of total landings³

Annual catches⁴ of black mackerel vary
between 1 000 and 3 000 tonnes.



Value of exports⁵
2021

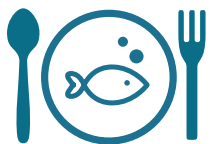


Mackerel exports worth

USD 17.3 million

Mostly prepared or preserved
mackerel, accounting for

38% of the
country's
trade



Food security and nutrition

Total fish consumption
was estimated at **11.2 kg** per capita in **2017**



Black mackerel has long been of social and commercial importance
and is a rich source of protein, vitamins and minerals

¹ Cavala preta (*Decapterus macarellus*).

² IMAR. General Fisheries Census 2021

³ Author's elaboration based on Ministério da Economia Marítima, Governo de Cabo Verde. 2019. Plano de gestão dos recursos da pesca (2019-2023), and FAO. 2023. FishStatJ - Software for Fishery and Aquaculture Statistical Time Series. In: FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Division. Cited 6 March 2023. www.fao.org/fishery/en/statistics/software/fishstatj

⁴ Ministério da Economia Marítima, Governo de Cabo Verde. 2019. Plano de gestão dos recursos da pesca (2019-2023)

⁵ ITC. Trademap. Trade statistics for international business development. Cited 6 March 2023. www.trademap.org

Small Island Developing States

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are a distinct group of developing countries, recognized by the United Nations as a special case for their geophysical attributes and socio-economic challenges. They are located in the Caribbean; Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans; and the South China Sea. SIDS are more vulnerable to external shocks and natural disasters due to limited access to resources, lack of infrastructure and a high dependence on imports.

Where does SVC4SIDS work?

SVC4SIDS is a global project that is working with selected SIDS with the goal of improving value chains for identified fish species. The five-year project (2020–2025), collaborates with stakeholders to develop sustainable fishery value chains. A “triple bottom-line” sustainability assessment will be carried out to identify inefficiencies and opportunities pertaining to social, economic and environmental dimensions.



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Sustainable Fish Value Chains for Small Island Developing States

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