# Benin

## COUNTRY BRIEF

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Population</th>
<th>Population Rank</th>
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<tr>
<td>11 814 000</td>
<td>147th</td>
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<tr>
<th>Length of coastline</th>
<th>Exclusive fishing zone</th>
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<td>153 km</td>
<td>26 768 km²</td>
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<th>Average GDP growth</th>
<th>GDP per capita</th>
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<td>5.80%</td>
<td>USD 1 220</td>
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## GDP from fisheries

0.65%

## Fish available for consumption

17.6 kg/capita

## Imports of fish and fish products - 2019

USD 105 812 870

## Agricultural GDP from fisheries

2.42%

## Fish available for consumption

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<th>Fisheries and aquaculture production</th>
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<td>Total</td>
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## Export of fish and fish products - 2019

USD 120 020

Profile compiled by GLOBEFISH – March 2022
Production and Trade Breakdown

Production by volume

- **Fish** 96%
- **Crustaceans**
- **Molluscs**

Imports by value

- **Processed** 99%
- **Unprocessed**

Exports by value

- **Processed** 100%
- **Unprocessed**

**Production - Top 10 Species (Volume)**

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<tr>
<th>Rank</th>
<th>Species</th>
<th>Tonnes</th>
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<tr>
<td>1st</td>
<td>Tilapias nei</td>
<td>14 000</td>
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<tr>
<td>2nd</td>
<td>[Cypselurus spp]</td>
<td>7 071</td>
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<tr>
<td>3rd</td>
<td>Guachanche barracuda</td>
<td>6 004</td>
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<tr>
<td>4th</td>
<td>West African Spanish mackerel</td>
<td>5 206</td>
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<td>5th</td>
<td>Torpedo-shaped catfishes nei</td>
<td>4 980</td>
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<tr>
<td>6th</td>
<td>Little tunny (Atl.black skipj)</td>
<td>4 527</td>
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<tr>
<td>7th</td>
<td>Jacks, crevalles nei</td>
<td>3 324</td>
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<tr>
<td>8th</td>
<td>North African catfish</td>
<td>2 864</td>
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<tr>
<td>9th</td>
<td>Nile tilapia</td>
<td>2 864</td>
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<tr>
<td>10th</td>
<td>Lesser African threadfin</td>
<td>2 703</td>
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### Imports - Top 10 Products (Value)

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<th>Rank</th>
<th>Product Description</th>
<th>HS Code</th>
<th>Value (USD)</th>
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<tr>
<td>1st</td>
<td>Jack, horse mackerel frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes</td>
<td>0303.55</td>
<td>51 397 530</td>
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<td>2nd</td>
<td>Mackerel frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes</td>
<td>0303.54</td>
<td>17 587 240</td>
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<td>3rd</td>
<td>Fish, other than species in 0303 frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes</td>
<td>0303.89</td>
<td>11 756 160</td>
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<td>4th</td>
<td>Sardines, sardinella, brisling or sprats frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes</td>
<td>0303.53</td>
<td>10 685 440</td>
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<td>5th</td>
<td>Herrings frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes</td>
<td>0303.51</td>
<td>4 042 800</td>
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<td>6th</td>
<td>Blue whittings frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes</td>
<td>0303.68</td>
<td>3 891 760</td>
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<td>7th</td>
<td>Hake frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes</td>
<td>0303.66</td>
<td>2 784 190</td>
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<td>8th</td>
<td>Tilapias frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes</td>
<td>0303.23</td>
<td>2 089 590</td>
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<td>9th</td>
<td>Sardines, sardinella, brisling or sprats prepared or preserved; whole or in pieces</td>
<td>1604.13</td>
<td>780 780</td>
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<td>10th</td>
<td>Flours, meals, pellets. Unfit for human consumption from fish or aquatic invertebrates</td>
<td>2301.20</td>
<td>204 790</td>
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<td>Fish heads, tails, maws dried, smoked, salted or in brine</td>
<td>0305.72</td>
<td>58 000</td>
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<td>2nd</td>
<td>Fish, other than species in 0305.3 dried, salted or in brine; not smoked</td>
<td>0305.39</td>
<td>26 490</td>
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<td>3rd</td>
<td>Caviar substitutes prepared from fish eggs</td>
<td>1604.32</td>
<td>19 500</td>
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<td>4th</td>
<td>Livers, roes, milt dried, salted or in brine</td>
<td>0305.20</td>
<td>11 050</td>
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<td>5th</td>
<td>Fish prepared or preserved</td>
<td>1604.20</td>
<td>2 210</td>
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<td>6th</td>
<td>Fish, other than species in 0305.4 smoked, including fillets</td>
<td>0305.49</td>
<td>1 650</td>
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<td>7th</td>
<td>Crustaceans, other than species in 0306 dried, smoked, salted or in brine, flours, meals, pellets</td>
<td>0306.99</td>
<td>950</td>
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<tr>
<td>8th</td>
<td>Fish live</td>
<td>0301.99</td>
<td>170</td>
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