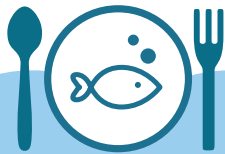




# Boosting the small tuna value chain in CABO VERDE

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



## Food security and nutrition<sup>1</sup>

**8 500 tonnes** of small tuna produced in **2020**.

In **2017**, Fish consumption was estimated at **11.2 kg per capita**

Tuna is an essential part of the diet of the Cabo Verdean. It is an excellent source of



protein and micronutrients



## Employment<sup>2</sup> 2021

**7 000+** people<sup>2</sup> employed in the fisheries sector.

Women's participation in post-harvest activities is of utmost importance

**86%** of fish vendors are women



## Value of exports<sup>3</sup> 2021

Tuna exports worth

**USD 10.8 million**

Mostly prepared or preserved tuna, accounting for



**23%** of the country's trade

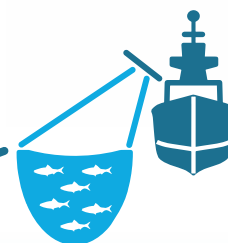


## Fish landings<sup>4</sup> 2020

Small tuna represents

**44%** of total landings

Skipjack Tuna (*k. pelamis*)  
Frigate Tuna (*A. thazard*)  
Little Tunny (*E. alletteratus*)



## Vessels

Mainly fished by semi-industrial fleets such as seiners and pole and line vessels

<sup>1</sup> FishstatJ, 2021. FishStatJ – Software for Fishery and Aquaculture Statistical Time Series. In: FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Division. [www.fao.org/fishery/en/statistics/software/fishstatj](http://www.fao.org/fishery/en/statistics/software/fishstatj)

<sup>2</sup> General Fisheries Census 2021, IMAR.

<sup>3</sup> Trademap.

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## 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.



## #SVC4SIDS

Sustainable Fish Value Chains for Small Island Developing States

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