

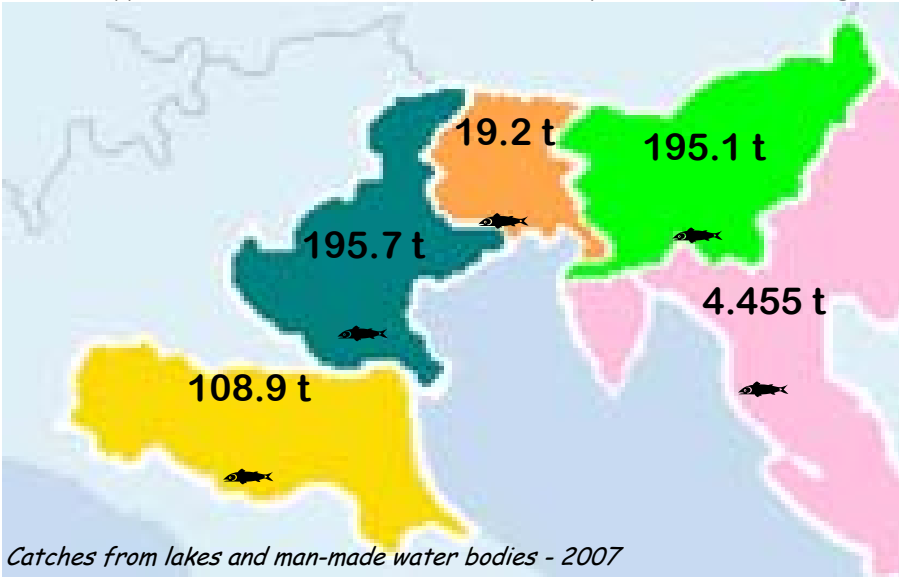
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FISHING IN THE INTERIOR WATERS OF THE UPPER ADRIATIC

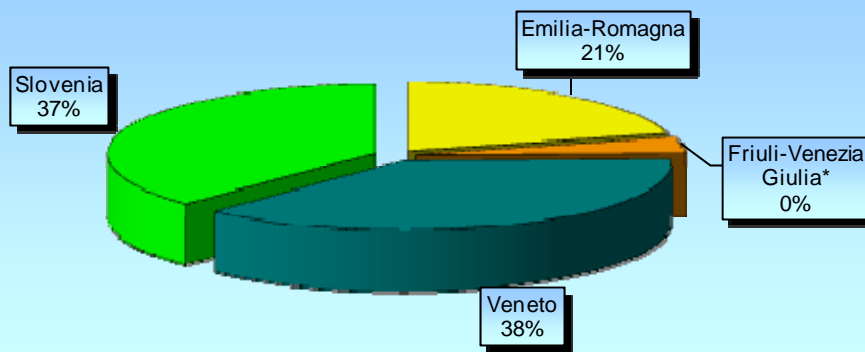
Fish production in lakes and man-made water bodies is a topic that is seldom discussed. Although the quantities of fish caught in these waters are often fairly small, this sector should still be taken into consideration. Fishing of this type is more common and better developed in the Balkan regions than it is in the Italian regions monitored by the Observatory.



With respect to the data sources, census-type surveys conducted by ISTAT (Italian National Institute of Statistics) were used for Emilia Romagna, Friuli Venezia Giulia and Veneto. This study used official statistics from Chambers of Commerce that function as intermediate surveying agencies and collect information on the quantities, values and average prices obtained for both professional and non-professional fishing activities. Unfortunately, ISTAT (Italian National Institute of Statistics) has no data for Friuli Venezia Giulia for the years 2006 and 2007.

For Slovenia and Croatia, data was obtained from the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia and the Central Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Croatia respectively.

Distribution of fishing in lakes and man-made water bodies in the Upper Adriatic Regions - 2007

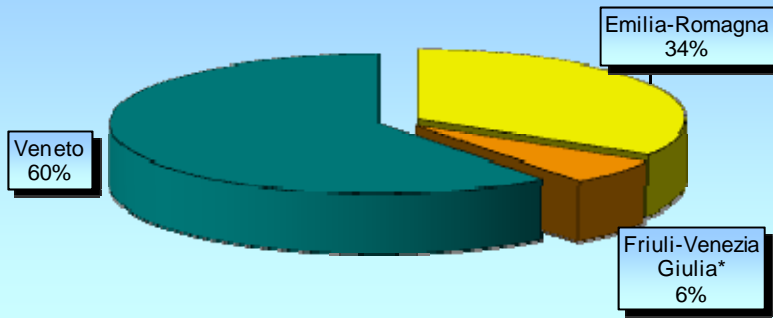


*2005

Since no data was available for individual regions in Croatia, as usual the national data was used and is reported on page 4. The graph to the left does not include data for Croatia as the sizes and types of areas involved are not comparable.

Source: Processed by the Socio Economic Fishing and Aquaculture Observatory based on the data provided by ISTAT, the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia

Distribution of fishing in lakes and man-made water bodies in the Upper Adriatic Italian Regions - 2007



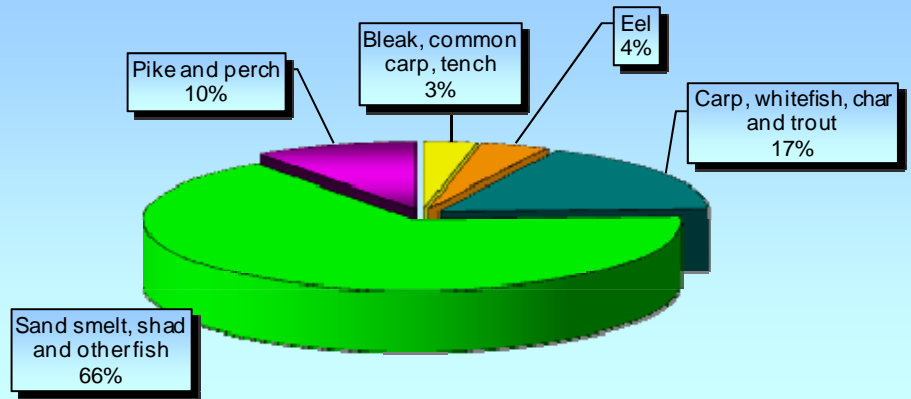
Total : 323,8 tonnes

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An analysis of the 2007 data for individual regions in Italy reveals that production was not particularly significant (just over 300 tonnes), with Veneto responsible for the majority of the production (60%), followed by Emilia-Romagna (34%).

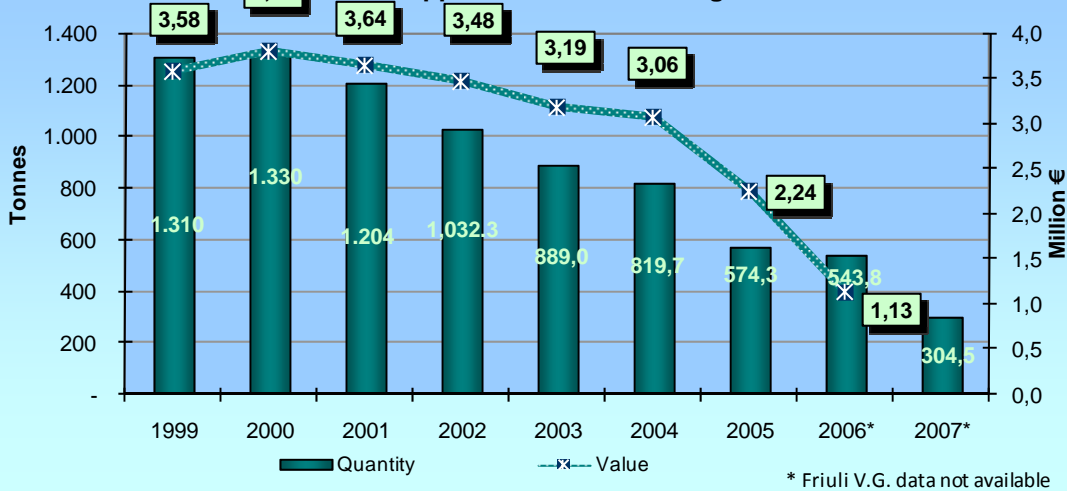
A breakdown of the catches by species highlights a preponderance of *sand smelt, shad and other fish*, representing 66% of the total. *Carp, whitefish, char and trout* comprise 17% of the total, while *pike and perch* represent 10%. Eel catches make up 4% of the total.

Distribution by species for fishing in lakes and man-made water bodies in the Upper Adriatic Italian Regions - 2007



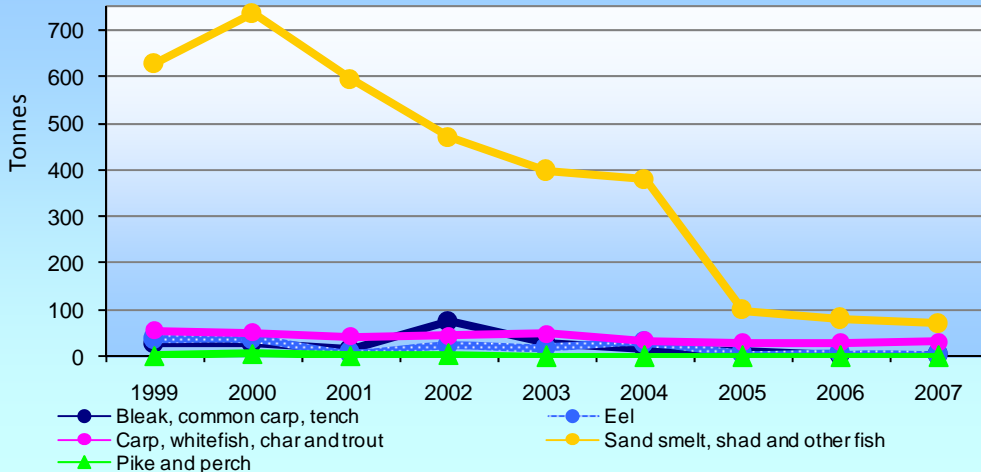
Friuli V.G. data from 2005

Quantities and values for fishing in lakes and man-made water bodies in the Upper Adriatic Italian Regions



The combined data reveals a decline in production as well as net value in recent years (304 tonnes in 2007). In our opinion, these figures appear to have been underestimated in recent years. In any event, reliable data on this topic is difficult to obtain.

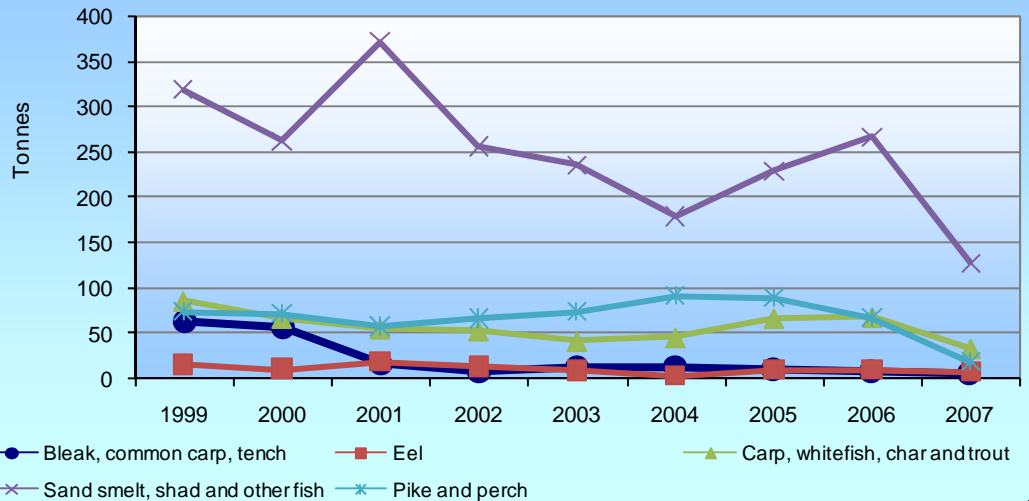
Quantities fished in lakes and man-made water bodies by groups of species in Emilia Romagna - 1999-2007



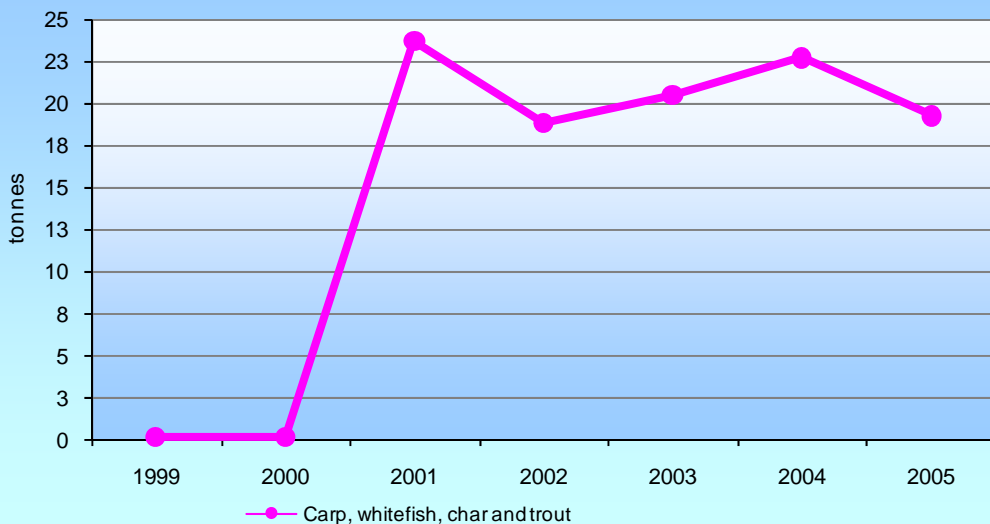
An analysis of the most fished freshwater species in Emilia-Romagna reveals that the group *sand smelt, shad and other fish* represented 65% of the total for 2007; a declining trend was evident for the period 1999-2007. *Carp, whitefish, char and trout* followed, representing 29% of the total. The contribution to the total from other groups of species was decidedly lower.

With respect to the 2007 production in lakes and man-made water bodies in Veneto, *sand smelt, shad and other fish* comprised 66% of the total, *pike and perch* represented 10%, and *carp, whitefish, char and trout* accounted for 17%. In general, a decreasing trend in the catches was recorded for all groups of species between 1999 and 2007.

Quantities fished in lakes and man-made water bodies by groups of species in Veneto - 1999-2007



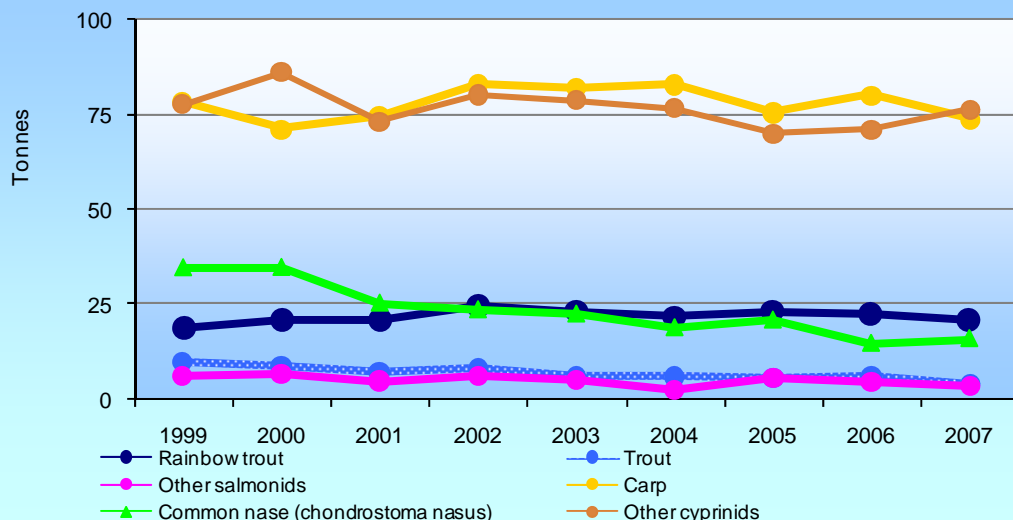
Quantities fished in lakes and man-made water bodies by groups of species in Friuli V. Giulia - 1999-2005



In Friuli Venezia Giulia, *carp, whitefish, char and trout* accounted for 100% of the production. The quantities fished for this group were very low in the period 1999-2000, but grew significantly in 2001; in 2005 the total production was 19.26 tonnes.

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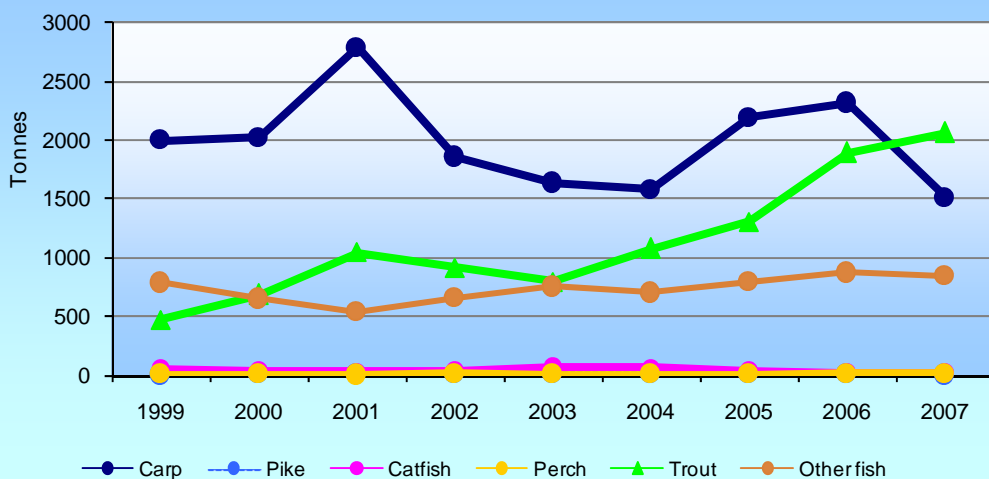
Quantities fished in lakes and man-made water bodies by groups of species in Slovenia - 1999-2007



The trend for Slovenia during the period 1999 to 2007 was relatively stable for all the species fished. The groups *other salmonids* and *other cyprinids* accounted for the majority of the catch, representing 38% and 39% respectively. Rainbow trout production was substantial (11%).

In 2007 the most fished species in Croatian lakes and man-made water bodies were trout (46%), which experienced a growth trend, and carp (34%), which showed a 31% decrease in production in the past year. The amounts of other species caught were insignificant.

Quantities fished in lakes and man-made water bodies by groups of species in Croatia - 1999-2007



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