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Oh-fish-ial - Latest figures show government is no fisherman's friend



UK fish landings down 10% in 2022 - where's the Brexit dividend?

Latest figures show Liz and Rishi must state their policy to save the UK's fishing industry

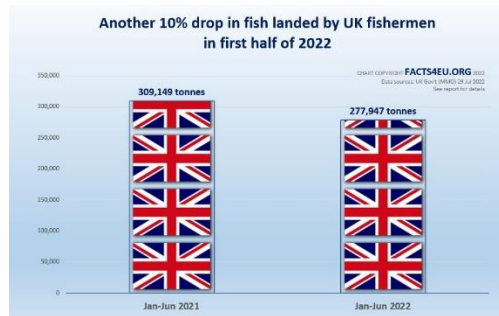
CIBUK.Org and its affiliate **Facts4EU.Org** have analysed the latest fisheries figures for the first half of 2022 versus the same period last year.

According to the latest official government statistics released on Friday (29 July 2022), the tonnage landed by UK fishermen at all ports (UK and EU) was down by 10%.

CIBUK (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the longest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – exposes government support for the UK fishing industry as a hollow promise. With UK tonnage down and EU tonnage up the direction of policy is currently heading in the opposite direction to that intended. The summary is below and the [full report is now available here](#).

Quantity of fish landed at all ports by UK fishermen

First half 2022 compared with first half 2021

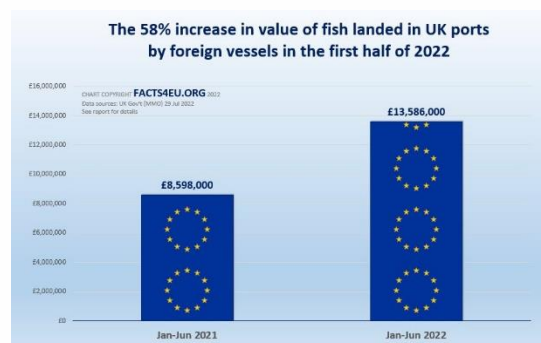


- Jan-Jun 2021 : 309,149 tonnes
- Jan-Jun 2022 : 277,947 tonnes **(down by 10%)**

[Source : MMO (official government agency), 29 July 2022.]

By contrast the value of fish landed at UK ports from foreign fishing vessels has increased by over 50%

First half 2022 compared with first half 2021



- Jan-Jun 2021 : £8,598,000
- Jan-Jun 2022 : £13,586,000 **(up by 58%)**

[Source : MMO (official government agency), 29 July 2022.]

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A fishy business

UK fishing was a defining issue in the Brexit Referendum and promises were made by Leave campaigners to rectify the EU's 'Common Fisheries Policy' (CFP).

Instead the UK's fishermen were sold down the river by Theresa May's disastrous negotiations, the results of which formed part of the Withdrawal Agreement.

It seems clear that the UK does not have control of its internationally-defined 'Economic Exclusion Zone' (EEZ: up to 200 nautical miles), nor to its territorial waters (6-12 nautical miles from the coast).

The UK has issued hundreds of licences to EU fishing vessels under the terms originally negotiated by Theresa May and her team.

Will either Liz Truss or Rishi Sunak deliver Brexit?

For many Leave voters the fisheries industry was a totemic issue, akin to taking back control of our borders. Neither of these has yet been delivered.

We wish to be very clear about fisheries: **This is not a failure of Brexit. This is the Government's failure to deliver Brexit.** We look forward to Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak stating what they are going to do about this.

For the full report click here: <https://cibuk.org/uk-fishing-after-brexit/>

For editors and journalists

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About CIBUK: The Campaign for an Independent Britain (**CIBUK**) is a non-party political campaigning organisation of people from all walks of life. It is the UK's longest-running membership organisation for freedom, democracy and independence.

Founded in 1969, for over 50 years the CIBUK has made a significant contribution in campaigning on issues important to the majority of our population and in securing our exit from the European Union. Now it's time for the next chapter.