



HISTORY BELGIAN SEA FISHERIES

Until recently, digital data on the Belgian sea fisheries was only available from the late 90's onwards. Within the project **'A century of sea fisheries in Belgium'**, VLIZ makes efforts to collect, archive and integrate all **historical data and information**, going back in time **till 1900**. The data are freely available as **graphs** and **fact sheets**.

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- **List of commercial species** of Belgian sea fisheries, including **statistics** on the composition and value of the landings, geographical information on the fishing grounds and scientific background information on the species.

- **Map of the fishing areas** where Belgian fishermen were active (1929 - 1999).

- **Database of the fishing fleet** describes the individual life history of each vessel (from 1900).

- **Timeline** reconstructing the history of the Belgian (Flemish) sea fisheries, highlighting important events (regulation, technological development,...).

- **Publications and other sources** contributing data and context to this project.

- **Photographs and film footages** on the history of Belgian sea fisheries, donated by personal collectors and illustrations originating from publications.

- **Working group of Flemish experts** exchanging ideas, information and knowledge about the history of Belgian sea fisheries.

