

## Tunisie: A country in the heart of the Mediterranean sea



- Has a 1300 km-long coastline and holds a central position in the Mediterranean.
- Has access to both the eastern and western Mediterranean.
- Has a relatively wide continental shelf in the Gulf of Gabes, with an estimated area of 88 000 km2 at the 200m isobath.
- Is characterized by 7 series of lagoons covering a total surface area of 105 200 ha.
- There are 41 fishing ports equiped with necessaries services for fishing activity and able to ensure the landing of 150 000 tonnes of fishery products.

### **Key figures**

- Fisheries and Aquaculture in Tunisia are still considered an economically strategic sector representing a significant food resource with a production of 153000 tonnes in 2023.
- In 2023, exports of fishery and aquaculture products reached the record figures of 37 062 tonnes and 845 million TND with 62 destinations.
- A relatively important source of direct and indirect employment (nearly 1.2 % of the active population in Tunisia in 2023).

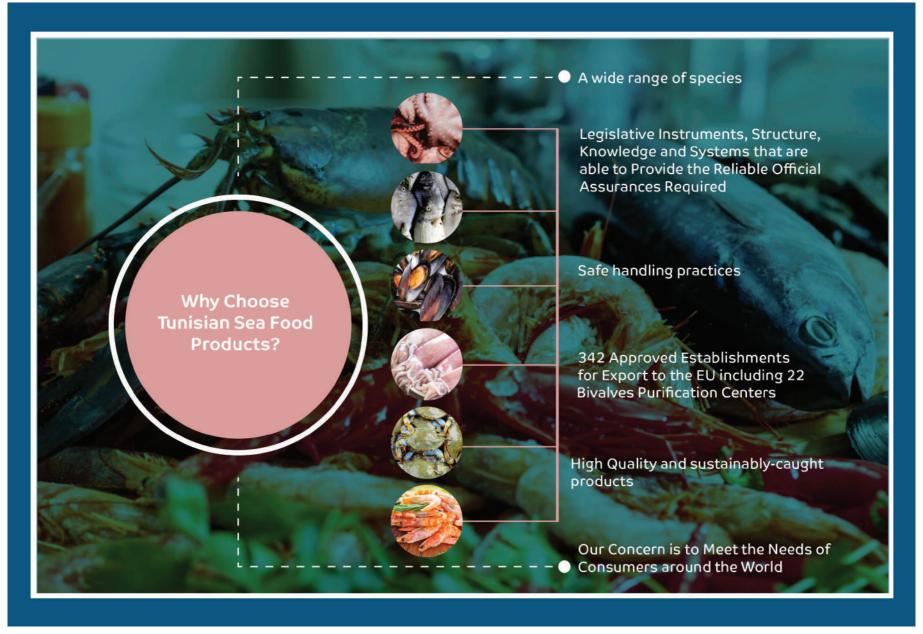
### **Country Strategic Orientations**

Development of a fishery management plans with the aim of preserving fisheries resources for the sustainable development of the sector

Strengthening the competitiveness and enhancing Food Safety of fisheries and aquaculture products.

Preservation and optimization of port infrastructure in order to improve service delivery to professonals.

The development of aquaculture activity and the consolidation of applied research to the fisheries and aquaculture sector



## Agricultural Investment Promotion Agency (APIA)

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#### **FACTS & FIGURES**

Established in 1982, the Agence de Promotion des Investissements Agricoles (APIA) is a Tunisian public institution run by the Ministry of Agriculture that was created to promote private investment in the fields of agriculture, fisheries, and related services.

Based on its dedicated expertise, APIA supports its members in successfully implementing their respective projects. In this context, APIA offers diverse services such as obtaining financial and tax benefits, assisting promoters in the compilation of investment and managerial records, matching Tunisian operators with potential foreign counterparts, and the participation in trade fairs and exhibitions in Tunisia and abroad.

#### MISSION & VISION

APIA's vision is to improve the competitive advantages of the sector and to strengthen the industry's positive image in the world market. APIA very much welcomes the opportunity to introduce foreign importers to profitable new trade opportunities with Tunisian suppliers at the Tunisian Country Pavilion at Seafood 2023 .



Together, for successful projects

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# The Interprofessional Grouping of the Fishery Products (GIPP)

The Interprofessional Group of Fishing Products (GIPP) is a public economic establishment endowed with public liablity and financial autonomy under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries.

The main missions of the GIPP are the following ones:

- To ensure the link between different phases of production.
- To facilitate consultation and dialogue between professionals and the administration.
- To contribute on market's equilibrium.
- To participate to the export promotion.
- To collect and analyze and archive statistics, and to elaborate studies about the fishing sector.









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## **GICA**

## Company presentation:

Established in 1965, The Canned Food Industries Group (GICA) is a public institution gathering the Tunisian industries involved in fruit, vegetable & fish processing sectors, under the authority of the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy. The GICA contributes to the organization and supervision of the profession and the promotion of canned food exports.

#### GICA's missions:

- Sector organization: by improving competitiveness, and ensuring training for its members;
- Research & Development: by carrying out prospective studies on the sector's prospects; and extension operations to develop agricultural production intended for processing;
- Quality control: by the contribution to the safety of canned food on site and within its accredited laboratory (chemical, physical & bacteriological analyses); and proposal of any legislative or regulatory measures aimed at improving quality;
- Commercial promotion: by Connecting between foreign importers & GICA members; and implementing of marketing and advertising policy.



## Specialist In

Canned and semi preserved fruits, vegetables and fish

## Compagny size

Public institution under the authority of the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy

## Product Range:

MAIN PRODUCT: Canned Tuna, Canned sardines, semi-preserved anchovies ADDITIONAL PRODUCT

## Key Customers

Importers of canned fish products

### USPs

GICA represents the entire sector of canned fish in Tunisia.



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## **BEN AYED SEAFOOD GROUP**



The BEN AYED SEAFOOD GROUP, specialized in processing, packaging and freezing of all types of seafood, is now one of the leaders in the Tunisian and Euro-Mediterranean seafood sector.

The Group has 10 compagnies with diversified activities (Fishing; transformation and freezing of seafood products; Shipbuilding, distribution of marine engines...)

## Specialist In

Fresh, frozen and live Seafod products



## Compagny size

50-100 employees

### **Product Range:**

MAIN PRODUCT ADDITIONAL PRODUCT

### **Key Customers**

Italy, spain, France, Greece, Slovenia, croatie, korea, Canada,

## Domestic/Eport Split (in%)

100% export

### International Certifications

HACCP/ Agreement EU





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## **GROUPE MÉDITERRANÉE AQUACULTURE**

Company presentation:

In 2009, Mr. Chebil MEDIMEGH and his sons founded the Mediterranean Aquaculture Group, capitalizing on their three decades of business. acumen. Specializing in the farming of Seabream, Seabass, and Meagre, GMA has become key exporter in the Mediterranean Sea. Our operations also encompass innovative aquaculture technology. covering fish feed, expanded polystyrene products, and maritime equipment. With a steadfast commitment to quality. sustainability, innovation, and customer satisfaction, we have emerged as leaders in Tunisia's aquaculture sector.

Specialist In

Aquaculture: Responsible fish farming, particularly focusing on Seabream, Seabass, and Meagre. Additionally, we excel in the development and implementation of innovative aquaculture technologies, including fish feed, expanded polystyrene products, and maritime equipment.

Compagny size

Entre 500 - 1000

Product Range:

MAIN PRODUCT

- -Fresh Seabream, Seabass, and Meagre: Responsibly farmed fish that meet high-quality standards.
- Processed fish products: Ready to consume items derived from your fresh fish, such as fillets, and seafood products.
- Brand/Private Split (in%)
  - Key Customers

United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Saudi Arabia Kingdom, Canada, Italy, Algeria, Libya

Domestic/Eport Split (in%)





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Company presentation:

Created in 2010, the HANCHIA FISH Company is considered the fruit of the succession of the inheritance of the SOUISSI family. Having roots of marine origin, its manager M.Ezzedine SOUISSI was passionate about fishing from his childhood. This passion was transmitted to his sons who are today the main managers of the company. HANCHIA FISH has become nowadays among the first aquaculture farms in Tunisia specialized in the production, breeding and marketing of Gilthead Sea Bream (Sparus Aurata), Sea Bass (Dicentrarchus Labrax) and Lean (Argyrosomus regius), whose notoriety is well established. Annual production: 5000 T

Specialist In

Breeding and Marketing

Compagny size

Téboulba, Monastir, Tunisia

Product Range:

Seabream (Sparus aurata)- SeaBass (Dicentrarchus labrax) - Meagre (agryosomus regius)

Key Customers

GOLF COUNTRIES – CANADA – France – Italy – ALGERIA – Libya -

Domestic/Eport Split (in%)

80 % EXPORT + 20 % Domestic

Brand/Private Split (in%)

HANCHIA FISH

International Certifications

ISO 22000 - Halal certified





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## SOCEPA

Company presentation:

Societe Socepa de congelation de tous produits de peche et agricoles

Specialist In

Frozen seafood : Shrimrs , Octopus , cuttle fish , Blue swimming crabs

Compagny size

Aproximately 100 employee (seasonal activity)

Crevette

**Product Range:** 

Main product Additional product

Key Customers

Spain, Italy, south korea

Domestic/Eport Split (in%)

Export 95 %

Brand/Private Split (in%)

Own brand 95%

International Certifications:

HACCP





Filet de sardine





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Company presentation:

Our company SOHAP was created in 2013 it specializes in the transformation, packaging and storage of frozen, fresh and live seafood products, Our objective is to satisfy our customers and to provide them with the best quality

Specialist In

Fresh, frozen and live seafood

Compagny size

20-50 employees

**Product Range:** 

Fresh fish, Shrimps, Lobster, Octopus





Key Customers

Italy, spain, France.

Domestic/Eport Split (in%)
100% export

Brand/Private Split (in%)
100% Sohap brand

International Certifications

HACCP / AGREEMENT 345





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## SOSEP

Company presentation:

SOSEP company located at Kelibia fishing port

Specialist In

Fishing product freezing

Product Range:

Molluscs, cephalopods, crustaceans and blue fish

Key Customers

Spain and Italy

Domestic/Eport Split (in%)

Totally exporting company (100%)

Brand/Private Split (in%)

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International Certifications

Sanitary Agreement 323









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