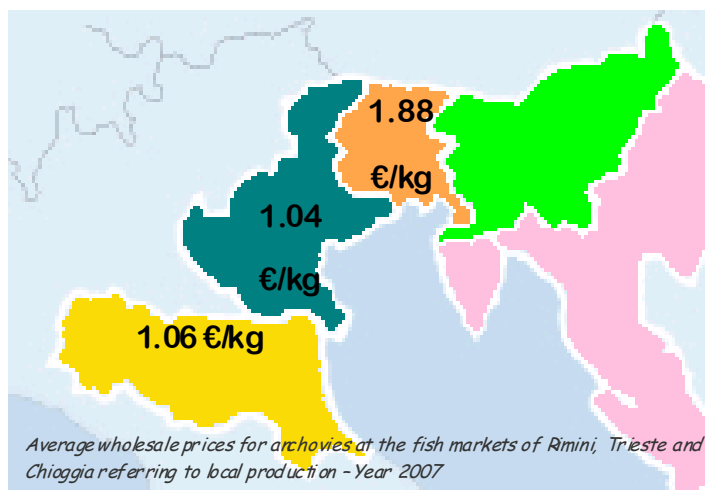


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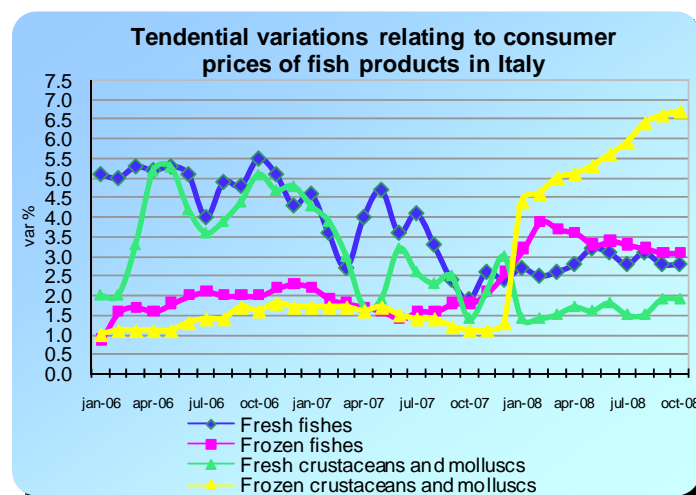
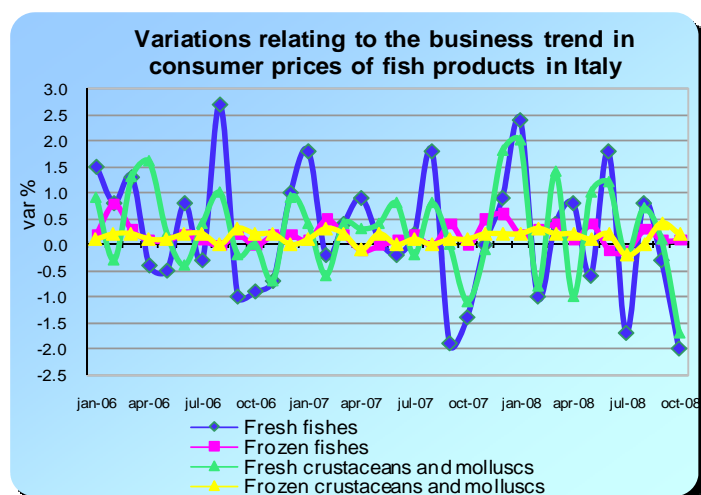
### PRICES OF THE MAIN FISH SPECIES IN THE HIGH ADRIATIC



This, the last issue of "Fishing in figures" for 2008, features information about the price evolution in the regions of the High Adriatic. It concentrates on certain fresh fish products which are fished there and then sold at the most important fish markets along the High Adriatic coast. The individual species analysed have been chosen according to their importance in terms of both the amounts fished and profits made. The wholesale prices of the fish markets of Rimini, Cesenatico, Trieste, Marano Lagunare, Chioggia and Venice were chosen for the Italian regions. Reference was made to the ISTAT (Italian national statistics institute) survey pertaining to consumer price variations in Italy, in order to provide an

indication of the national price trend. As it is not possible to have the same data to hand for Croatia and Slovenia, price information was processed separately. The statistical sources used for the Balkan regions were those of the respective statistics institutes, i.e. the Central Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Croatia and the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia.

Examination of price dynamics for the consumption of fish products in Italy showed that both monthly variations, i.e., compared with the previous month of the same year, and tendential monthly variations, i.e. compared with the same month of the previous year, occurred from January 2006 to October 2008. As is clear from the diagram on the left, fresh fish products register greater monthly fluctuations during the year. The diagram on the right, on the other hand, shows that, when compared with the same period the previous year, the prices of fresh fish tend to drop, whilst there is an upward fluctuation in frozen fish.



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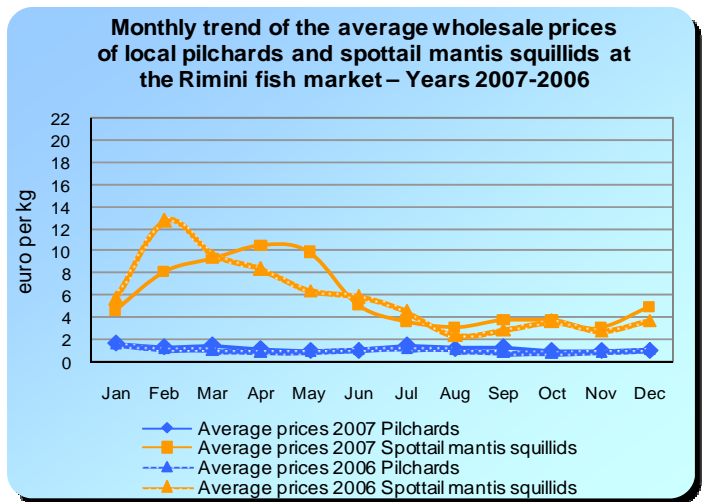
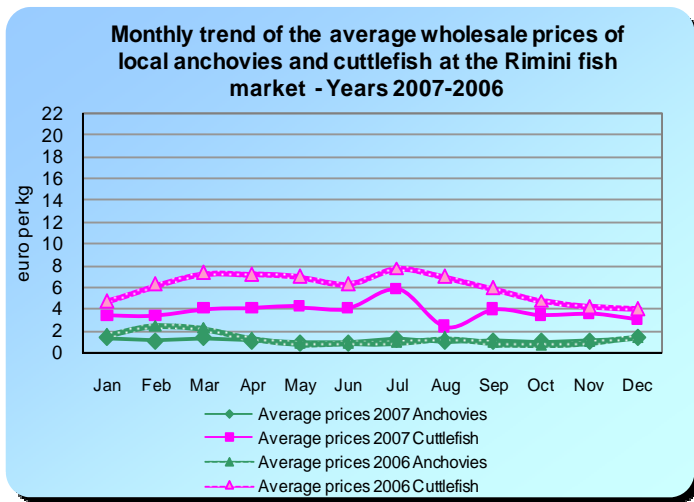


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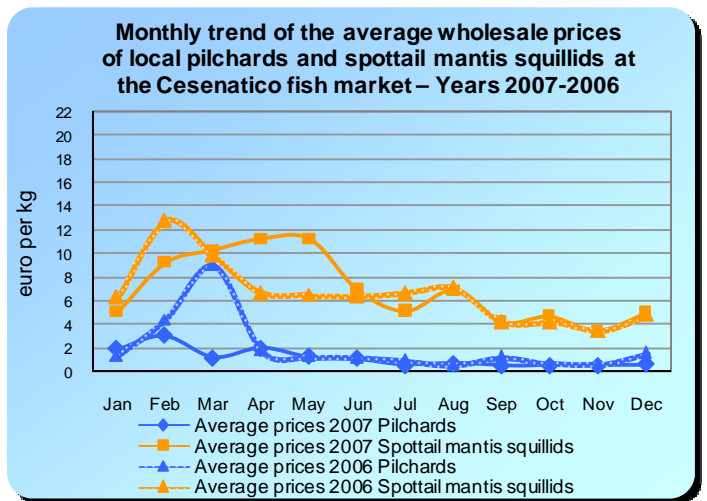
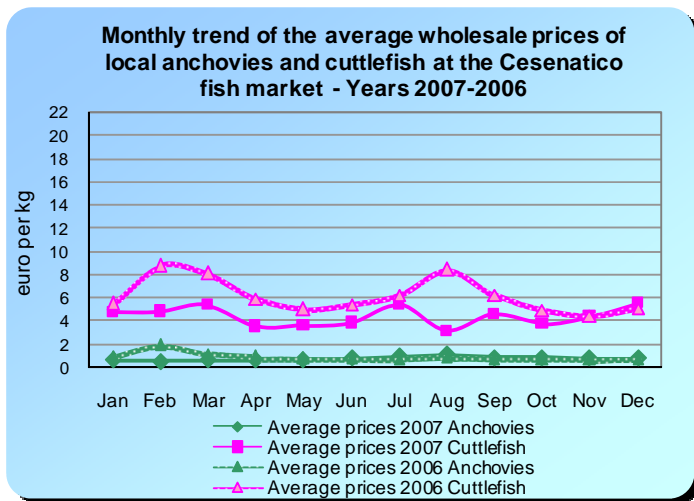


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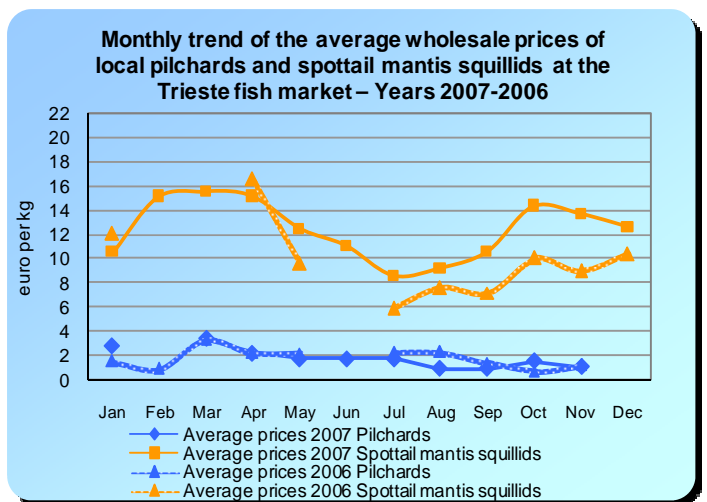
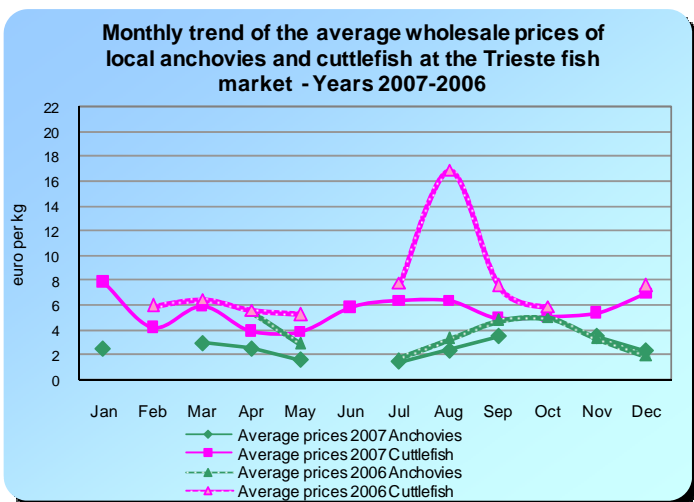
Starting with markets in the region of Emilia-Romagna, the diagrams referring to the fish market in Rimini clearly show that the prices of anchovies and pilchards are more or less steady for the two years being compared. There was a drop in 2007 in the price of cuttlefish. The value of spottail mantis squillids tended to remain high during the first six months of the year, then dropped.



In Cesenatico, anchovies tend not to exceed a unitary value of 2 €/kg, and data referring to pilchards in 2007 was also stable. As far as cuttlefish are concerned, last year's values were lower. The highest price registered for spottail mantis squillids tends to be in May, when prices touch on 12 €/kg, but are lower during the rest of the year.

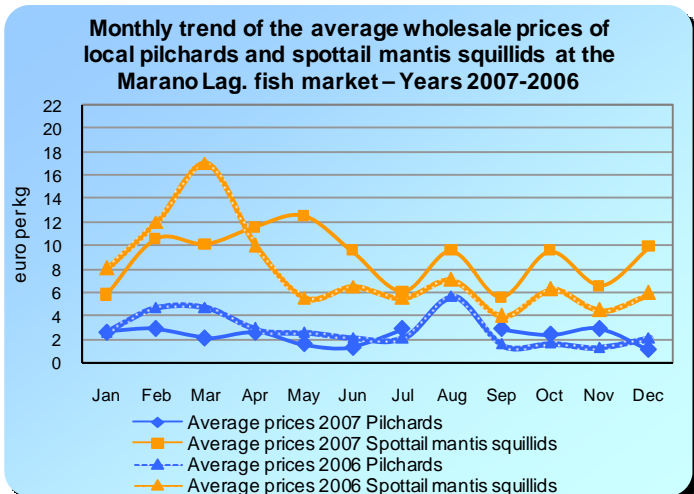
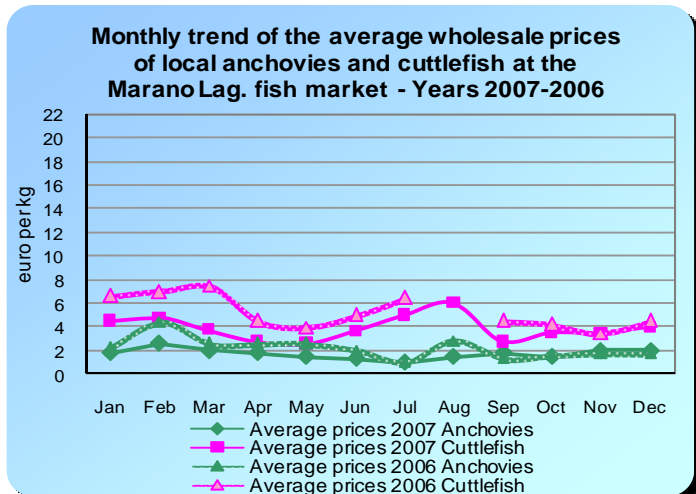


In some cases, data pertaining to the local production of Trieste fish market are missing, due to the fact its geographical position makes it particularly inclined towards national and foreign production. With the exception of pilchards, there were considerable variations in the price trends of all the species considered.

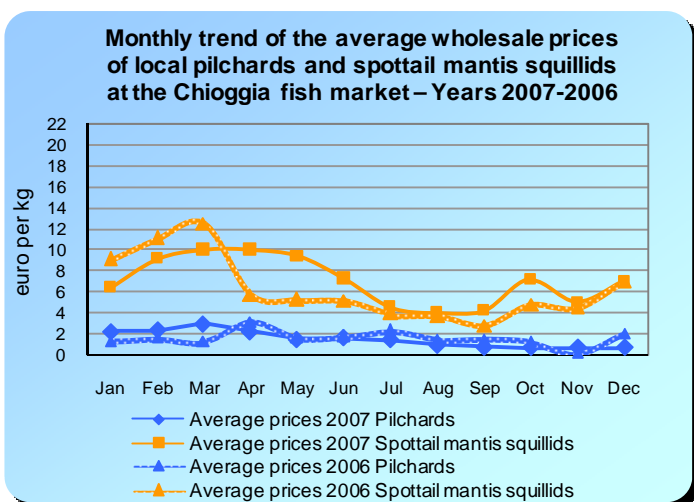
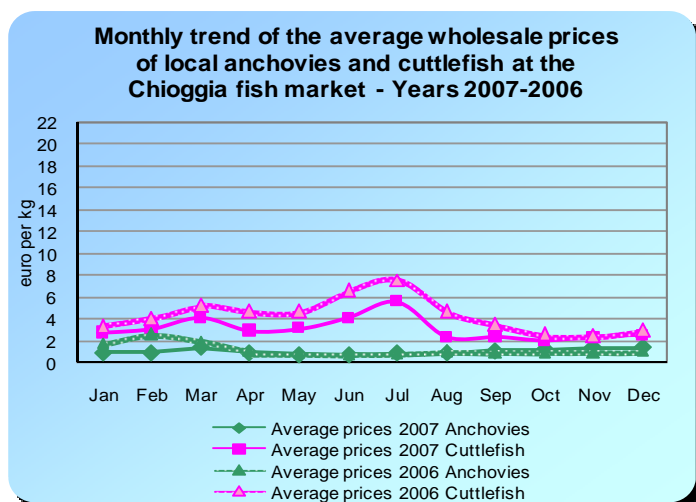


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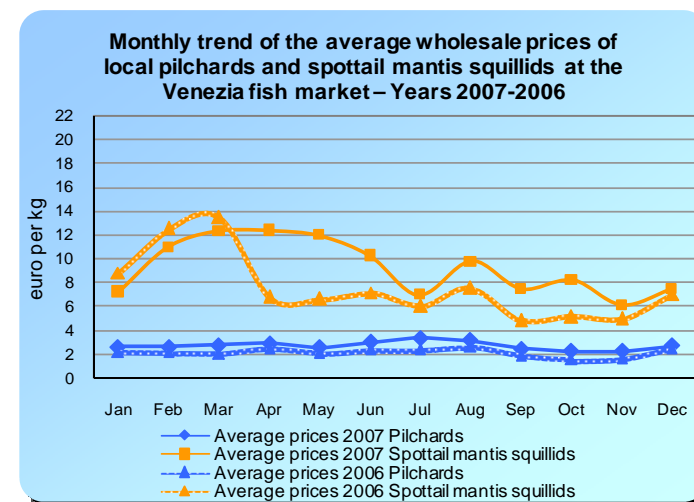
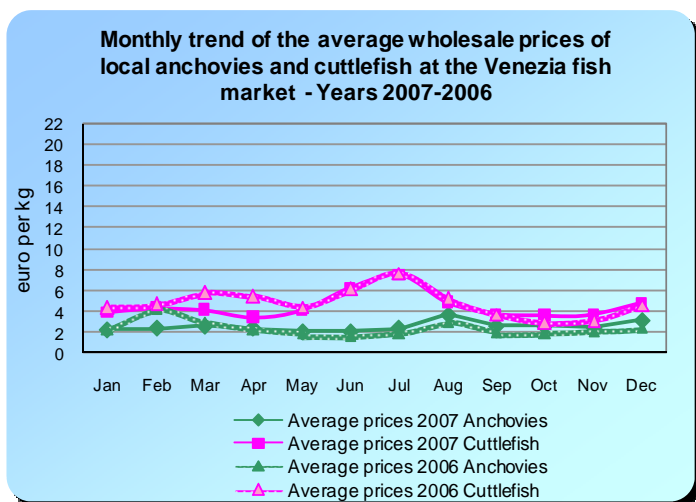
Marano Lagunare is characterised by a production which is mainly orientated towards shellfish. In 2007, values similar to those of previous years were registered for all the different fish species considered, except in a few cases: in 2007 prices of spottail mantis squillids peaked in May, not March, and were slightly lower.



At the Chioggia fish market, the price trend for anchovies and pilchards was all but steady during the two years considered. There was some variability in the prices of spottail mantis squillids and cuttlefish.



The Venice fish market, the only terminal market in the High Adriatic area, registers prices which are very similar to those of Chioggia. A linear, steady trend is shown for anchovies and pilchards, and marked fluctuation for spottail mantis squillids and cuttlefish.

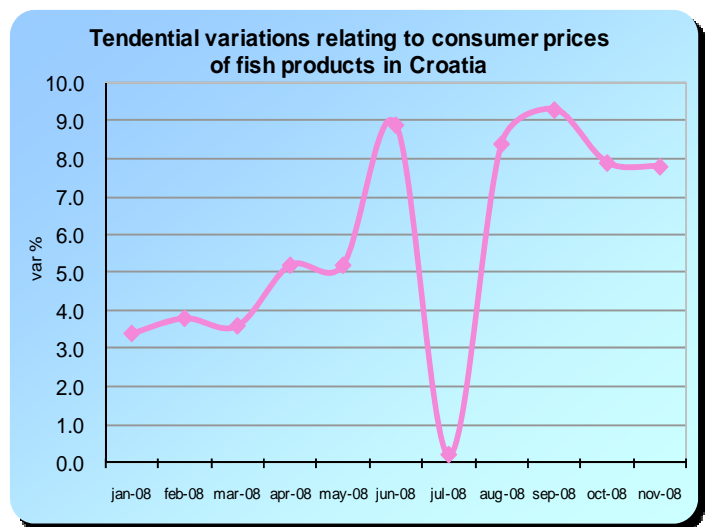
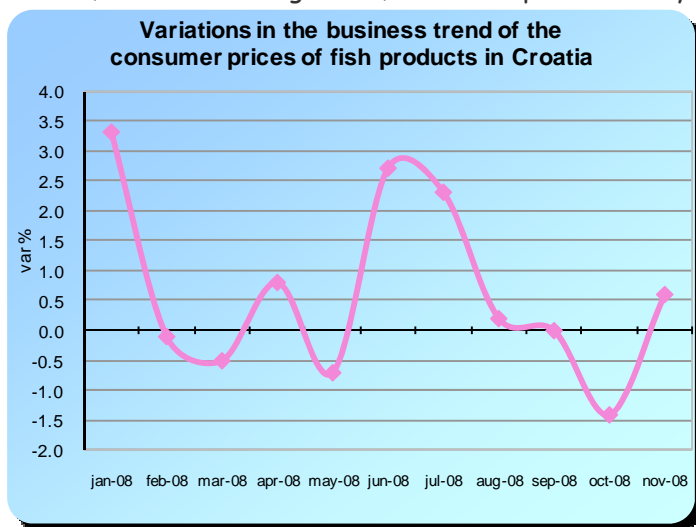


It is not possible to put together the same detailed information for the situation in the Balkan regions as it is for the Italian ones. The data pertaining to prices in Slovenia show values in line with those of Italy for fatty fish, i.e. anchovies and pilchards. On average, much higher values are registered for the price of cuttlefish and lower for the spottail mantis squillid.

### Prices of some fish species in Slovenia - year 2007

	Quantities (tonnes)	Values (Euros)	Price (€/kg)
European anchovy	407	521'228	1.28
European pilchard	249	292'770	1.17
Common cuttlefish	41	285'479	7.03
Spottail mantis squillid	7	30'471	4.12

Upon analysis of the variations in both the business trend and the tendential values of prices of fish products in Croatia for the first eleven months of 2008, it became apparent that prices fluctuate considerably during the course of the year, peaking in January and June. Instead, if the variations are compared with the same month of 2007, there is a rising trend, with a drop around July only.



Source: Processed by the Socio-Economic Fishing Observatory for the High Adriatic Sea based on the data provided by Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia and Central Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Croatia

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