

COUNTRY DATA: Population 60,980,202 (July 1988)

Area: 248,580 km².

Pop. Density: 248 persons per square km.

Major cities: Bonn, Berlin, Bremen, Cologne, Dortmund, Dusseldorf, Essen, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hanover, Kiel, Main/Wiesbaden, Mannheim, Ludwigshafen, Munich, Nuremberg, Saarbrucken, Stuttgart.

GNP: US\$908.3 billion

GNP per capita: US\$14,890

Economy: Free Market Economy

Currency: Deutsche Mark (DM)

Weights and Measures: Metric System. There are no unusual measures or terminology, except for certain archaic terms still occasionally found in agriculture.

Language: German

Religion: 45% Roman Catholic, 44% Protestant, 11% Other.

Constitutional system: Basic Law (Grundgesetz) of Federal Republic of Germany. May 23, 1949 - Provisional Constitution. Government is Federal Republic.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DOMESTIC FISHERY

Resources: In 1987, the fishing quotas of the FRG amounted to 370,000 tonnes (204,000 tonnes in EEC waters and 166,000 tonnes in external waters). Deep-sea fisheries received 257,000 tonnes of the overall quota (of which 196,000 tonnes were accounted for by traditional species) and cutter fisheries received 113,000 tonnes (of which 106,000 tonnes were accounted for by traditional species). A considerable part of the quotas could not be caught due to particular biological or hydrological reasons, to an uneconomic situation as well as to a lack of abundance of fish resulting from overfishing.

At the end of 1987, the FRG large deep-sea fisheries consisted of 17 units with a total of about 25,000 GRT, of which 5 are freezers, 9 wetfish trawlers and 3 Dutch herring freezers flying the German flag. The cutter fleet, with about 650 units and approximately 24,000 GRT, remained unchanged from 1986.

Management: The EC Fisheries Council takes decisions on behalf of EC Member States on fisheries management measures for Community, third country and international waters. 1987 Total Allowable Catches (TAC's) and quotas reflect the Community's ongoing policy of ensuring as far as possible the stability of fishing activities while taking into account scientists' advice