



# The Nordic Flatfish project

## Workshop

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The Faroese flatfish value chains

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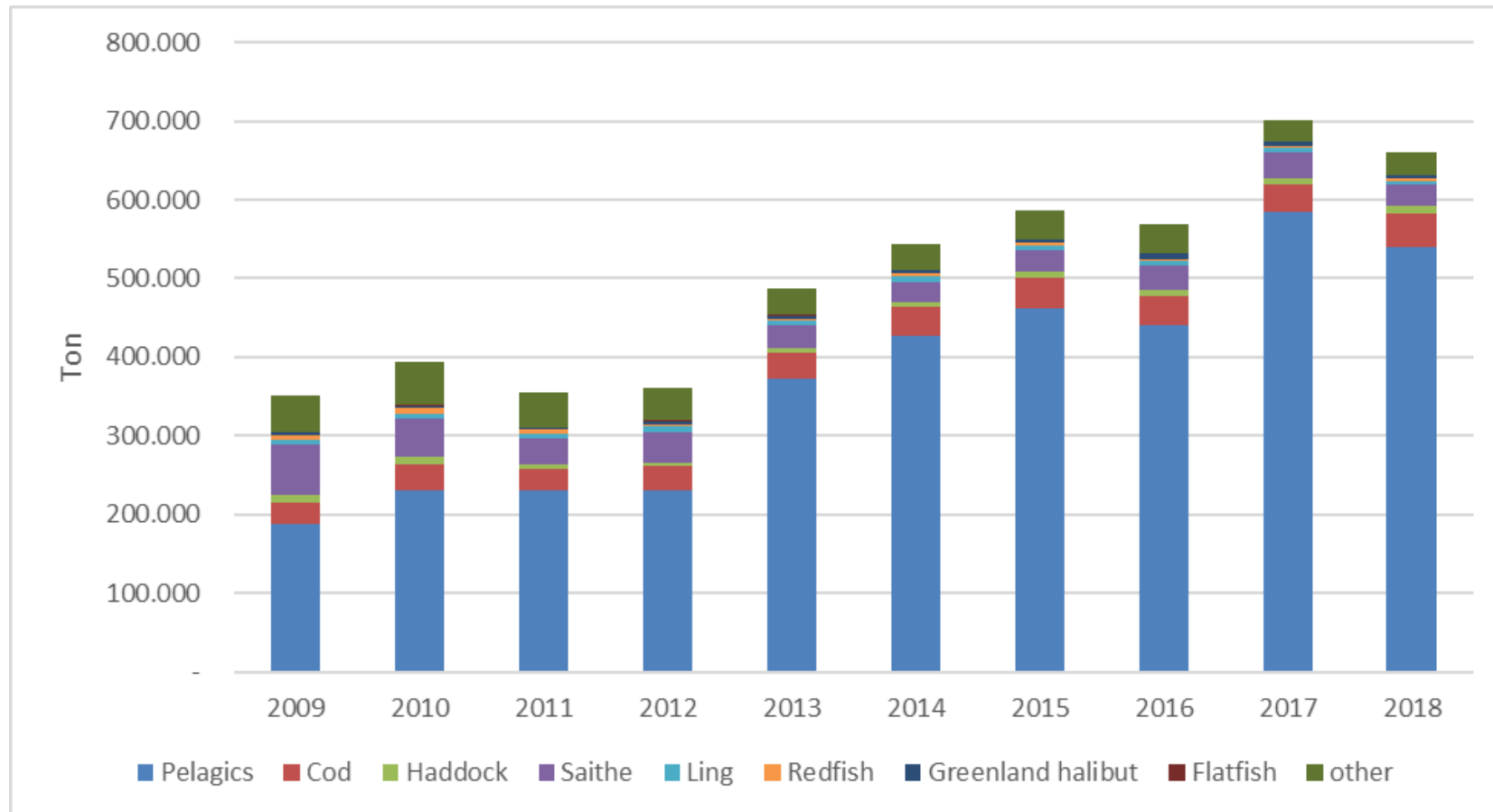
# Overview

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# Current situation – Faroese catches



Faroese fisheries are dominated by the pelagic sector, but other large sectors include the Barents sea cod fishery, Faroe plateau saithe fishery.....The flatfish sector is however very small

# Current situation – Faroese catches in 2018

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The North sea and Kattegat	-	15.556	646	6.998	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	998
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The Irminger sea and Hattonbank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
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43% of total catches in Faroese waters

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0,7% Flatfish species of which Greenland halibut accounts for 0,6%

Plaice, sole, dab and Atlantic Halibut account only for 0,1% of total catches (620 tons)

# Sources of raw material

- Very little flatfish landed in Faroe Islands and processing industry therefore small. Almost everything exported whole, either fresh or frozen

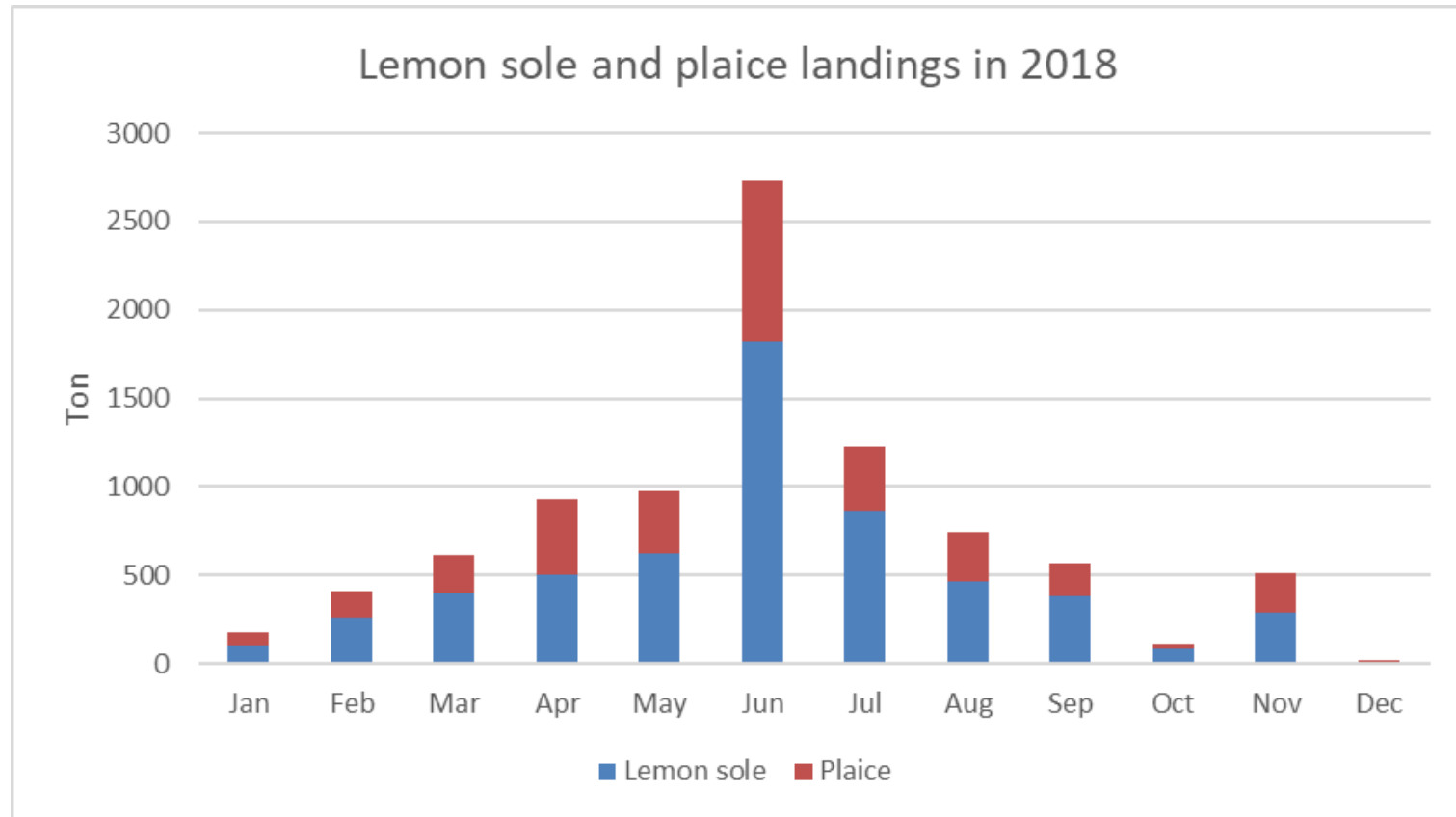


# Stock status

- Could not find that out .....yet

# Fluctuations in supply

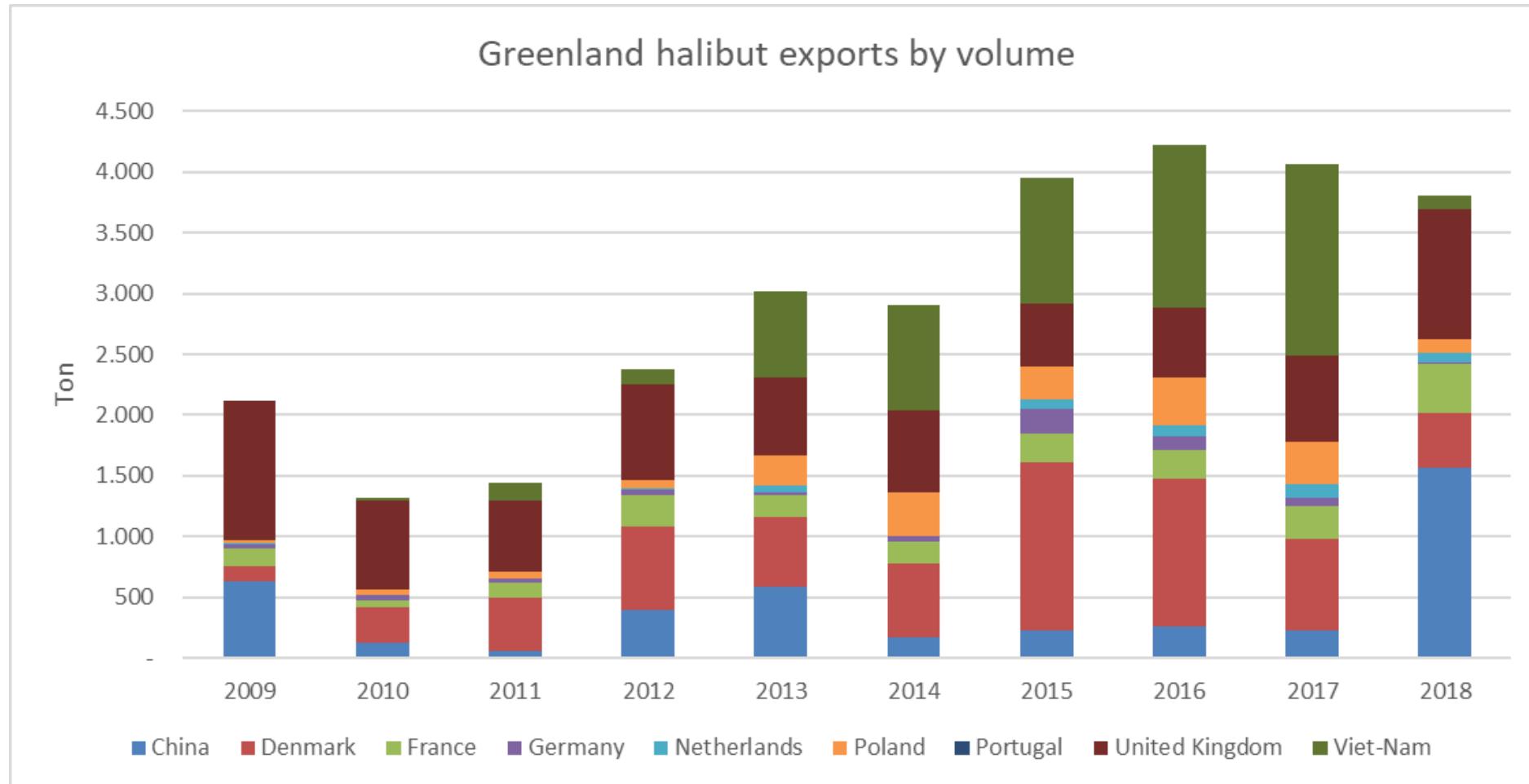
- Very seasonal fishery



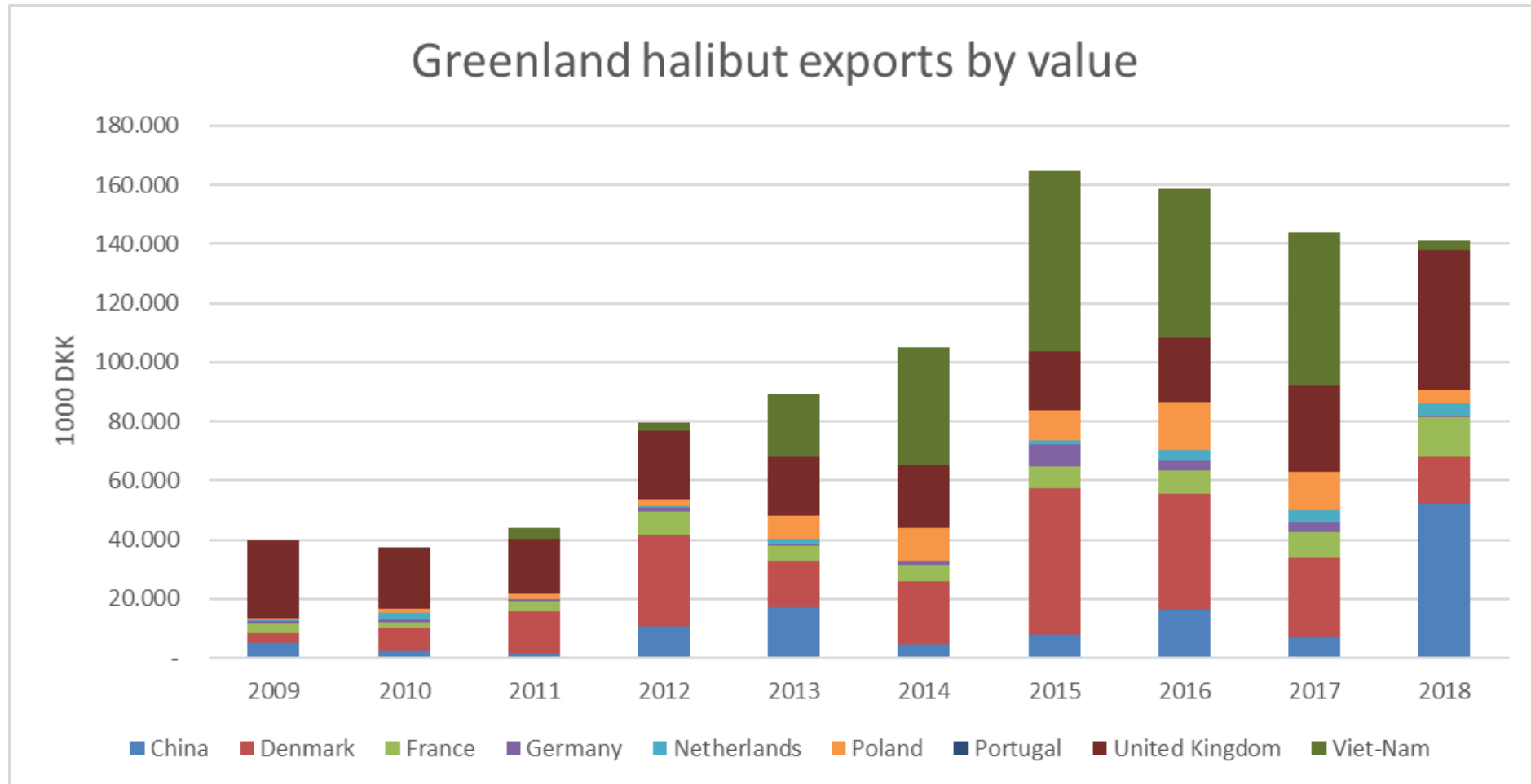
# Quotas, processing, products and technology

- Geographical distribution of suppliers and size of suppliers / quotas
  - The Faroese manage their demersal fisheries primarily by effort restrictions, so in theory there is no quota (TAC) for flatfish species.
  - Catches of flatfish (with the exception of Greenland halibut) are mostly bycatches.
  - Due to small total amounts and the nature of the fishery, there are hardly any major suppliers or buyers of flatfish.
  - Mainstay of flatfish catches (excluding Greenland halibut) are sold at local fish markets.
- Processing and products
  - Whole fresh/frozen and fillets fresh/frozen
- Technological status of national processors
  - Hand filleting

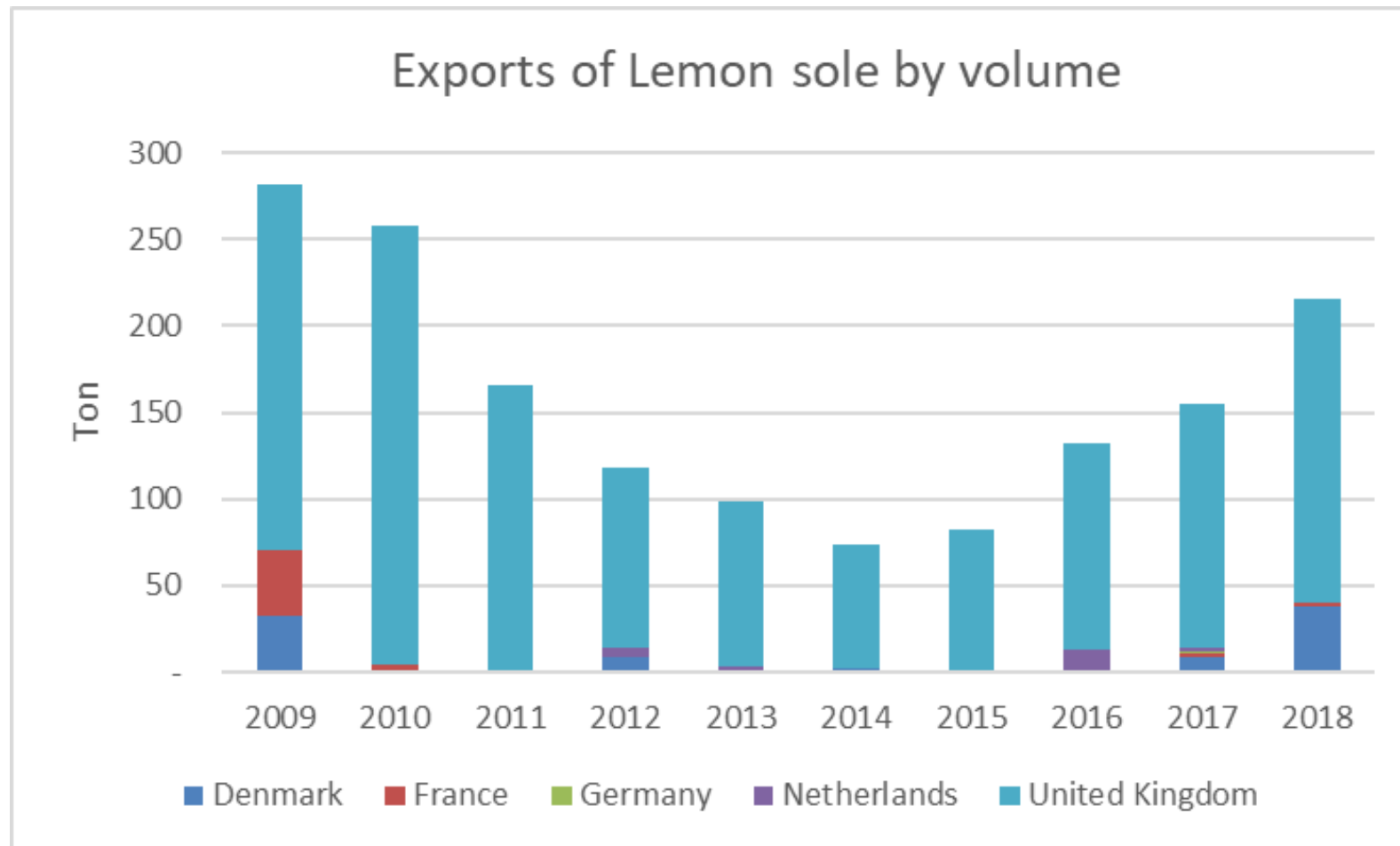
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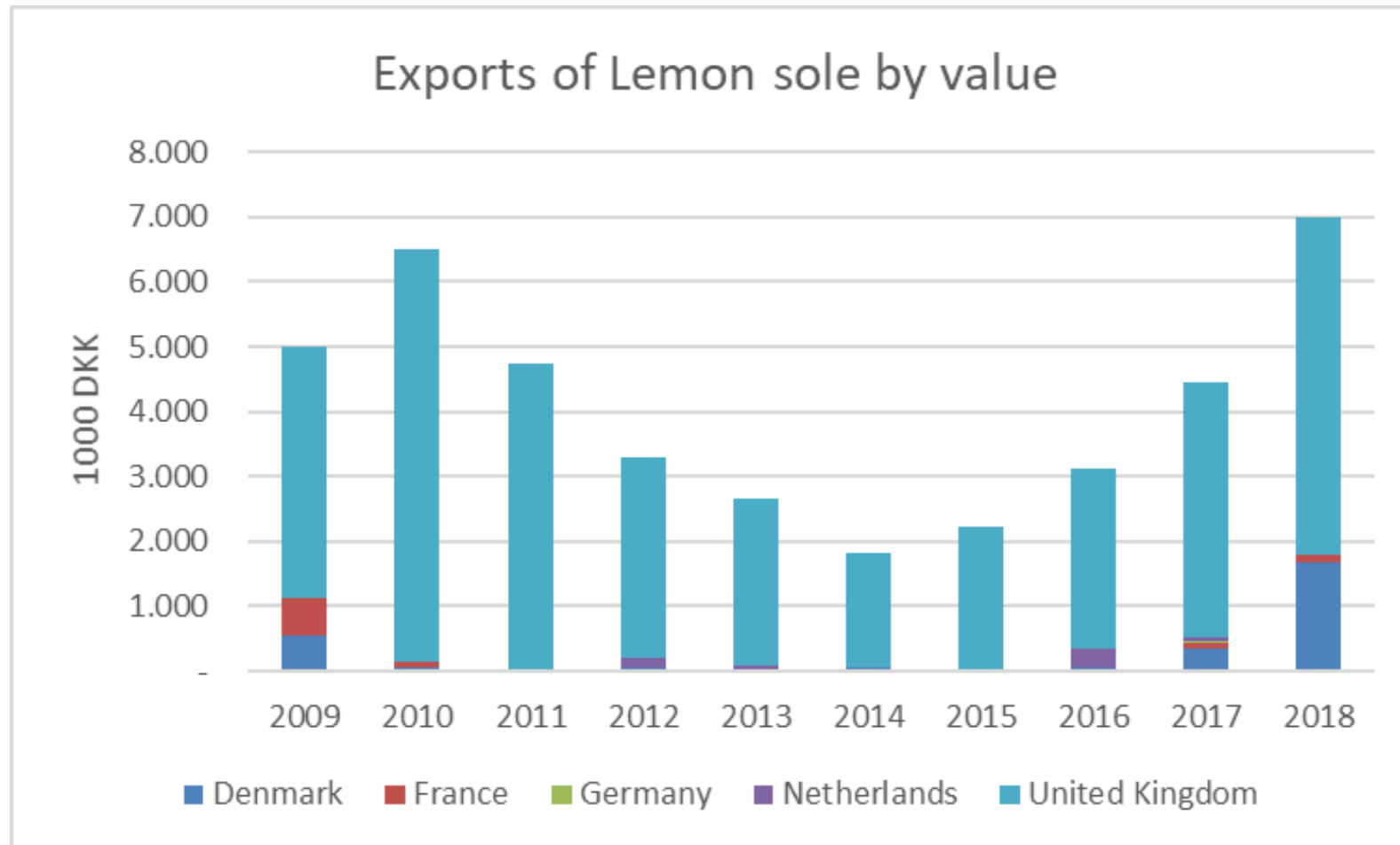
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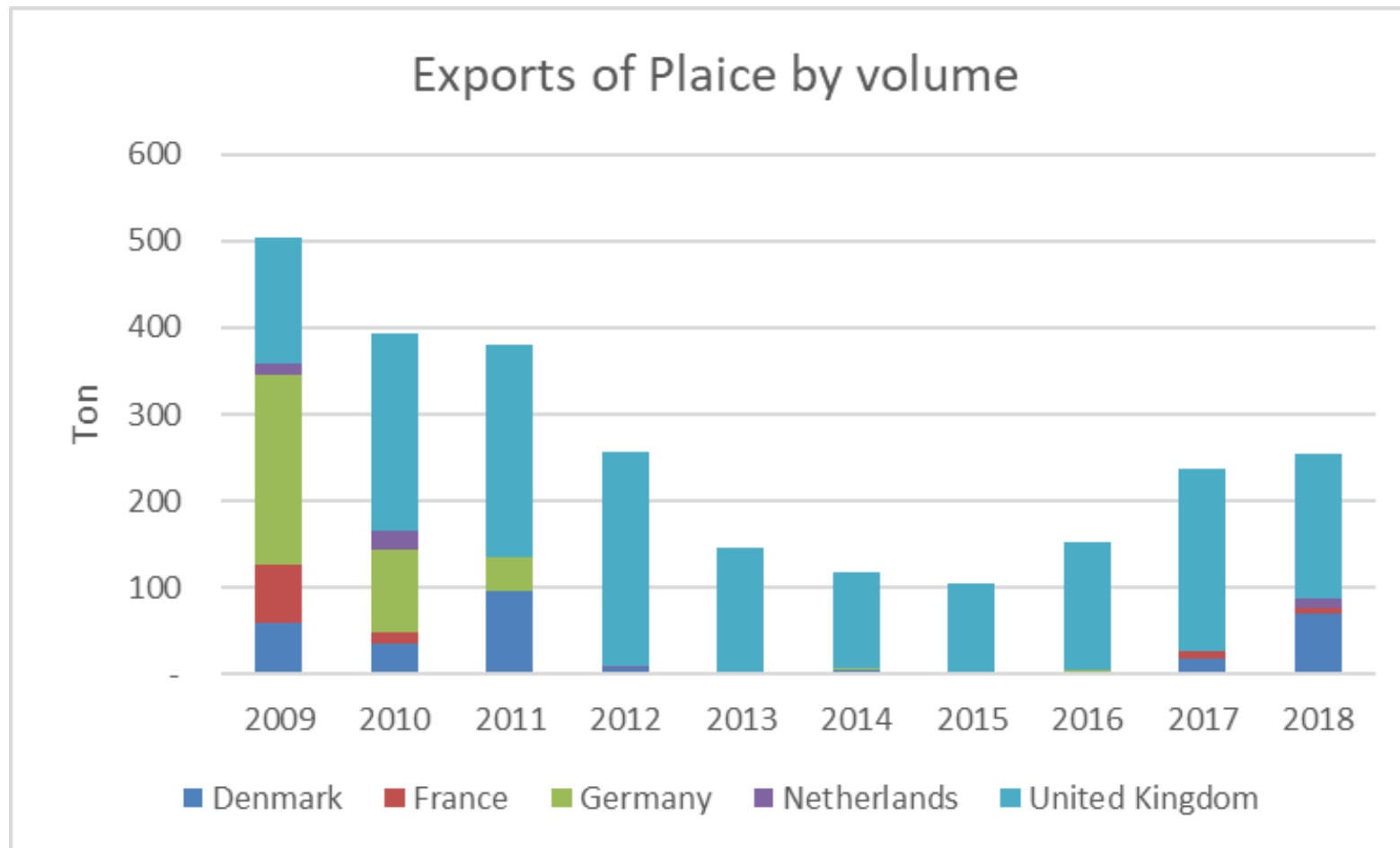
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261 t.

Exports 2018  
216 t.

# Markets (export) – Lemon sole



# Markets (export) – Plaice

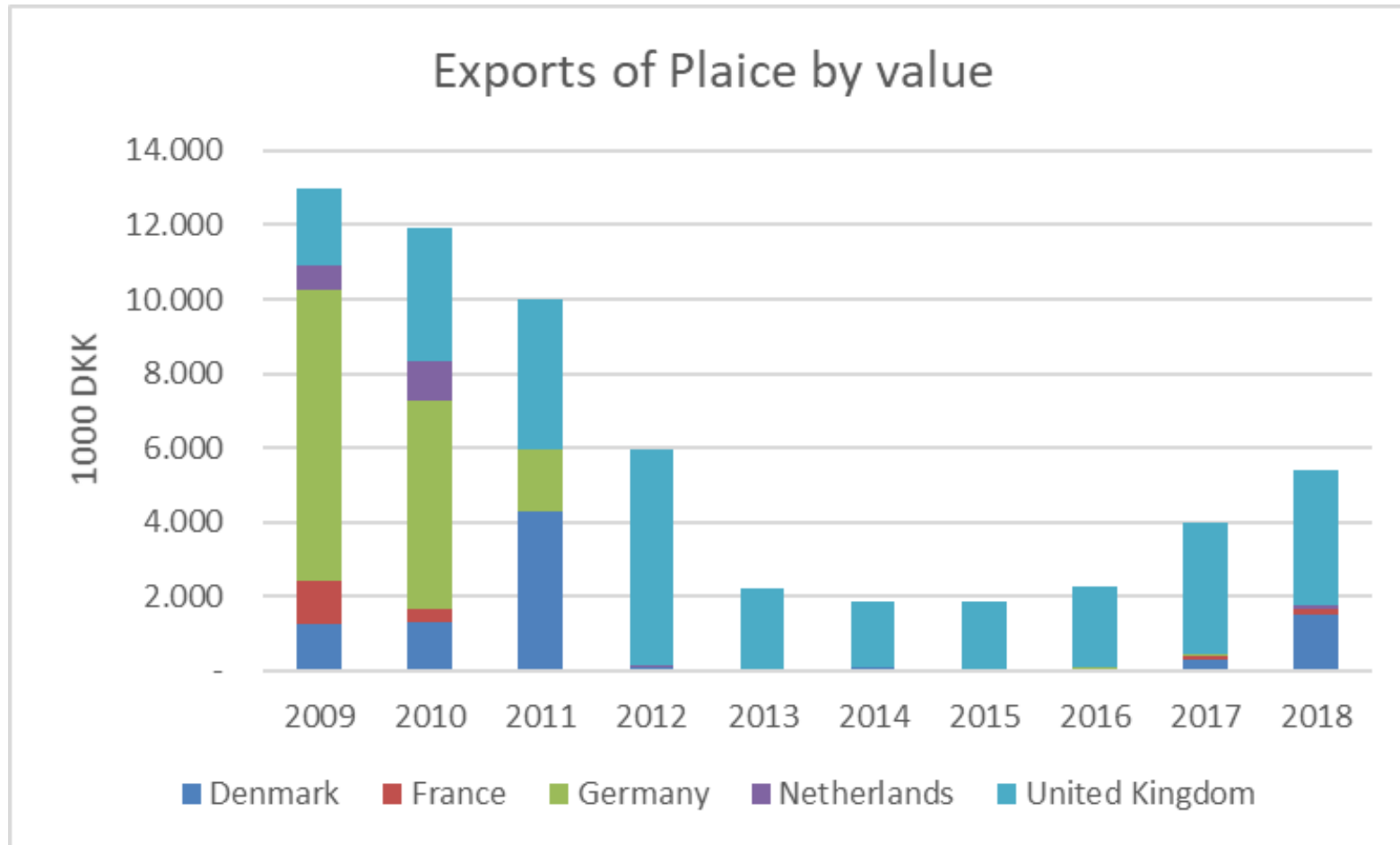


Catches 2018  
291 t.

Exports 2018  
254 t.



# Markets (export) – Plaice



# Outlook and Conclusions

- The Faroese flatfish sector is very small
  - Dominated by Greenland halibut.
  - Some catches in Lemon sole and Plaice
  - Almost all exported whole/unprocessed
  - Very seasonal supply
- **Unlikely that there will be significant opportunities in increasing processing in Faroe Islands due to small volumes and uneven supply**

Sources: Statistics Faroe Islands

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