



Analysis

International Frogs' Legs Trade

A new study [“Canapés to Extinction - The International Trade in Frogs' Legs and its Ecological Impact”](#), prepared by [Pro Wildlife, Defenders of Wildlife](#) and the [Animal Welfare Institute](#), highlights the worldwide trade with frog legs and its consequences: frogs are threatened with extinction.

The following analysis gives an update for the EU-Intra-Extra Trade in 2010.

In 2010 the European Union imported more than 5,000 tonnes of frog legs from Indonesia, Vietnam, Turkey and Albania. This amount reflects an equivalent of about 100-250 million frogs, mostly caught in the wilderness.

In 2010 the main importing countries in the

European Union were Belgium, with 3,790 tonnes, followed by France 927 tonnes and Italy 406 tonnes. However, French Intra-EU frog legs imports - richly 2,386-3,312 tonnes from Belgium - were reported, too.

Here the statistics vary significantly between the official values, depending whether they are listed as France's imports from Belgium or Belgium's exports to France. Even in the case of the Netherlands with 223 tonnes, Spain 198 tonnes and Germany 94 tonnes, only the export statistics identifies their significant demand for frog legs.

The Pro Wildlife study shows data for the decade 1999-2009. [Here the latest 2010 Intra-Extra-EU Trade data figures in frogs legs trade could also be monitored now.](#)