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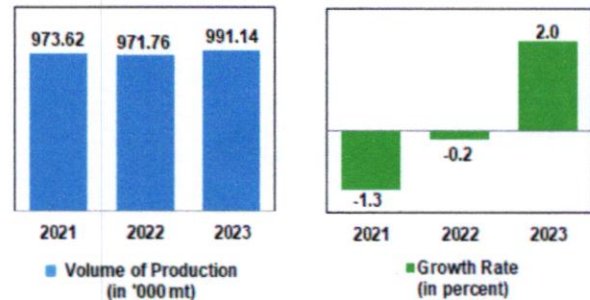
FISHERIES SITUATION REPORT January to March 2023

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Fisheries production increased by 2.0 percent in the first quarter of 2023

In the first quarter of 2023, the volume of fisheries production was recorded at 991.14 thousand metric tons. This reflects an increase of 2.0 percent compared with the 971.76 thousand metric tons output in the same period of the previous year. Production increases were noted in marine municipal fisheries and aquaculture subsectors, while commercial and inland municipal fisheries subsectors reported setbacks. (Figure 1 and Table 1)

Figure 1. Volume and Annual Growth Rate of Fisheries Production Philippines: January to March 2021 to 2023^P

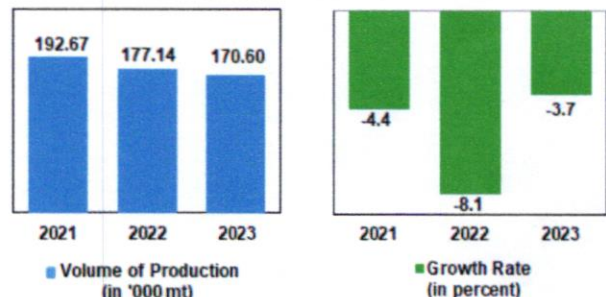


P - preliminary
 mt - metric ton

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (QCFS), Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey (QMFS), Quarterly Inland Fisheries Survey (QIFS), and Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (QAqS)

Commercial fisheries production was estimated at 170.60 thousand metric tons during the period, which indicates a decline of -3.7 percent from the 177.14 thousand metric tons recorded production in the same period of 2022. The subsector contributed 17.2 percent to the total fisheries production during the quarter. (Figure 2 and Table 1)

Figure 2. Volume and Annual Growth Rate of Commercial Fisheries Production, Philippines: January to March 2021 to 2023^P



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, QCFS

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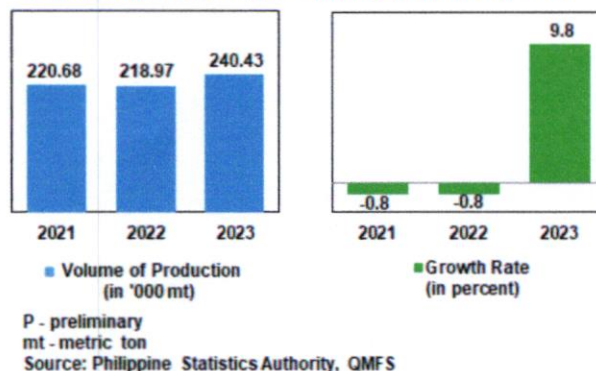


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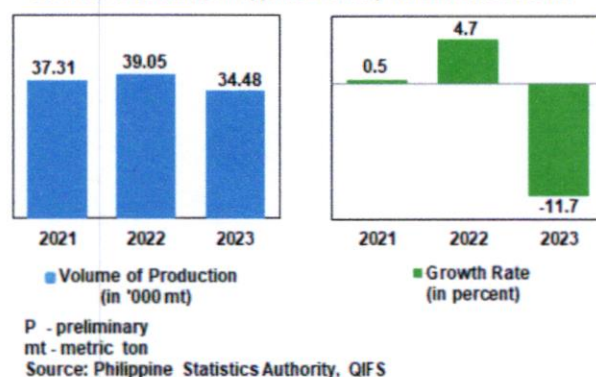
The marine municipal fisheries output reached 240.43 thousand metric tons during the first quarter of the year. This was 9.8 percent higher than the same quarter of 2022 level of 218.97 thousand metric tons. The subsector's share to the total fisheries production during the period was 24.3 percent. (Figure 3 and Table 1)

Figure 3. Volume and Annual Growth Rate of Marine Municipal Fisheries Production, Philippines: January to March 2021 to 2023^P



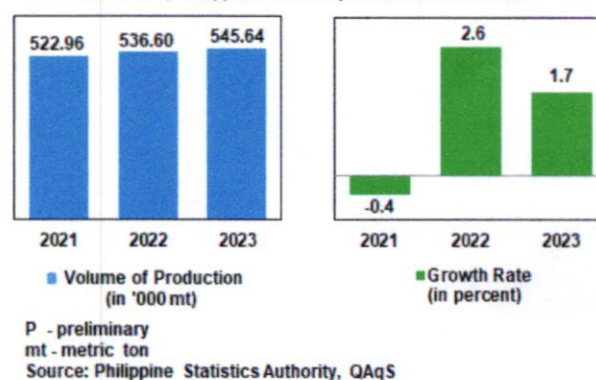
Inland municipal fisheries production recorded an output of 34.48 thousand metric tons during the quarter. This exhibited a decline of -11.7 percent from the same period of the previous year's estimate of 39.05 thousand metric tons. Of the total fisheries production during the quarter, inland municipal fisheries comprised 3.5 percent. (Figure 4 and Table 1)

Figure 4. Volume and Annual Growth Rate of Inland Municipal Fisheries Production, Philippines: January to March 2021 to 2023^P



During the first quarter of 2023, aquaculture production was registered at 545.64 thousand metric tons, which was higher by 1.7 percent compared with the previous year's same quarter output of 536.60 thousand metric tons. Aquaculture subsector constituted the biggest share of 55.1 percent to the total fisheries production during the period. (Figure 5 and Table 1)


Figure 5. Volume and Annual Growth Rate of Aquaculture Production, Philippines: January to March 2021 to 2023^P



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Of the 20 major species, increases in production were mainly noted in tilapia (10.8%), milkfish (bangus, 6.6%), squid (pusit, 18.2%), and big-eyed scad (matangbaka, 5.9%). (Table 2)

On the other hand, significant declines in production were primarily reported in frigate tuna (tulingan, -29.0%), roundscad (galunggong, -13.5%), and seaweed (-1.0%). (Table 2)



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Table 1. Volume of Fisheries Production by Subsector: Philippines, January to March 2021 - 2023^P

Subsector	Volume of Production (metric tons)			Percent Change (%)		Percent Share to Total Volume of Fisheries Production (%)
	2021	2022	2023 ^P	2022/2021	2023 ^P /2022	2023
Fisheries	973,622.41	971,763.46	991,136.74	-0.2	2.0	100.0
Commercial Fisheries	192,672.43	177,143.30	170,595.52	-8.1	-3.7	17.2
Municipal Fisheries	257,991.46	258,015.51	274,904.85	0.01	6.6	27.7
Marine	220,678.52	218,965.16	240,425.61	-0.8	9.8	24.3
Inland	37,312.94	39,050.35	34,479.24	4.7	-11.7	3.5
Aquaculture	522,958.52	536,604.65	545,636.37	2.6	1.7	55.1

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Note: Percent change and percent share may yield different results when computed manually due to rounding.

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey, Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey, Quarterly Inland Fisheries Survey, and Quarterly Aquaculture Survey

Table 2. Volume of Fisheries Production by Species: Philippines, January to March 2021 - 2023^P

Species	Volume of Production (metric tons)			Percent Change (%)		Percent Share to Total Volume of Fisheries Production (%)
	2021	2022	2023 ^P	2022/2021	2023 ^P /2022	2023
Fisheries	973,622.41	971,763.46	991,136.74	-0.2	2.0	100.0
Milkfish (Bangus)	67,219.23	58,696.47	62,570.48	-12.7	6.6	6.3
Tilapia	96,614.98	90,439.69	100,226.48	-6.4	10.8	10.1
Tiger prawn (Sugpo)	8,281.23	7,348.86	5,566.79	-11.3	-24.3	0.6
Skipjack (Gulyasan)	67,658.80	53,898.22	54,684.21	-20.3	1.5	5.5
Roundscad (Galunggong)	41,632.37	40,793.41	35,287.78	-2.0	-13.5	3.6
Seaweed	339,505.33	370,483.64	366,757.45	9.1	-1.0	37.0
Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	17,081.94	18,357.81	19,281.59	7.5	5.0	1.9
Mudcrab (Alimango)	8,231.83	6,188.17	3,860.10	-24.8	-37.6	0.4
Frigate tuna (Tulingan)	22,889.92	21,693.57	15,408.85	-5.2	-29.0	1.6
Big-eyed scad (Matangbaka)	26,797.04	25,232.66	26,728.40	-5.8	5.9	2.7
Bali sardinella (Tamban)	55,953.86	55,633.06	55,595.81	-0.6	-0.1	5.6
Squid (Pusit)	10,369.16	11,559.88	13,667.12	11.5	18.2	1.4
Blue crab (Alimasag)	6,600.94	6,052.34	6,685.84	-8.3	10.5	0.7
Bigeye tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	3,527.11	3,827.98	2,487.88	8.5	-35.0	0.3
Grouper (Lapu-lapu)	3,759.34	4,000.37	4,163.67	6.4	4.1	0.4
Indian mackerel (Alumahan)	12,448.12	11,622.60	9,160.34	-6.6	-21.2	0.9
Threadfin bream (Bisugo)	8,148.26	10,818.46	8,331.34	32.8	-23.0	0.8
Slipmouth (Sapsap)	9,161.66	8,127.55	6,111.95	-11.3	-24.8	0.6
Cavalla (Talakitok)	6,317.41	5,908.35	4,973.75	-6.5	-15.8	0.5
Fimbriated sardines (Tunsoy)	10,763.28	9,305.37	8,233.70	-13.6	-11.5	0.8
Others	150,660.60	151,775.02	181,353.21	0.7	19.5	18.3

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