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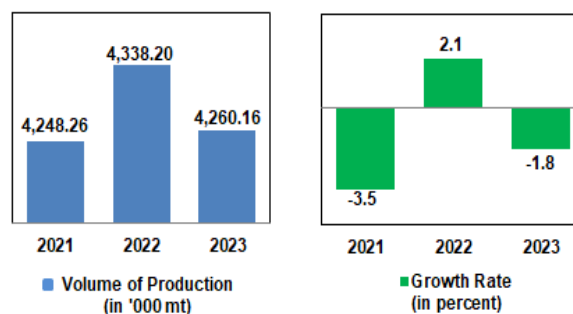
FISHERIES SITUATION REPORT January to December 2023

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Fisheries production declined by 1.8 percent in 2023

The total volume of fisheries production in 2023 was registered at 4.26 million metric tons. It indicates an annual decrease of 1.8 percent from the 4.34 million metric tons output in 2022. Decreases in production were noted for commercial, marine municipal fisheries, and inland municipal fisheries subsectors. Only aquaculture subsector reported annual increment in production. (Figure 1 and Table 1)

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

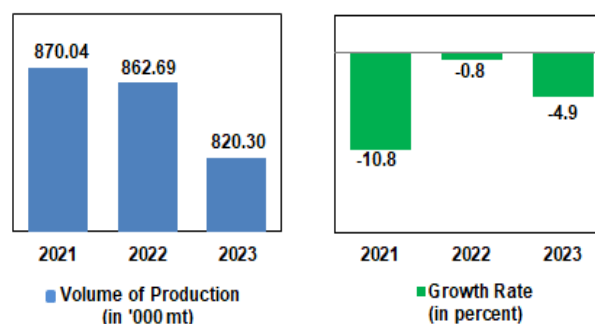


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Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (QCFS), Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey (QMFS), Quarterly Inland Fisheries Survey (QIFS), and Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (QAqS)

The commercial fisheries production at 820.30 thousand metric tons in 2023 posted a 4.9 percent annual decline from the previous year's output of 862.69 thousand metric tons. The subsector comprised 19.3 percent of the total fisheries production in 2023. (Figure 2 and Table 1)

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

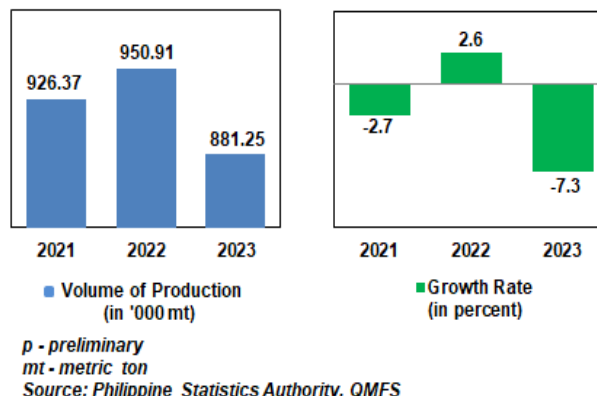


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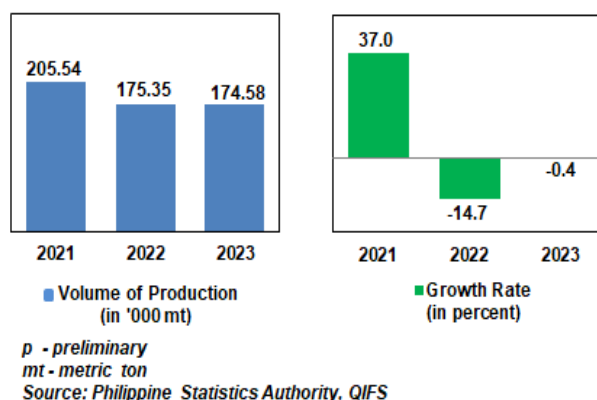
On marine municipal fisheries, the total volume of production was estimated at 881.25 thousand metric tons in 2023. This was 7.3 percent lower than the 2022 level of 950.91 thousand metric tons. The subsector's share to the total fisheries production in 2023 was 20.7 percent. (Figure 3 and Table 1)

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



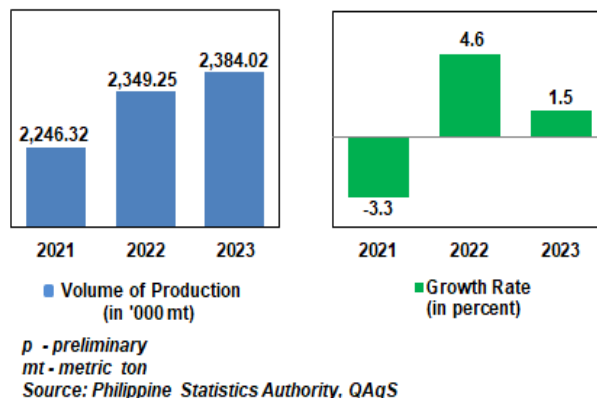
During the year, inland municipal fisheries production was recorded at 174.58 thousand metric tons. It went down by 0.4 percent from the previous year's estimate of 175.35 thousand metric tons. The subsector contributed 4.1 percent to the total fisheries production in 2023. (Figure 4 and Table 1)

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



Aquaculture production was registered at 2.38 million metric tons in 2023. This was higher by 1.5 percent from the previous year's output of 2.35 million metric tons. The aquaculture subsector constituted the biggest share of 56.0 percent to the total fisheries production in 2023. (Figure 5 and Table 1)

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



Of the 20 major species, output reductions were primarily noted in milkfish (bangus, -8.9%), skipjack (gulyasan, -18.8%), frigate tuna (tulingan, -13.3%), fimbriated sardines (tunsoy, -33.5%), and threadfin bream (bisugo, -21.2%). (Table 2)

On the other hand, increments were mainly reported in seaweed (5.3%), roundscad (galunggong, 11.2%), indian mackerel (alumahan, 17.6%), and yellowfin tuna (tambakol/bariles, 6.6%). (Table 2)



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Table 1. Volume of Fisheries Production by Subsector: Philippines, January to December 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	4,248,261.40	4,338,198.60	4,260,158.19	2.1	-1.8	100.0
Commercial Fisheries	870,038.30	862,686.33	820,302.59	-0.8	-4.9	19.3
Municipal Fisheries	1,131,907.32	1,126,260.25	1,055,834.20	-0.5	-6.3	24.8
Marine	926,368.90	950,908.69	881,253.04	2.6	-7.3	20.7
Inland	205,538.42	175,351.56	174,581.15	-14.7	-0.4	4.1
Aquaculture	2,246,315.78	2,349,252.01	2,384,021.41	4.6	1.5	56.0

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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 December 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	4,248,261.40	4,338,198.60	4,260,158.19	2.1	-1.8	100.0
Milkfish (Bangus)	446,382.19	390,098.30	355,425.87	-12.6	-8.9	8.3
Tilapia	340,071.42	303,953.10	307,878.28	-10.6	1.3	7.2
Tiger prawn (Sugpo)	42,255.64	33,960.06	27,362.52	-19.6	-19.4	0.6
Skipjack (Gulyasan)	243,136.54	256,837.26	208,543.88	5.6	-18.8	4.9
Roundscad (Galunggong)	181,516.46	172,268.17	191,477.79	-5.1	11.2	4.5
Seaweed	1,343,706.55	1,544,959.87	1,626,245.11	15.0	5.3	38.2
Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	74,131.49	84,755.06	90,365.97	14.3	6.6	2.1
Mudcrab (Alimango)	26,503.08	18,870.28	15,603.77	-28.8	-17.3	0.4
Frigate tuna (Tulingan)	93,783.72	84,012.67	72,856.43	-10.4	-13.3	1.7
Big-eyed scad (Matangbaka)	108,339.09	112,743.90	120,464.18	4.1	6.8	2.8
Bali sardinella (Tamban)	321,448.92	280,508.70	275,054.80	-12.7	-1.9	6.5
Squid (Pusit)	46,445.02	57,302.61	51,366.30	23.4	-10.4	1.2
Blue crab (Alimasag)	32,216.86	25,508.34	22,000.67	-20.8	-13.8	0.5
Bigeye tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	17,313.25	19,039.62	14,256.39	10.0	-25.1	0.3
Grouper (Lapu-lapu)	20,346.86	19,530.13	15,882.67	-4.0	-18.7	0.4
Indian mackerel (Alumahan)	50,664.30	40,937.82	48,124.43	-19.2	17.6	1.1
Threadfin bream (Bisugo)	35,286.68	33,973.38	26,769.76	-3.7	-21.2	0.6
Slipmouth (Sapsap)	39,704.63	33,920.46	29,445.61	-14.6	-13.2	0.7
Cavalla (Talakitok)	28,165.55	25,003.75	21,720.65	-11.2	-13.1	0.5
Fimbriated sardines (Tunsoy)	44,153.97	49,674.89	33,035.84	12.5	-33.5	0.8
Others	712,689.18	750,340.23	706,277.27	5.3	-5.9	16.6

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