

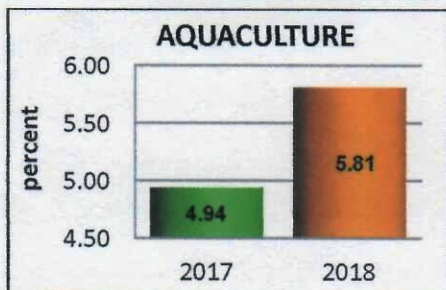
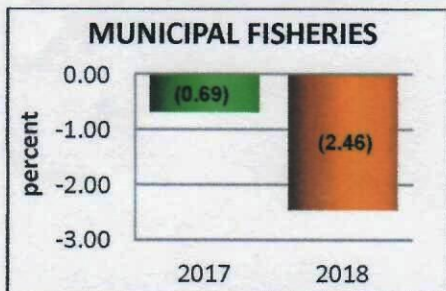
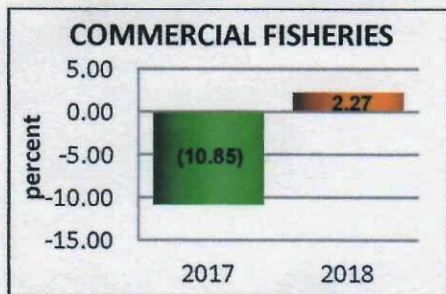
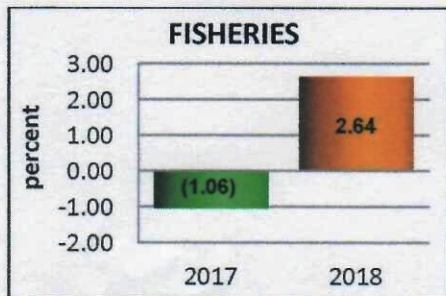


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## FISHERIES QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT, April to June 2018

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During the second quarter of 2018, total volume of production for fisheries was estimated at 1.13 million metric tons with a positive growth of 2.64 percent from its previous year's mark. Of the three subsectors, commercial fisheries and aquaculture pulled up its output while municipal fisheries subsector displayed downtrend. Of the major species, improvements in output were displayed by tilapia, skipjack and seaweed with 0.15, 0.51 and 2.28 percent, respectively. However, reductions were traced from milkfish (0.34%), tiger prawn (0.05%), roundscad (0.32%) and yellowfin tuna (0.06%).

Commercial fisheries recorded its volume at 287.68 thousand metric tons which was 2.27 percent more than its level a year ago. The increment was attributed to more unloading of skipjack for canneries in General Santos City Fish Port in SOCCSKSARGEN. Likewise, there were more unloading of fish species in Navotas Fish Port as a result of conservation measures previously implemented in Visayan Sea and Zamboanga Peninsula fishing grounds.

For municipal fisheries, a 2.46 percent decline was reported in the volume of production. The 295.64 thousand metric tons output was comprised of 86.40 percent marine fisheries while the rest was contributed by inland fisheries. The decline was due to less fishing efforts brought about by weather disturbances that prevailed during the period.

Harvests from aquaculture farms accumulated to 550.01 thousand metric tons which indicated a 5.81 percent increase for the quarter. Growth rates were achieved in Central Luzon and MIMAROPA Region through various BFAR-LGU interventions of distribution of fingerlings and other planting materials. Favorable weather conditions also prevailed during the period.

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