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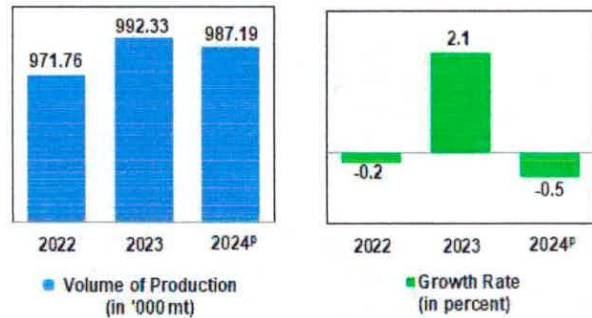
FISHERIES SITUATION REPORT January to March 2024

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Fisheries production declined by 0.5 percent in the first quarter of 2024

The total volume of fisheries production in the first quarter of 2024 was registered at 987.19 thousand metric tons. It declined by 0.5 percent from the 992.33 thousand metric tons output in the same quarter of the previous year. The decrease in production was noted in marine municipal fisheries, while commercial, inland municipal fisheries, and aquaculture reported increments in production during the period. (Figure 1 and Table 1)

Figure 1. Volume and Annual Growth Rate of Fisheries Production, Philippines: January to March 2022 to 2024^p

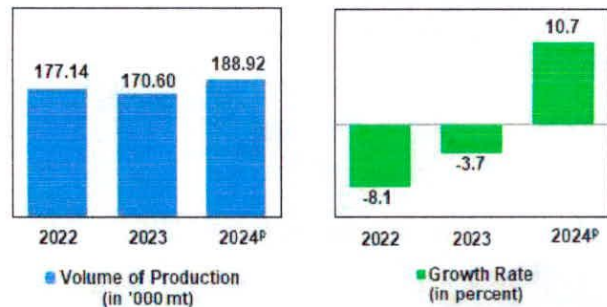


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Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (QCFS), Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey (QMFS), Quarterly Inland Fisheries Survey (QIFS), and Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (QAQS)

The commercial fisheries production at 188.92 thousand metric tons posted a 10.7 percent increment from the previous year's same quarter output of 170.60 thousand metric tons. The subsector comprised 19.1 percent of the total fisheries production. (Figure 2 and Table 1)

Figure 2. Volume and Annual Growth Rate of Commercial Fisheries Production, Philippines: January to March 2022 to 2024^p



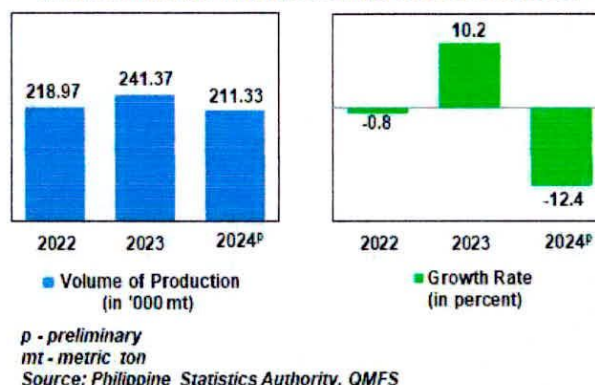
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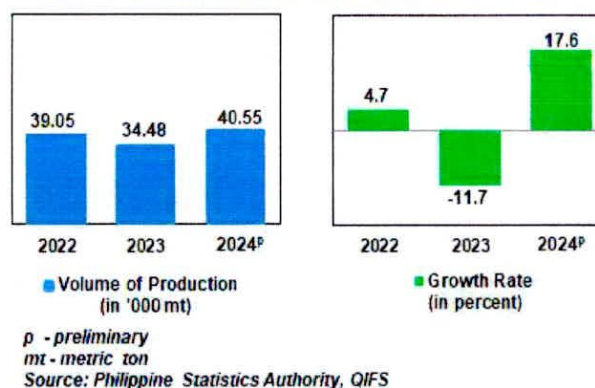
On marine municipal fisheries, the total volume of production was estimated at 211.33 thousand metric tons in the first quarter of 2024. This was 12.4 percent lower than the previous year's same quarter level of 241.37 thousand metric tons. The subsector's share to the total fisheries production in the first quarter on 2024 was 21.4 percent. (Figure 3 and Table 1)

Figure 3. Volume and Annual Growth Rate of Marine Municipal Fisheries Production, Philippines: January to March 2022 to 2024^P



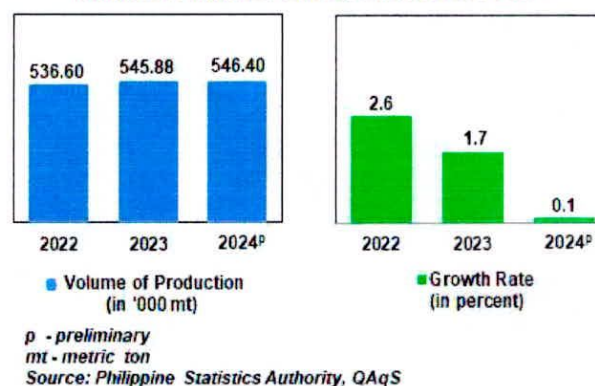
During the quarter, inland municipal fisheries production was recorded at 40.55 thousand metric tons. It increased by 17.6 percent from the previous year's same quarter estimate of 34.48 thousand metric tons. The subsector contributed 4.1 percent to the total fisheries production in the first quarter of 2024. (Figure 4 and Table 1)

Figure 4. Volume and Annual Growth Rate of Inland Municipal Fisheries Production, Philippines: January to March 2022 to 2024^P



Aquaculture production was registered at 546.40 thousand metric tons in the first quarter of 2024. This was 0.1 percent higher than 545.88 thousand metric tons output in the same period of 2023. The aquaculture subsector constituted the highest share of 55.3 percent to the total fisheries production during the quarter. (Figure 5 and Table 1)

Figure 5. Volume and Annual Growth Rate of Aquaculture Production, Philippines: January to March 2022 to 2024^P



Of the 20 major species, output reductions were primarily noted in bali sardinella (tamban, -29.9%), milkfish (bangus, -7.6%), threadfin bream (bisugo, -37.2%), blue crab (alimasag, -29.5%), and seaweed (-0.4%). (Table 2)

On the other hand, increments were mainly reported in skipjack (gulyasan, 28.3%), tilapia (8.8%), frigate tuna (tulingan, 29.6%), fimbriated sardines (tunsoy, 45.1%), and yellowfin tuna (tambakol/bariles, 13.3%). (Table 2)

Note: More detailed data can be accessed at the PSA OpenSTAT portal at https://openstat.psa.gov.ph/PXWeb/pxweb/en/DB/DB__2E__FS/?tablelist=tue&rxid=bdf9d8da-96f1-4100-ae09-18cb3eae313t



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Table 1. Volume of Fisheries Production by Subsector: Philippines, January to March 2022 - 2024^p

Subsector	Volume of Production (metric tons)			Percent Change (%)		Percent Share to Total Volume of Fisheries Production (%)
	2022	2023	2024 ^p	2023/2022	2024 ^p /2023	2024
Fisheries	971,763.46	992,334.28	987,193.69	2.1	-0.5	100.0
Commercial Fisheries	177,143.30	170,602.32	188,917.68	-3.7	10.7	19.1
Municipal Fisheries	258,015.51	275,849.30	251,879.31	6.9	-8.7	25.5
Marine	218,965.16	241,370.05	211,328.98	10.2	-12.4	21.4
Inland	39,050.35	34,479.24	40,550.33	-11.7	17.6	4.1
Aquaculture	536,604.65	545,882.67	546,396.70	1.7	0.1	55.3

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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 2022 - 2024^p

Species	Volume of Production (metric tons)			Percent Change (%)		Percent Share to Total Volume of Fisheries Production (%)
	2022	2023	2024 ^p	2023/2022	2024 ^p /2023	2024
Fisheries	971,763.46	992,334.28	987,193.69	2.1	-0.5	100.0
Milkfish (Bangus)	58,696.47	62,816.78	58,027.06	7.0	-7.6	5.9
Tilapia	90,439.69	100,226.48	109,060.01	10.8	8.8	11.0
Tiger prawn (Sugpo)	7,348.86	5,566.79	5,599.08	-24.2	0.6	0.6
Skipjack (Gulyasan)	53,898.22	54,733.74	70,211.06	1.6	28.3	7.1
Roundscad (Galunggong)	40,793.41	35,380.90	37,497.21	-13.3	6.0	3.8
Seaweed	370,483.52	366,757.45	365,197.33	-1.0	-0.4	37.0
Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	18,357.81	19,367.74	21,936.61	5.5	13.3	2.2
Mudcrab (Alimango)	6,188.17	3,860.10	2,579.68	-37.6	-33.2	0.3
Frigate tuna (Tulingan)	21,693.57	15,496.59	20,086.53	-28.6	29.6	2.0
Big-eyed scad (Matangbaka)	25,232.66	26,752.43	25,332.62	6.0	-5.3	2.6
Bali sardinella (Tamban)	55,633.06	55,677.84	39,037.36	0.1	-29.9	4.0
Squid (Pusit)	11,559.88	13,648.87	13,033.66	18.1	-4.5	1.3
Blue crab (Alimasag)	6,052.34	6,699.42	4,721.42	10.7	-29.5	0.5
Bigeye tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	3,827.98	2,486.59	3,672.05	-35.0	47.7	0.4
Grouper (Lapu-lapu)	4,000.37	4,191.71	3,048.18	4.8	-27.3	0.3
Indian mackerel (Alumahan)	11,622.60	9,174.04	9,274.65	-21.1	1.1	0.9
Threadfin bream (Bisugo)	10,818.46	8,289.98	5,205.01	-23.4	-37.2	0.5
Slipmouth (Sapsap)	8,127.55	6,058.52	4,498.20	-25.5	-25.8	0.5
Cavalla (Talakitok)	5,908.35	5,006.50	5,141.28	-15.3	2.7	0.5
Fimbriated sardines (Tunsoy)	9,305.37	8,214.27	11,920.64	-11.7	45.1	1.2
P. Vannamei	5,926.01	8,431.82	8,519.57	42.3	1.0	0.9
Others	145,849.12	173,495.71	163,594.48	19.0	-5.7	16.6

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