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## FISHERIES SITUATION REPORT January to March 2020

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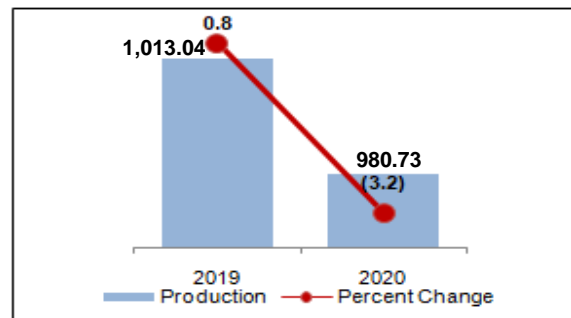
### Fisheries production lower by 3.2 percent

During the first quarter of 2020, fisheries production was recorded at 980.73 thousand metric tons, lower by 3.2 percent from its 2019 same quarter production of 1,013.04 thousand metric tons. Volume of production declined in all the fisheries subsectors. (Figure 1 and Table 1)

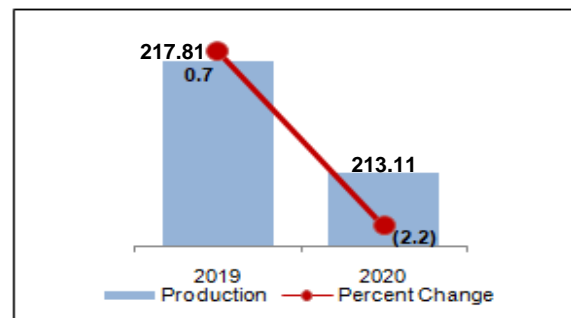
Catch from commercial fisheries went down by 2.2 percent. From the 217.81 thousand metric tons production in the same period of 2019, it diminished to 213.11 thousand metric tons this quarter. Production from commercial fisheries comprised 21.7 percent of the total fisheries production. (Figure 2 and Table 1)

Municipal fisheries subsector reported a 3.4 percent decrease in production as catch from both marine and inland fishing dropped. Municipal fisheries production settled to 260.05 thousand metric tons during the first quarter of 2020, from 269.18 thousand metric tons output a year ago. The subsector production made up 26.5 percent of the total volume of fisheries production. (Figure 3 and Table 1)

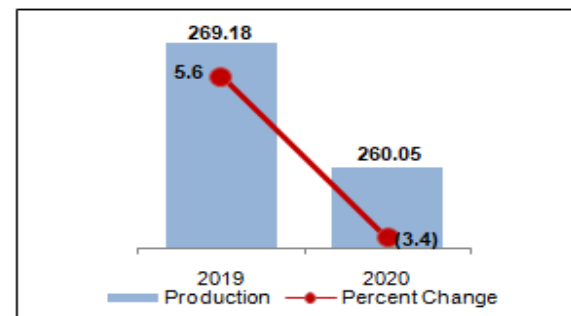
**FIGURE 1 Volume of Fisheries Production  
Philippines, First Quarter 2019 and 2020  
(‘000 MT)**



**FIGURE 2 Volume of Commercial Fisheries  
Production, Philippines, First Quarter 2019 and 2020  
(‘000 MT)**

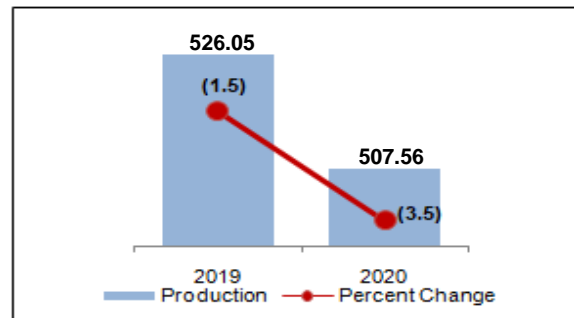


**FIGURE 3 Volume of Municipal Fisheries  
Production, Philippines, First Quarter 2019 and 2020  
(‘000 MT)**



Aquaculture production posted a slowdown of 3.5 percent during the quarter. Volume of production dropped to 507.56 thousand metric tons compared with its previous year's same quarter level of 526.05 thousand metric tons. Produce from aquaculture constituted 51.8 percent of the total fisheries production during the reference period. (Figure 4 and Table 1)

**FIGURE 4 Volume of Aquaculture Production Philippines, First Quarter 2019 and 2020 ('000 MT)**



Of the 20 major species, 15 recorded reductions in production led by tiger prawn (31.1%), mudcrab (18.2%), slipmouth (11.2%), fimbriated sardines (10.6%), and roundscad (8.5%).

On the other hand, the volume of produce expanded in blue crab (14.5%), bali sardinella (13.7%), threadfin bream (10.4%), milkfish (0.8%), and squid (0.6%). (Table 2)

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**TABLE 1 Volume of Fisheries Production by Subsector: First Quarter 2018 - 2020**

| Subsector            | Volume of Production (metric tons) |                     |                   | Percent Change |              |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
|                      | 2018                               | 2019                | 2020*             | 2019/2018      | 2020/2019    |
| <b>Fisheries</b>     | <b>1,005,325.09</b>                | <b>1,013,041.13</b> | <b>980,730.72</b> | <b>0.8</b>     | <b>(3.2)</b> |
| Commercial Fisheries | 216,316.29                         | 217,811.32          | 213,111.62        | 0.7            | (2.2)        |
| Municipal Fisheries  | 254,999.58                         | 269,181.47          | 260,054.28        | 5.6            | (3.4)        |
| Marine               | 215,208.72                         | 232,151.67          | 223,466.21        | 7.9            | (3.7)        |
| Inland               | 39,790.86                          | 37,029.80           | 36,588.07         | (6.9)          | (1.2)        |
| Aquaculture          | 534,009.22                         | 526,048.34          | 507,564.82        | (1.5)          | (3.5)        |

\* Preliminary

**TABLE 2 Volume of Fisheries Production by Species: Philippines, 2018 - 2020**

| Species                           | Volume of Production (metric tons) |                     |                   | Percent Change |              | % Share to Total Fisheries |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                                   | 2018                               | 2019                | 2020*             | 2019/2018      | 2020/2019    |                            |
| <b>Fisheries</b>                  | <b>1,005,325.09</b>                | <b>1,013,041.13</b> | <b>980,730.72</b> | <b>0.8</b>     | <b>(3.2)</b> | <b>100.0</b>               |
| Milkfish                          | 66,010.57                          | 62,886.45           | 63,370.76         | (4.7)          | 0.8          | 6.5                        |
| Tilapia                           | 92,808.84                          | 89,859.56           | 89,148.52         | (3.2)          | (0.8)        | 9.1                        |
| Tiger prawn                       | 8,464.78                           | 8,389.51            | 5,776.56          | (0.9)          | (31.1)       | 0.6                        |
| Skipjack (Gulyasan)               | 68,343.99                          | 69,912.72           | 65,813.18         | 2.3            | (5.9)        | 6.7                        |
| Roundscad (Galunggong)            | 39,114.97                          | 53,350.29           | 48,796.71         | 36.4           | (8.5)        | 5.0                        |
| Seaweed                           | 354,519.40                         | 351,931.76          | 338,705.33        | (0.7)          | (3.8)        | 34.5                       |
| Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles) | 28,607.66                          | 25,514.84           | 24,894.22         | (10.8)         | (2.4)        | 2.5                        |
| Mudcrab                           | 6,374.55                           | 6,243.97            | 5,110.22          | (2.1)          | (18.2)       | 0.5                        |
| Frigate tuna (Tulingan)           | 27,718.88                          | 26,567.97           | 24,537.93         | (4.2)          | (7.6)        | 2.5                        |
| Big-eyed scad (Matangbaka)        | 25,882.86                          | 24,622.22           | 24,354.85         | (4.9)          | (1.1)        | 2.5                        |
| Bali sardinella (Tamban)          | 40,509.65                          | 36,511.41           | 41,529.28         | (9.9)          | 13.7         | 4.2                        |
| Squid (Pusit)                     | 11,075.76                          | 10,539.51           | 10,606.63         | (4.8)          | 0.6          | 1.1                        |
| Blue crab (Alimasag)              | 5,955.37                           | 5,497.00            | 6,296.01          | (7.7)          | 14.5         | 0.6                        |
| Bigeye tuna (Tambakol/ Bariles)   | 6,925.93                           | 3,409.66            | 3,217.72          | (50.8)         | (5.6)        | 0.3                        |
| Grouper (Lapu-lapu)               | 3,795.85                           | 4,443.02            | 4,094.31          | 17.1           | (7.8)        | 0.4                        |
| Indian mackerel (Alumahan)        | 11,183.37                          | 13,932.43           | 13,755.62         | 24.6           | (1.3)        | 1.4                        |
| Threadfin bream (Bisugo)          | 8,326.80                           | 9,477.62            | 10,462.40         | 13.8           | 10.4         | 1.1                        |
| Slipmouth (Sapsap)                | 9,211.89                           | 10,196.64           | 9,049.64          | 10.7           | (11.2)       | 0.9                        |
| Cavalla (Talakitok)               | 5,281.85                           | 6,138.50            | 5,649.62          | 16.2           | (8.0)        | 0.6                        |
| Fimbriated sardines (Tunsoy)      | 22,474.42                          | 23,599.51           | 21,101.71         | 5.0            | (10.6)       | 2.2                        |
| Others                            | 162,737.71                         | 170,016.55          | 164,459.50        | 4.5            | (3.3)        | 16.8                       |

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