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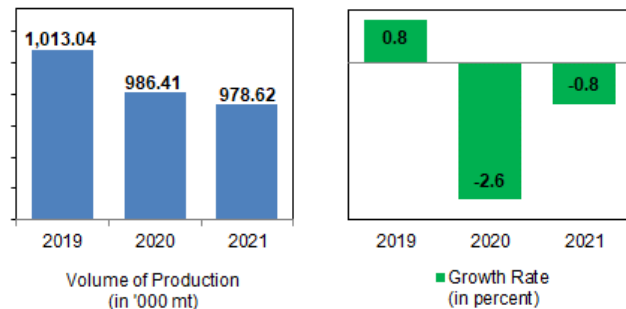
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Fisheries production declines by -0.8 percent

During the first quarter of 2021, the total volume of fisheries production was registered at 978.62 thousand metric tons. It decreased by -0.8 percent from the 986.41 thousand metric tons produced during the same period in the previous year. Among the subsectors, commercial and marine municipal fisheries exhibited reductions while inland and aquaculture showed production increments. (Figure 1 and Table 1)

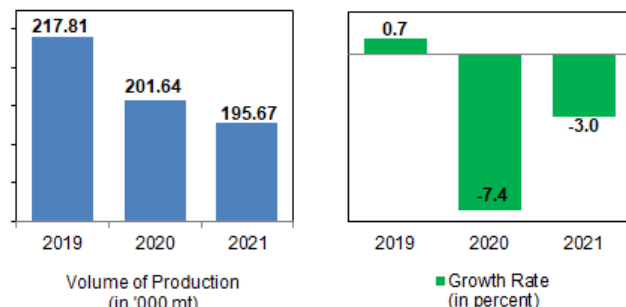
Figure 1. Volume of Fisheries Production and Annual Growth Rate, Philippines: January to March 2019 to 2021^P



^P - Preliminary
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Commercial fisheries volume of production was estimated at 195.67 thousand metric tons in the first quarter of 2021, which was -3.0 percent lower than its previous year's record of 201.64 thousand metric tons. The subsector comprised 20.0 percent of the total fisheries production. (Figure 2 and Table 1)

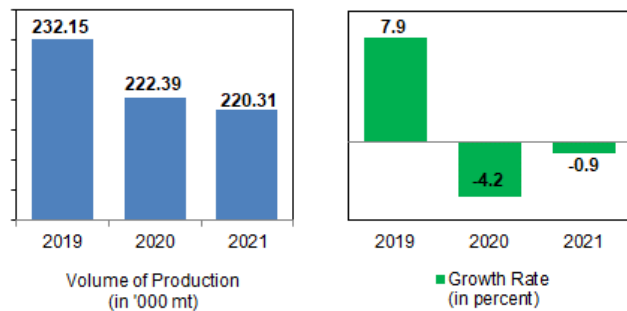
Figure 2. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production and Annual Growth Rate, Philippines: January to March 2019 to 2021^P



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During the period, marine municipal fisheries subsector posted a reduction of -0.9 percent. The subsector came up with 220.31 thousand metric tons from its output of 222.39 thousand metric tons during the same period in the previous year. It covered 22.5 percent of the total fisheries output. (Figure 3 and Table 1)

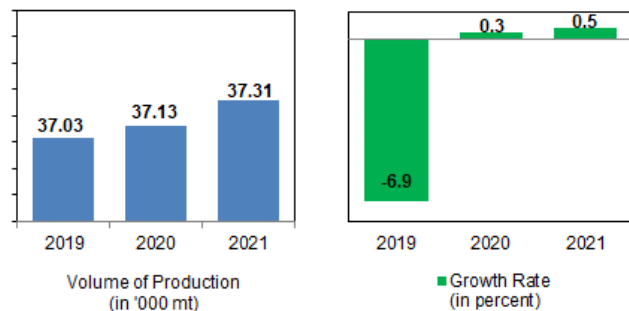
Figure 3. Volume of Marine Municipal Fisheries Production and Annual Growth Rate, Philippines: January to March 2019 to 2021^P



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The volume of production of inland fisheries was recorded at 37.31 thousand metric tons during the quarter. It increased by 0.5 percent compared to its 37.13 thousand metric tons level during the first quarter of 2020. Of the total fisheries production, 3.8 percent was shared by inland fisheries. (Figure 4 and Table 1)

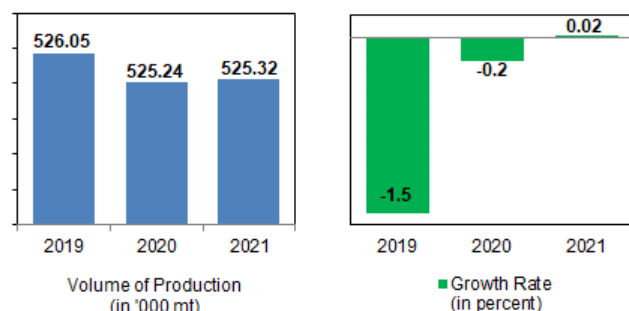
Figure 4. Volume of Inland Fisheries Production and Annual Growth Rate, Philippines: January to March 2019 to 2021^P



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During the first quarter of 2021, the volume of harvests from aquaculture farms reached 525.32 thousand metric tons. It went up by 0.02 percent from 525.24 thousand metric tons in the same quarter of the previous year. Of all the fisheries subsector, aquaculture had the biggest share of 53.7 percent. (Figure 5 and Table 1)

Figure 5. Volume of Aquaculture Production and Annual Growth Rate, Philippines: January to March 2019 to 2021^P



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Of the 20 major species, decrements in production were exhibited by 11 species and double-digit production declines were noted in fimbriated sardines (tunsoy, -37.5%), threadfin bream (bisugo, -18.7%), yellowfin tuna (tambakol/bariles, -17.6%), and grouper (lapu-lapu, -13.0%).

On the other hand, double-digit improvements were observed in mudcrab (alimango, 20.2%), skipjack (gulyasan, 19.0%), and slipmouth (sapsap, 15.8%). (Table 2)

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Table 1. Volume of Fisheries Production by Subsector: Philippines, January to March 2019 - 2021^P

| Subsector | Volume of Production (metric tons) | | | Percent Change | | Percent Share to Total Fisheries |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 ^P | 2020/2019 | 2021 ^P /2020 | |
| Fisheries | 1,013,041.13 | 986,408.32 | 978,618.46 | -2.6 | -0.8 | 100.0 |
| Commercial Fisheries | 217,811.32 | 201,642.95 | 195,673.91 | -7.4 | -3.0 | 20.0 |
| Municipal Fisheries | 269,181.47 | 259,522.67 | 257,622.82 | -3.6 | -0.7 | 26.3 |
| Marine | 232,151.67 | 222,393.68 | 220,308.99 | -4.2 | -0.9 | 22.5 |
| Inland | 37,029.80 | 37,128.99 | 37,313.83 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 3.8 |
| Aquaculture | 526,048.34 | 525,242.70 | 525,321.73 | -0.2 | 0.02 | 53.7 |

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

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Table 2. Volume of Fisheries Production by Species: Philippines, January to March 2019 - 2021^P

| Species | Volume of Production (metric tons) | | | Percent Change | | Percent Share to Total Fisheries |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 ^P | 2020/2019 | 2021 ^P /2020 | |
| Fisheries | 1,013,041.13 | 986,408.32 | 978,618.46 | -2.6 | -0.8 | 100.0 |
| Milkfish (Bangus) | 62,886.45 | 66,401.77 | 67,217.61 | 5.6 | 1.2 | 6.9 |
| Tilapia | 89,859.56 | 89,471.52 | 96,604.91 | -0.4 | 8.0 | 9.9 |
| Tiger prawn (Sugpo) | 8,389.51 | 8,245.94 | 8,281.88 | -1.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| Skipjack (Gulyasan) | 69,912.72 | 54,801.34 | 65,220.42 | -21.6 | 19.0 | 6.7 |
| Roundscad (Galunggong) | 53,350.29 | 49,307.24 | 47,064.30 | -7.6 | -4.6 | 4.8 |
| Seaweed | 351,931.76 | 349,767.53 | 341,867.91 | -0.6 | -2.3 | 34.9 |
| Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles) | 25,514.84 | 20,732.63 | 17,086.06 | -18.7 | -17.6 | 1.7 |
| Mudcrab (Alimango) | 6,243.97 | 6,850.40 | 8,232.16 | 9.7 | 20.2 | 0.8 |
| Frigate tuna (Tulingan) | 26,567.97 | 25,530.80 | 23,676.02 | -3.9 | -7.3 | 2.4 |
| Big-eyed scad (Matangbaka) | 24,622.22 | 25,629.24 | 26,830.72 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 2.7 |
| Bali sardinella (Tamban) | 36,511.41 | 50,471.27 | 54,536.51 | 38.2 | 8.1 | 5.6 |
| Squid (Pusit) | 10,539.51 | 10,729.48 | 10,377.93 | 1.8 | -3.3 | 1.1 |
| Blue crab (Alimasag) | 5,497.00 | 6,679.78 | 6,624.16 | 21.5 | -0.8 | 0.7 |
| Bigeye tuna (Tambakol/ Bariles) | 3,409.66 | 3,517.65 | 3,467.62 | 3.2 | -1.4 | 0.4 |
| Grouper (Lapu-lapu) | 4,443.02 | 4,318.46 | 3,756.83 | -2.8 | -13.0 | 0.4 |
| Indian mackerel (Alumahan) | 13,932.43 | 12,653.89 | 12,465.84 | -9.2 | -1.5 | 1.3 |
| Threadfin bream (Bisugo) | 9,477.62 | 9,973.33 | 8,110.00 | 5.2 | -18.7 | 0.8 |
| Slipmouth (Sapsap) | 10,196.64 | 7,931.01 | 9,179.91 | -22.2 | 15.8 | 0.9 |
| Cavalla (Talakitok) | 6,138.50 | 5,783.72 | 6,247.23 | -5.8 | 8.0 | 0.6 |
| Fimbriated sardines (Tunsoy) | 23,599.51 | 17,451.97 | 10,900.52 | -26.1 | -37.5 | 1.1 |
| Others | 170,016.55 | 160,159.35 | 150,869.92 | -5.8 | -5.8 | 15.4 |

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