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ILOCOS REGION'S COMMERCIAL FISHERIES PRODUCTION DECREASES IN 1ST QUARTER 2021

(Results from the Fisheries Production Survey, 1st Quarter 2021)

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The commercial fisheries volume of production in Ilocos Region was posted at 506 metric tons in the 1st quarter 2021. The output was lower by 8.81 percent than the level in 1st quarter 2020 of 555 metric tons.

The decrease in output of Ilocos Sur and Pangasinan pulled down the overall commercial fisheries production of the region.

**Table 1. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production by Province
Ilocos Region 1st Quarter 2021 and 1st Quarter 2020**

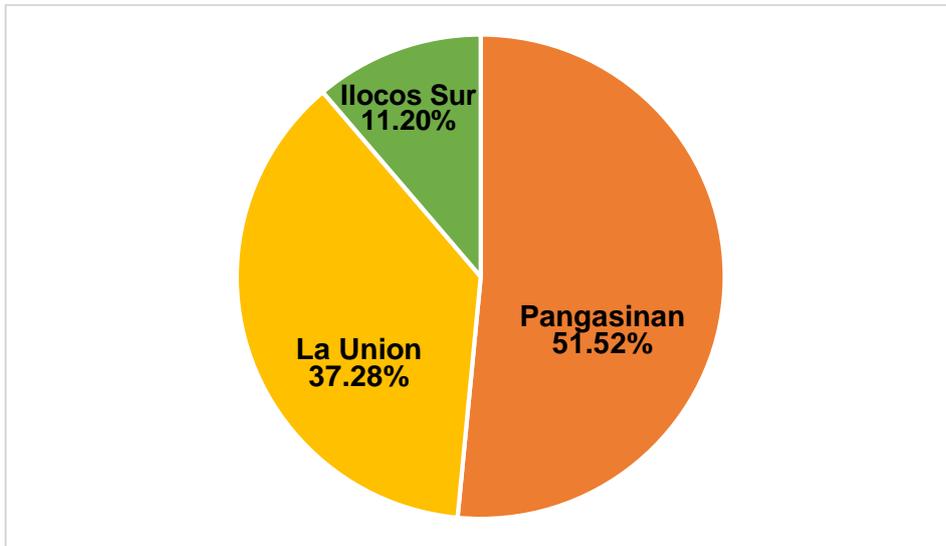
Item	Production (MT)		Growth Rate (%)
	1st Quarter 2021	1st Quarter 2020	
ILOCOS REGION	506	555	(8.81)
Ilocos Norte	-	-	-
Ilocos Sur	57	60	(5.47)
La Union	189	164	15.29
Pangasinan	261	331	(21.32)

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2021 Fisheries Production Survey

In terms of provincial shares, Pangasinan accounted for 51.52 percent of the region's commercial fisheries volume of production in 1st quarter 2021. The province recorded a production of 261 metric tons, lower than the output in 1st quarter 2020 of 331 metric tons. Lesser fishing trips and hours spent in the fishing grounds brought by frequent gale warnings and early occurrence of northeasterly winds contributed to the lower volume of catch.



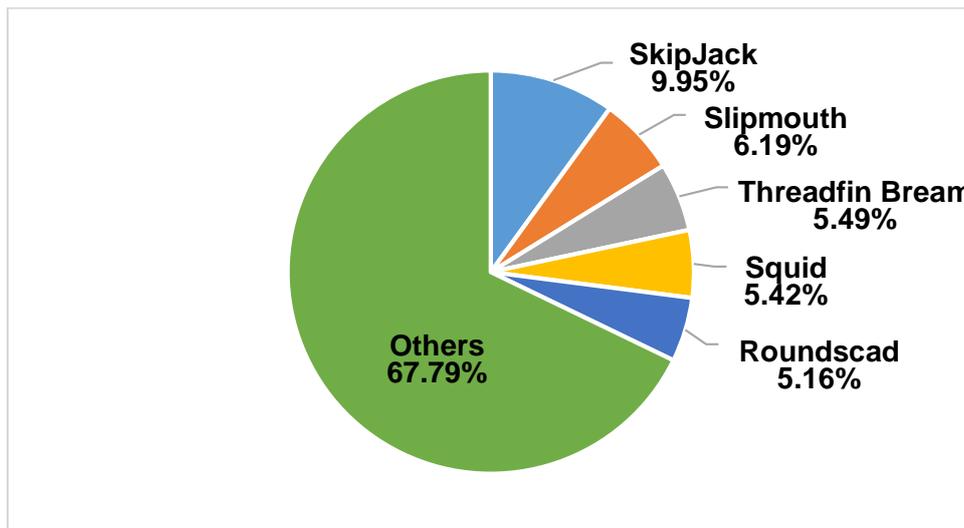
Figure 2. Percentage Contribution by Province to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Ilocos Region: 1st Quarter 2021



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2021 Fisheries Production Survey

The top five major catch in the region during the 1st quarter 2021 were skipjack, slipmouth, threadfin bream, squid, and roundscad.

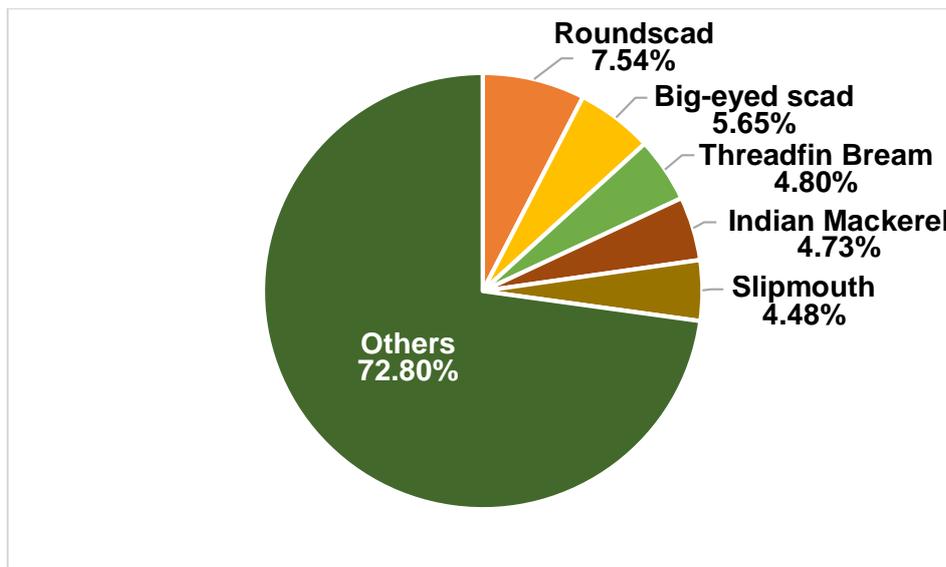
Figure 1. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Ilocos Region: 1st Quarter 2021



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2021 Fisheries Production Survey

The top five major catch in Pangasinan during the quarter were roundscad, big-eyed scad, threadfin bream, indian mackerel, and slipmouth.

Figure 3. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Pangasinan: 1st Quarter 2021

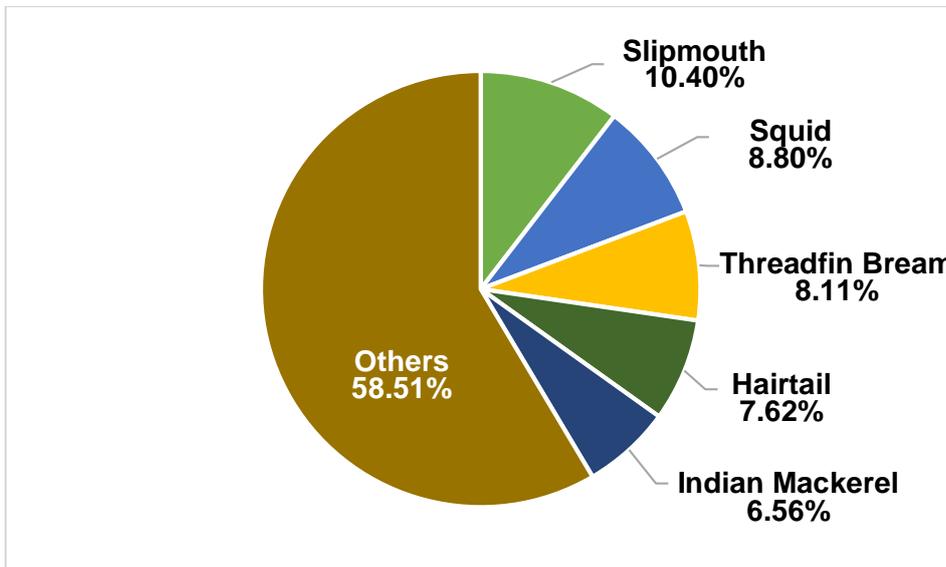


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2021 Fisheries Production Survey

La Union shared 37.28 percent to the total commercial fish catch of the region in 1st quarter 2021 and posted increment in output. From the 164 metric tons recorded in the 1st quarter 2020, production grew to 189 metric tons in the 1st quarter 2021 due to increased number of fishing days, presence of more school of fish, and bigger sizes of catch.

The top five major catch in La Union during the quarter were slipmouth, squid, threadfin bream, hairtail and indian mackerel.

Figure 4. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production La Union: 1st Quarter 2021

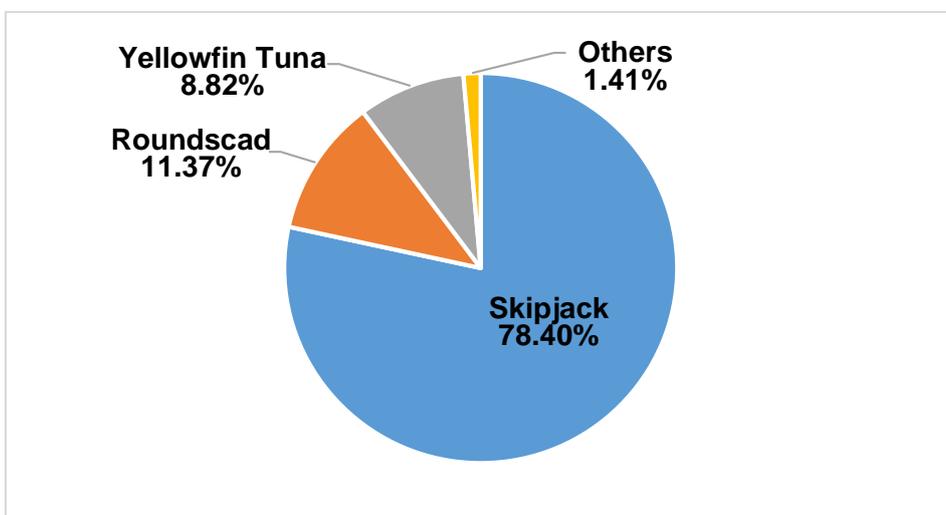


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2021 Fisheries Production Survey

Ilocos Sur contributed 11.20 percent to the total commercial fisheries volume of production in the 1st quarter 2021. Its production of 57 metric tons, went down by 5.47 percent from the 60 metric tons output in 1st quarter 2020. Lesser fishing trips and hours spent in the fishing grounds due early occurrence of northeasterly winds caused the decline of fish catch.

Major species which contributed to the total output of the province include skipjack, roundscad, and yellowfin tuna.

Figure 5. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Ilocos Sur: 1st Quarter 2021



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2021 Fisheries Production Survey



TECHNICAL NOTES

The Fisheries Production Survey of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is divided into four major fisheries surveys. These are the Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (QCFS), Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey (QMFS), Quarterly Inland Fisheries Survey (QIFS) and Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (QAqS). The fisheries sector is composed of the three (3) subsectors, namely commercial, municipal fisheries, and aquaculture. The commercial and municipal fisheries surveys aim to provide quarterly data on volume and value of fish production by species, by region, and by province. The aquaculture survey is intended to generate quarterly data on volume and value of cultured species by environment, by type of aquafarm, by region, and by province.

Concepts and Definitions:

Commercial Fishing – the catching of fish with the use of fishing boats with a capacity of more than three (3) gross tons for trade, business or profit beyond subsistence or sports fishing.

Fisheries – all activities relating to the act or business of fishing, culturing, preserving, processing, marketing, developing, conserving and managing aquatic resources and the fishery areas including the privilege to fish or take aquatic resources thereof (RA 8550).

Fisheries Sector – the sector engaged in the production, growing, harvesting, processing, marketing, developing, conserving and managing aquatic resources and fishing areas.

Fishing Gear – any instrument or device and its accessories utilized in taking fish and other fishery species.

Fishing Grounds – areas in any body of water where fish and other aquatic resources congregate and become the target of capture.

Landing Center – a place where the fish catch and other aquatic products are unloaded and traded.


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