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PSA - La Union conducts 1st Quarter 2024 Fisheries Surveys

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) – La Union Provincial Statistical Office carries out the 1st Quarter 2024 Fisheries Survey's in the province on 11 to 22 March 2024. These surveys include the Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (QAqS) and Quarterly Inland Municipal Survey (QIFS).

The surveys aim to generate data on volume and value of production on aquaculture and inland fisheries by aquafarm type and species. The statistics that will be generated through these surveys will serve as input in the compilation of national accounts, estimation of performance of agriculture, policy making and program implementation, research and studies.

For this purpose, PSA-La Union hired and trained 11 Statistical Researchers (SRs) tasked to visit 509 aquafarm operators and two (2) SRs to visit 97 inland fishing households in coordination with the Local Government Units (LGUs).

All information obtained from the respondents shall be treated with utmost confidentiality. Section 26 of Republic Act (RA) No. 10625 stipulates that *“Individual data furnished by a respondent to statistical inquiries, surveys, and censuses conducted by the PSA shall be considered privilege communication and shall be inadmissible as evidence in any proceeding.”*

Meanwhile, the key results of the 4th Quarter 2023 Fisheries Surveys in La Union are the following:

- La Union ranked third among the provinces of Ilocos Region in terms of fisheries volume of production in 4th quarter 2023. It contributed 1.84 percent to the total volume of fish production in the region.
- The total volume of fisheries production in 4th quarter 2023 was estimated at 1,437.06 metric tons which was 17.30 percent higher than 1,225.10 metric tons estimate in 4th quarter of 2022.
- Among the fisheries subsectors, aquaculture posted the largest contribution (52.42%) to the fisheries output in the province in 4th quarter 2023. Aquaculture fisheries production was estimated at 753.32 metric tons in 4th quarter 2023 higher by 17.85 percent than its output of 639.21 metric tons in 4th quarter 2022.

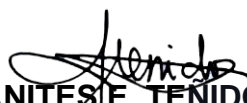


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- Municipal fisheries ranked second with 484.84 metric tons contributing 33.74 percent to the total fisheries production of the province. The 4th quarter 2023 production showed an increase of 6.87 percent from the 453.66 metric tons production in 4th quarter 2022.
- Commercial fisheries had the smallest (13.84%) contribution to the fisheries volume of production in the province at 198.90 metric tons. It showed an increase of 50.42 percent from the 132.23 metric tons in 4th quarter 2022.
- The total value of all fisheries production in La Union in 4th quarter 2023 was recorded at PhP229,110.68 which was 13.42 percent higher than its value in the same quarter of last year at PhP202,001.48.



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