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PSA - La Union conducts 4th Quarter 2024 Fisheries Surveys

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) – La Union Provincial Statistical Office carries out the 4th Quarter 2024 Fisheries Surveys in the province from 11 to 22 November 2024. These include the Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (QAqS) and Quarterly Inland Municipal Survey (QIFS).

The surveys aim to collect data on the volume and value of aquaculture and inland fisheries production, classified by aquafarm type and species. The statistics that will be generated from these surveys will contribute to the compilation of national accounts, evaluation of agricultural performance, policy making and program implementation, as well as support to research studies.

For this purpose, PSA-La Union hired and trained six Statistical Researchers (SRs) to revisit 238 sample aquafarm operators, along with two SRs who will survey 85 inland fishing households. These activities are being conducted in coordination with the Local Government Units (LGUs).

All information obtained from the respondents will be kept strictly confidential. Under Section 26 of Republic Act (RA) No. 10625, "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 3rd Quarter 2024 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 3rd quarter 2024. It contributed 3.92 percent to the total volume of fish production in the region.
- The total volume of fisheries production in 3rd quarter 2024 was estimated at 1,349.22 metric tons which was 0.68 percent higher than 1,340.12 metric tons estimate in 3rd quarter of 2023.
- Among the fisheries subsectors, municipal fisheries posted the largest contribution (48.89%) to the fisheries output in the province in 3rd quarter 2024. Municipal fisheries production was estimated at 659.65 metric tons in 3rd quarter 2024, higher by 15.76 percent than its output of 569.82 metric tons in 3rd quarter 2023.



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- Aquaculture ranked second with 621.72 metric tons contributing 46.08 percent to the total fisheries production of the province. The 3rd quarter 2024 production showed a decrease of 5.11 percent from the 655.18 metric tons production in 3rd quarter 2023.
- Commercial fisheries had the smallest (5.03%) contribution to the fisheries volume of production in the province at 67.85 metric tons. It showed a decrease of 41.06 percent from the 115.12 metric tons in 3rd quarter 2023.
- The total value of all fisheries production in La Union in 3rd quarter 2024 was recorded at PhP221,638.43 which was 6.24 percent higher than its value in the same guarter of last year at PhP208,621.77.

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