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ILOCOS REGION'S COMMERCIAL FISHERIES SITUATION SECOND QUARTER 2023

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In the second quarter 2023, the Ilocos Region recorded 1,331.39 metric tons production from commercial fishing. Its output was 9.35 percent less than the output in the second quarter 2022. The decline in output in Ilocos Sur and Pangasinan pulled down the region's growth. The only province with a positive growth rate was La Union, with 55.79 percent.

Table 1. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production by Province
Ilocos Region: Second Quarter 2022 and 2023P

Item	2 nd Quarter 2022		2 nd Quarter 2023		Growth Rate (%)
	Production In metric tons	Percent Distribution	Production In metric tons	Percent Distribution	
<i>Ilocos Region</i>	<i>1,468.70</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,331.39</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>(9.35)</i>
Ilocos Sur	101.52	6.91	28.83	2.17	(71.60)
La Union	99.14	6.75	154.45	11.60	55.79
Pangasinan	1,268.03	86.34	1,148.11	86.23	(9.46)

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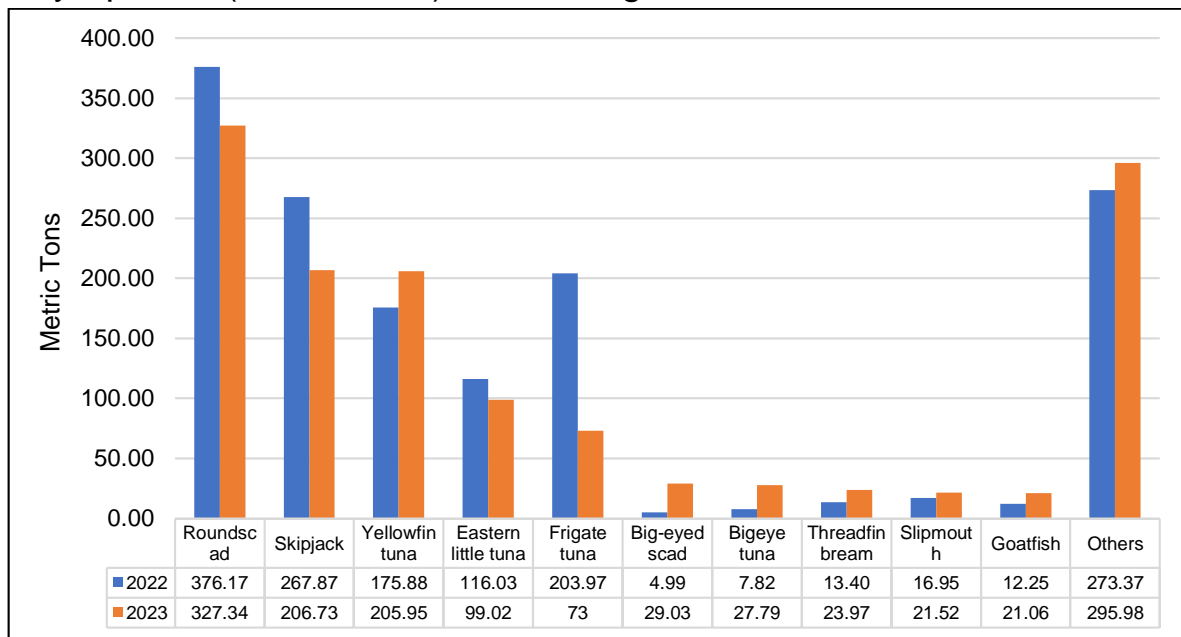
Total may not be exact due to rounding.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Second Quarter 2023 Commercial Fisheries Production Survey

Ilocos Sur's Commercial Fisheries Production Drop by More Than Half

Ilocos Sur, drove down the region's overall production. In the second quarter 2023, the province's commercial fisheries production had a remarkable loss of around 71.60 percent, from 101.52 metric tons in 2022 to 28.83 metric tons. Pangasinan registered at 9.46 percent down trend in production this 2023.

Figure 1. Contribution of Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production by Species (Metric Tons), Ilocos Region: 2nd Quarter 2023P VS 2022



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Second Quarter 2023 Commercial Fisheries Production Survey

Roundscad was the Top Species in the Ilocos Region during the Second Quarter 2023

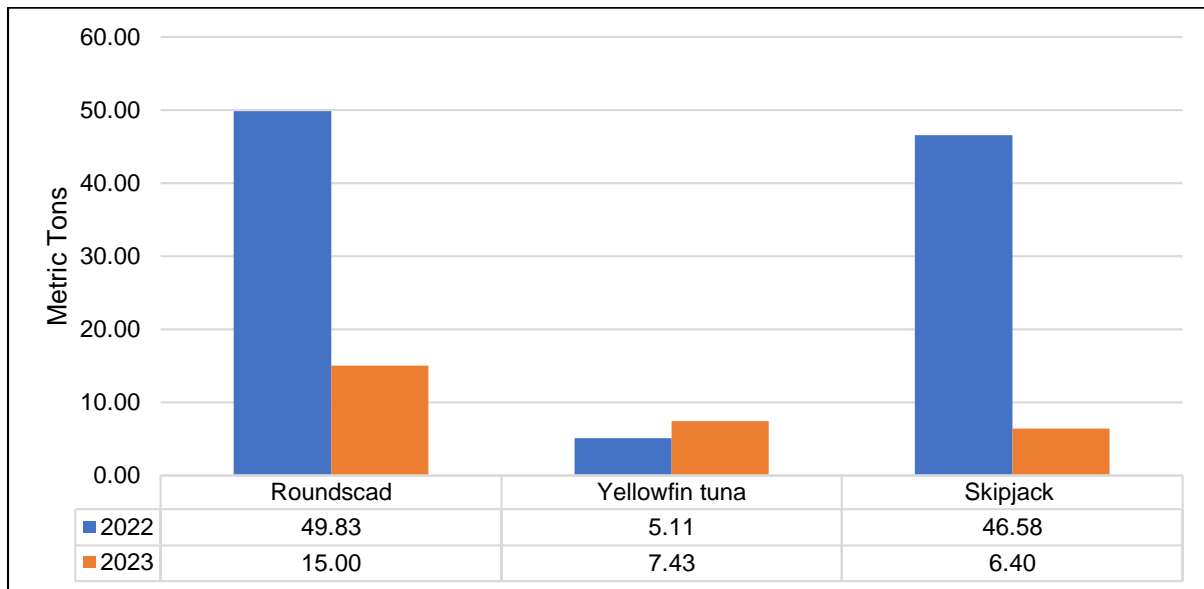
Roundscad, also known as *galunggong*, dominated fish species in terms of volume during the second quarter 2023. It recorded 376.17 metric tons, or 24.59 percent of the output in the region. Skipjack at 15.53 percent, followed by yellowfin tuna at 15.47 percent. Meanwhile, the remaining 44.42 percent was shared by other species.

Six of the top ten species collected in commercial waters: the yellowfin tuna, big-eyed scad, bigeye tuna, threadfin tuna, slipmouth, and goatfish showed increases in production.



Commercial Fisheries Production by Province

Figure 2. Contribution of Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production by Species (Metric Tons), Ilocos Sur: 2023P vs 2022



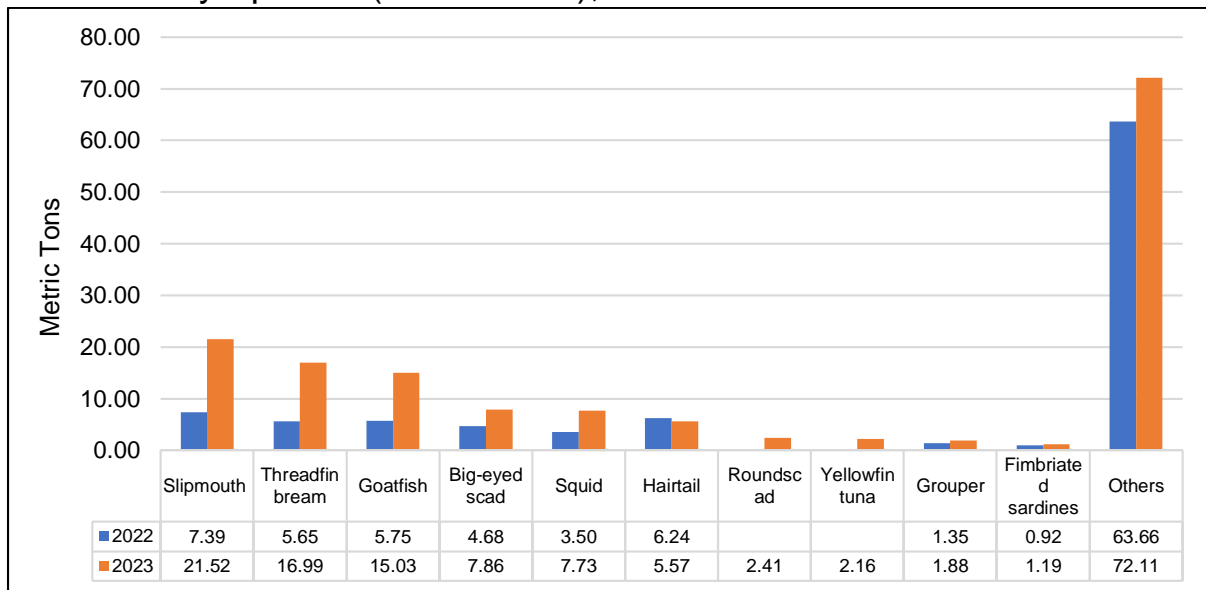
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In Ilocos Sur, roundscad supplied the majority of the commercial fisheries production in second quarter 2023 with 15.00 metric tons, or 52.03 percent of the total. With 7.43 metric tons, or 25.77 percent of the province's production, yellowfin tuna came in second. Skipjack contributed 6.40 metric tons, or 22.20 percent, of the total.

Both roundscad and skipjack declined by more than half at 69.90 percent and 86.26 percent, respectively. On the other hand, yellowfin tuna's production grew by 45.40 percent.

Figure 3. Contribution of Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production by Species (Metric Tons), La Union: 2023P VS 2022



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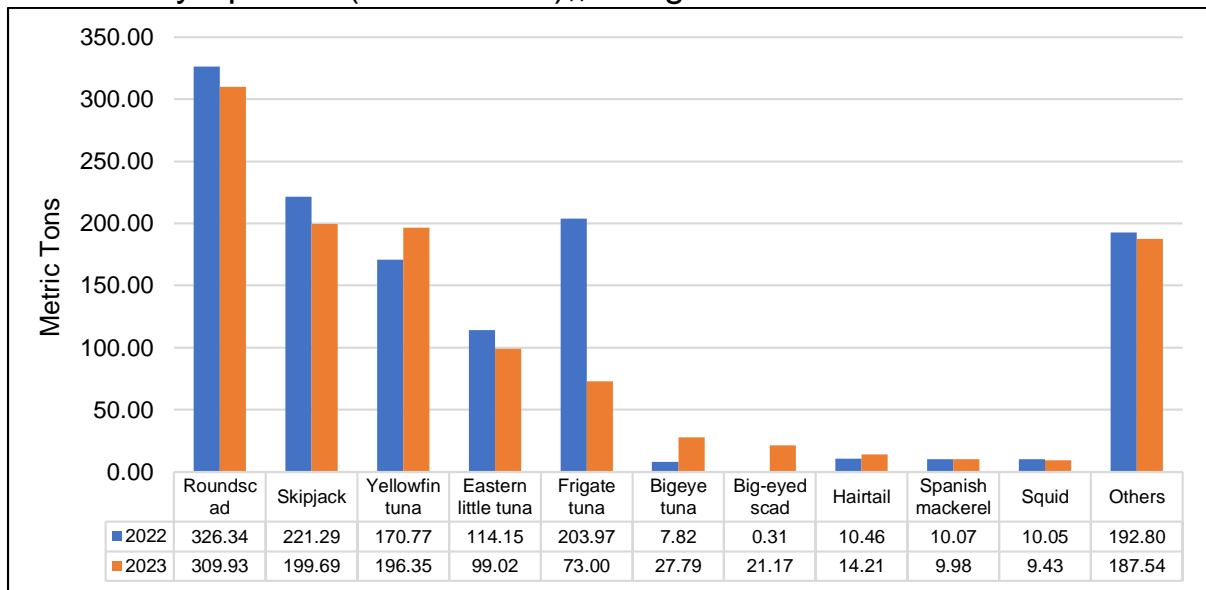
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La Union's commercial fisheries recorded 154.45 metric tons in the second quarter 2023. Slipmouth, with a contribution of 13.94 percent to the output, produced around 21.52 metric tons. Threadfin bream accounting for 11.0 percent or 16.99 metric tons. However, goatfish contributed 9.73 percent (15.03 metric tons)

With the exception of hairtail, which had a decrease in catch to 5.57 metric tons from 6.24 metric tons, all top fish species in La Union recorded increases in output coupled with the presence of roundscad and yellowfin tuna.



Figure 4. Contribution of Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production by Species (Metric Tons), Pangasinan: 2023P vs 2022



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Second Quarter 2023 Commercial Fisheries Production Survey

Commercial fisheries in Pangasinan recorded 1,148.11 metric tons in the second quarter 2023. Roundscad, accounted 309.93 metric tons, represented around 26.99 percent of province's total commercial fisheries output. Skipjack and yellowfin tuna came noted to have 199.69 and 196.35 metric tons, respectively.

The production of big-eyed scad indicates 6,729.03 percent rise in volume for big-eyed scad production compared to the same quarter 2022. Bigeye tuna also had a growth of 253.37 percent. Increases in these species did not pulled up the overall commercial fisheries of the province as the majority of the top species registered lower output compared to their respective levels in the second quarter 2022.



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 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.

Concept and Definitions:

- **Commercial Fishing** is 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** composed of 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** is the sector engaged in the production, growing, harvesting, processing, marketing, developing, conserving and managing aquatic resources and fishing areas.
- **Landing Center** is a place where the fish catch and other aquatic products are unloaded and traded. Traditional landing center is a type of landing center where fishermen could unload their catch and/or dock their fishing boats without any obligation or payment for the use of the place.



- **Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (Traditional Landing Center)** is a quarterly survey on the volume of fish unloading in traditional landing centers and the price of fish by species. It gathers data on a quarterly basis but the information that is collected is about monthly fish unloading.

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