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ILOCOS REGION'S COMMERCIAL FISHERIES SITUATION THIRD QUARTER 2023

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The Ilocos Region reported 1,470.09 metric tons of production from commercial fisheries in third quarter 2023. The record was 15.2 percent lower than the third quarter 2022 production. The region's growth was hampered by the decrease in output of Pangasinan and La Union.

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

Item	3 rd Quarter 2022		3 rd Quarter 2023 ^P		Growth Rate (%)
	Production In metric tons	Percent Distribution	Production In metric tons	Percent Distribution	
Ilocos Region	1,733.01	100.0	1,470.09	100.0	(15.2)
Ilocos Sur	38.87	2.2	121.25	8.2	211.9
La Union	243.07	14.0	115.12	7.8	(52.6)
Pangasinan	1,451.07	83.7	1,233.72	83.9	(15.0)

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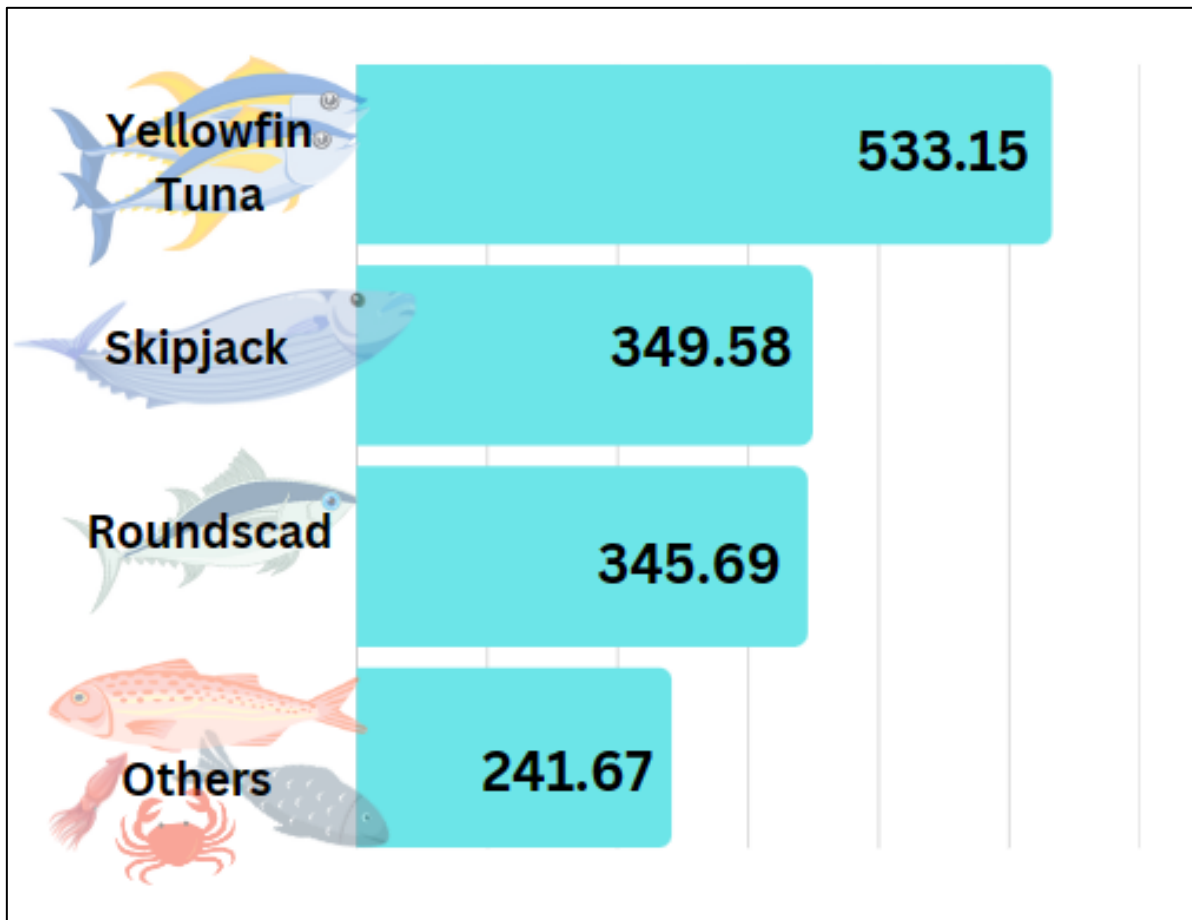
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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Third Quarter 2023 Commercial Fisheries Production Survey

Pangasinan contributed 83.9 percent of the region's overall production at 1,233.72 metric tons. Meanwhile, Ilocos Sur shared 121.25 metric tons or 8.2 percent of the region's production. La Union commercial fisheries production is registered at 115.12 metric tons or 7.8 percent.

In terms of growth rate, Ilocos Sur's commercial fisheries production had spiked by 211.9 percent in the third quarter 2023. On the other hand, the production in La Union's commercial fisheries went down by 52.6 percent. Similarly, Pangasinan had lower production at 15.0 percent.

Figure 1. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production by Species (Metric Tons), Ilocos Region: Third Quarter 2023^P



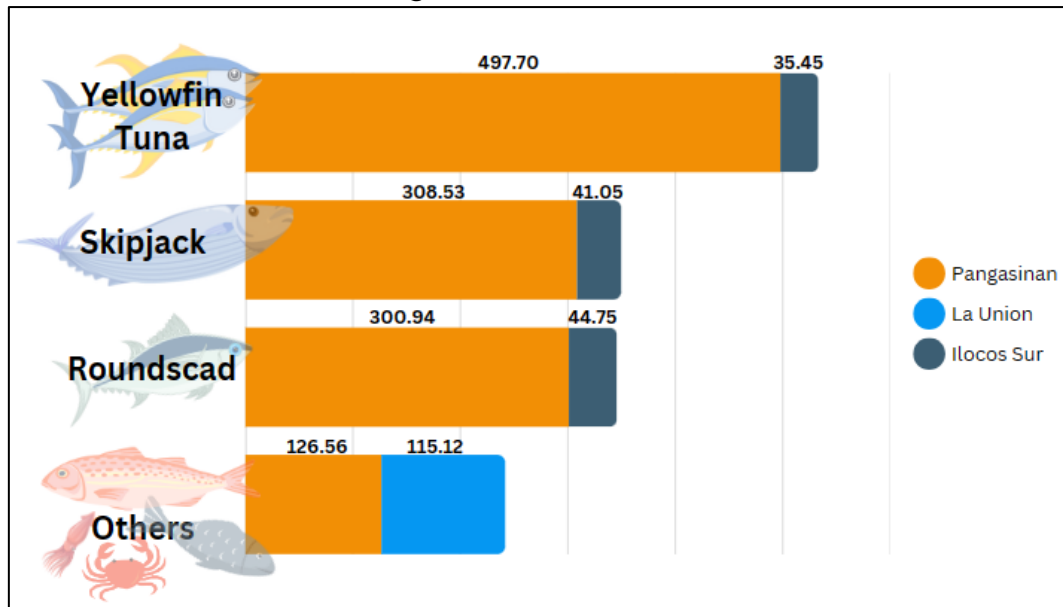
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Yellowfin Tuna was the Top Species in the Ilocos Region’s Fisheries Production during the Third Quarter 2023

Yellowfin Tuna contributed more than one-third of the region’s commercial fisheries production at 533.15 metric tons or 36.3 percent of the region’s record. Meanwhile, there were 349.58 metric tons volume of catch of Skipjack and was followed closely by Roundscad at 345.69 metric tons. On the other hand, other species had 241.70 metric tons or 16.4 percent of the region's overall production.

Figure 2. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production by Top Species and by Province (Metric Tons) Ilocos Region: Third Quarter 2023^P



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The Ilocos Region’s Top Species in Terms of Volume of Production came from Pangasinan and Ilocos Sur

Majority of the Ilocos Region’s yellowfin tuna, skipjack, and roundscad production were from Pangasinan which shared 93.4, 88.3, and 87.1 percent, respectively, of the region’s total production. Meanwhile, Ilocos Sur’s share of commercial fisheries production the top species were as follows: yellowfin tuna – 6.6 percent, skipjack – 11.7 percent, and roundscad – 12.9 percent. Moreover, Ilocos Sur’s commercial fisheries production was composed mainly of the mentioned top species.

Table 2. Volume and Growth Rates of Commercial Fisheries Production by Species (Metric Tons), Ilocos Region: Third Quarter 2022 vs 2023^P

Species	Third Quarter 2022	Third Quarter 2023 ^P	Growth Rate (%)
Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	271.70	533.15	96.2
Skipjack (Gulyasan)	323.25	349.58	8.1
Roundscad (Galunggong)	507.12	345.69	(31.8)

Continuation of Table 2

Frigate tuna (Tulingan)	281.15	52.08	(81.5)
Threadfin bream (Bisugo)	22.30	29.69	33.1
Goatfish (Saramulyete)	18.21	14.62	(19.7)
Slipmouth (Sapsap)	11.03	13.87	25.7
Hairtail (Espada)	12.56	12.56	0.0
Squid (Pusit)	11.99	7.93	(33.9)
Spanish mackerel (Tanigue)	8.80	6.31	(28.3)
Others	264.90	104.64	(60.5)

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

Yellowfin Tuna Production Almost Doubled in Third Quarter 2023

In third quarter 2023, the production of yellowfin tuna had an increase of 96.2 percent from 271.70 metric tons in the same quarter in 2022. Threadfin bream, slipmouth, and skipjack also posted increases at 33.1, 25.7, and 8.1 percent, respectively. On the other hand, five species registered decreases in their production with frigate tuna having the lowest decline at 81.5 percent from 281.15 metric tons production during the third quarter 2022. Meanwhile, the production of hairtail remained the same compared with the same period in 2022.



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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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