

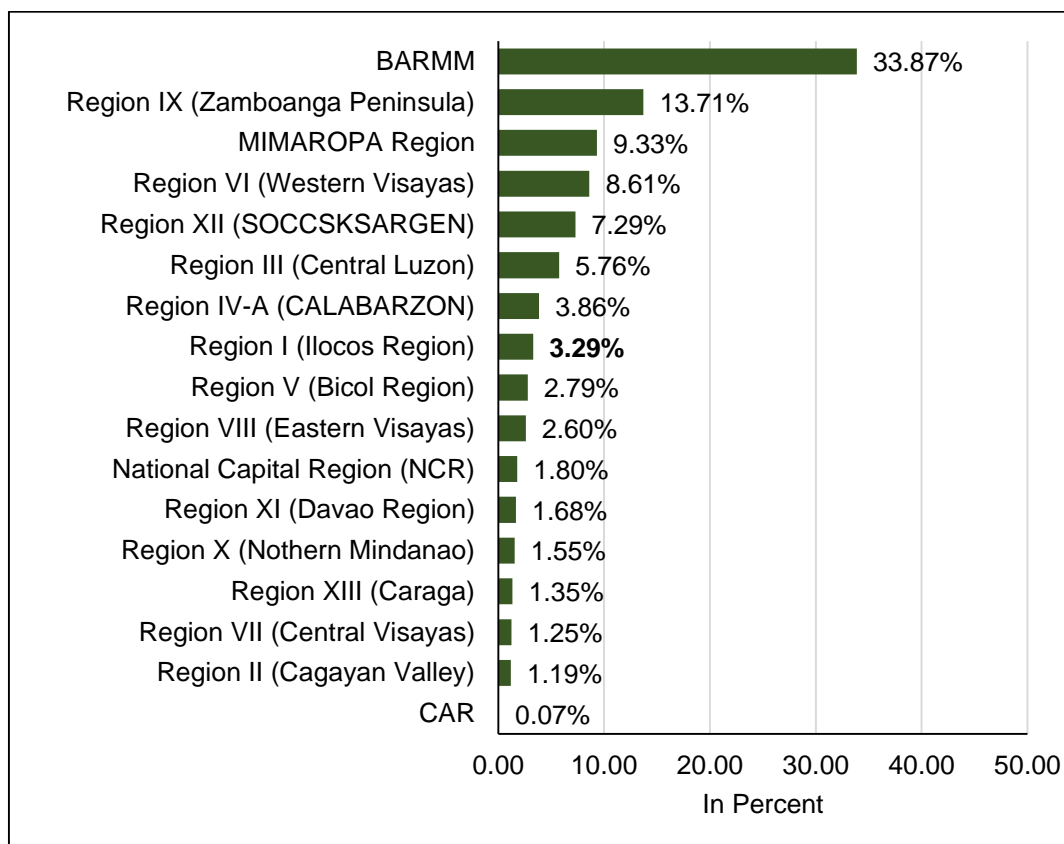
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Ilocos Region’s Fisheries Production Decreases in Third Quarter 2023

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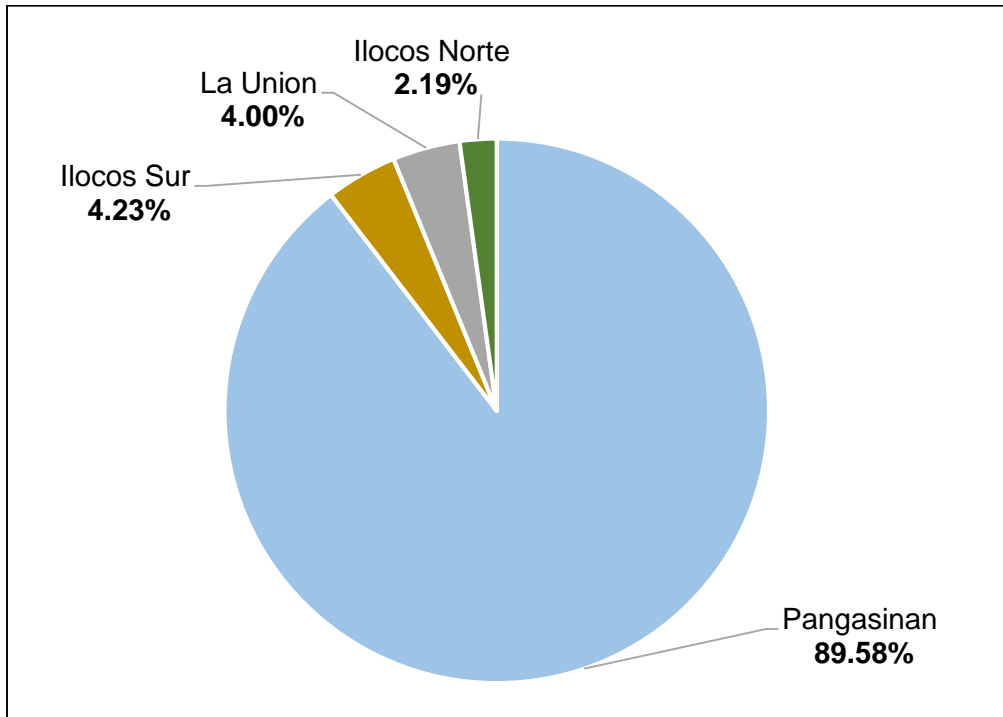
The overall fisheries production in the region recorded 33,510.41 metric tons in third quarter 2023, or 11.08 percent lower than the volume of fisheries output in third quarter 2022. It contributed 3.29 percent to the 1,017,504.40 metric tons of fisheries production in the country.

Figure 1. Percentage Distribution of Fisheries Production by Region, Philippines: Third Quarter 2023



Note: Details may not add up due to rounding.
 Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Figure 2. Percentage Distribution of Fisheries Production by Province, Ilocos Region: Third Quarter 2023



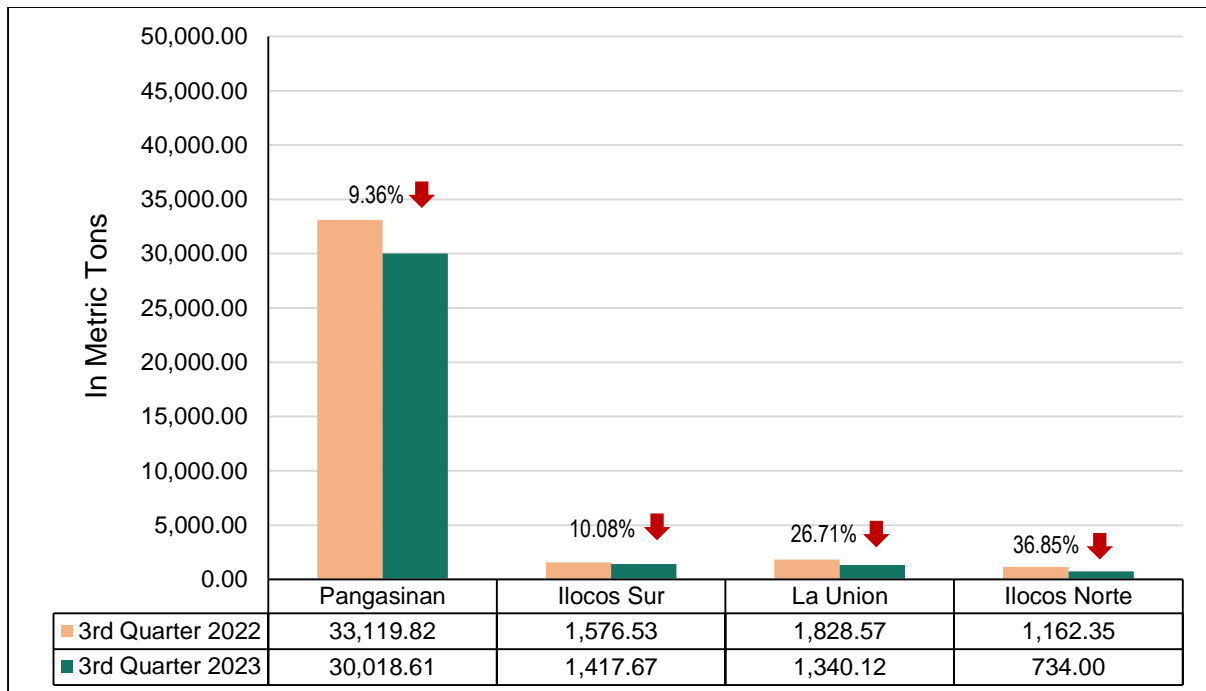
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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Pangasinan contributes 89.58 percent to the region's production

In third quarter 2023, Pangasinan accounted for 89.58 percent of the fisheries production in the region. The overall volume of production of the province was estimated at 30,018.61 metric tons. Ilocos Sur had a share of 4.23 percent or an output of 1,417.67 metric tons. Meanwhile, La Union and Ilocos Norte shared 4.00 percent and 2.19 percent, respectively, to the total fisheries production in the region.

**Figure 3. Fisheries Production by Province, Ilocos Region
Third Quarter of 2022 and 2023**



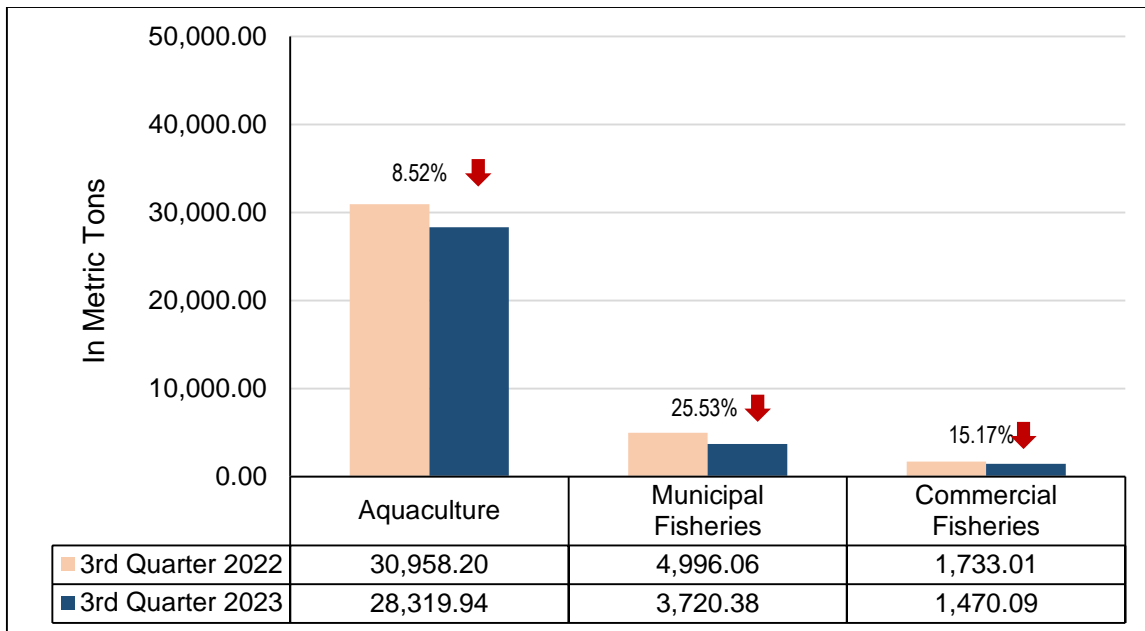
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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

All provinces contributed in the decrease of fisheries production

By province, Pangasinan recorded a decrement of 9.36 percent in third quarter 2023 from the 33,119.82 metric tons of production in third quarter 2022. Moreover, Ilocos Sur, La Union, and Ilocos Norte posted decrements in output compared to their respective levels in the same quarter of 2022 by 10.08 percent, 26.71 percent, and 36.85 percent, respectively.

**Figure 4. Fisheries Production by Subsector, Ilocos Region
Third Quarter of 2022 and 2023**



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

All subsector of fisheries production in the region recorded a decrement

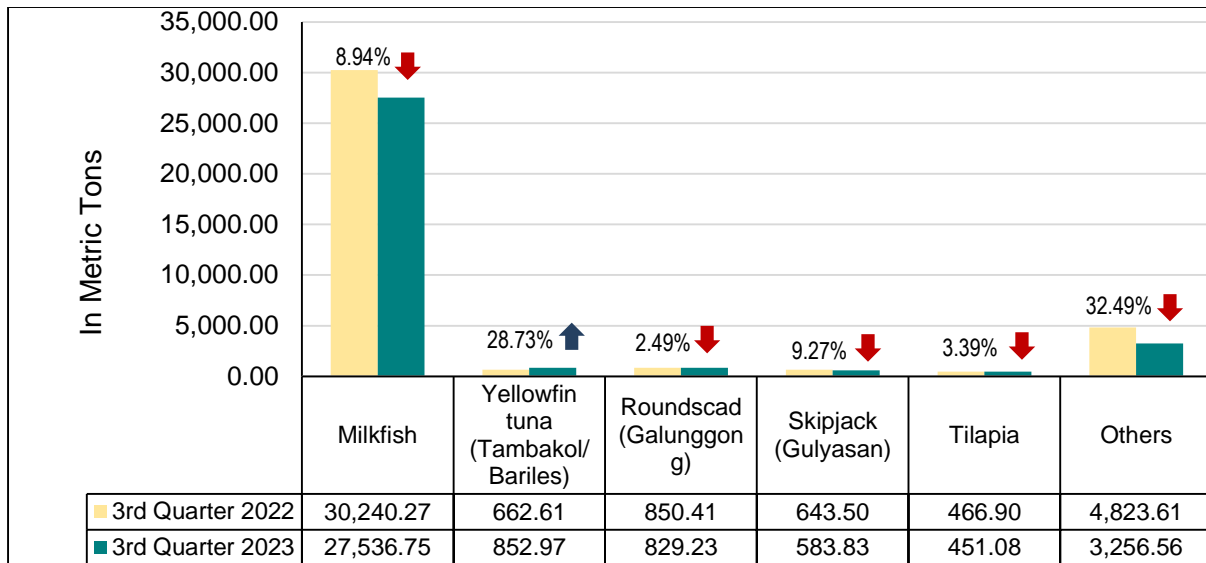
By subsector, the total output of aquaculture registered a decrement in third quarter 2023 of 8.52 percent from 30,958.20 metric tons in third quarter 2022. It has a contribution of 84.51 percent to the total volume of the region’s fisheries production.

Municipal fisheries production registered an output of 3,720.38 metric tons in third quarter 2023. This was lower by 25.53 percent from the 4,996.06 metric tons in third quarter 2022 and has 11.10 percent share to the total fisheries production in the region.

Commercial fisheries recorded 1,470.09 metric tons, a decrease of 15.17 percent from the output in third quarter 2022. Commercial fishing contributed 4.39 percent share to the total fisheries production in the region.



**Figure 5. Fisheries Volume of Production by Species, Ilocos Region
Third Quarter of 2022 and 2023**



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Milkfish registered the highest production in the region

The top five species contributing to the total fisheries production of the Ilocos Region in third quarter 2023 were milkfish, yellowfin tuna, roundscad, and tilapia.

Milkfish had the biggest production contributing 82.17 percent of the total volume of fisheries production in third quarter 2023. However, it decreased by 8.94 percent from the 30,240.27 metric tons output in third quarter 2022.

Production of yellowfin tuna in the region was recorded at 852.97 metric tons, an increase of 28.73 percent compared to its level in the same quarter of 2022.

Production of roundscad was estimated at 829.23 metric tons, decreased by 2.49 percent in third quarter 2023. Skipjack output also declined by 9.27 percent with a production of 583.83 metric tons. Meanwhile, production of tilapia recorded 451.08 metric tons went down by 3.39 percent.



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:

Aquaculture – fishery operation involving all forms of raising and culturing of fish and other fishery species in marine, brackish and freshwater environment. Examples are fishponds, fish pens, fish cages, mussel, oyster, seaweed farms and hatcheries.

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).

Municipal Fishing – covers fishing operation carried out with or without the use of a boat weighing three gross tons or less.


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