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ILOCOS REGION'S COMMERCIAL FISHERIES SITUATION FIRST QUARTER 2024

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The Ilocos Region recorded 2,475.02 metric tons of production from commercial fisheries in first quarter 2024, higher than the 595.77 metric tons output in first quarter 2023.

Table 1. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production by Province
Ilocos Region: First Quarter 2023 and First Quarter 2024^P

Item	1 st Quarter 2023		1 st Quarter 2024 ^P		Growth Rate (%)
	Production In metric tons	Percent Distribution	Production In metric tons	Percent Distribution	
Ilocos Region	595.77	100.00	2,475.02	100.00	315.4
Ilocos Sur	8.25	1.4	40.12	1.6	386.3
La Union	204.93	34.4	69.88	2.8	(65.9)
Pangasinan	382.59	64.2	2,365.02	95.6	518.2

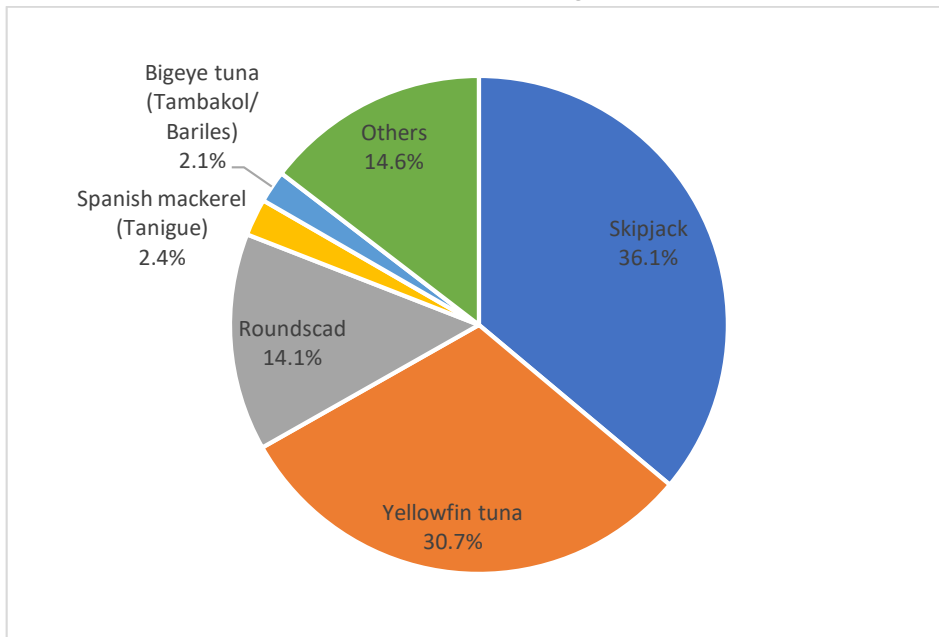
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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, First Quarter 2024 Commercial Fisheries Production Survey

Pangasinan commercial fisheries production had spiked from 382.59 metric tons in 2023 to 2,365.02 metric tons in the first quarter 2024. Likewise, Ilocos Sur increased by 386.30 percent from 8.25 metric tons in first quarter 2023 to 40.12 metric tons in the same quarter of 2024. Meanwhile, La Union registered a decrease of 65.9 percent.

Figure 1. Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production by Species (Metric Tons), Ilocos Region: First Quarter 2024^P



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, First Quarter 2024 Commercial Fisheries Production Survey

Ilocos Region’s commercial species with major contribution during the first quarter 2024 were skipjack, yellowfin tuna, roundscad, Spanish mackerel and bigeye tuna.

Skipjack contributed the highest share to the commercial fisheries production at 36.1 percent or 893.34 metric tons. Similarly, there were 760.07 metric of yellowfin tuna and 349.41 metric tons of roundscad which shared 30.7 percent and 14.1 percent, respectively, to the total commercial fisheries of the region. Meanwhile, Spanish mackerel and bigeye tuna have combined output of 4.5 percent out of the total production.



Table 2. Growth Rates of Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production by Species (Metric Tons), Ilocos Region: First Quarter 2023 and First Quarter 2024^P

Species	First Quarter 2023	First Quarter 2024 ^P	Growth Rate (%)
Skipjack (Gulyasan)	38.32	893.34	2,231.3
Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	62.64	760.07	1,113.4
Roundscad (Galunggong)	51.52	349.41	578.2
Spanish mackerel (Tanigue)	10.81	59.62	451.5
Bigeye tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	5.76	51.65	796.7
Frigate tuna (Tulingan)	64.97	22.09	(66.0)
Squid (Pusit)	11.93	16.37	37.2
Hairtail (Espada)	30.58	15.78	(48.4)
Slipmouth (Sapsap)	9.74	10.85	11.4
Threadfin bream (Bisugo)	28.06	9.27	(67.0)
Others	281.42	286.56	1.8

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, First Quarter 2024 Commercial Fisheries Production Survey

Skipjack production had the highest increment in commercial fisheries of the region at 2,231.3 percent. Yellowfin tuna had a positive growth of 1,113.4 percent from the 62.64 metric tons in first quarter 2023. Similarly, roundscad production also improved from 51.52 metric tons to 349.41 metric tons, an increase of 578.2 percent.

On the other hand, frigate tuna posted a decline in first quarter 2024 with an output of 22.09 metric tons from 64.97 metric tons in the same quarter in 2023, translating to a 66.0 percent decrease. Meanwhile, hairtail and threadfin bream production diminished by 48.4 and 67.0 percent, respectively.



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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