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AQUACULTURE FISHERIES SITUATIONER IN LA UNION 2ND QUARTER 2023

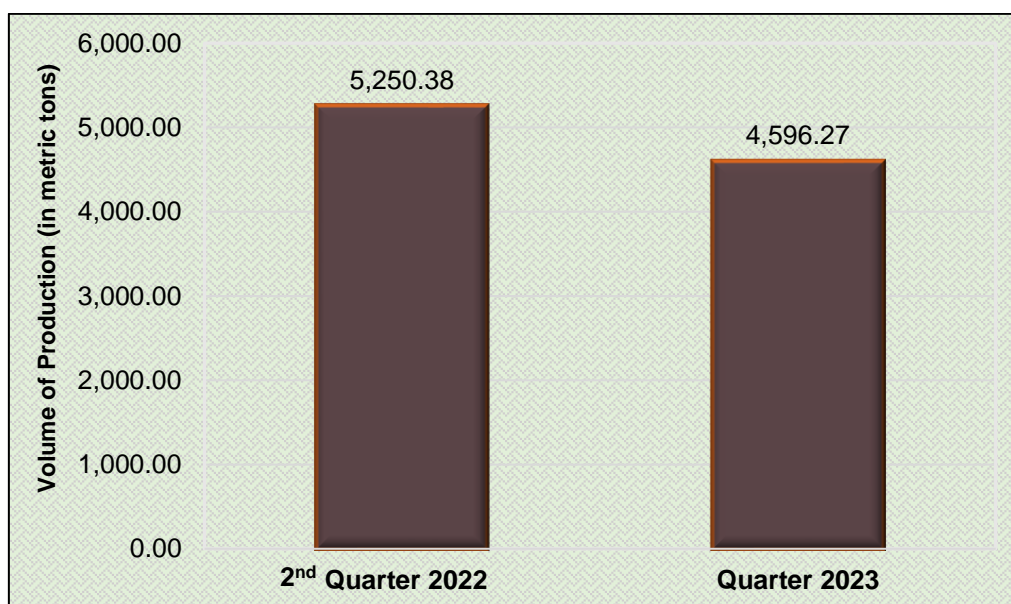
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La Union's aquaculture fisheries production declines in 2nd Quarter 2023

The aquaculture production in La Union was posted at 4,596.27 metric tons in 2nd quarter 2023. This translates to a decrease of 12.46 percent from the previous year's same quarter level of 5,250.38 metric tons.

**Figure 1. Volume of Aquaculture Production
La Union: 2nd Quarter 2022 and 2nd Quarter 2023**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

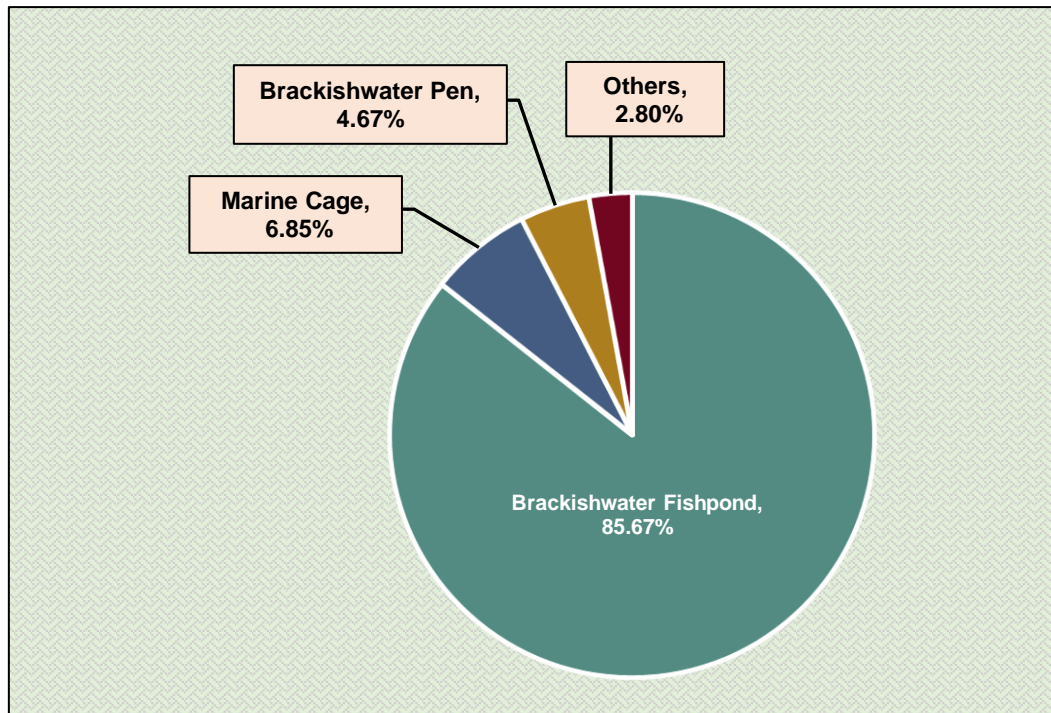
By ecosystem, brackishwater fishpond recorded 3, 937.58 metric tons volume of production that contributed 85.67 percent share to the overall aquaculture production of the province in 2nd quarter 2023. It was followed by marine cage with 314.97 metric



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tons (6.85 percent share) and brackishwater pen with 214.79 metric tons (4.67 percent share).

Figure 2. Percentage Distribution of Aquaculture Production by Ecosystem, La Union: 2nd Quarter 2023



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority
*Details may not add up to total due to rounding

In 2nd quarter 2023, brackishwater fishpond production posted a 9.81 percent decrease from 4, 366.04 metric tons in the same period a year ago. Likewise, brackishwater pen production decreased from 271.46 metric tons and marine cage from 418.01 metric tons output on the same quarter last year.

The dominant species in aquaculture subsector of the province in 2nd quarter 2023 were Milkfish, Grouper and P. Vannamei. Milkfish output shared 55.09 percent to the total aquaculture production during the period while Grouper and P. Vannamei shared 17.08 percent and 9.70 percent, respectively. (Figure 3)

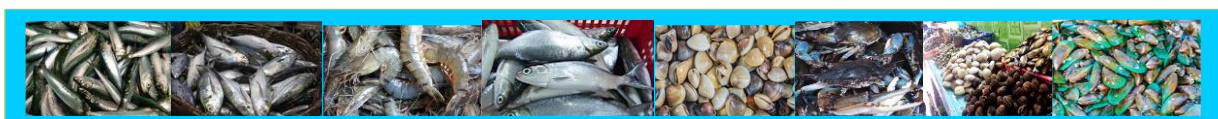
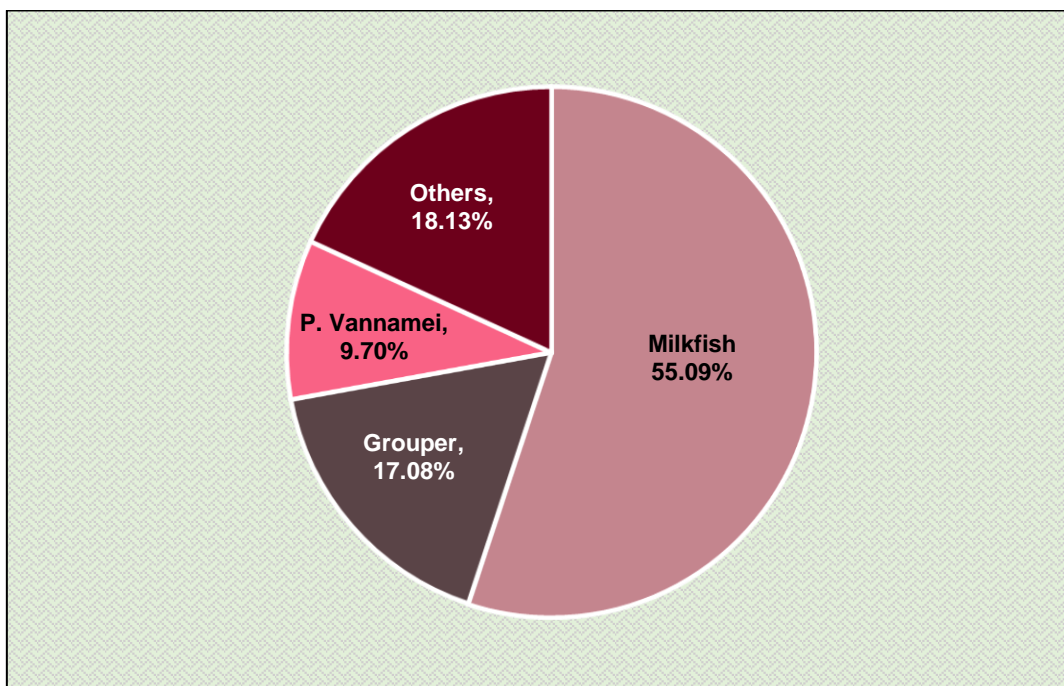
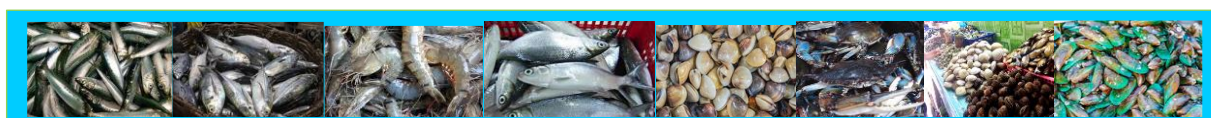


Figure 3. Percent Contribution of Top Species to the Total Aquaculture Production, La Union: 2nd Quarter 2023



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Milkfish production in 2nd quarter 2023 was registered at 2,532.06 metric tons. It was lower by 17.10 percent than the production in the same period a year ago of 3,054.24 metric tons. Likewise, Grouper and P. Vannamei production decreased by 2.75 percent and 2.58 percent from their production of 807.26 metric tons and 457.44 metric tons in 2nd quarter 2022 to 785.10 metric tons and 445.62 metric tons in 2nd quarter 2023, respectively.




TECHNICAL NOTES

Aquaculture is a fishery operation involving all forms of raising and culturing of fish and other fishery species in fresh, brackish and marine water areas. The operation is comprised of activities from stocking to harvesting of species under controlled conditions in farming facility called aquafarm.

Aquaculture Production refers to the volume harvested from the aquafarm. It includes those species harvested in marketable/matured size and in fresh form.

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 Aquaculture Survey is a quarterly survey that generates estimates of volume and value of production per aquafarm type and species for the subsector.



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