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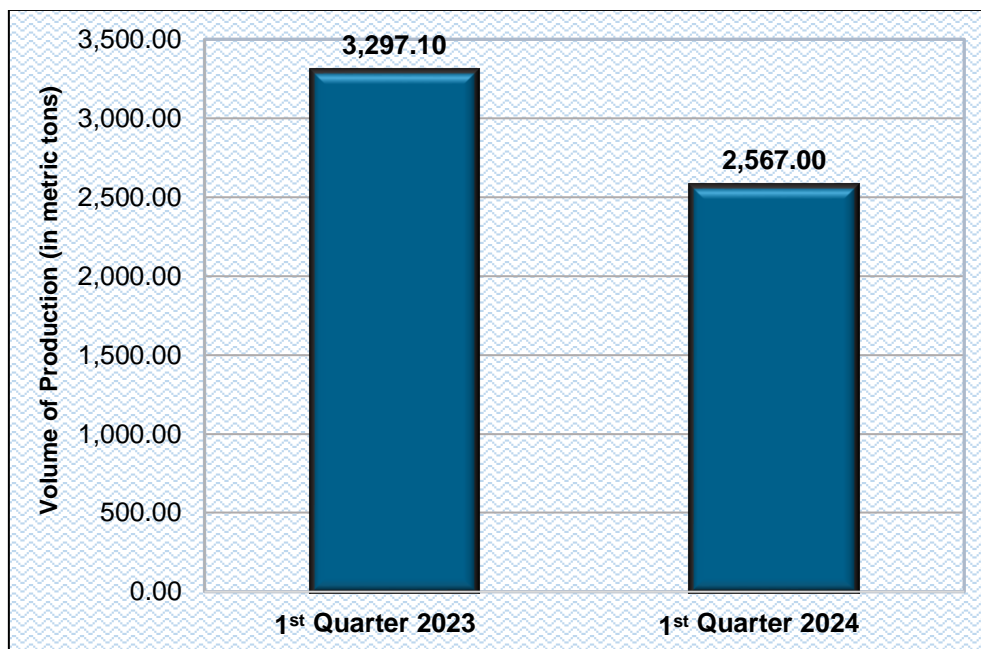
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La Union's fisheries production declines in 1st quarter 2024

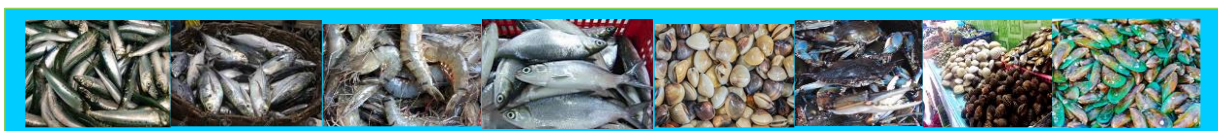
La Union's total volume of fisheries production in 1st quarter 2024 was recorded at 2,567.00 metric tons, a decrease of 22.14 percent from the 3,297.10 metric tons production in 1st quarter 2023. (Figure 1)

**Figure 1. Volume of Fisheries Production
La Union: 1st Quarter 2023 and 1st Quarter 2024**



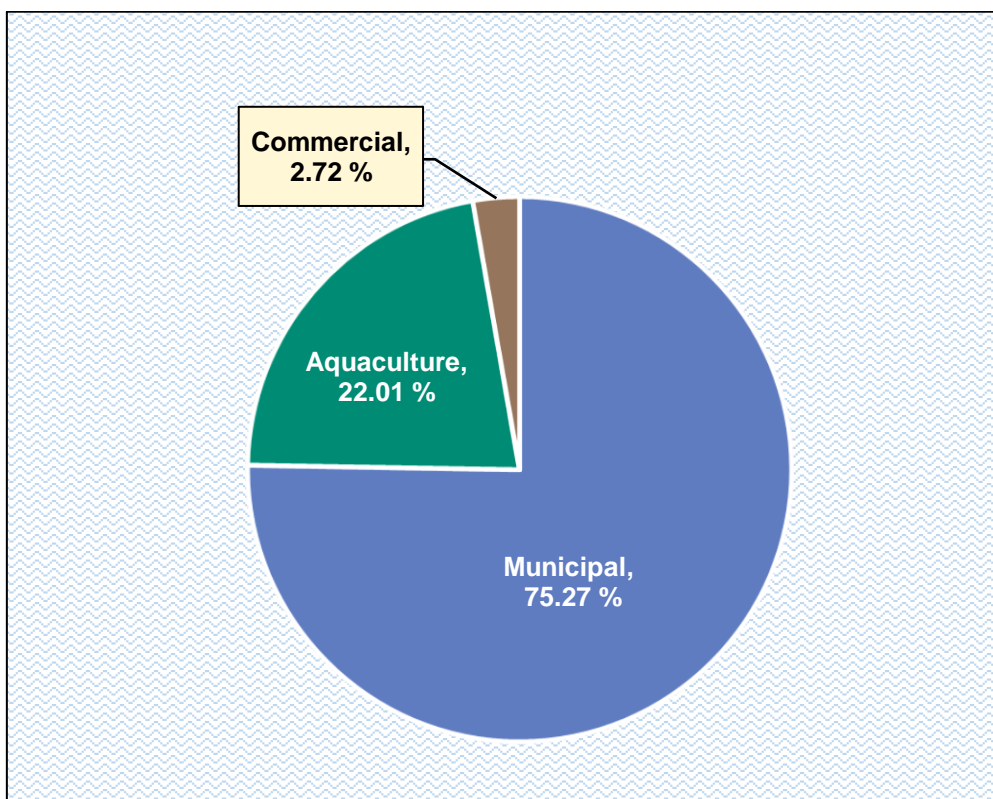
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Among the fisheries subsectors, municipal fisheries posted the largest contribution to the fisheries output in the province in 1st quarter 2024 with a share of 1,932.23 metric tons or 75.27 percent of the total fisheries production of the province. Aquaculture ranked second with 564.89 metric tons contributing 22.01 percent to the total fisheries production of the province. Commercial fisheries had the smallest contribution to the



total volume of production in the province with 69.88 metric tons or 2.72 percent share. (Figure 2)

Figure 2. Percentage Distribution of Fisheries Production by Subsector La Union: 1st Quarter 2024

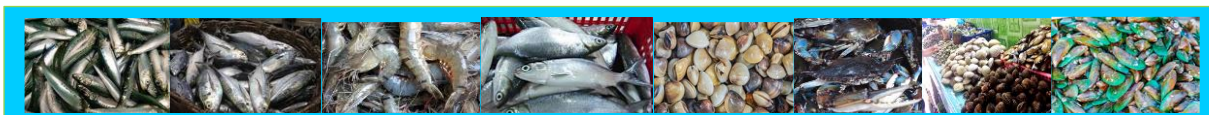


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In 1st quarter 2024, the top five species in terms of volume of production were: Milkfish (Bangus) with 481.41 metric tons (18.75 percent share) distantly followed by Threadfin Bream (Bisugo) with 167.82 metric tons (6.54 percent share); Skipjack (Gulyasan) with 166.65 metric tons (6.49 percent share); Cavalla (Talakitok) with 136.17 metric tons (5.30 percent share); and Spanish Mackerel (Tanigue) with 123.53 metric tons (4.81 percent share).

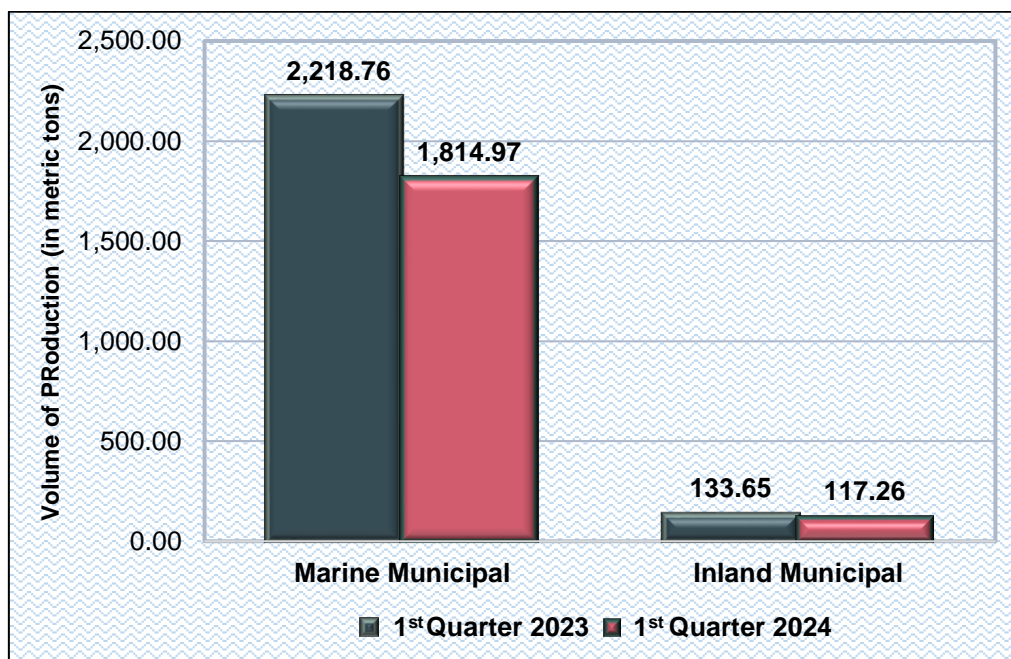
Municipal Fisheries

The total municipal fisheries production in La Union went down by 17.86 percent from the estimated production of 2,352.42 metric tons in 1st quarter 2023 to 1,932.23 metric tons in 1st quarter 2024. This subsector was comprised of 93.93 percent production from marine municipal fisheries and 6.07 percent production from inland municipal fisheries.



Likewise, the volume of production from marine municipal fisheries dropped by 18.20 percent from 2,218.76 metric tons in 1st quarter 2023 to 1,814.97 metric tons in 1st quarter 2024. Moreover, the volume of production from inland municipal fisheries went down 12.26 percent from 133.65 metric tons in 1st quarter 2023 to 117.26 metric tons in 1st quarter 2024.

**Figure 3. Volume of Municipal Fisheries Production by Subsector
La Union: 1st Quarter 2023 and 1st Quarter 2024**



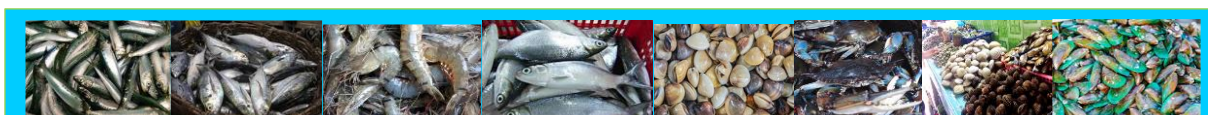
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Municipal fisheries data were gathered from administrative records of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), Local Government Unit (LGU) - managed landing centers and traditional landing centers.

Aquaculture

The aquaculture production in La Union was posted at 564.89 metric tons in 1st quarter 2024. This translates to a decrease of 23.64 percent from the 739.75 metric tons production in 1st quarter 2023. (Figure 4)

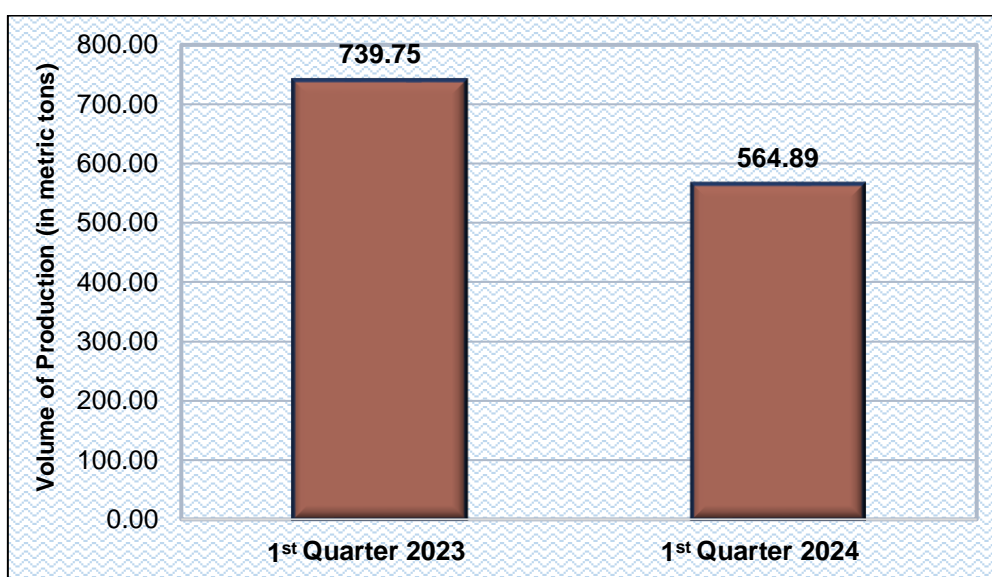
Milkfish dominated the aquaculture production of the province in 1st quarter 2024 with 481.33 metric tons. It was distantly followed by Oyster and P. Vannamei production with 43.56 metric tons and 13.21 metric tons, respectively. Milkfish production



decreased by 26.12 percent from its production in the same period a year ago of 651.54 metric tons. Likewise, Oyster production decreased by 28.06 percent from 60.55 metric tons in 1st quarter 2023 to 43.56 metric tons in 1st quarter 2024.

On the other hand, P. Vannamei production increased by 11.76 percent from 11.82 metric tons in 1st quarter last year to 13.21 metric tons in 1st quarter 2024.

**Figure 4. Volume of Aquaculture Production
La Union: 1st Quarter 2023 and 1st Quarter 2024**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

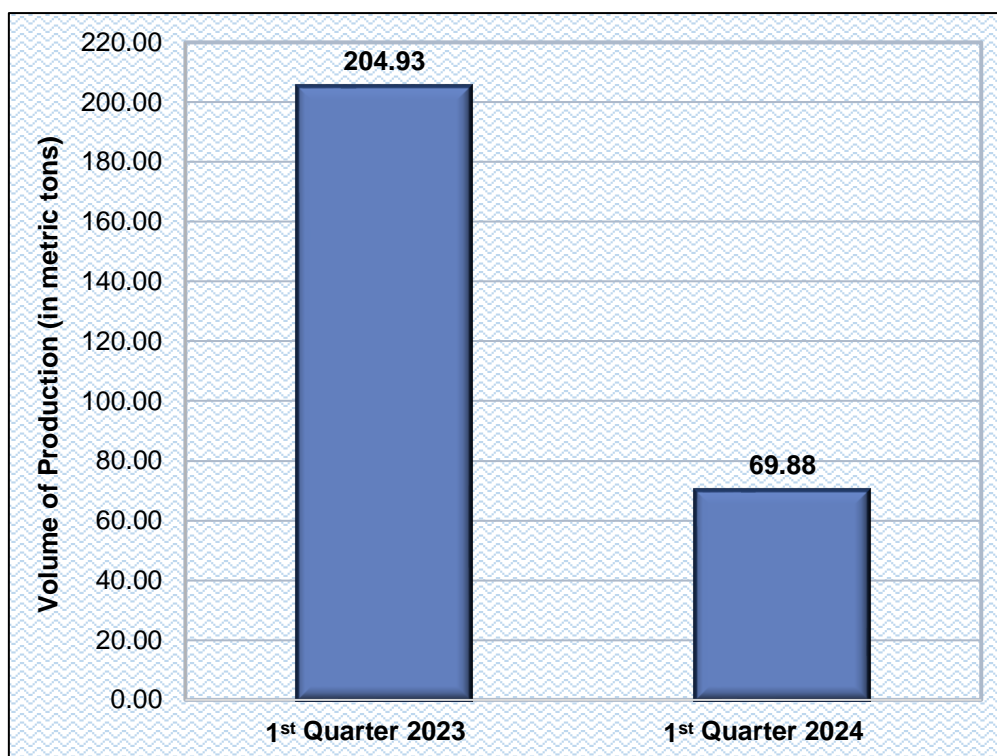
Commercial Fisheries

The volume of production from commercial fisheries was posted at 69.88 metric tons in 1st quarter 2024. It went down by 65.90 percent from 204.93 metric tons in the same period a year ago. (Figure 5)

Data for commercial fisheries were obtained from LGU-managed fish landing centers, privately-managed fish landing centers, and traditional fish landing centers.



**Figure 5. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production
La Union: 1st Quarter 2023 and 1st Quarter 2024**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Value of fisheries production in La Union decreases in 1st quarter 2024

The total value of all fisheries production in La Union in 1st quarter 2024 was PhP444,157.05. This is 22.79 percent lower than its value in the same quarter a year ago of PhP575,268.53.

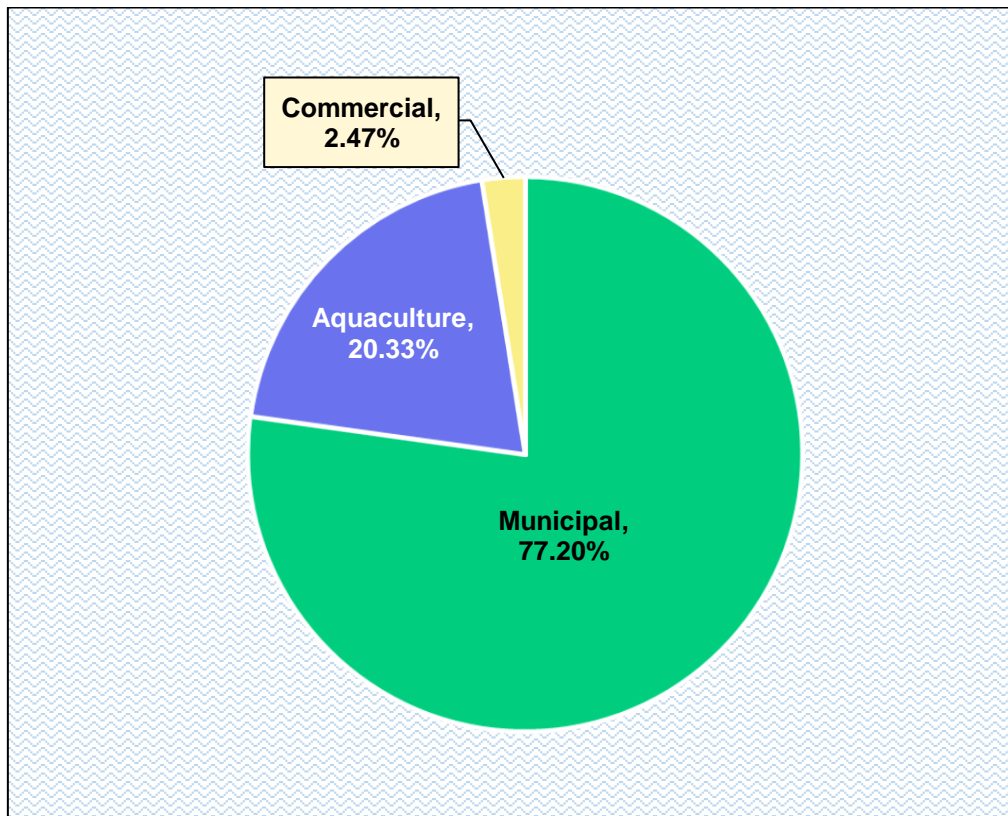
In terms of value of production, municipal fisheries topped the three subsectors in 1st quarter 2024 with a share of 77.20 percent to the total value of fisheries production in the province. The remaining 22.80 percent of the provincial total value of production was contributed by aquaculture with 20.33 percent share and commercial fisheries with 2.47 percent share. (Figure 6)

All subsectors exhibited a decrease in their respective value of fisheries production compared with their value of fisheries production in 1st quarter 2023. Municipal fisheries recorded a decrease of 21.61 percent from PhP437,416.20 in 1st quarter 2023 to PhP342,889.03 in 1st quarter 2024. Aquaculture decreased by 13.91 percent



from PhP104,905.14 in 1st quarter 2023 to PhP90,316.35 in 1st quarter 2024 while commercial fisheries decreased by 66.76 percent from PhP32,947.19 in 1st quarter 2023 to PhP10,951.67 in 1st quarter 2024.

Figure 6. Percentage Distribution of Value of Fisheries Production by Subsector, La Union: 1st Quarter 2024



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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.

Inland Municipal Fishing – the catching of fish, crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic animals and plants in inland waters like lakes, rivers, dams, marshes, etc. using simple gears and fishing boats some of which are non-motorized with a capacity of less than three gross tons, or fishing not requiring the use of fishing boats.

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.

Quarterly Inland Fisheries Survey is a survey on volume and price of fish by species, caught by households engaged in inland fishing. It gathers quarterly data with monthly catch from sample fishing households. Respondents are fishermen or any knowledgeable member of the sample household.

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.

Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), Local Government Units (LGUs), Privately-Managed Landing Centers) is the gathering of data from the records of the PFDA, LGU and privately-managed landing centers. It is done on a quarterly basis but the information being collected is on each of the three months included in the reference quarter.

Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey (Traditional Landing Center) – is a survey on volume and price of fish, by species, unloaded by fishing boats three gross tons or less. It gathers quarterly data for the entire sample landing center with information on monthly fish unloading.

Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey PFDA, LGUs, Privately-Managed Landing Centers is gathering of data on volume and price of fish from administrative records of PFDA and LGU-managed landing centers. It is done on a quarterly basis with information from three-month period.


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