



# SPECIAL RELEASE

## ILOCOS REGION'S COMMERCIAL FISHERIES PRODUCTION DECREASES IN 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER 2020

(Results from the Fisheries Production Survey, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020)

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The commercial fisheries volume of production in Ilocos Region was posted at 1,093 metric tons in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020. The output was lower by 10.98 percent than the level in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2019 of 1,228 metric tons.

The provinces of Ilocos Sur and Pangasinan posted decreases in output which pulled down the overall commercial fisheries production of the region.

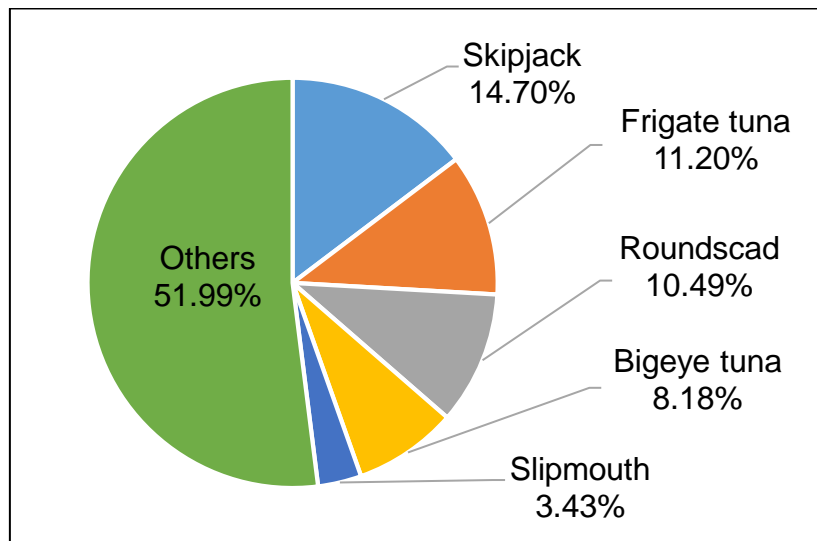
**Table 1. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production by Province  
Ilocos Region 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019**

Item	Production (MT)		Percent Change
	4th Quarter 2020	4th Quarter 2019	
<b>ILOCOS REGION</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>(10.98)</b>
Ilocos Norte	-	-	-
Ilocos Sur	54	60	(9.55)
La Union	334	302	10.40
Pangasinan	706	866	(18.54)

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 Fisheries Production Survey

The top five major catch in the region during the quarter were Skipjack, Frigate tuna, Roundscad, Bigeye tuna, and Slipmouth.

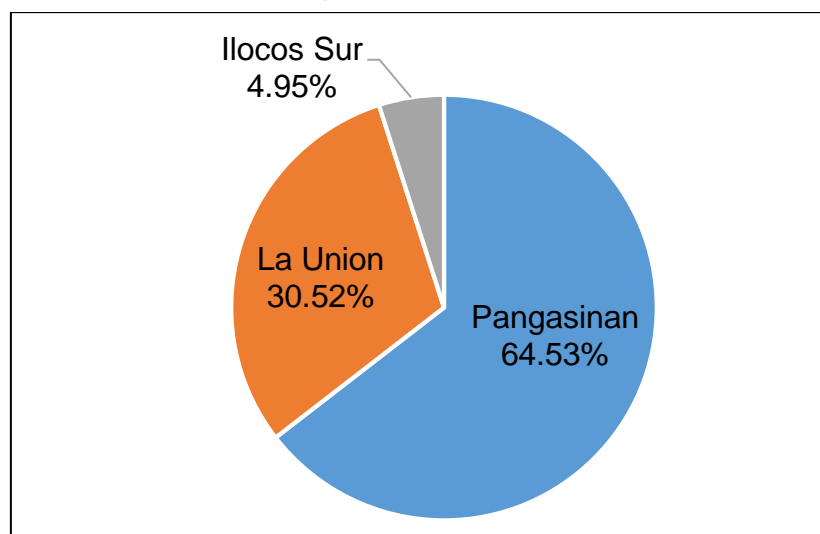
**Figure 1. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Ilocos Region: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 Fisheries Production Survey

In terms of provincial shares, Pangasinan accounted for 64.53 percent of the region’s commercial fisheries volume of production in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020. The province recorded a production of 706 metric tons, lower than the output in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2019 of 866 metric tons. Lesser fishing trips due to frequent gale warnings caused the lower growth in the volume of catch.

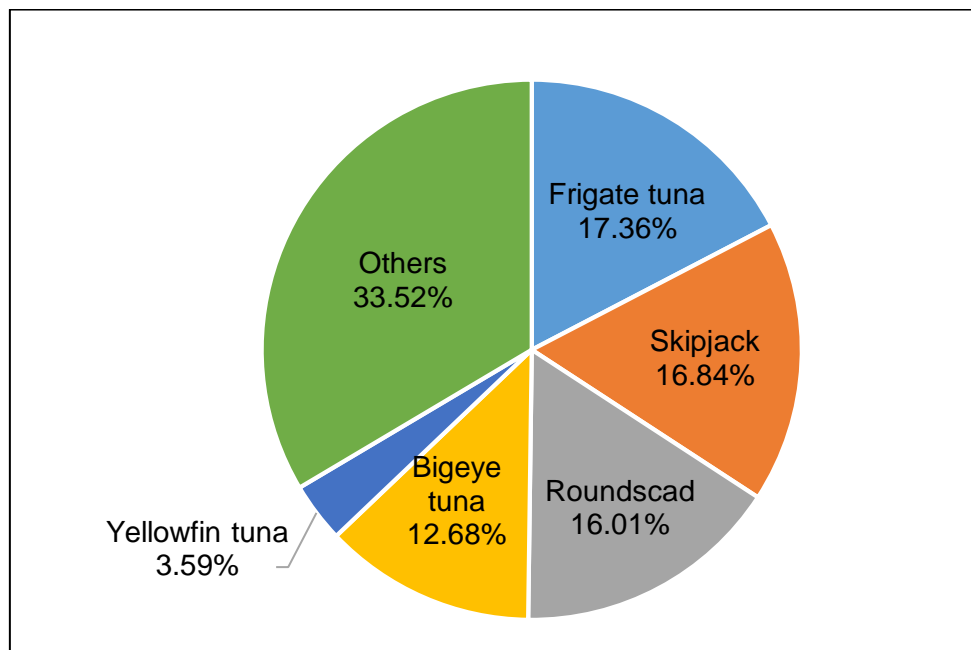
**Figure 2. Percentage Contribution by Province to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Ilocos Region: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 Fisheries Production Survey

The top five major catch in Pangasinan during the quarter were Frigate tuna, Skipjack, Roundscad, Bigeye tuna, and Yellowfin tuna.

**Figure 3. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Pangasinan: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020**

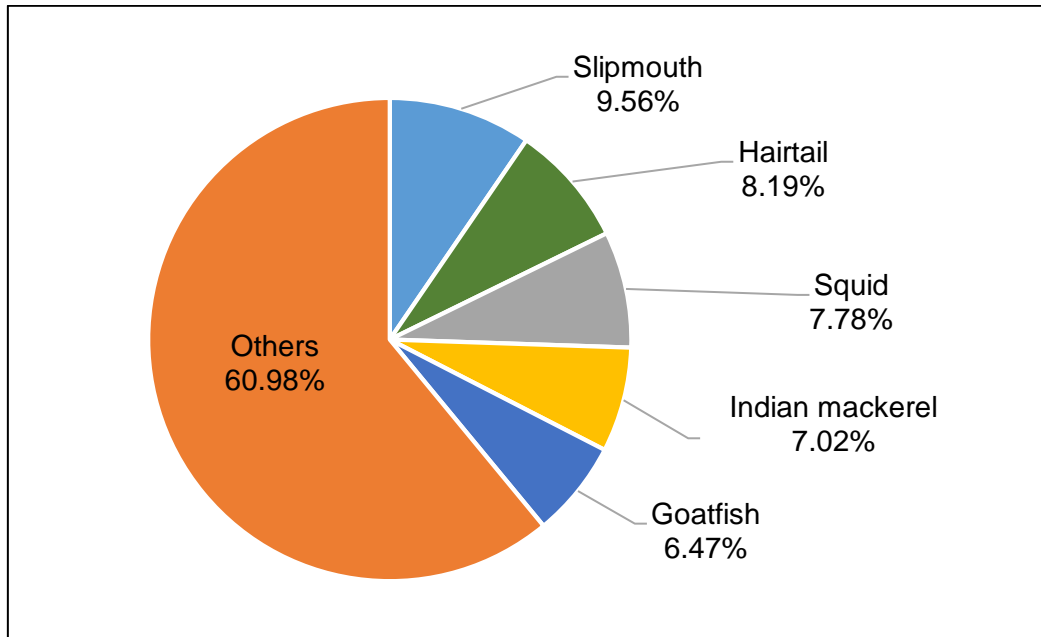


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 Fisheries Production Survey

La Union which shared 30.52 percent to the total commercial fish catch of the region in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020 posted increment in output. From the 302 metric tons recorded in the same period of 2019, it grew to 334 metric tons in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020 due to increased number of fishing days, presence of more school of fish, and bigger sizes of catch.

The top five major catch in La Union during the quarter were Slipmouth, Hairtail, Squid, Indian mackerel, and Goatfish.

**Figure 4. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production La Union: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 Fisheries Production Survey

The province of Ilocos Sur shared 4.95 percent to the total commercial fisheries volume of production in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020. Its production during the period went down by 9.55 percent from 60 metric tons in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2019. Lesser fishing operations due to rough seas and absence of school of fish caused the decline fish catch. Major species which contributed to the total output of the province include Skipjack, Yellowfin tuna, Roundscad.

## 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.

### Concepts and Definitions:

**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).

**Fisheries Sector** – the sector engaged in the production, growing, harvesting, processing, marketing, developing, conserving and managing aquatic resources and fishing areas.

**Fishing Gear** – any instrument or device and its accessories utilized in taking fish and other fishery species.

**Fishing Grounds** – areas in any body of water where fish and other aquatic resources congregate and become the target of capture.

**Landing Center** – a place where the fish catch and other aquatic products are unloaded and traded.

  
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