



SPECIAL RELEASE

ILOCOS REGION'S COMMERCIAL FISHERIES PRODUCTION DECREASES IN 2020

(Results from the Fisheries Production Survey, 2020)

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The commercial fisheries volume of production in Ilocos Region was posted at 5,227 metric tons in 2020. The output was lower by 4.63 percent than the level in 2019 of 5,481 metric tons.

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

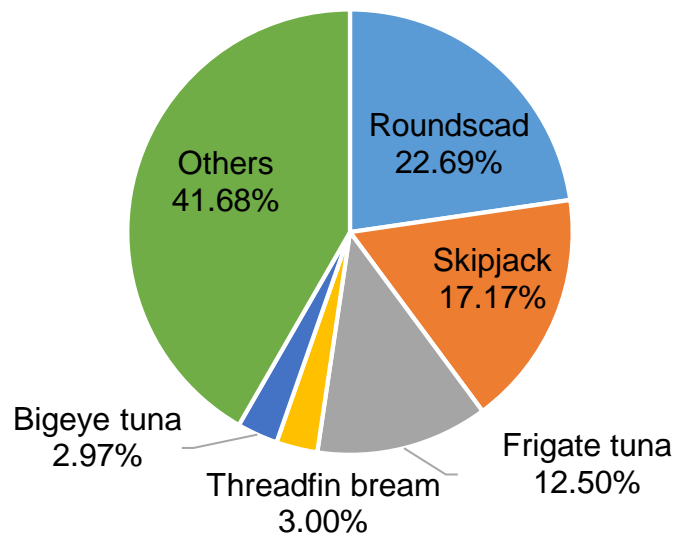
Table 1. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production by Province Ilocos Region: 2020 and 2019

Item	Production (MT)		Growth Rate (%)
	2020	2019	
ILOCOS REGION	5,227	5,481	(4.63)
Ilocos Norte	-	-	-
Ilocos Sur	336	346	(2.76)
La Union	1,064	1,013	4.95
Pangasinan	3,828	4,122	(7.14)

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Fisheries Production Survey

The top five major catch in the region in 2020 were Roundscad, Skipjack, Frigate tuna, Threadfin bream, and Bigeye tuna.

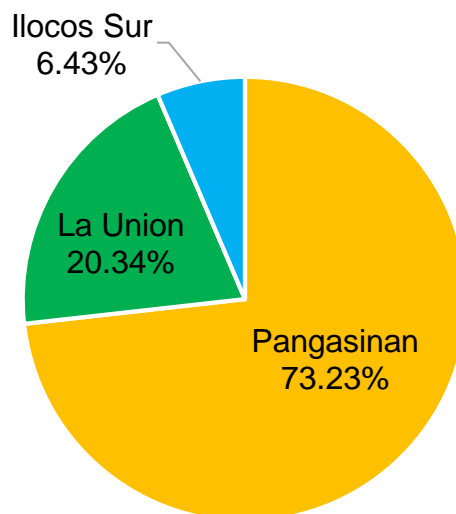
Figure 1. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Ilocos Region: 2020



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Fisheries Production Survey

In terms of provincial shares, Pangasinan accounted for 73.23 percent of the region's commercial fisheries volume of production in 2020. The province recorded a production of 3,828 metric tons, lower than the output in 2019 of 4,122 metric tons. Lesser fishing trips due to frequent gale warnings, decreased number of boats and lesser school of fish resulted to lower output.

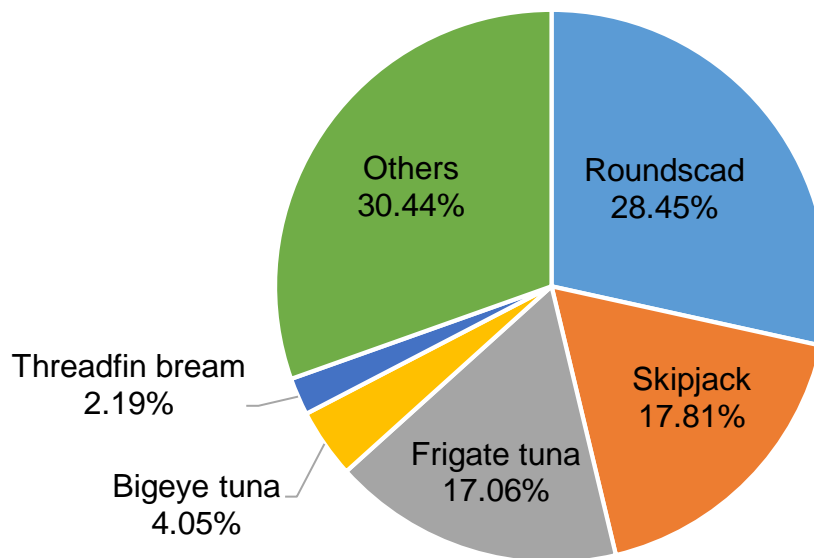
Figure 2. Percentage Distribution of Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production by Province, Ilocos Region: 2020



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Fisheries Production Survey

The top five major catch in Pangasinan in 2020 were Roundscad, Skipjack, Frigate tuna, Bigeye tuna, and Threadfin bream.

Figure 3. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Pangasinan: 2020

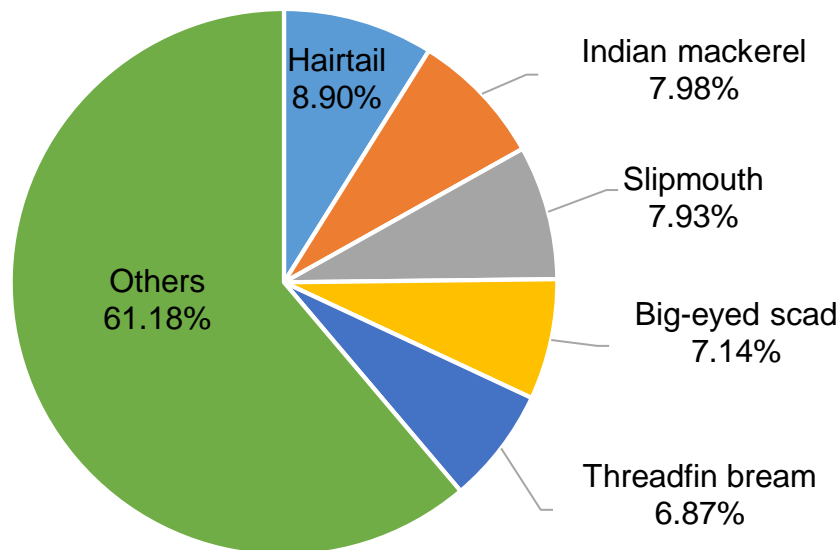


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Fisheries Production Survey

La Union which shared 20.34 percent to the total commercial fish catch of the region in 2020 posted increment in output. From the 1,013 metric tons recorded in 2019, it grew to 1,064 metric tons in 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 period were Hairtail, Indian mackerel, Slipmouth, Big-eye scad, and Threadfin bream.

Figure 4. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production La Union: 2020



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Fisheries Production Survey

The province of Ilocos Sur shared 6.43 percent to the total commercial fisheries volume of production in 2020. Its production during the period went down by 2.76 percent. From 346 metric tons in 2019, it decreased to 336 metric tons in 2020. Lesser fishing operations due to rough seas and decreased number of school of fish caused the decline of fish catch. Major species which contributed to the total output of the province include Frigate tuna, Roundscad, Skipjack, and Yellowfin tuna.

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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