



# SPECIAL RELEASE

## ILOCOS REGION'S COMMERCIAL FISHERIES PRODUCTION DECREASES IN 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER 2021

(Results from the Fisheries Production Survey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021)

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The commercial fisheries volume of production in Ilocos Region was posted at 1,007.32 metric tons in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021. The output was lower by 29.92 percent than the level in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020 of 1,437.30 metric tons.

The decrease in output of Pangasinan pulled down the overall commercial fisheries production of the region.

**Table 1. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production by Province  
Ilocos Region 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020**

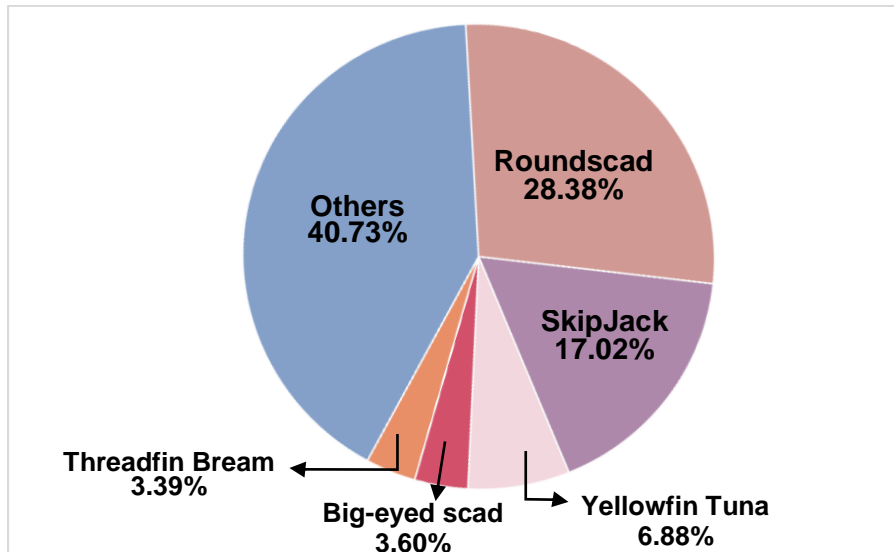
ITEM	Production (MT)		Growth Rate (%)
	2nd Quarter 2021	2nd Quarter 2020	
<b>Ilocos Region</b>	1,007.32	1,437.30	<b>(29.92)</b>
<b>Ilocos Sur</b>	150.72	145.13	<b>3.85</b>
<b>La Union</b>	269.36	247.85	<b>8.68</b>
<b>Pangasinan</b>	587.24	1,044.32	<b>(43.77)</b>

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 Fisheries Production Survey

The top five major catch in the region during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021 were roundscad, skipjack, yellowfin tuna, big-eyed scad and threadfin bream.



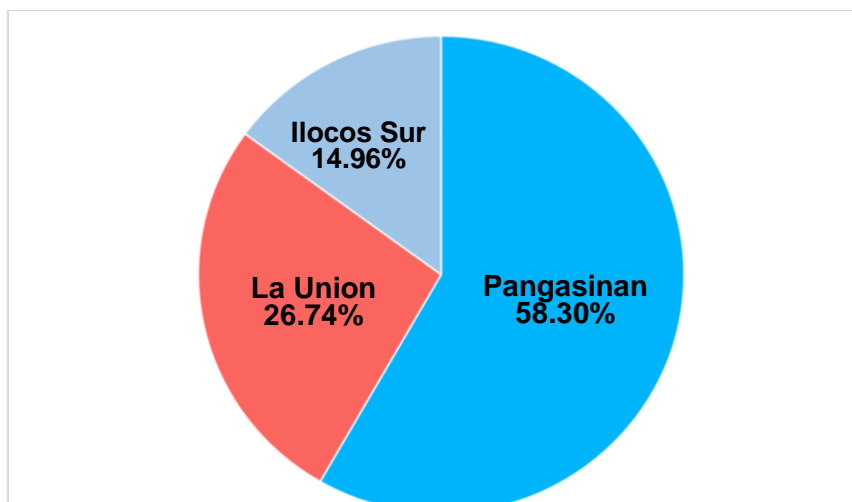
**Figure 1. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Ilocos Region: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 Fisheries Production Survey

In terms of provincial shares, Pangasinan accounted for 58.30 percent of the region’s commercial fisheries volume of production in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021. The province recorded a production of 587.24 metric tons, lower than the output in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020 of 1,044.32 metric tons. Lesser fishing days, lesser unloadings in Sual Fishport in Pangasinan and less presence of school of fish contributed to the lower volume of catch.

**Figure 2. Percentage Contribution by Province to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Ilocos Region: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021**

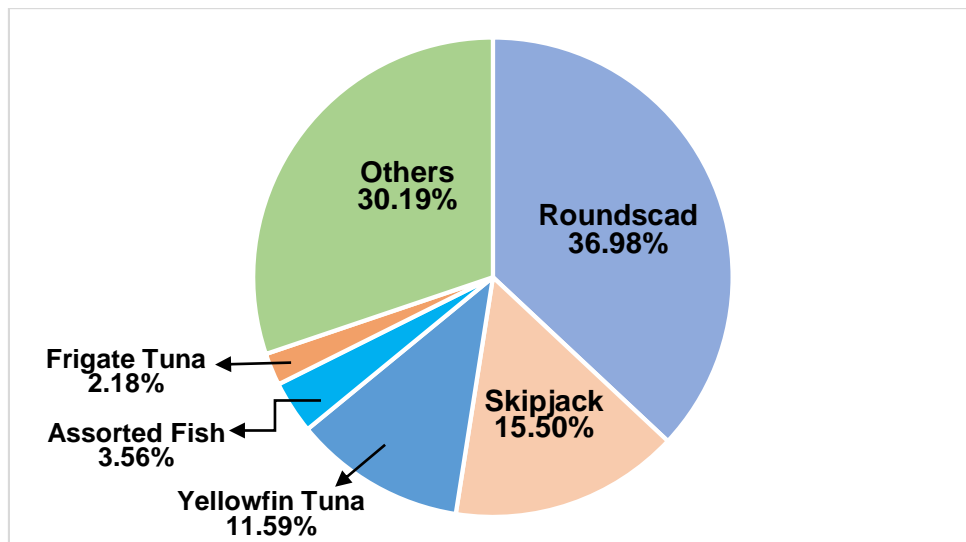


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 Fisheries Production Survey



The top five major catch in Pangasinan during the quarter were roundscad, skipjack, yellowfin tuna, assorted fish and frigate tuna.

**Figure 3. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Pangasinan: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021**

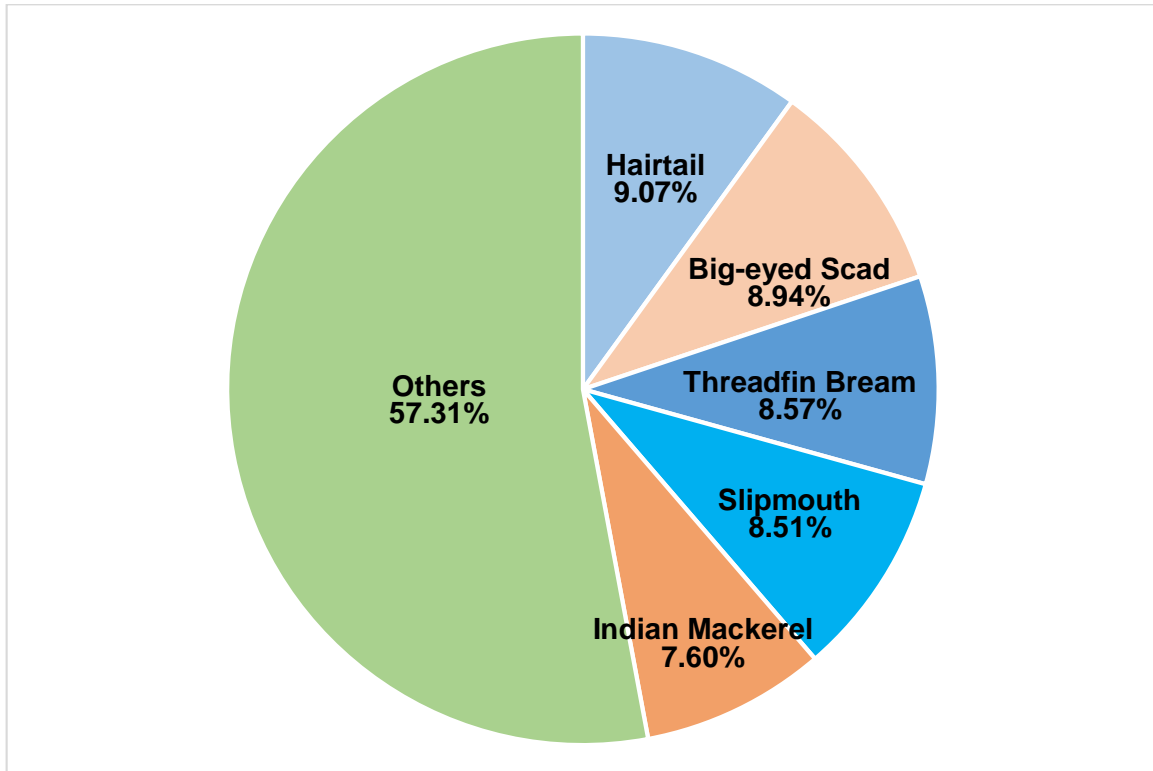


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 Fisheries Production Survey

La Union shared 26.74 percent to the total commercial fish catch of the region in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021. It posted increment in output of 8.68 percent. From the 247.85 metric tons recorded in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020, production grew to 269.36 metric tons in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021 due to increased number of fishing days, presence of school of fish and bigger sizes of catch.

The top five major catch in La Union during the quarter were hairtail, big-eyed scad, threadfin bream, slipmouth and indian mackerel.

**Figure 4. Percentage Contribution of Top Species  
to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production  
La Union: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021**



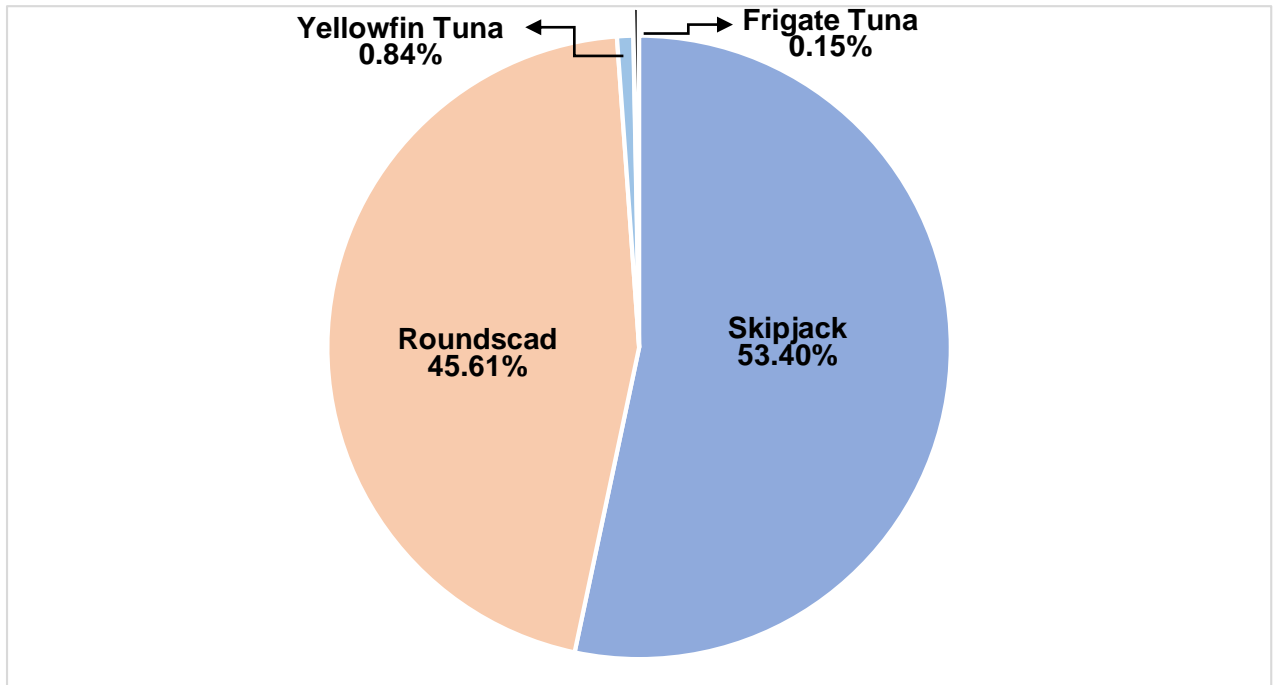
*Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 Fisheries Production Survey*

Ilocos Sur contributed 14.96 percent to the total commercial fisheries volume of production in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021. Its production of 150.72 metric tons, went up by 3.85 percent from the 145.13 metric tons output in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020. Increased fishing trips and hours spent in the fishing grounds due lifting of travel restriction of commercial fishing vessels resulted to abundant fish catch.

Major species which contributed to the total output of the province include skipjack, roundscad, yellowfin tuna, and frigate tuna.



**Figure 5. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Ilocos Sur: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 Fisheries Production Survey

## 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 fisheries sector is composed of the three (3) subsectors, namely commercial, municipal fisheries, and aquaculture. 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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