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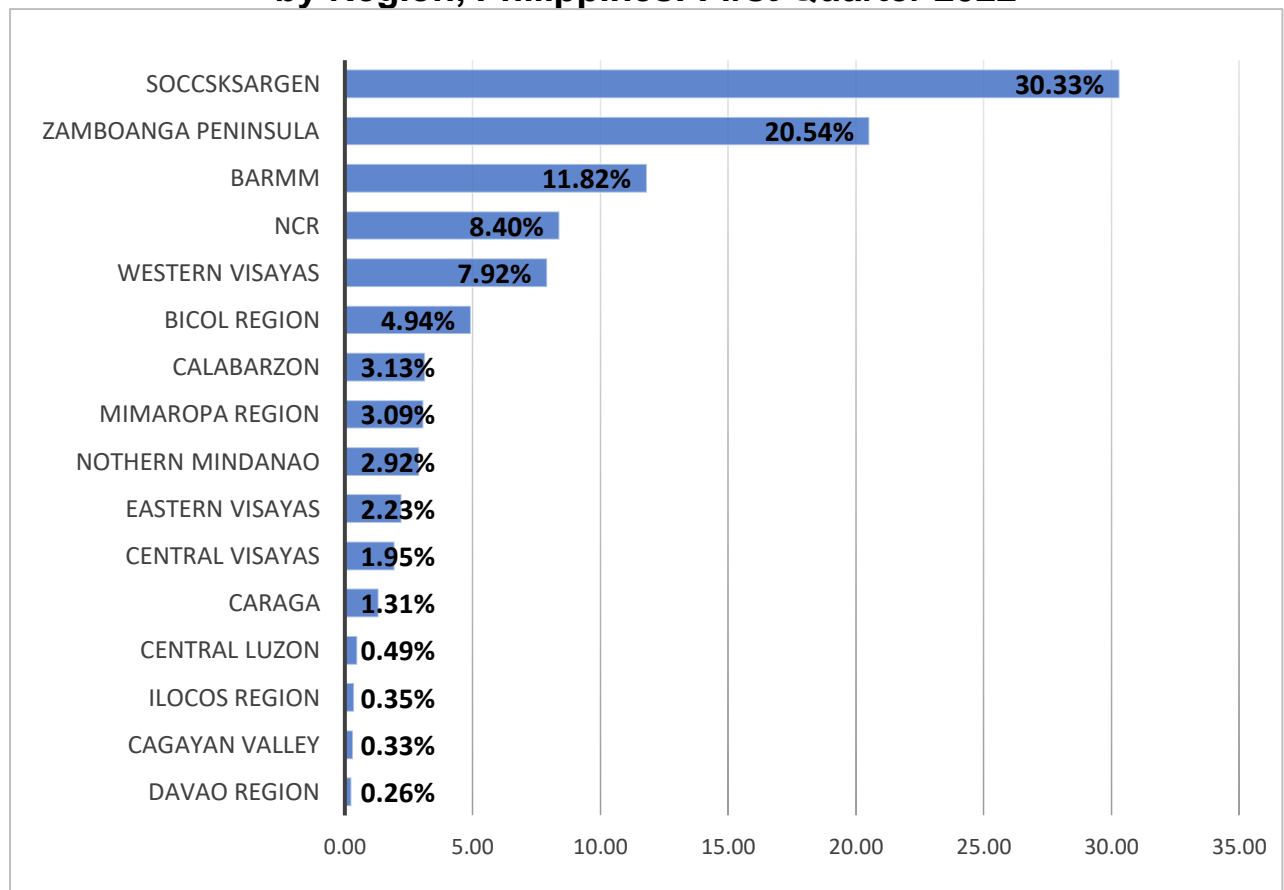
ILOCOS REGION'S COMMERCIAL FISHERIES SITUATION FIRST QUARTER OF 2022

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The volume of commercial fisheries production in Ilocos Region was posted at 624.36 metric tons in first quarter 2022. It covers 0.35 percent of the 177,143.30 metric tons output of the country during the period.

Figure 1. Percentage Distribution of Commercial Fisheries Production by Region, Philippines: First Quarter 2022



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2022 Fisheries Production Survey



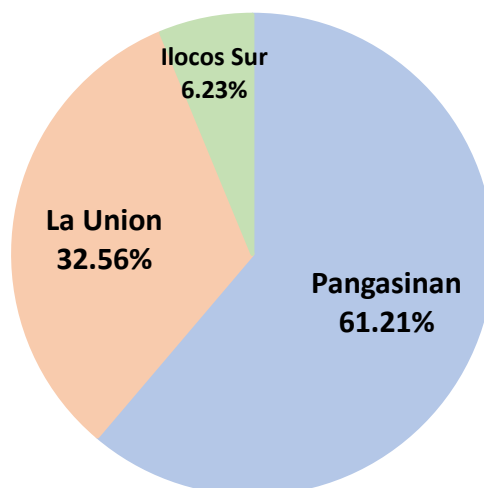
Ilocos Region commercial fisheries production was 23.32% percent higher than the production of 506.30 metric tons in first quarter 2021. The provinces of La Union and Pangasinan posted increases in production of 7.69 percent and 46.52 percent, respectively. Meanwhile, Ilocos Sur registered negative growth in output by 31.37 percent.

**Table 1. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production by Province
Ilocos Region: First Quarter 2021-2022**

Item	Production (MT)		Growth Rate (%)
	First Quarter 2022	First Quarter 2021	
Ilocos Region	624.36	506.30	23.32
Ilocos Norte	-	-	-
Ilocos Sur	38.92	56.71	(31.37)
La Union	203.29	188.77	7.69
Pangasinan	382.15	260.82	46.52

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2022 Fisheries Production Survey

**Figure 2. Percentage Distribution of Commercial Fisheries
Production by Province,
Ilocos Region: First Quarter 2022**



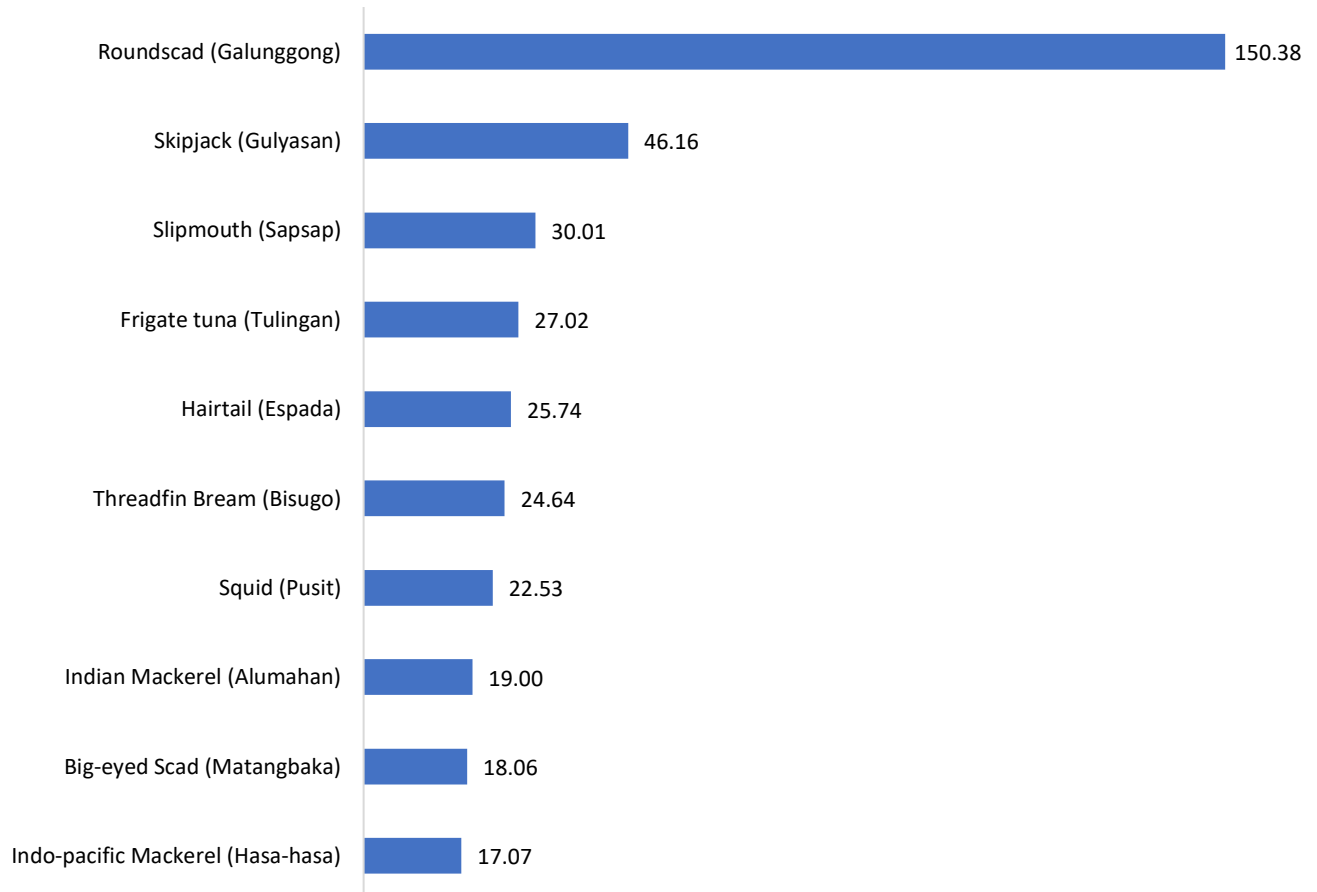
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2022 Fisheries Production Survey

Majority of the region's overall commercial fisheries production in 1st quarter 2022 was contributed by Pangasinan with a total share of 61.21



percent. La Union shared 32.56 percent, while Ilocos Sur contributed 6.23 percent.

Figure 3. Top Ten (10) Commercial Fisheries Species Ilocos Region: First Quarter 2022 (in metric tons)



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2022 Fisheries Production Survey

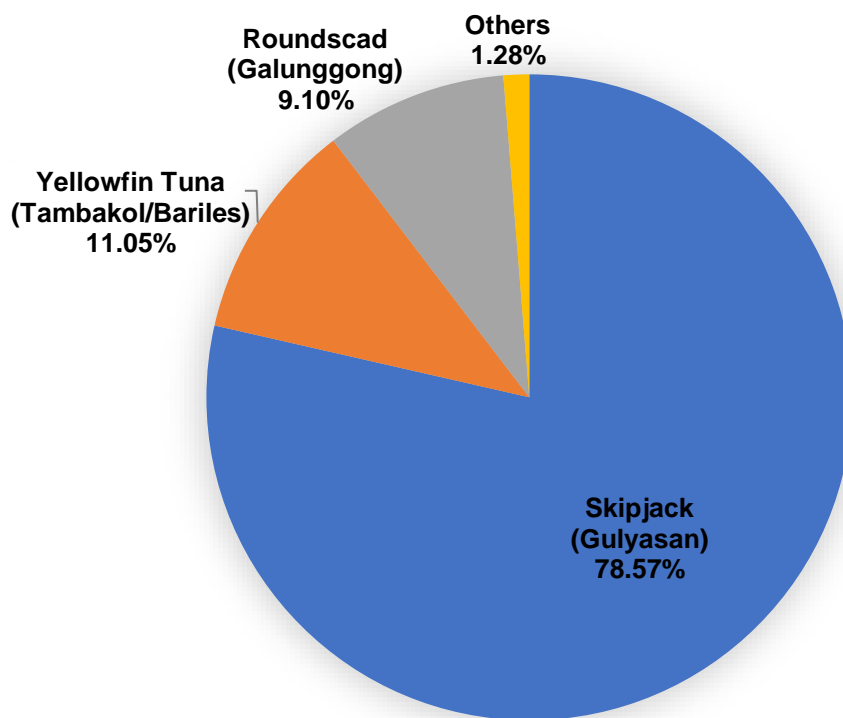
Roundscad has the highest volume of production among the species in the commercial fisheries. It shared 24.09 percent of the total catch. The second highest was Skipjack or *Gulyasan* with 46.16 metric tons output, followed by Slipmouth or *Sapsap* with 30.1 metric tons. There were more than 20.0 metric tons production for Frigate Tuna, Hairtail, Threadfin Bream, and Squid. Other commercial fish species have 19.0 metric tons production and below.



Commercial Fisheries Production by Province

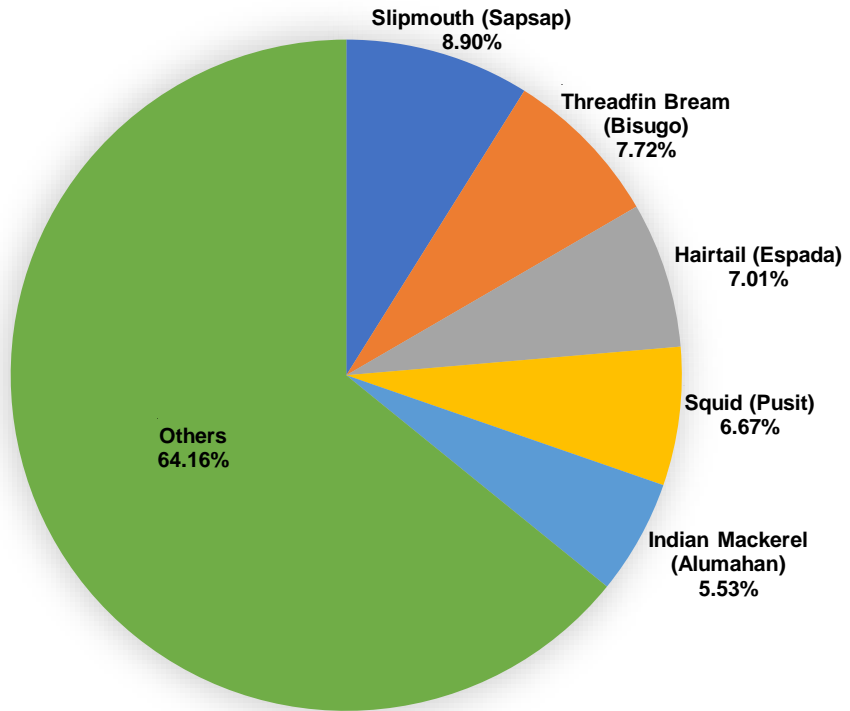
In first quarter 2022, Ilocos Sur's production in commercial fisheries was 38.92 metric tons. This is 31.37 percent lower than last year's first quarter output. Bulk of the output was skipjack with a share of 78.57 percent or equivalent to 30.58 metric tons. This was followed by yellowfin tuna with share of 11.05 percent (4.30 metric tons), *galunggong* by 9.11 percent, and other fish species by 1.27 percent.

Figure 4. Percentage Contribution of Commercial Fisheries Production by Species Ilocos Sur: First Quarter 2022



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2022 Fisheries Production Survey

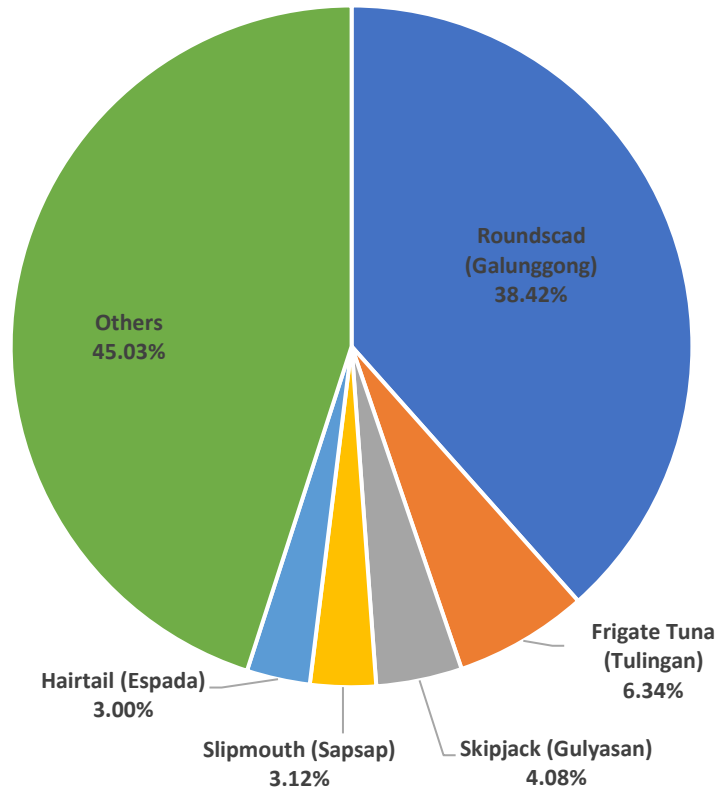
**Figure 5. Percentage Contribution of Commercial Fisheries Production by Species
La Union: First Quarter 2022**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2022 Fisheries Production Survey

A total of 99.14 metric tons of commercial fisheries production was noted in the province of La Union for the first quarter 2022. Said production was 63.19 percent lower than that of first quarter 2021 output. The fish species that contributed most was Slipmouth, also known as Sapsap, with a share equivalent to 7.39 metric tons produce. Commercial fishes with more than five metric tons of production were Threadfin Bream (15.70 metric tons), Hairtail (14.26 metric tons), Squid (13.56 metric tons), and Indian Mackerel (11.24 metric tons). The production of each remaining species recorded less than five metric tons.

**Figure 6: Percentage Contribution of Commercial Fisheries Production by Species
Pangasinan: First Quarter 2022**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 1st Quarter 2022 Fisheries Production Survey

The province of Pangasinan remains the main contributor to commercial fisheries in the Ilocos Region covering 61.21 percent of the region’s total production in first quarter 2022. It posted 382.15 metric tons output, an increase of 46.52 percent compared to the first quarter of 2021 production. Roundscad or Galunggong has the most production with 146.84 metric tons, which comprised 38.42 percent of the total provincial output in commercial fisheries during the period. Other top species include frigate tuna, skipjack, slipmouth, and hairtail.



TECHNICAL NOTES

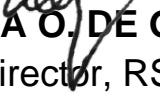
The Fisheries Production Survey of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is divided into four major fisheries surveys. These are the Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (QCFS), Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey (QMFS), Quarterly Inland Fisheries Survey (QIFS) and Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (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.

Concept and Definitions:

- **Commercial Fishing** is 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** composed of 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** is the sector engaged in the production, growing, harvesting, processing, marketing, developing, conserving and managing aquatic resources and fishing areas.
- **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 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.


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