



SPECIAL RELEASE

ILOCOS REGION'S COMMERCIAL FISHERIES SITUATION THIRD QUARTER OF 2022

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The volume of commercial fisheries production in the Ilocos Region was posted at 1,733.01 metric tons in third quarter 2022. This was 15.05 percent higher than the production of 1,506.36 metric tons during the same period of 2021. The province of La Union and Ilocos Sur posted decreases in production by 30.98 percent and 59.11 percent, respectively. Meanwhile, Pangasinan registered positive growth in output by 37.01 percent.

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

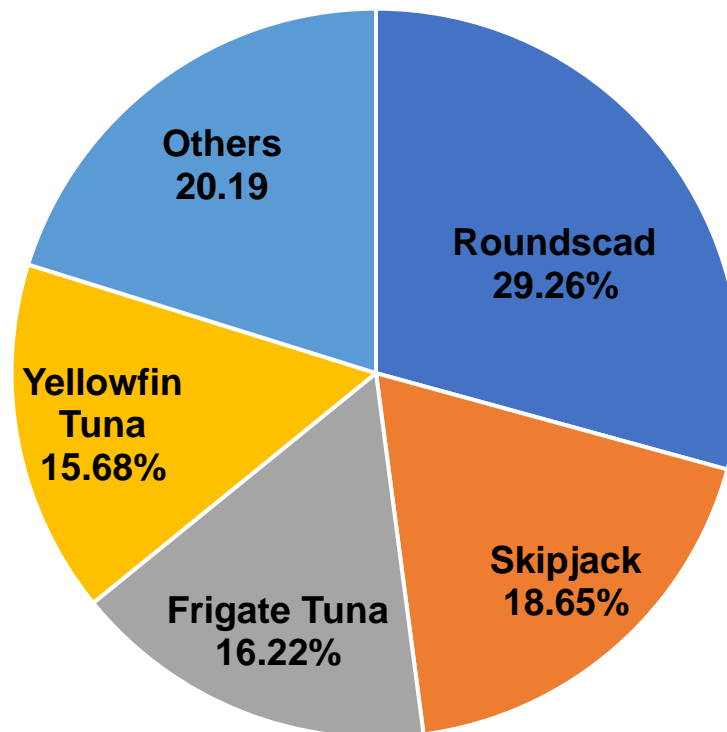
Item	Production (MT)		Growth Rate (%)
	Third Quarter 2022 ^P	Third Quarter 2021	
<i>Ilocos Region</i>	<i>1,733.01</i>	<i>1,506.36</i>	<i>15.05</i>
Ilocos Sur	38.87	95.07	(59.11)
La Union	243.06	352.18	(30.98)
Pangasinan	1,451.07	1059.11	37.01

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Third Quarter 2022 Fisheries Production Survey

Note 2022^P - Preliminary

The top contributor of commercial fisheries in the region was Pangasinan with share of 83.73 percent. Meanwhile, La Union and Ilocos Sur contributed 14.03 percent, and 2.24 percent, respectively.

Figure 2. Percentage Distribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production Ilocos Region: Third Quarter 2022



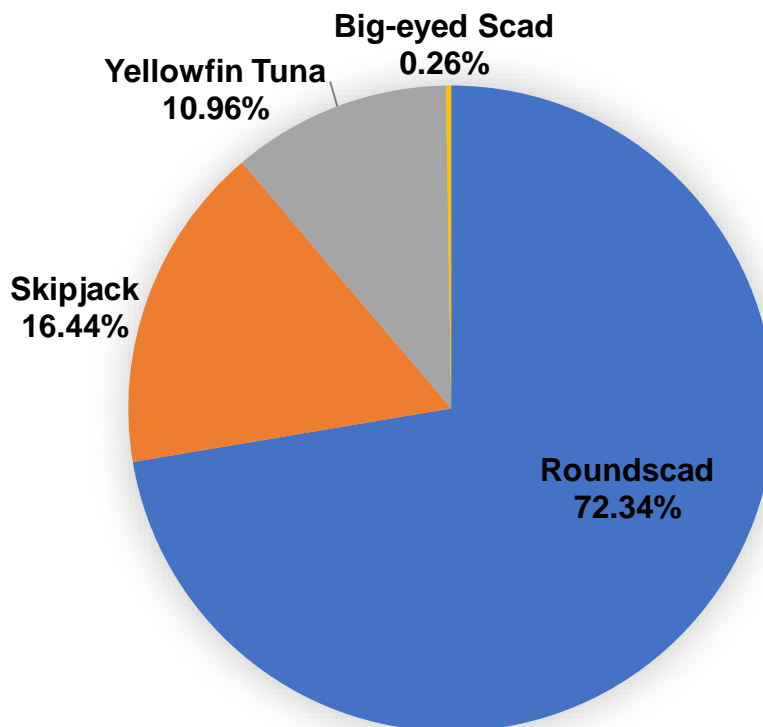
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Third Quarter 2022 Fisheries Production Survey

During the third quarter 2022, roundscad has the highest volume of production in commercial fisheries at 507.12 metric tons or 29.26 of the total catch. Skipjack ranked second with 323.25 metric tons of production or 18.65 percent. Meanwhile, frigate tuna (281.15 metric tons) and yellowfin tuna (271.70 metric tons) production are close to each other with less than ten metric tons difference. Other commercial fish species recorded 349.79 metric tons of catch during the period.

Commercial Fisheries Production by Province

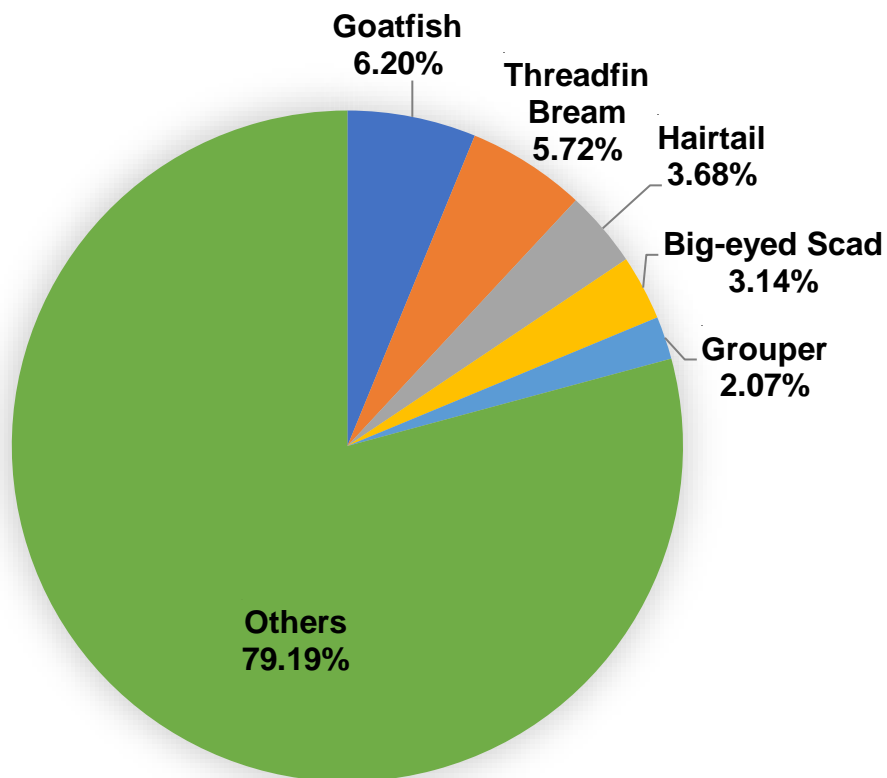
In third quarter 2022, Ilocos Sur's production in commercial fisheries was 38.87 metric tons. Among the four fish species caught, roundscad posted 28.12 metric tons and rendered a contribution of 72.34 percent to the provincial production. Skipjack was also caught in the commercial water with 6.39 metric tons (16.44 percent) volume of catch. Meanwhile, 4.26 metric tons (10.96 percent) of yellowfin tuna were recorded in different landing centers in Ilocos Sur. Lastly, covering 0.26 percent of commercial fisheries production in the province was the big-eyed scad at 0.10 metric tons.

Figure 3. Percentage Contribution of Commercial Fisheries Production by Species Ilocos Sur: Third Quarter 2022



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Third Quarter 2022 Fisheries Production Survey

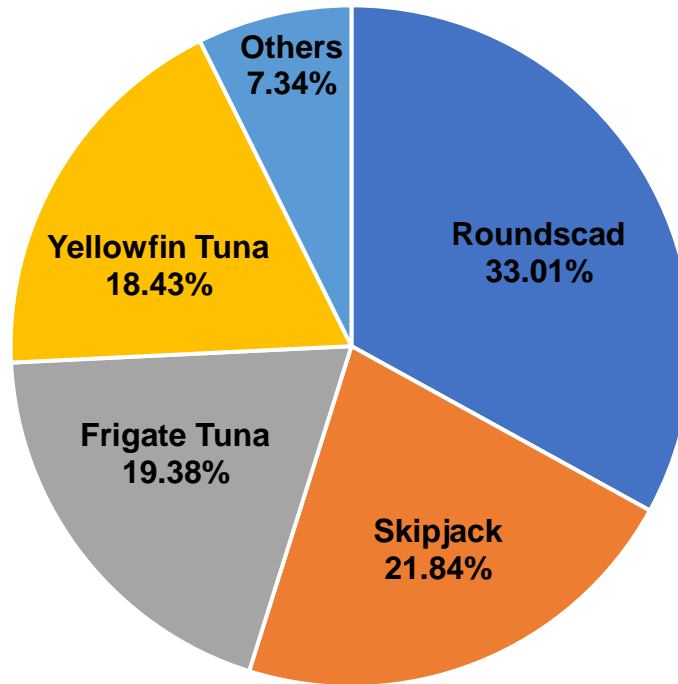
**Figure 4. Percentage Contribution of Commercial Fisheries Production by Species
La Union: Third Quarter 2022**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Third Quarter 2022 Fisheries Production Survey

A total of 243.07 metric tons of commercial fisheries production was recorded in the province of La Union in third quarter 2022. The fish species that contributed most was goatfish, with a share of 15.07 metric tons of catch. The figure is 6.20 percent of the province's total commercial fisheries production. In second place was threadfin bream at 13.91 metric tons catch or equivalent to 5.72 percent. Other fish species with more than five metric tons of volume caught were hairtail (8.95 metric tons), big-eyed scad (7.62 metric tons), and group (5.02 metric tons). Meanwhile, species with less than five metric tons accumulated 192.50 metric tons or 79.19 percent of the total production.

**Figure 5: Percentage Contribution of Commercial Fisheries Production by Species
Pangasinan: Third Quarter 2022**



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

The production of commercial fish species in Pangasinan was 1,451.07 metric tons. About 33.01 percent of the production was roundscad at 479.00 metric tons. The other top fish species caught during the period were skipjack, frigate tuna, and yellowfin tuna. Other commercial fish species collectively produced 106.63 metric tons with share of 7.34 percent of the province output.

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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