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COMMERCIAL FISHERIES SITUATIONER LA UNION: 2021

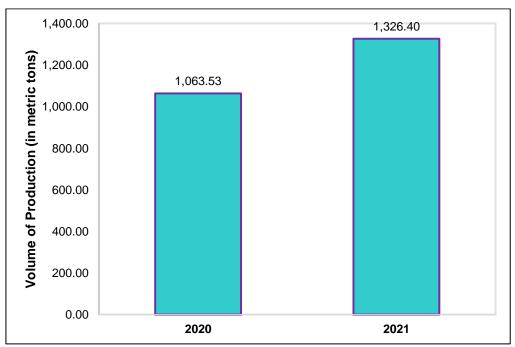
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La Union's commercial fisheries production improves in 2021

The volume of production from commercial fisheries was posted at 1,326.40 metric tons in 2021. It went up by 24.72 percent compared with its level a year ago of 1,063.53 metric tons.

Figure 1. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production La Union: 2020 and 2021



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority





The top five major catch in La Union in 2021 were Slipmouth (Sapsap) with 107.94 metric tons, Hairtail (Espada) with 106.89 metric tons, Indo-pacific mackerel (Hasahasa) with 95.14 metric tons, Threadfin bream (Bisugo) with 94.85 metric tons, and Indian mackerel (Alumahan) with 94.29 metric tons.

Slipmouth output contributed 8.14 percent to the total commercial fisheries production in 2021. Meanwhile, the shares of Hairtail, Indo-pacific mackerel, Threadfin bream and Indian mackerel production to the total commercial fisheries output in the said year were 8.06 percent, 7.17 percent, 7.15 percent, and 7.11 percent, respectively.

Slipmouth (Sapsap),
8.14%

Hairtail (Espada),
8.06%

Indo-pacific mackerel (Hasa-hasa),
7.17%

Threadfin bream (Bisugo),
7.15%

Indian mackerel (Alumahan),
7.11%

Figure 2. Percentage Contribution of Top Species to the Total Commercial Fisheries Volume of Production

La Union: 2021

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Similarly, the total value of commercial fisheries production in La Union increased by 27.11 percent in 2021 at PhP167, 391.33 from PhP131, 694.26 in the previous year.

The top three species with the highest contribution to the total value of commercial fisheries production in 2021 include Slipmouth with PhP20, 881.90 (12.47 percent share), Threadfin bream with PhP17, 683.18 (10.56 percent share), and Squid with PhP15, 414.77 (9.21 percent share). Slipmouth, Threadfin bream and Squid's value of production grew by 30.17 percent, 33.47 percent and 20.16 percent, respectively.

Table 1. Value of Commercial Fisheries Production by Species

La Union: 2020-2021

	Value of Production (PhP)			Percent Share to Total
Species	2020	2021	Percent Change (in %)	Value of Production (2021) (in %)
Commercial Fisheries (Total)	131,694.26	167,391.33	27.11	100.00
Slipmouth (Sapsap)	16,042.42	20,881.90	30.17	12.47
Threadfin bream (Bisugo)	13,248.76	17,683.18	33.47	10.56
Squid (Pusit)	12,828.17	15,414.17	20.16	9.21
Cavalla (Talakitok)	9,518.38	10,068.26	5.78	6.01
Big-eyed scad (Matangbaka)	8,011.79	9,871.40	23.21	5.90
Indian mackerel (Alumahan)	8,395.94	9,594.37	14.27	5.73
Indo-pacific mackerel (Hasa-hasa)	6,578.28	9,571.78	45.51	5.72
Hairtail (Espada)	8,088.26	9,193.66	13.67	5.49
Goatfish (Saramulyete)	6,410.00	9,097.27	41.92	5.43
Grouper (Lapu-lapu)	5,397.59	8,777.12	62.61	5.24
Snapper (Maya-maya)	6,267.33	7,271.47	16.02	4.34
Eastern little tuna (Bonito)	3,037.61	5,273.84	73.62	3.15
Crevalle (Salay-salay)	1,314.00	3,504.00	166.67	2.09
Blue crab (Alimasag)	794.49	999.94	25.86	0.60
Spanish mackerel (Tanigue)	782.43	835.73	6.81	0.50
Anchovies (Dilis)	742.58	825.88	11.22	0.49
Bali sardinella (Tamban)	356.29	266.09	-25.32	0.16
Frigate tuna (Tulingan)	-	240.64	100.00	0.14
Fimbriated sardines (Tunsoy)	121.73	129.03	6.00	0.08
Round herring (Tulis)	-	37.43	100.00	0.02
Others	7,592.36	27,853.57	266.86	16.64

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Data for commercial fisheries were obtained from Local Government Unit (LGU) - managed fish landing centers, privately-managed fish landing centers, and traditional fish landing centers.



TECHNICAL NOTES

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.

Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), Local Government Units (LGUs), Privately-Managed Landing Centers) is the gathering of data from the records of the PFDA, LGU and privately-managed landing centers. It is done on a quarterly basis but the information being collected is on each of the three months included in the reference quarter.

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