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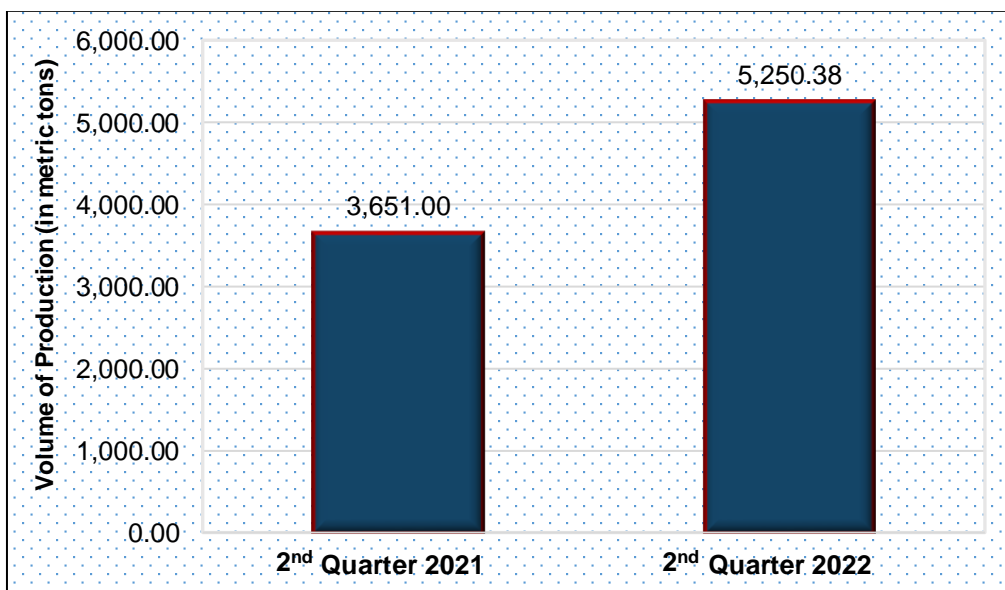
## AQUACULTURE FISHERIES SITUATIONER IN LA UNION 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2022

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### *La Union's aquaculture fisheries production improves in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022*

The aquaculture production in La Union was posted at 5,250.38 metric tons in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022. This translates to an increase of 43.81 percent from the previous year's same quarter level of 3,651.00 metric tons.

**Figure 1. Volume of Aquaculture Production  
 La Union: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022**



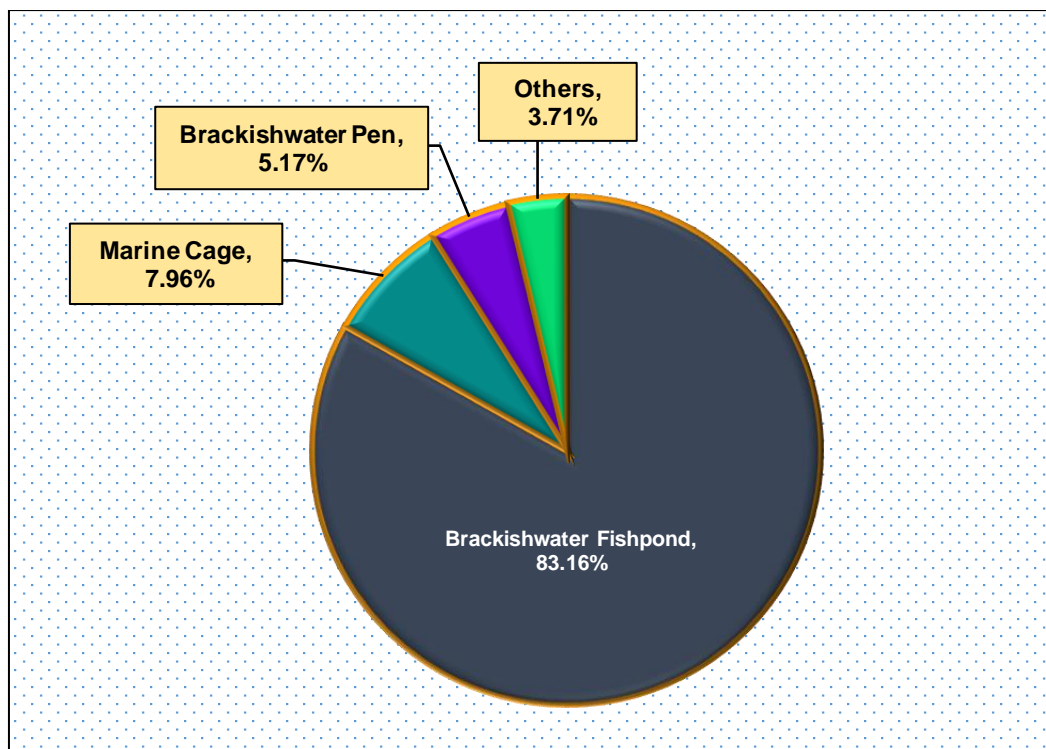
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

By ecosystem, brackishwater fishpond recorded 4,366.04 metric tons volume of production that contributed 83.16 percent share to the overall aquaculture production of the province in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022. It was followed by marine cage with 418.01 metric



tons (7.96 percent share) and brackishwater pen with 271.46 metric tons (5.17 percent share).

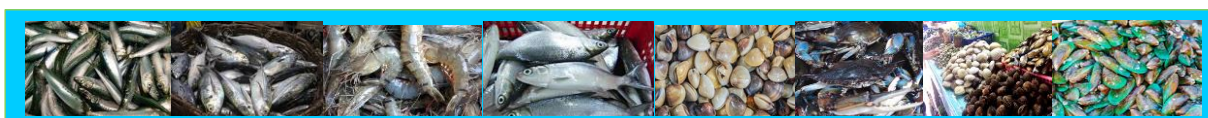
**Figure 2. Percentage Distribution of Aquaculture Production by Ecosystem, La Union: 2nd Quarter 2022**



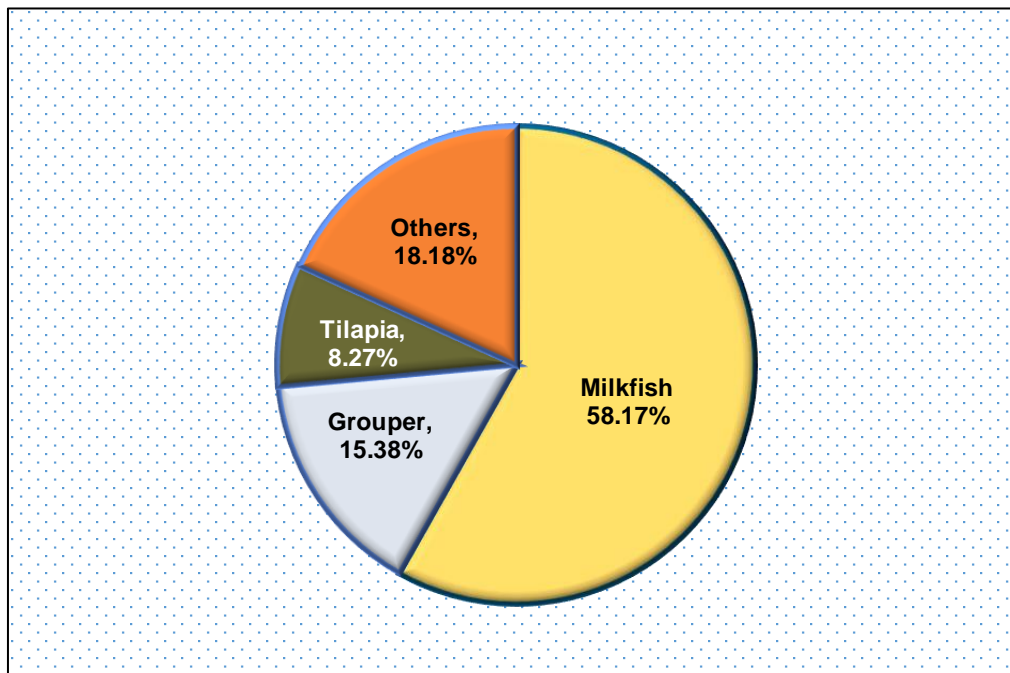
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In 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022, brackishwater fishpond production posted a 53.13 percent increase from 2,851.17 metric tons in the same period a year ago. Likewise, brackishwater pen production increased significantly from 3.50 metric tons output last year. On the other hand, marine cage production decreased by 18.60 percent from 513.55 metric tons.

The dominant species in aquaculture subsector of the province in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022 were Milkfish, Grouper and Tilapia. Milkfish output shared 58.17 percent to the total aquaculture production during the period while Grouper and Tilapia shared 15.38 percent and 8.27 percent, respectively. (Figure 3)



**Figure 3. Percent Contribution of Top Species to the Total Aquaculture Production, La Union: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Milkfish production in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022 was registered at 3,054.24 metric tons. It was lower by 15.52 percent than the production in the same period a year ago of 3,615.17 metric tons. On the contrary, Grouper production increased by 92, 688.51 percent from a production of 0.87 metric tons in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021 to 807.26 metric tons in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022. Likewise, Tilapia production increased by 2,356.99 percent from a production of 17.67 metric tons in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021 to 434.15 metrics tons in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022.



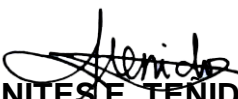
## TECHNICAL NOTES

**Aquaculture** is a fishery operation involving all forms of raising and culturing of fish and other fishery species in fresh, brackish and marine water areas. The operation is comprised of activities from stocking to harvesting of species under controlled conditions in farming facility called aquafarm.

**Aquaculture Production** refers to the volume harvested from the aquafarm. It includes those species harvested in marketable/matured size and in fresh form.

**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 Aquaculture Survey** is a quarterly survey that generates estimates of volume and value of production per aquafarm type and species for the subsector.

  
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