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FISHERY PRODUCTION IN EASTERN VISAYAS UP BY 3.0 PERCENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2021 (Preliminary Data)

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The total volume of fishery production in Eastern Visayas went up by 3.0 percent in the first quarter of 2021 to 28,437 metric tons (MT) from 27,610. MT in the first quarter of 2020.

Eastern Visayas accounted for 2.9 percent of the country's total fishery production during the 1st quarter of 2021. It ranked seventh among the regions with low fishery production in the country (Table 1).

Across provinces, Samar comprised 40.4 percent of the total fishery production in the region which registered 11,476 MT in the first quarter of 2021. Leyte ranked second with 6,775 MT, accounting for 23.8 percent, while Southern Leyte registered 1,289 MT, the lowest volume of fishery production that shared only 4.5 percent (Figure 2).

Among the subsectors, municipal fishing contributed the highest production with 18,799 MT or 66.1 percent share to the total fishery production in the 1st quarter of 2021. Aquaculture shared 5,463 MT or 19.2 percent, while commercial fishing contributed 4,174 MT or 14.7 percent (Table 3).

Municipal Fisheries production dropped by 2.9 percent from the 19,363 MT in the first quarter of 2020 to 18,799 MT in the same quarter of 2021. The decline in municipal fisheries production were brought by the downtrend in the provinces of Northern Samar, Samar and Biliran at 15.6 percent, 9.4 percent, and 9.3 percent, respectively. Municipal fishery production in Leyte which accounted for 28.1 percent of the region's total production during the first quarter of 2021 mitigated the impact of drops in other provinces. Leyte's 4,748 MT production in the first quarter of 2020 rose to 5,276 MT, posting an increase of 11.1 percent in the same quarter of 2021. A minimal gain was noted in Eastern Samar at 0.5 percent with 3,023 MT production in the first quarter of 2021 (Figure 3). Meanwhile, about 98.3 percent of the total municipal fishery production came from unloading in marine landing centers while the rest were caught from inland bodies of water (Table 3).

Commercial fishery production increased by 7.6 percent, from 3,881 MT in the first quarter of 2020 to 4,174 MT in the same quarter of 2021. The subsector comprised 14.7 percent of the total fishery production. Samar commercial fishery production recorded

at 2,179 MT in the first quarter of 2021, comprised more than half (52.2%) of the total commercial fishery production in the region. This figure is lower by 3.9 percent than the 2,267 MT production in the same period of 2020. Leyte noted the highest increase of 54.5 percent from 186 MT in the first quarter of 2020 to 287 MT during this period in 2021. Samar, Northern Samar and Southern Leyte recorded slight declines by 3.9 percent, 2.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively (Table 2).

Meanwhile, volume of harvest from aquaculture also went up by 25.1 percent. The 4,366 MT production in the first quarter of 2020 escalated to 5,463 MT in the same quarter of 2021. The share of aquaculture subsector to the total fisheries was 19.2 percent. Moreover, Biliran's aquaculture production of 5 MT in the first quarter of 2020 increased by almost six times of this figure bringing it to 31 MT in the same quarter of 2021. Northern Samar's production of 10 MT in the first quarter of 2020 also surged to 46 MT in the same quarter of 2021. The upswing in the volume of harvest in aquaculture in the provinces of Samar (70.8%) and Southern Leyte (18.6%) also contributed to the growth in aquaculture production in the region.

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Table 1. Volume of Fishery Production by Region:
1st Quarter 2020 and 1st Quarter 2021^P

REGION	Volume of Production (in metric tons)		Percent Change 2021/2020	Percent Share to Total Fisheries
	1st Quarter 2020	1st Quarter 2021 ^P		
Philippines	986,408	978,618	-0.8	100.0
NCR	24,270	23,386	-3.6	2.4
CAR	963	883	-8.3	0.1
Ilocos Region	35,714	35,524	-0.5	3.6
Cagayan Valley	7,865	8,341	-0.7	0.8
Central Luzon	89,101	95,747	7.5	9.8
CALABARZON	56,631	43,810	-22.6	4.5
MIMAROPA	41,455	44,145	6.5	4.5
Bicol Region	37,856	40,431	6.8	4.1
Western Visayas	90,516	89,272	-1.4	9.1
Central Visayas	43,470	40,660	-6.5	4.2
Eastern Visayas	27,610	28,437	3.0	2.9
Zamboanga Peninsula	141,654	135,037	-4.7	13.8
Northern Mindanao	32,985	24,569	-25.5	2.5
Davao Region	12,302	8,667	-29.5	0.9
SOCCKSARGEN	65,303	73,601	12.7	7.5
Caraga	14,159	13,901	-1.8	1.4
ARMM	264,554	272,738	3.1	27.9

Notes:

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Table 2. Volume of Fishery Production by Subsector and Province, Region VIII: 1st Quarter 2020 and 1st Quarter 2021^P

Subsector/Region/Province	Volume of Production (in metric tons)		Percent Change	Percent Share to Total Fisheries
	1st Quarter 2020	1st Quarter 2021 ^P	2021/2020	
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	27,610	28,437	3.0	100.0
Biliran	1,785	1,865	4.5	6.6
Eastern Samar	3,518	3,644	3.6	12.8
Leyte	6,833	6,775	-0.8	23.8
Northern Samar	3,909	3,388	-13.3	11.9
Samar	10,372	11,479	10.6	40.4
Southern Leyte	1,193	1,289	8.0	4.5
Commercial				
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	3,881	4,174	7.6	14.7
Biliran	482	656	36.1	15.7
Eastern Samar	502	616	22.8	14.8
Leyte	186	287	54.5	6.9
Northern Samar	397	389	-2.2	9.3
Samar	2,267	2,179	-3.9	52.2
Southern Leyte	47	46	-0.1	1.1
Municipal				
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	19,363	18,799	-2.9	66.1
Biliran	1,298	1,117	-9.3	6.3
Eastern Samar	3,009	3,023	0.5	16.1
Leyte	4,748	5,276	11.1	28.1
Northern Samar	3,502	2,954	-15.6	15.7
Samar	5,668	5,135	-9.4	27.3
Southern Leyte	1,140	1,234	8.3	6.6
Aquaculture				
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	4,366	5,463	25.1	19.2
Biliran	5	31	550.3	0.6
Eastern Samar	8	5	-38.7	0.1
Leyte	1,900	1,212	-36.2	22.2
Northern Samar	10	46	338.8	0.8
Samar	2,437	4,161	70.8	76.2
Southern Leyte	7	8	18.6	0.1

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