

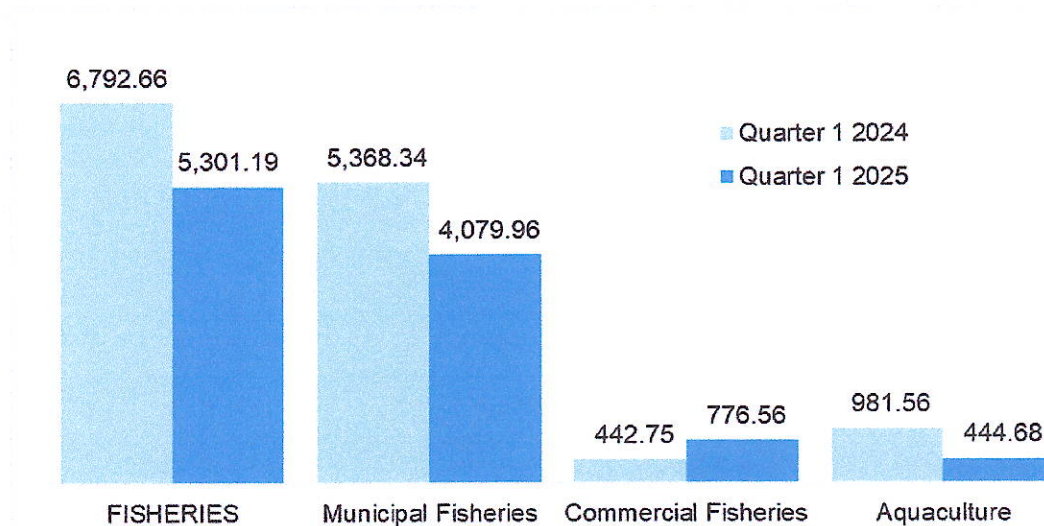
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Fishery Production in Leyte Drops by 21.96% in Q1 2025

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In the first quarter of 2025, Leyte's total fisheries production declined to 5,301.19 metric tons (MT), representing a significant 21.96 percent decrease from the 6,792.66 MT recorded during the same period in 2024. Despite this downturn, Leyte remained a key contributor, accounting for 24.33 percent of the 21,787.24 MT total fish production in Eastern Visayas for the reference quarter.

Figure 1. Volume of Fishery Production by Sector,
Leyte: 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025^P (in metric tons)

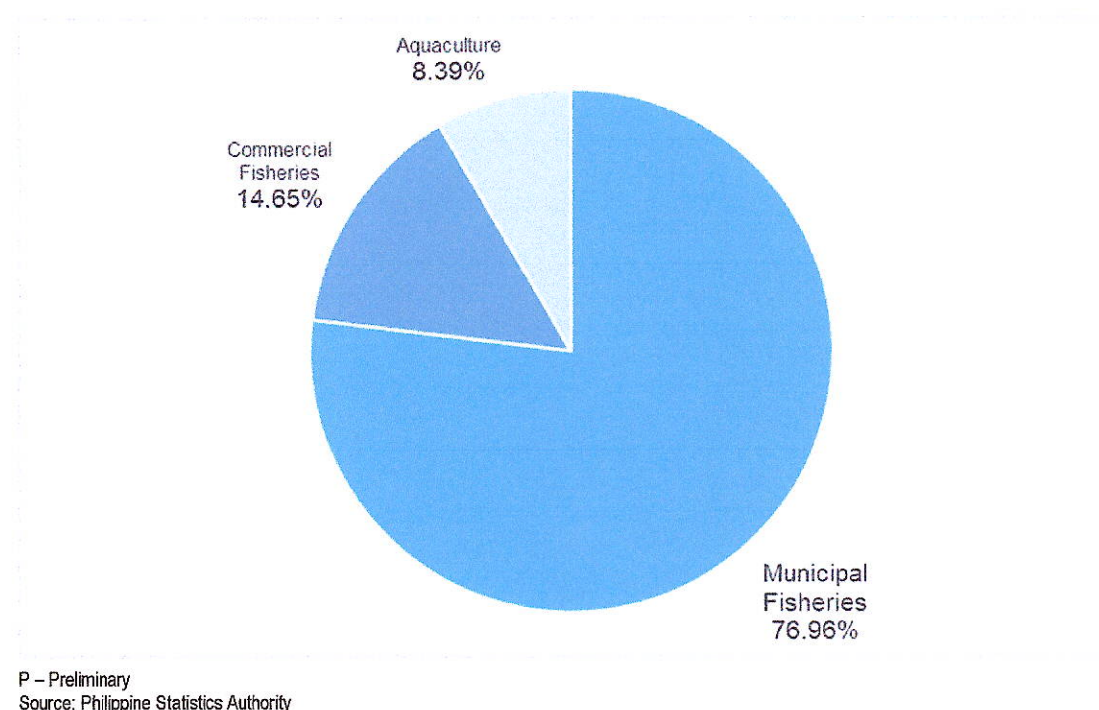


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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Among the subsectors, municipal fisheries made the largest contribution, accounting for 4,079.96 MT or 76.96 percent of the total fishery production in the first quarter of 2025. Commercial fisheries contributed 776.56 MT, representing 14.65 percent, while aquaculture added 444.68 MT, or 8.39 percent.



Figure 2. Percent Distribution of Fishery Production by Sub – Sector, Leyte: 1st Quarter 2025 (*in metric tons*)



Despite the overall drop, commercial fisheries experienced substantial increase, with production rising from 442.75 MT in the first quarter of 2024 to 776.56 MT in the same period of 2025, which represents a 75.39 percent increase (see Table 2). This surge was largely driven by significant gains in Yellowfin tuna (389.27%), Indian mackerel (309.56%), and Bigeye tuna (134.37%). However, some species recorded notable declines, including Slipmouth (-39.41%), Frigate tuna (-33.57%), and Roundscad (-17.89%). The top five species in commercial fisheries during the first quarter of 2025 were Yellowfin tuna, Bigeye tuna, Bali sardinella, Roundscad, and Indian mackerel, which together accounted for 83.92 percent of the total commercial fishery production in Leyte.

In contrast, municipal fisheries registered a marked decline, dropping from 5,368.34 MT in the first quarter of 2024 to 4,079.96 MT in the same period of 2025, which represents a 24.00 percent decrease. Within this sector, marine municipal fisheries remained dominant, accounting for 99.03 percent of the total, while inland municipal fisheries contributed only 0.97 percent.

Marine municipal fisheries alone declined by 1,270.91 MT (-23.93%), from 5,311.48 MT to 4,040.57 MT (see Table 3). Species showing the steepest declines included

Skipjack (-85.65%), Caesio (-75.90%), Parrot fish (-67.50%), Spanish mackerel (-65.33%), and Hairtail (-64.30%). Conversely, increases in production were recorded for Round herring (458.17%), Threadfin bream (179.18%), Crevalle (147.47%), Siganid (135.99%), and Porgies (57.68%). The top five species in this sub-sector were Bali sardinella, Anchovies, Threadfin bream, Roundscad, and Slipmouth, which together accounted for 55.62 percent of the total marine municipal fisheries production.

Inland municipal fisheries also experienced a significant downturn, falling from 56.86 MT to 39.39 MT (-30.72%) (see Table 4). Production drops were most notable in Catfish – Kanduli (-90.20%), Milkfish (-86.96%), and Freshwater shrimp (-68.96%). Meanwhile, some species saw sharp increases, including Clams (1,450%), Mudcrab (47.83%), and Carp (37.50%).

Lastly, aquaculture production suffered a considerable drop, decreasing from 981.56 MT in the first quarter of 2024 to 444.68 MT in the same quarter of 2025 — a 54.70 percent decline (see Table 5). Major decreases were noted in Mudfish (-93.75%), Oyster (-93.17%), and Mudcrab (-81.63%). Nevertheless, there were gains in Freshwater prawn (1,550%), Seaweed (62.37%), and Catfish (59.83%). Notably, *P. vannamei* and Milkfish together accounted for 61.72% of the province's total aquaculture production in the first quarter of 2025.

Table 1. Fishery Production by Sub-sector,
Leyte: 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025^P (in metric tons)

Sub-sector	Production		Percent Change
	1st Quarter 2024	1st Quarter 2025 ^P	
TOTAL FISHERIES	6,792.66	5,301.19	-21.96
COMMERCIAL	442.75	776.56	75.39
MUNICIPAL	5,368.34	4,079.96	-24.00
Marine	5,311.48	4,040.57	-23.93
Inland	56.86	39.39	-30.72
AQUACULTURE	981.56	444.68	-54.70

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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Table 2. Volume of Production in Commercial Fisheries by Specie,
Leyte: 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025^P (in metric tons)

Species	Production		Percent Change
	1st Quarter 2024	1st Quarter 2025 ^P	
TOTAL	442.75	776.56	75.39
Anchovies (Dilis)	2.23	0.00	-100.00
Big-eyed scad (Matangbaka)	24.51	53.18	116.97
Bigeye tuna (Tambakol/ Bariles)	63.26	148.26	134.37
Caesio (Dalagang-bukid)	0.00	1.36	-
Cavalla (Talakitok)	0.17	4.20	2,370.59
Crevalle (Salay-salay)	4.92	4.73	(3.86)
Fimbriated sardines (Tunsoy)	46.85	0.00	-100.00
Flying fish (Bolador)	1.29	0.00	-100.00
Frigate tuna (Tulingan)	7.03	4.67	-33.57
Indian mackerel (Alumahan)	13.07	53.53	309.56
Bali sardinella (Tamban)	66.78	144.93	117.03
Indo-pacific mackerel (Hasa-hasa)	24.98	43.86	75.58
Porgies (Pargo)	1.50	0.00	-100.00
Roundscad (Galunggong)	100.50	82.52	-17.89
Skipjack (Gulyasan)	1.26	0	-100.00
Slipmouth (Sapsap)	12.84	7.78	-39.41
Spanish mackerel (Tanigue)	1.62	0.00	-100.00
Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	45.46	222.42	389.27
Others	24.48	5.13	-79.04

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Table 3. Volume of Production in Marine Municipal Fisheries by Specie,
Leyte: 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025^P (in metric tons)

Species	Production		Percent Change
	1st Quarter 2024	1st Quarter 2025 ^P	
TOTAL	5,311.48	4,040.57	-23.93
Acetes (Alamang)	0.00	7.44	-
Anchovies (Dilis)	662.31	686.05	3.58
Big-eyed scad (Matangbaka)	239.88	139.34	-41.91
Bigeye tuna (Tambakol/ Bariles)	0.00	1.04	-
Blue crab (Alimasag)	511.79	235.07	-54.07
Caesio (Dalagang-bukid)	1.66	0.40	-75.90
Cavalla (Talakitok)	28.97	13.48	-53.47
Crevalle (Salay-salay)	22.35	55.31	147.47
Eastern little tuna (Bonito)	74.52	27.51	-63.08
Fimbriated sardines (Tunsoy)	29.53	42.24	43.04
Flying fish (Bolador)	38.98	21.32	-45.31
Frigate tuna (Tulingan)	25.79	25.25	-2.09
Goatfish (Saramulyete)	174.22	249.63	43.28
Grouper (Lapu-lapu)	83.07	100.58	21.08
Hairtail (Espada)	28.21	10.07	-64.30
Indian mackerel (Alumahan)	147.05	104.97	-28.62
Bali sardinella (Tamban)	877.96	701.53	-20.10
Indo-pacific mackerel (Hasa-hasa)	364.64	176.72	-51.54
Mullet (Kapak)	9.18	13.25	44.34
Parrot fish (Loro)	10.80	3.51	-67.50
Porgies (Pargo)	13.54	21.35	57.68
Round herring (Tulis)	3.49	19.48	458.17
Roundscad (Galunggong)	613.25	276.42	-54.93
Siganid (Samaral)	10.17	24.00	135.99
Skipjack (Gulyasan)	35.68	5.12	-85.65
Slipmouth (Sapsap)	325.27	251.02	-22.83
Snapper (Maya-maya)	29.39	32.92	12.01
Spanish mackerel (Tanigue)	28.67	9.94	-65.33
Squid (Pusit)	218.86	98.05	-55.20
Threadfin bream (Bisugo)	119.09	332.47	179.18
Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	0.00	2.23	-
Others	583.16	352.85	-39.49

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Table 4. Volume of Production in Inland Municipal Fisheries by Specie,
Leyte: 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025^P (in metric tons)

Species	Production		Percent Change
	1st Quarter 2024	1st Quarter 2025 ^P	
TOTAL	56.86	39.39	-30.72
FISH	42.41	27.67	-34.76
Carp	0.08	0.11	37.50
Catfish (Hito)	10.78	5.59	-48.14
Catfish (Kanduli)	0.51	0.05	-90.20
Climbing perch (Martiniko)	3.99	1.77	-55.64
Eel (Igat)	3.04	4.10	34.87
Freshwater goby (Biya)	1.20	0.40	-66.67
Gourami	1.10	0.00	-100.00
Milkfish (Bangus)	0.23	0.03	-86.96
Mudfish (Dalag)	3.54	3.25	-8.19
Mullet (Kapak)	0.99	0.45	-54.55
Silver perch (Ayungin)	0.02	0.02	0.00
Spade fish (Kitang)	0.06	0.00	-100.00
Tilapia	8.56	8.10	-5.37
Big head carp	4.94	3.34	-32.39
Other fishes	3.36	0.47	-86.01
CRUSTACEANS	6.52	3.23	-50.46
Freshwater crab (Talangka)	1.64	1.36	-17.07
Freshwater shrimp (Hipon)	3.35	1.04	-68.96
Lobster (Ulang)	0.84	0.31	-63.10
Mud crab (Alimango)	0.23	0.34	47.83
White shrimp (Hipong Puti)	0.46	0.18	-60.87
MOLLUSCS	7.93	8.49	7.06
Clams (Kabibi)	0.04	0.62	1450.00
Freshwater clams (Tulya)	0.00	0.30	-
Shell (Kuhol)	5.00	3.97	-20.60
Snail (Suso)	2.89	3.60	24.57

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Table 5. Volume of Production in Aquaculture by Specie,
Leyte: 1st Quarter, 2024 and 2025^P (in metric tons)

Species	Production		Percent Change
	1st Quarter 2024	1st Quarter 2025 ^P	
Total	981.56	444.68	-54.70
Milkfish	660.13	136.00	-79.40
Tilapia	36.62	36.89	0.74
Tiger Prawn	4.30	0.00	-100.00
Mudcrab	1.47	0.27	-81.63
White Shrimp	39.15	0.00	-100.00
Grouper	0.00	0.73	-
Siganid	0.16	0.00	-100.00
P. Vannamei	153.83	138.47	-9.99
Carp	0.00	0.08	0.00
Catfish	1.17	1.87	59.83
Gourami	0.00	0.10	-
Mudfish	0.16	0.01	-93.75
Freshwater Prawn	0.02	0.33	1,550.00
Others	2.99	34.16	1,042.47
Oyster	11.13	0.76	-93.17
Mussel	59.30	76.90	29.68
Seaweed	11.16	18.12	62.37
Milkfish	660.13	136.00	-79.40

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TECHNICAL NOTES

This Fisheries Situation Report presents the fishing industry in terms of volume of production by sub-sector. The report was prepared to serve as ready reference for PSA's various clients and stakeholders in the fishing sector.

Concepts and Definitions

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.

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.

Inland Municipal Fishing - refers to the catching of fish, crustaceans, mollusks and all other aquatic animals and plants in inland waters like lakes, rivers, dams, marshes, etc. using simple gears and fishing boats some of which are non-motorized with a capacity of less than or equal to three (3) gross tons; or fishing not requiring the use of fishing boats.

Marine Municipal Fishing - is fishing within municipal marine waters using fishing vessels of three (3) gross tons or less, or fishing not requiring the use of fishing vessels.

Volume of Production - is the quantity of fish unloaded in the landing center, caught in inland bodies of water and/or harvested/produced from aquafarms; presented in metric tons.


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