

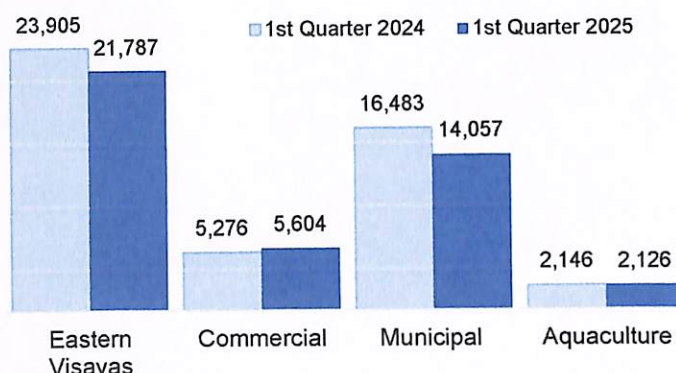
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## FISHERY PRODUCTION IN EASTERN VISAYAS DROPS BY 8.9 PERCENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2025<sup>P</sup>

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Eastern Visayas' fishery production in the first quarter of 2025 was recorded at 21,787 metric tons (MT), lower by 8.9 percent compared with the 23,905 MT production of the same quarter in 2024. This was brought about by the decreases in the production of municipal and aquaculture fisheries at 14.7 percent and 0.9 percent, respectively. On the other hand, commercial fisheries posted an increase in production by 6.2 percent recorded at 5,604 MT during the first quarter of 2025 from 5,276 MT in the same quarter of 2024 (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Volume of Fisheries Production by Sub-Sector, Eastern Visayas: 1st Quarter 2024 and 1st Quarter 2025<sup>P</sup> (in metric tons)



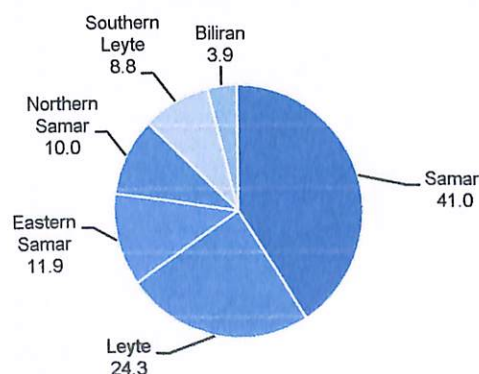
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In the first quarter of 2025, Eastern Visayas ranked fourth among the regions with the lowest fishery production (Table 1).

## SAMAR RECORDS THE HIGHEST VOLUME OF FISH PRODUCTION AT 8,940.09 MT

Among provinces, Samar recorded the highest volume of fishery production at 8,940.09 MT in the first quarter of 2025, comprising 41.0 percent of the region's total production. Leyte ranked second with 5,301.19 MT fisheries production in the same period, accounting for 24.3 percent of the regional total production. Eastern Samar followed with 2,591.34 MT production, contributing 11.9 percent

Figure 2. Percent Distribution of the Total Fisheries Production by Province, Eastern Visayas: 1st Quarter 2025



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of the region's total fishery production. Northern Samar and Southern Leyte fisheries production followed at 2,178.56 MT (10.0%) and 1,926.19 MT (8.8%), respectively. Biliran, meanwhile, had the lowest volume of production at 849.87 MT, which comprised 3.9 percent of the total fishery production in the first quarter of 2025 (Figure 2 and Table 2).

The total volume of production for commercial fishing went up by 6.2 percent, from 5,276.21 MT in the first quarter of 2024 to 5,604.15 MT in the same quarter of 2025. Leyte posted the highest increase in fishery production to 776.56 MT in the first quarter of 2025 from 442.75 MT in the same quarter of 2024, an increase by 75.4 percent. Samar's growth in commercial fishing followed at 13.9 percent, from 2,662.13 MT in the first quarter of 2024, it went up to 3,030.98 MT in the same quarter of 2025. Northern Samar also posted an increase of 3.4 percent with 586.05 MT of fishery production in the first quarter of 2025 from 567.00 MT in the same quarter of 2024. On the other hand, the provinces of Biliran, Eastern Samar and Southern Leyte registered declines in commercial fishing at 55.3 percent, 10.1 percent and 6.7 percent, respectively (Table 2).

Municipal fishing production decreased by 14.7 percent from 16,482.88 MT in the first quarter of 2024 to 14,057.45 MT in the same quarter of 2025. The highest decline in production was noted in Biliran by 47.5 percent from 1,108.94 MT in the first quarter of 2024 to 582.31 MT in the same quarter of 2025. Eastern Samar's decline in municipal fishing followed at 43.8 percent from 2,953.85 MT in the first quarter of 2024 to 1,661.50 MT in the same quarter of 2025. Leyte and Northern Samar also posted declines in their production at 24.0 percent and 18.2 percent, respectively. Meanwhile, Samar and Southern Leyte posted increases in production. On the other hand, Samar posted an increase of 11.5 percent with 4,375.43 MT of production in the first quarter of 2025 from the 3,923.86 MT of production in the same quarter of 2024. Southern Leyte posted the highest increase by 46.1 percent, 1,817.87 MT of production in the first quarter of 2025 from 1,243.85 MT in the same quarter of 2024 (Table 2).

Aquaculture slightly went down by 0.9 percent from 2,145.55 MT in the first quarter of 2024 to 2,125.64 MT in the same quarter of 2025. Decline in production was noted in Leyte by 54.7 percent from 981.56 MT in the first quarter of 2024 to 444.68 MT in the same quarter of 2025. The rest of the provinces posted increases in aquaculture production. Biliran's production grew 462.3 percent, making it the highest increase in aquaculture production (Table 2).

Substantial increase of freshwater cage production by 1,898.9 percent was pulled down by the decreases in production of oyster farm by 75.5 percent, marine cage by 74.7 percent, brackishwater pen by 26.0 percent and freshwater fishpond by 8.2 percent (Table 4).

**Table 1. Volume of Fishery Production by Region:  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025<sup>P</sup>**

REGION	Volume of Production (in metric tons)		Percent Change 2025/2024	Percent Share to Total Fisheries Production
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 <sup>P</sup>		
Philippines	990,713.14	1,005,381.11	1.5	100.0
NCR	21,115.54	21,383.50	1.3	2.1
CAR	1,003.88	957.53	-4.6	0.1
Ilocos Region	33,173.96	35,396.03	6.7	3.5
Cagayan Valley	8,801.97	9,094.30	3.3	0.9
Central Luzon	115,484.95	113,188.01	-2.0	11.3
CALABARZON	38,537.64	40,579.64	5.3	4.0
MIMAROPA	84,088.55	88,985.94	5.8	8.9
Bicol Region	34,498.87	25,727.47	-25.4	2.6
Western Visayas	66,337.69	74,200.64	11.9	7.4
Central Visayas	18,243.09	19,001.07	4.2	1.9
Eastern Visayas	23,904.64	21,787.24	-8.9	2.2
Zamboanga Peninsula	88,409.26	87,525.58	-1.0	8.7
Northern Mindanao	11,166.93	17,141.40	53.5	1.7
Davao Region	13,694.99	16,126.40	17.8	1.6
SOCCSKSARGEN	82,934.52	74,718.55	-9.9	7.4
Caraga	14,821.96	11,299.37	-23.8	1.1
BARMM	334,494.69	348,268.41	4.1	34.6

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Table 2. Volume of Fishery Production by Subsector and Province,  
Eastern Visayas: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025<sup>P</sup>

Subsector/Region/Province	Volume of Production (in metric tons)		Percent Change	Percent Share to Total Fisheries Production
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 <sup>P</sup>	2025/2024	
<b>Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)</b>	<b>23,904.64</b>	<b>21,787.24</b>	<b>-8.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Biliran	1,635.33	849.87	-48.0	3.9
Eastern Samar	3,947.81	2,591.34	-34.4	11.9
Leyte	6,792.66	5,301.19	-22.0	24.3
Northern Samar	2,501.62	2,178.56	-12.9	10.0
Samar	7,672.93	8,940.09	16.5	41.0
Southern Leyte	1,354.29	1,926.19	42.2	8.8
<b>Commercial</b>				<b>25.7</b>
<b>Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)</b>	<b>5,276.21</b>	<b>5,604.15</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Biliran	520.16	232.53	-55.3	4.1
Eastern Samar	978.31	879.23	-10.1	15.7
Leyte	442.75	776.56	75.4	13.9
Northern Samar	567.00	586.05	3.4	10.5
Samar	2,662.13	3,030.98	13.9	54.1
Southern Leyte	105.86	98.81	-6.7	1.8
<b>Municipal</b>				<b>64.5</b>
<b>Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)</b>	<b>16,482.88</b>	<b>14,057.45</b>	<b>-14.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Biliran	1,108.94	582.31	-47.5	4.1
Eastern Samar	2,953.85	1,661.50	-43.8	11.8
Leyte	5,368.34	4,079.96	-24.0	29.0
Northern Samar	1,884.05	1,540.37	-18.2	11.0
Samar	3,923.86	4,375.43	11.5	31.1
Southern Leyte	1,243.85	1,817.87	46.1	12.9
<b>Aquaculture</b>				<b>9.8</b>
<b>Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)</b>	<b>2,145.55</b>	<b>2,125.64</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Biliran	6.23	35.03	462.3	1.6
Eastern Samar	15.65	50.60	223.3	2.4
Leyte	981.56	444.68	-54.7	20.9
Northern Samar	50.57	52.13	3.1	2.5
Samar	1,086.94	1,533.68	41.1	72.2
Southern Leyte	4.58	9.52	107.9	0.4

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Table 3. Volume of Fisheries Production by Sector: Eastern Visayas,  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025<sup>P</sup>

Subsector	Volume of Production (in metric tons)		Percent Change	Percent Share to Total Fisheries Production
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 <sup>P</sup>	2025/2024	
FISHERIES	23,904.64	21,787.24	-8.9	100.0
Commercial Fisheries	5,276.21	5,604.15	6.2	25.7
Municipal Fisheries	16,482.88	14,057.45	-14.7	64.5
Marine Municipal Fisheries	16,325.53	13,963.16	-14.5	64.1
Inland Municipal Fisheries	157.36	94.29	-40.1	0.4
Aquaculture	2,145.55	2,125.64	-0.9	9.8

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Table 4. Volume of Aquaculture Production by Culture of Environment  
and Species, Eastern Visayas: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025<sup>P</sup>

Environment/Species	Volume of Production (in metric tons)		Percent Change
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 <sup>P</sup>	2025/2024
TOTAL	2,145.55	2,125.64	-0.9
Brackishwater Fishpond	261.92	265.61	1.4
Brackishwater Pen	15.21	11.26	-26.0
Brackishwater Cage	14.73	13.52	-8.2
Freshwater Fishpond	58.39	87.27	49.5
Freshwater Pen	0.13	1.78	1,269.2
Freshwater Cage	1.77	35.38	1,898.9
Marine Pen	1.00	6.06	506.0
Marine Cage	1,289.91	325.88	-74.7
Oyster Farm	11.13	2.73	-75.5
Mussel Farm	467.55	1,293.32	176.6
Seaweed Farm	23.81	82.83	247.9
Small Farm Reservoir	0.01	0.01	0.0

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