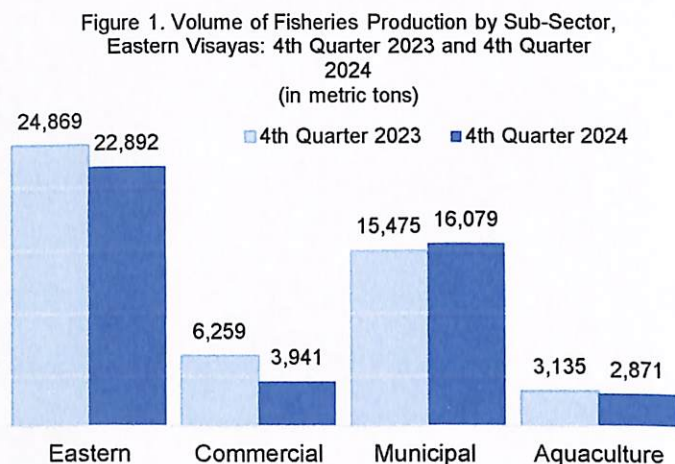


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FISHERY PRODUCTION IN EASTERN VISAYAS SLOWS DOWN BY 7.9 PERCENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2024

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Eastern Visayas' fishery production in the fourth quarter of 2024 was recorded at 22,892 metric tons (MT), lower by 7.9 percent compared with the 24,869 MT production in the same quarter of 2023. This was brought about by the decreases in the production of commercial and aquaculture fisheries by 37.0 percent and 8.4 percent, respectively. On the other hand, municipal fisheries posted an increase in production by 3.9 percent or 16,079 MT during the fourth quarter of 2024 from 15,475 MT in the same quarter of 2023 (Figure 1).



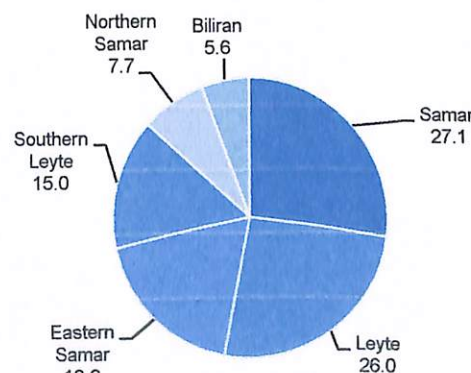
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

In the fourth quarter of 2024, Eastern Visayas ranked seventh among the regions with the lowest fishery production (Table 1).

SAMAR RECORDS THE HIGHEST VOLUME OF FISH PRODUCTION AT 6,206.03 MT

Among provinces, Samar recorded the highest volume of fishery production at 6,206.03 MT in the fourth quarter of 2024, comprising 27.1 percent of the regional total production. Leyte ranked second with 5,949.97 MT fisheries production, accounting for 26.0 percent of the regional total production in the fourth quarter of 2024. Eastern Samar followed with 4,247.40 MT production,

Figure 2. Percent Distribution of the Total Fisheries Production by Province, Eastern Visayas: 4th Quarter 2024



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



contributing 18.6 percent of the region's total fishery production. Southern Leyte and Northern Samar followed with 3,443.54 MT (15.0%) and 1,752.27 MT (7.7%) production, respectively. Meanwhile, Biliran recorded the lowest volume of production at 1,292.74 MT, which only comprised 5.6 percent of the total fishery production in the fourth quarter of 2024 (Figure 2).

The total volume of production for municipal fishing went up by 3.9 percent, from 15,474.83 MT in the fourth quarter of 2023 to 16,079.39 MT in the same quarter of 2024. Eastern Samar posted the highest increase (105.0%) in municipal fishery production to 4,003.83 MT in the fourth quarter of 2024 from 1,953.36 MT in the same quarter of 2023. Leyte's production growth (54.5%) followed with 2,529.94 MT in the fourth quarter of 2023 to 3,908.85 MT in the same quarter of 2024. Increases were also posted in Biliran (22.8%), and Southern Leyte (3.7%), with 953.40 MT and 3,245.14 MT production, respectively. The share of municipal fisheries production to the total fisheries production in the region comprised 70.2 percent, the largest contribution among fishery sub sectors (Table 2).

On the other hand, aquaculture's total volume of harvest decreased by 8.4 percent from 3,135.15 MT in fourth quarter of 2023 to 2,871.39 MT in the same quarter of 2024. The highest decline in production was noted in Leyte by 19.1 percent from 1,727.64 MT in the fourth quarter of 2023 to 1,397.73 MT in same quarter of 2024. Northern Samar's drop in aquaculture followed at 11.1 percent from 26.66 MT in the fourth quarter of 2023 to 23.69 MT in same quarter of 2024. Meanwhile, Samar, Southern Leyte, Biliran, and Eastern Samar recorded increases in their production in the fourth quarter of 2024 at 1,378.91 MT, 10.95 MT, 29.77 MT, and 30.34 MT, respectively (Table 2).

The substantial increase of aquaculture production in freshwater pens of 2,225.0 percent was pulled down by the huge decreases in small farm reservoir (90.0%), freshwater cage (86.4%) and mussel farm (59.4%) (Table 4).

Similarly, the volume of harvest in commercial fishery went down by 37.0 percent. Its 6,259.04 MT production in the fourth quarter of 2023 dropped to 3,941.16 MT in the same quarter of 2024. The sharp decline in production was noted in Eastern Samar by 85.3 percent from 1,450.10 MT in the fourth quarter of 2023 to 213.23 MT in same quarter of 2024. Northern Samar's downtrend in commercial fishing followed at 61.0 percent from 2,443.42 MT in the fourth quarter of 2023 to 954.08 MT in same quarter of 2024. Decreases were also noted in Biliran by 22.0 percent and Southern Leyte by 0.7 percent with production recorded at 309.57 MT and 187.44 MT, respectively. The rest of the provinces posted increases in commercial fishery production, Leyte by 184.6 percent and Samar by 5.1 percent (Table 2).

Table 1. Volume of Fishery Production by Region:
4th Quarter 2023 and 4th Quarter 2024

REGION	Volume of Production (in metric tons)		Percent Change	Percent Share to Total Fisheries Production
	4 th Quarter 2023	4 th Quarter 2024	2024/2023	
Philippines	1,166,828.70	1,080,423.05	-7.4	100.0
NCR	8,760.65	10,425.75	19.0	1.0
CAR	856.38	1,178.94	37.7	0.1
Ilocos Region	78,001.86	76,927.76	-1.4	7.1
Cagayan Valley	8,425.58	7,187.15	-14.7	0.7
Central Luzon	86,932.03	86,699.93	-0.3	8.0
CALABARZON	37,362.97	31,731.41	-15.1	2.9
MIMAROPA	179,251.59	187,534.55	4.6	17.4
Bicol Region	18,012.41	24,547.70	36.3	2.3
Western Visayas	68,659.13	90,780.13	32.2	8.4
Central Visayas	12,897.25	18,619.47	44.4	1.7
Eastern Visayas	24,869.02	22,891.94	-7.9	2.1
Zamboanga Peninsula	101,355.49	87,298.36	-13.9	8.1
Northern Mindanao	17,722.99	23,239.20	31.1	2.2
Davao Region	18,455.63	19,418.07	5.2	1.8
SOCCKSARGEN	83,704.53	73,029.69	-12.8	6.8
Caraga	14,946.98	12,121.02	-18.9	1.1
BARMM	406,614.21	306,791.97	-24.5	28.4

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Table 2. Volume of Fishery Production by Subsector and Province,
Eastern Visayas: 4th Quarter 2023 and 4th Quarter 2024

Subsector/Region/Province	Volume of Production (in metric tons)		Percent Change 2024/2023	Percent Share to Total Fisheries Production
	4 th Quarter 2023	4 th Quarter 2024		
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	24,869.02	22,891.94	-7.9	100.0
Biliran	1,183.43	1,292.74	9.2	5.6
Eastern Samar	3,406.53	4,247.40	24.7	18.6
Leyte	4,483.66	5,949.97	32.7	26.0
Northern Samar	4,950.20	1,752.27	-64.6	7.7
Samar	7,517.52	6,206.03	-17.4	27.1
Southern Leyte	3,327.67	3,443.54	3.5	15.0
Commercial				17.2
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	6,259.04	3,941.16	-37.0	100.0
Biliran	397.10	309.57	-22.0	7.9
Eastern Samar	1,450.10	213.23	-85.3	5.4
Leyte	226.08	643.39	184.6	16.3
Northern Samar	2,443.42	954.08	-61.0	24.2
Samar	1,553.50	1,633.45	5.1	41.4
Southern Leyte	188.84	187.44	-0.7	4.8
Municipal				70.2
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	15,474.83	16,079.39	3.9	100.0
Biliran	776.08	953.40	22.8	5.9
Eastern Samar	1,953.36	4,003.83	105.0	24.9
Leyte	2,529.94	3,908.85	54.5	24.3
Northern Samar	2,480.11	774.50	-68.8	4.8
Samar	4,606.37	3,193.68	-30.7	19.9
Southern Leyte	3,128.96	3,245.14	3.7	20.2
Aquaculture				12.5
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	3,135.15	2,871.39	-8.4	100.0
Biliran	10.25	29.77	190.4	1.0
Eastern Samar	3.07	30.34	888.3	1.1
Leyte	1,727.64	1,397.73	-19.1	48.7
Northern Samar	26.66	23.69	-11.1	0.8
Samar	1,357.65	1,378.91	1.6	48.0
Southern Leyte	9.87	10.95	10.9	0.4

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Table 3. Volume of Fisheries Production by Sector: Eastern Visayas,
4th Quarter 2023 and 4th Quarter 2024

Subsector	Volume of Production (in metric tons)		Percent Change	Percent Share to Total Fisheries Production
	4 th Quarter 2023	4 th Quarter 2024	2024/2023	
FISHERIES	24,869.02	22,891.94	-7.9	100.0
Commercial Fisheries	6,259.04	3,941.16	-37.0	17.2
Municipal Fisheries	15,474.83	16,079.39	3.91	70.2
Marine Municipal Fisheries	15,166.94	15,893.79	4.8	69.4
Inland Municipal Fisheries	307.89	185.60	-39.7	0.8
Aquaculture	3,135.15	2,871.39	-8.4	12.5

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Table 4. Volume of Aquaculture Production by Culture of Environment
and Species, Eastern Visayas: 4th Quarter 2023 and 4th Quarter 2024

Environment/Species	Volume of Production (in metric tons)		Percent Change
	4 th Quarter 2023	4 th Quarter 2024	2024/2023
TOTAL	3,135.15	2,871.39	-8.4
Brackishwater Fishpond	338.97	288.26	-15.0
Brackishwater Pen	8.87	17.28	94.8
Brackishwater Cage	17.64	24.61	39.5
Freshwater Fishpond	41.89	115.05	174.6
Freshwater Pen	0.12	2.79	2,225.0
Freshwater Cage	6.18	0.84	-86.4
Marine Pen	6.54	8.99	37.5
Marine Cage	1,470.76	1,379.09	-6.2
Oyster Farm	8.70	3.76	-56.8
Mussel Farm	1,030.16	417.73	-59.4
Seaweed Farm	205.23	612.99	198.7
Small Farm Reservoir	0.10	0.01	-90.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority


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