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FISHERIES SITUATION IN SOCCKSARGEN

Fisheries production down by 3.8 percent in the second quarter of 2019

The total fisheries production of SOCCKSARGEN Region during the second quarter of 2019 was estimated at 78,079.09 metric tons. Fisheries production in the province decreased by 3.8 percent compared with the production of 81,141.1 metric tons during the same period in 2018. The decline was brought about by the decreases in the volume of production of commercial and municipal fisheries. Aquaculture posted an increase in harvest of some species during the period.

Table 1. Volume of Fisheries Production by Subsector:
SOCCKSARGEN, 2nd Quarter 2018 and 2019 (in metric tons)

Subsector	2018	2019
	2nd Quarter	2nd Quarter
Total fisheries	81,141.11	78,079.09
Commercial Fisheries	71,965.29	69,009.31
Municipal Fisheries	6,322.85	5,687.58
Aquaculture	2,852.97	3,382.20

Accounting for about 88.4 percent share to the total, commercial fisheries production was estimated at 69,009.31 metric tons in the second quarter of 2019 from 71,965.29 metric tons in the same period of 2018; a decrease of 2,955.98 metric tons between the two periods equivalent to -4.1 percent was noted. With a total production of 5,687.58 metric tons, municipal fisheries production also decreased during the second quarter of 2019. Municipal fisheries production in the same period of 2018 was 6,322.85 metric tons; thus, resulting to a decrease of about 10.0 percent. Municipal fisheries accounted for the 7.3 percent to the total fisheries production in the region. The decrease in municipal fisheries production was due to the decrease in inland municipal fishing with a decreased of 24.5 percent. Marine municipal fishing, on the other hand, increased by 15.5 percent during the period.



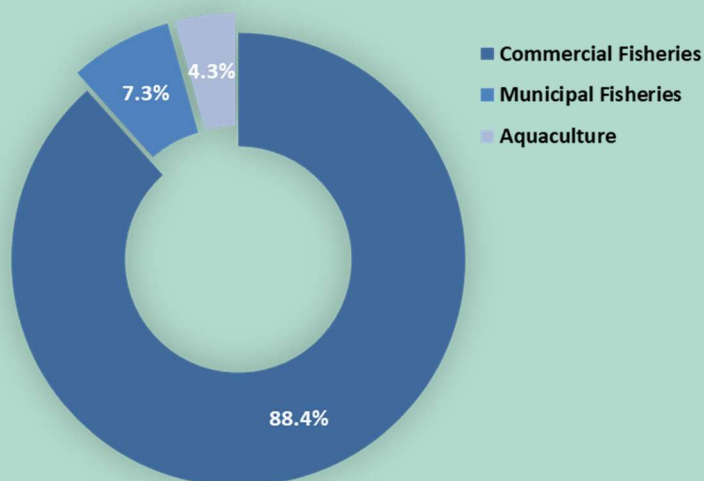
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Aquaculture production in the second quarter of 2019 was estimated at 3,382.20 metric tons, an increase of about 18.6 percent from the 2,852.97 metric tons of production in the same period of 2018. Aquaculture production accounted for about 4.3 percent of the total fisheries production in the region.

Figure 1. Volume of Fisheries Production by Subsector: SOCCKSARGEN, 2nd Quarter 2019



Production of Skipjack reached 47,790.84 metric tons

Among various fish species, Skipjack (Gulyasan) had the largest production in the second quarter of 2019. It was estimated at 47,790.84 metric tons; a decrease of 10.9 percent from the 53,642.01 metric tons of production in the same period of 2018. The production of Skipjack accounted for 61.2 percent of the total fisheries production in the region during the period.

Table 2. Top 10 Fish Species by Volume of Production: SOCCKSARGEN, 1st Quarter 2019 (in metric tons)

Specie	Production
Skipjack (Gulyasan)	47,790.84
Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	14,481.46
Tilapia	3,297.24
Roundscad (Galunggong)	2,389.78
Frigate tuna (Tulingan)	1,914.98
Squid (Pusit)	1,197.15
Big-eyed scad (Matangbaka)	1,142.70
Flying fish (Bolador)	506.86
Carp	480.83
Catfish	479.39

The production of Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles), was estimated at 14,481.46 metric tons; which accounted for about 18.5 percent of the total production in the second quarter of 2019. Its production grew by 77.8 percent from the 8,142.86 metric tons of production in the same period of 2018.





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The percentage share of other species to the total fisheries production were as follows: Tilapia – 4.2 percent, Roundscad (Galunggong) – 3.1 percent, Frigate Tuna (Tulingan) – 2.5 percent, Squid (Pusit) – 1.5 percent, Big-eyed Scad (Matangbaka) – 1.5 percent, Flying Fish (Bolador) – 0.6 percent, Carp – 0.6 percent, and Catfish – 0.6 percent.

Value of fisheries production reached ₱6,810.61 Million

The total value of fisheries production reached ₱6,810,608,970 in the second quarter of 2019. This was an increase of 15.6 percent from ₱5,891,601,600 in the second quarter of 2018. Both Commercial fisheries and Aquaculture posted an increase in the value of production at 16.5 percent and 25.2 percent, respectively. Municipal fisheries, on the other hand, posted a decrease of 3.4 percent.

Table 3. Value of Fisheries Production by Subsector:
SOCCKSARGEN, 2nd Quarter 2018 and 2019 (in thousand pesos)

Subsector	2018	2019
	2nd Quarter	2nd Quarter
Total Fisheries	5,891,601.60	6,810,608.97
Commercial Fisheries	5,110,075.16	5,955,676.26
Municipal Fisheries	432,210.98	417,641.16
Aquaculture	349,315.46	437,291.55

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Data on Fisheries Statistics are derived from quarterly survey on commercial, municipal and aquaculture fisheries conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority.

Fisheries - all activities relating to the act or business of fishing, culturing, preserving, processing, marketing, developing, conserving and managing aquatic resources and the fishery areas including the privilege to fish or take aquatic resources thereof (RA 8550).

Commercial Fisheries - fisheries subsector which covers fishing operations in marine waters beyond 15 kilometers from the shoreline by fishing boats with more than three (3) gross tons.

Municipal Fisheries - fisheries subsector which covers fishing operations performed in marine waters within 15 kilometers from the shoreline using fishing vessels of three (3) gross tons or less, or fishing not requiring the use of fishing vessels. It is further categorized into Marine and Inland Fish Production.

Aquaculture Fisheries - fisheries subsector which involves propagation and culturing of fish and other fishery species in farming facility such as fishpond, fish pen and fish cage. It also includes oyster, mussel and seaweed culture.

Volume of Production - the total weight in metric tons of the species from commercial, municipal, aquaculture and inland fisheries.

Value of Production - the total price in thousand pesos of the species from commercial, municipal, aquaculture and inland fisheries.



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