



# SPECIAL RELEASE

## 2023 Fisheries Production, SOCCSKSARGEN Region

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### Fisheries Production in SOCCSKSARGEN Region decreased by 9.0 percent

In 2023, the Fisheries production of SOCCSKSARGEN Region decreased by 9.0 percent from 299,784.90 metric tons in 2022 to 272,861.41 metric tons in 2023 despite a 0.1 percent increase in Municipal Fisheries production.

Table 1. Volume of Fisheries Production, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: 2023 and 2024

SUBSECTOR	Volume of Production (MT)		Percent Change	Percent Share	
	2022	2023		2022	2023
<b>Commercial Fisheries</b>	234,026.98	209,345.07	-10.5%	78.1%	76.7%
<b>Municipal Fisheries</b>	47,816.11	47,881.66	0.1%	16.0%	17.5%
<b>Marine Municipal Fisheries</b>	26,987.59	26,275.22	-2.6%	9.0%	9.6%
<b>Inland Municipal Fisheries</b>	20,828.52	21,606.43	3.7%	6.9%	7.9%
<b>Aquaculture</b>	17,941.81	15,634.67	-12.9%	6.0%	5.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	299,784.90	272,861.41	-9.0%	100%	100%

Source: Fisheries Statistics Division, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

Noted: Quarter 4 and Annual 2023 available data is preliminary.

Units: Metric Tons

In 2023, Commercial Fisheries had the highest share in the 2023 total regional fishery output at 76.7 percent; Marine Municipal Fisheries, 9.6 percent; Inland Municipal Fisheries, 7.9 percent and Aquaculture, 5.7 percent.



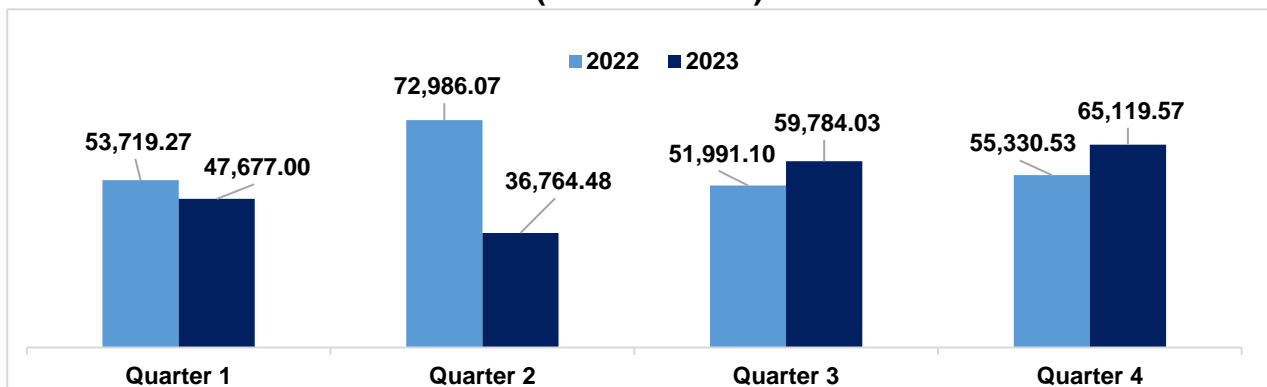
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## Commercial Fisheries

The Commercial Fisheries output was down to -10.5 percent from 234,026.98 metric tons in 2022 to 209,345.07 metric tons in 2023. The highest production was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2023 at 65,119.57 metric tons accounting for 31.1 percent of the total production for the year. The lowest output was recorded in the second quarter at 36,764.48 metric tons with a share of 17.6 percent.

**Figure 1. Volume of Commercial Fisheries Production by Quarter, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: 2022 and 2023 (In Metric tons)**



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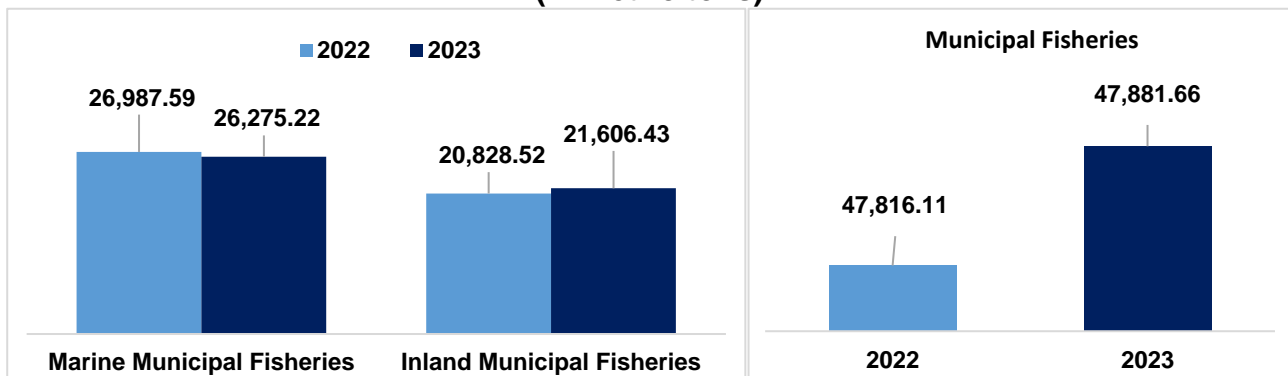
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## Municipal Fisheries

Municipal Fisheries output in 2023 was at 47,881.66 metric tons posting an increase of 0.1 percent from 47,816.11 metric tons in 2022. Marine Municipal Fisheries shared 54.9 percent while 45.1 percent was contributed by Inland Municipal Fisheries. Municipal Fisheries shared 17.5 percent to the total volume of fish production in SOCCSKSARGEN Region.

**Figure 2. Volume of Municipal Fisheries Production, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: 2022 and 2023 (In Metric tons)**



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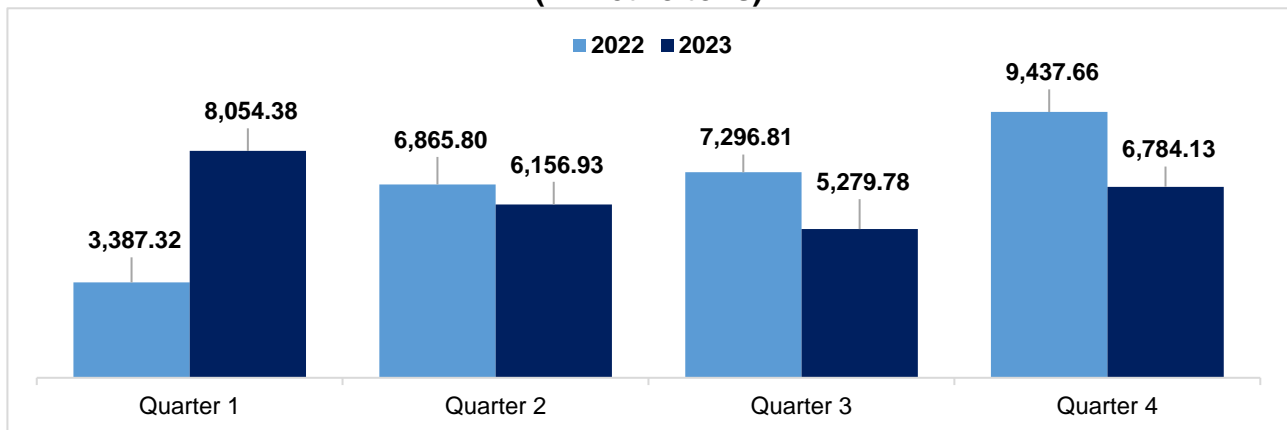
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### Marine Municipal Fisheries

In comparison to the same quarter in 2022, Inland Municipal Fisheries production was at -2.6 percent in 2023 with the highest increase observed in the first quarter of 2023. It went up by 137.8 percent during the quarter under review and accounted for 30.7 percent of the total production in 2023.

**Figure 3. Volume of Marine Municipal Fisheries Production by Quarter, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: 2022 and 2023 (In Metric tons)**



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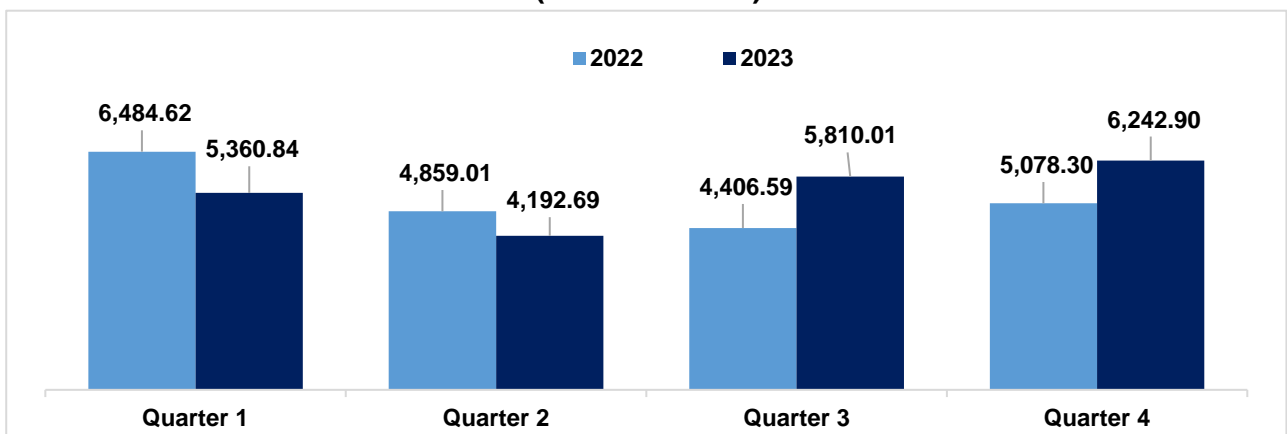
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### Inland Municipal Fisheries

Inland Municipal Fisheries production was up by 3.7 percent in 2023 with the highest increase observed in the fourth quarter of 2023. It went up by 22.9 percent during the quarter under review and accounted for 28.9 percent of the total production in 2023.

**Figure 4. Volume of Inland Municipal Fisheries Production by Quarter, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: 2022 and 2023 (In Metric tons)**



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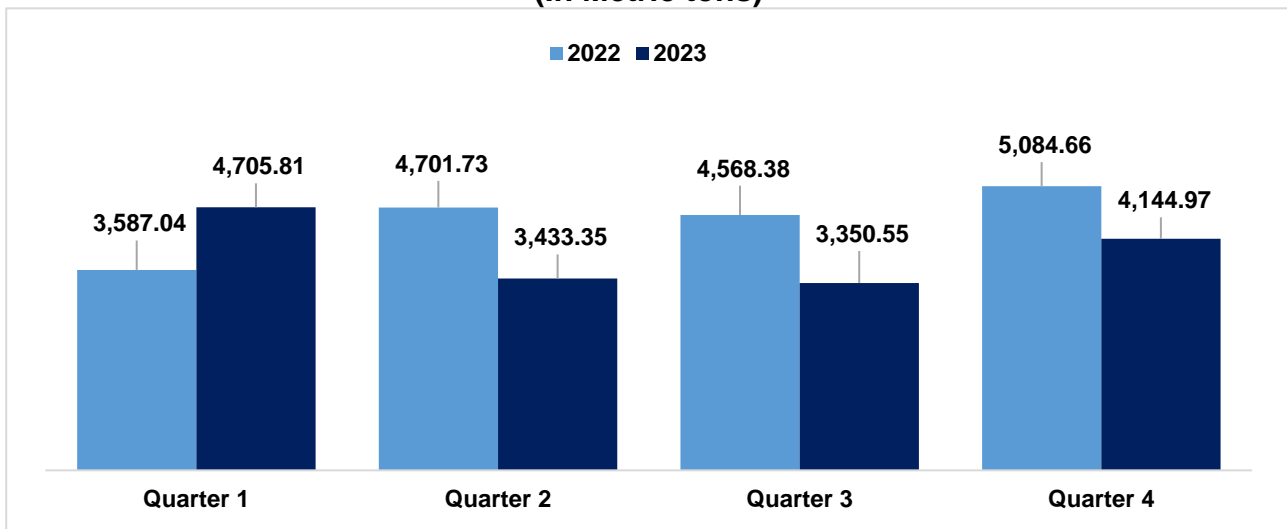
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## Aquaculture

Aquaculture production output dropped by -12.9 percent in 2023, from 17,941.81 metric tons to 15,634.67 metric tons in 2023. The biggest share was in the first quarter at 4,705.81 metric tons accounting for 30.1 percent of the total production for the year.

**Figure 5. Volume of Aquaculture Production by Quarter, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: 2022 and 2023 (In Metric tons)**



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## TECHNICAL NOTES

**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 R.A. 8550.

**Quarterly Fisheries Survey (QFS)** – The fisheries sector is composed of three (3) subsectors, namely; commercial, municipal fisheries and aquaculture. There are four (4) quarterly surveys that generate volume and value of production by species at the national, regional and provincial level.

**Commercial Fisheries** – fishing operations in marine waters beyond 15 kilometers from the shoreline by fishing boats with more than three (3) gross tons. The Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (QCFS) serves as the activity that gathers information on volume and price of species unloaded in the commercial landing center.

**Municipal Fisheries** – covers fishing operations in marine waters within 15 kilometers from the shoreline by fishing boats with three (3) gross tons or less. The Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey (QMFS) serves as the activity that gathers information on volume and price of species unloaded in the municipal landing center.

**Marine fisheries** - refer to the industry devoted to the catching, processing, or selling of fish, shellfish, or other aquatic animals. Fish are caught in seawater or saltwater using synthetic fiber nets, mechanized fishing, etc. Marine fisheries have grown in size and sophistication in the last 50 years, and fish are caught in nets or on lines, sorted on board a fishing vessel, and then brought back to shore. Popular marine fish varieties include Mackerel, Tuna, Sardines, and Bombay duck.

**Inland Fisheries** – covers fishing operations performed in inland bodies of water using fishing vessels of three (3) gross tons or less, or fishing not requiring the use of fishing vessels. The Quarterly Inland Fisheries Survey (QIFS) serves as the activity that gathers information on volume and price of species caught by inland fishing households.

**Aquaculture** – 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. The Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (QAqS) serves as the activity that gathers information on volume and price of species harvested in the aquafarms.

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