

**SKIPJACK, YELLOWFIN TUNA AND HYDRAULIC CEMENT
 WERE REGION XII'S TOP IMPORTS IN NOVEMBER 2016**
 (Preliminary Results)

SKIPJACK IS REGION XII'S PRIMARY IMPORT IN TERMS OF FOB VALUE

Skipjack constituted 20.38 percent of Region XII's US\$51,765,437.00 total imports in November 2016 in terms of Freight on Board (FOB) Value.

Skipjack or Stripe-Bellied Bonito, at **7,449,362.00** kilograms, was the top import for the month at US\$10.55 million. The commodity came from China, Taiwan, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam.

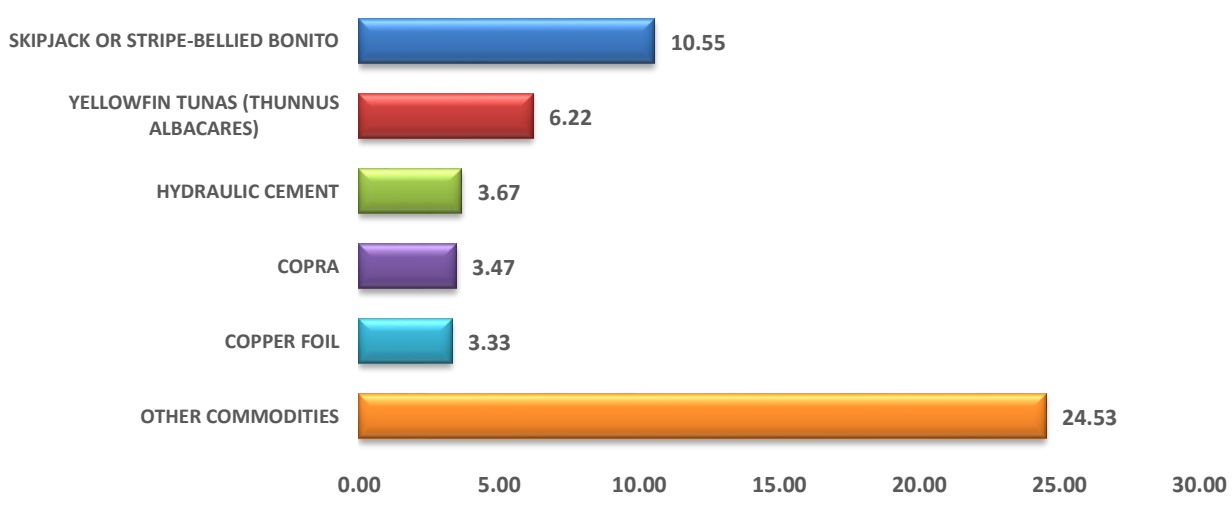
Yellowfin Tuna (Thunnus Albacares) was second with a Freight on Board (FOB) value of US\$6.22 million and with a total volume of 4,163,158.00 kilograms. Taiwan, Indonesia, Korea, Papua New Guinea and Singapore were the point of origin of said commodity.

Hydraulic Cement ranked third at US\$3.67 million for a total volume of 65,501,330.42 kilograms. These import goods came from China and Vietnam.

Copra, from Vanuatu (New Hebrides), Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, ranked fourth at US\$3.47 million and weighing 4,389,410.00 kilograms.

Copper Foil, solely from Japan, ranked fifth at US\$3.33 million with a total volume of 3,384,298.65 kilograms.

Figure 1. TOP IMPORTS IN TERMS OF FOB VALUE, REGION XII: NOVEMBER 2016
 (IN US\$ MILLION)



PAPUA NEW GUINEA IS REGION XII'S BIGGEST SOURCE OF IMPORTS IN TERMS OF FOB VALUE

Papua New Guinea was Region XII's biggest source of imports in November 2016 in terms of FOB Value.

Papua New Guinea (PNG) at US\$8.71 million was the biggest source of imports for the month in terms of FOB value. PNG sent 863,843.00 kilograms of Yellowfin Tuna which was valued at US\$1,430,894.00; 4,981,352.00 kilograms of Skipjack worth US\$7,003,403.00; and 370,728.00 kilograms of Copra valued at US\$279,731.00.

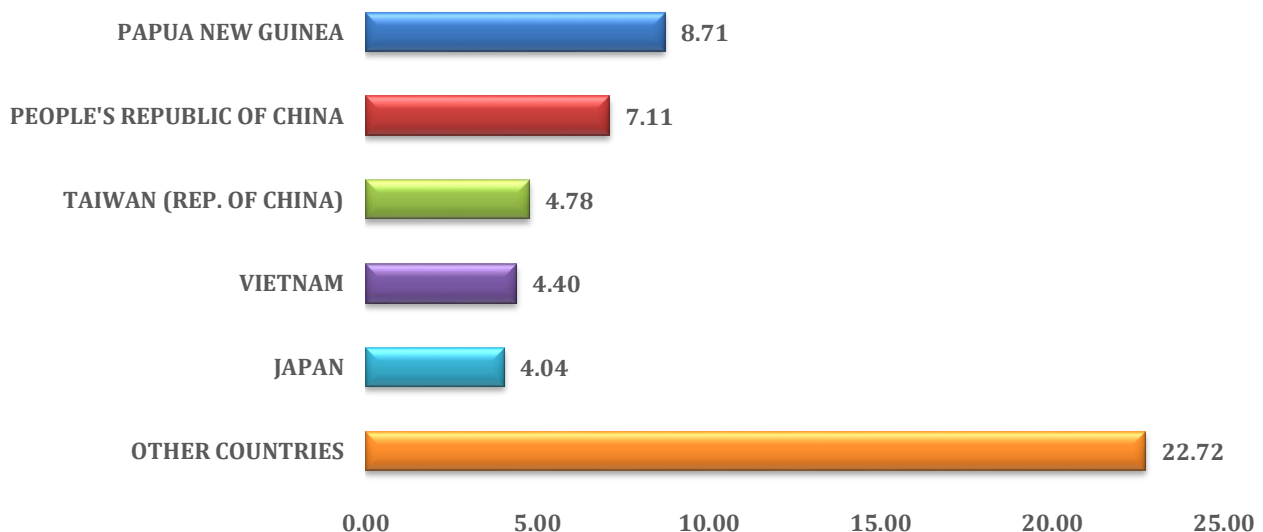
People's Republic of China was second at US\$7.11 million for 18,070,784.09 kilograms of imports, including 13,912,731.58 kilograms of Portland Cement valued at US\$763,673.00.

Taiwan (Republic of China) at third, with US\$4.78 million including 1,171,480.00 kilograms of Yellowfin Tuna amounting to US\$1,806,534.00 and Skipjack weighing 1,328,400.00 kilograms at US\$1,908,300.00.

Vietnam was fourth, where US\$4.04 million imports were sourced including 51,588,598.84 kilograms of Portland Cement costing US\$2,906,344.00.

Japan came fifth, with import goods amounting to US\$4.04 million including the 3,384,298.65 kilograms of Copper Foil amounting to US\$3,326,221.00.

Figure 2. TOP 5 SOURCE COUNTRIES OF IMPORTS IN TERMS OF FOB VALUE, REGION XII: NOVEMBER 2016
(IN US\$ MILLION)

**PORTLAND CEMENT IS THE LEADING IMPORTS OF REGION XII IN TERMS OF VOLUME**

An aggregate of 155,092,480.97 kilograms of imports reached General Santos City (Dandiagas) sea port in November 2016. In terms of volume, Portland Cement was top of the list.

Portland Cement accounted for 42.23 percent of the total gross weight of imports during the month. Of the 65,501,330.42 kilograms of imports, about 51,588,598.84 kilograms originated from Vietnam and 13,912,731.58 kilograms came from the People's Republic of China.

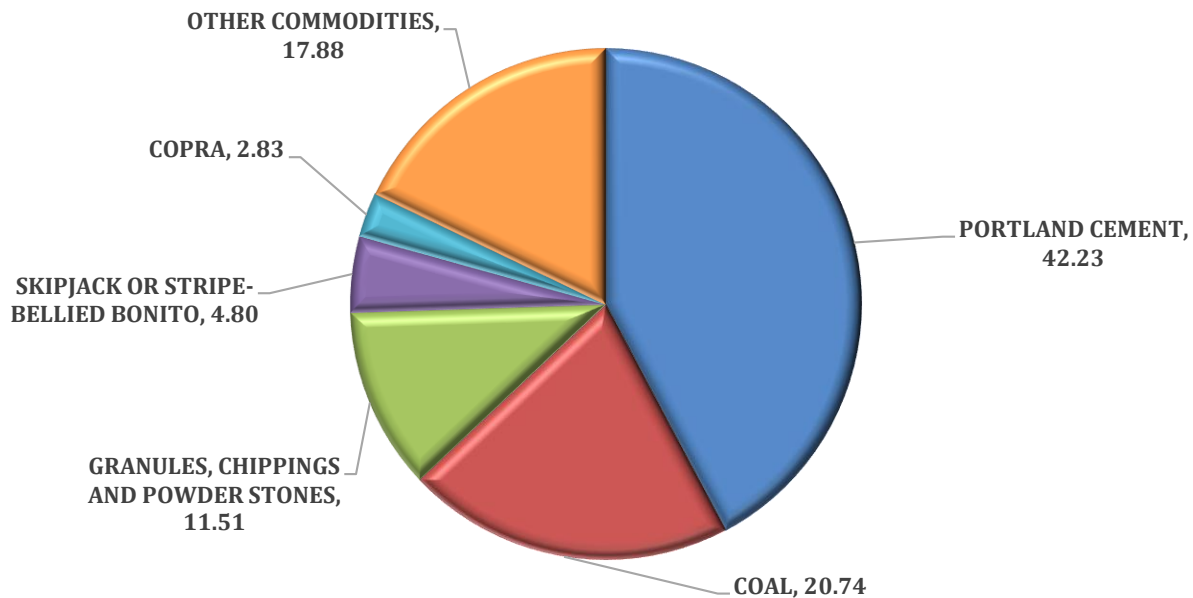
Coal ranked second, with a share of 20.74 percent or equivalent to 32,171,000.00 kilograms of import goods solely sourced from Indonesia.

Granules, Chippings and Powder Stones - ranked third at 11.51 percent or 17,851,000.00 kilograms solely originating from Taiwan.

Skipjacks or Stripe-Bellied Bonito ranked fourth, at 4.80 percent or weighing 7,449,362.00 kilograms. From People's Republic of China came 24,990.00 kilograms; Taiwan, 1,328,400.00 kilograms; Marshall Islands, 1,031,460.00 kilograms; Papua New Guinea, 4,981,352.00 kilograms; and Vietnam, 83,160.00 kilograms.

Copra ranked fifth at 2.83 percent or a total of 4,389,410.00 kilograms where 1,788,242.00 kilograms came from Vanuatu (New Hebrides); Papua New Guinea, 370,728.00 kilograms; and Solomon Islands, 2,230,440.00 kilograms.

Figure 3. TOP 5 IMPORTS IN TERMS OF VOLUME, REGION XII: NOVEMBER 2016



VIETNAM IS THE MAIN SOURCE OF IMPORTS IN TERMS OF VOLUME

Vietnam, at 53,224,620.72 kilograms, was Region XII's biggest source of imports in November 2016.

Vietnam was the main source of 53,224,620.72 kilograms of imports, accounting for 34.32 percent of the total aggregate volume of imports in the region during the month. About 51,588,598 kilograms or 78.75 percent of the 65,501,330.42 kilograms of total imported Portland Cement came from Vietnam.

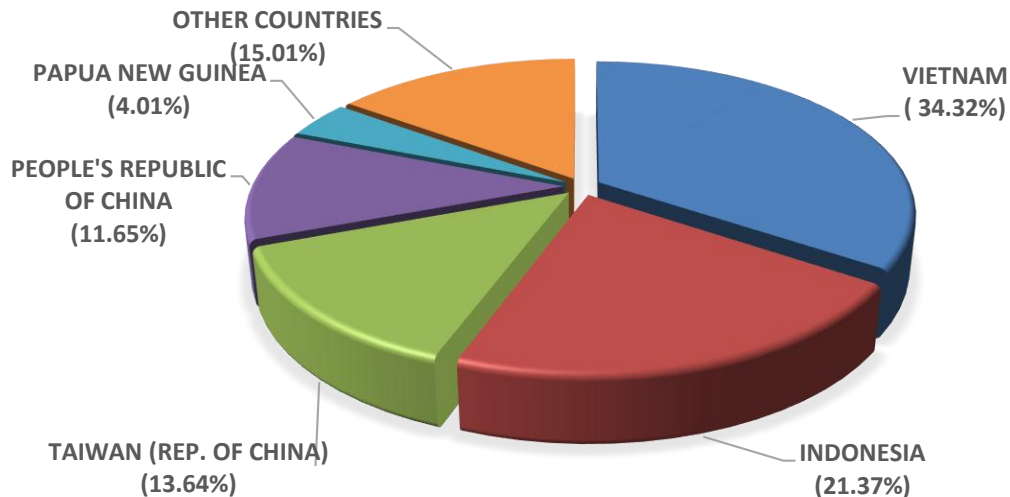
Indonesia, at second spot, had a share of 21.37 percent or about 33,137,421.86 kilograms. Of which 32,171,000.00 kilograms or 97.00 percent were Coal.

Taiwan (Republic of China) at third spot, at 13.64 percent or 21,161,737.98 kilograms as main source of 17,851,000.00 kilograms of Granules, Chippings and Powder Stones.

People's Republic of China was at fourth with 18,070,784.09 kilograms or 11.65 percent of the region's imports. China was the source of 13,912,731.58 kilograms of Portland Cement.

Papua New Guinea placed fifth, owing to 6,215,923.00 kilograms or 4.01 percent of the region's total imports. PNG was the country of origin for 4,981,352.00 kilograms of Skipjack.

Figure 4. TOP 5 COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF VOLUME OF IMPORTS, REGION XII; NOVEMBER 2016



CHINA IS THE TOP COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF IMPORTS

In November 2016, there were 540 import goods that landed in General Santos City (Dandiangan) Sea Port. About 51.30 percent of the total number of commodities originated from the People’s Republic of China.

People’s Republic of China took the lead with 277 goods worth of US\$7.11 million during the period.

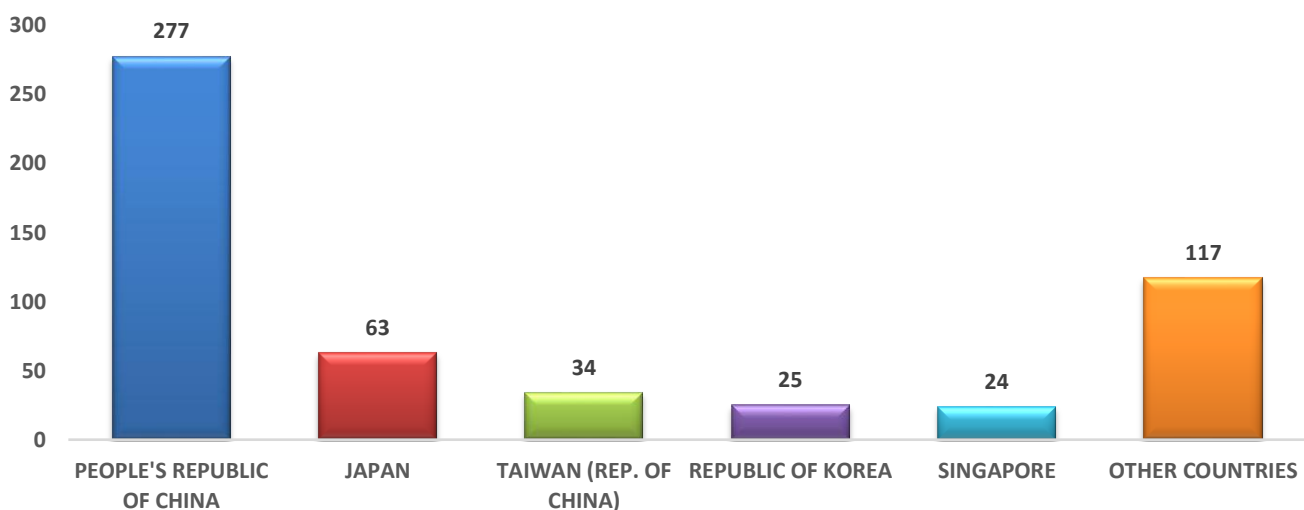
Japan ranked second with 63 commodities valued at US\$4.04 million.

Taiwan (Republic of China) ranked third with 34 commodities, one of which was Granules, Chippings and Powder Stones weighing 17,851,000.00 kilograms and was valued at US\$17,851.00.

Republic of Korea ranked fourth with 25 commodities. From Korea came 2,081,830.00 kilograms Yellowfin Tuna with an FOB value of US\$2,926,771.00.

Singapore ranked fifth, as the origin of 24 commodities, including 487,202.50 kilograms of Soya Bean valued at US\$453,725.00.

Figure 5. TOP 5 COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF QUANTITY OF IMPORTS, REGION XII: NOVEMBER 2016



Technical Notes:

Import trade statistics are compiled by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) from copies of export declarations filed with the Bureau of Customs (BOC) by exporters or their authorized representatives as required by law. The 2004 Philippine Standard Commodity Classification (PSCC) is used to classify the commodities at the most detailed level for statistical purposes.