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FISHERIES SITUATION IN SOCCKSARGEN Fourth Quarter 2019

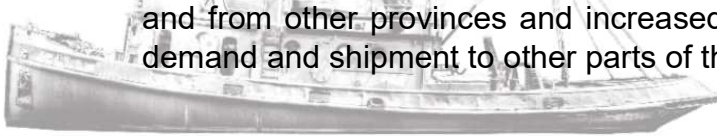
Fisheries production up by 10.7 percent in the fourth quarter of 2019

The total fisheries production of SOCCKSARGEN Region during the fourth quarter of 2019 was estimated at 88,273.15 metric tons. Fisheries production in the region increased by 10.7 percent compared with the 79,747.05 metric tons produced during the same period in 2018. The rise was brought about by the increases in the volume of commercial and aquaculture fisheries production. Municipal fisheries production, however, posted a decrease during the period.

Table 1. Volume of Fisheries Production by Subsector:
SOCCKSARGEN, 4th Quarter 2018 and 2019 (in metric tons)

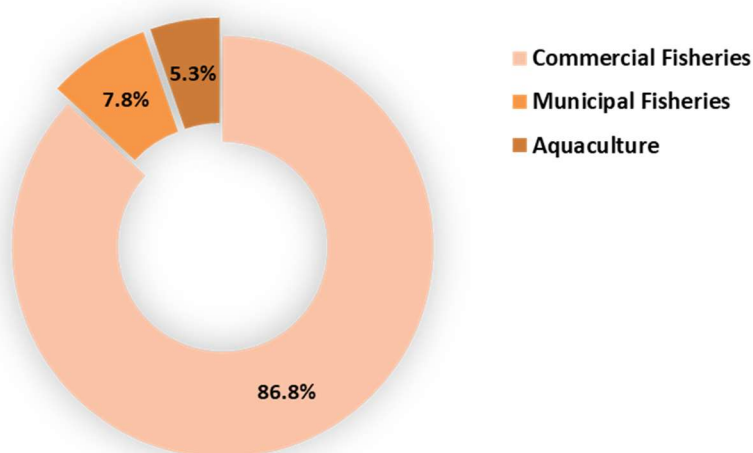
Subsector	2018 4th Quarter	2019 4th Quarter	% Change
Total fisheries	79,747.05	88,273.15	10.7%
Commercial Fisheries	68,034.77	76,647.13	12.7%
Municipal Fisheries	8,543.92	6,926.48	(18.9%)
Marine Municipal Fisheries	3,263.14	2,766.07	(15.2%)
Inland Municipal Fisheries	5,280.78	4,160.41	(21.2%)
Aquaculture	3,168.36	4,699.54	48.3%

Accounting for about 86.8 percent share to the total, commercial fisheries production was estimated at 76,647.13 metric tons in the fourth quarter of 2019 from 68,034.77 metric tons in the same period of 2018; equivalent to 12.7 percent or 8,612.36 metric tons increase between the two periods was noted. With a total production of 4,669.54 metric tons, aquaculture fisheries production also increased during the fourth quarter of 2019. Aquaculture fisheries production in the same period of 2018 was 3,168.36 metric tons; thus, resulting to an increase of about 48.3 percent. Aquaculture fisheries accounted for 5.3 percent to the total fisheries production in the region. There was an increase in all aquaculture farm types in the region during the quarter and can be partly attributed to the increase of tilapia harvested during the quarter due to a higher demand from local market and from other provinces and increased production of P. Vannamei due to local market demand and shipment to other parts of the country.



Municipal fisheries production in the fourth quarter of 2019 was estimated at 6,926.48 metric tons, a decrease of about 18.9 percent from the 8,543.92 metric tons of production in the same period of 2018. Municipal fisheries production accounted for about 7.8 percent of the total fisheries production in the region. The decrease in the municipal fisheries production was due to the decrease in both inland and marine municipal fishing production. Inland municipal fisheries registered a production of 4,160.41 metric tons, a decrease of 21.2 percent from its 5,280.78 metric tons figure in the same period of 2018. Marine municipal fisheries recorded a 2,766.07 metric tons production and also registered a decrease of 15.2 percent compared to its production of 3,263.14 metric tons in the same period of 2018.

Figure 1. Percent Distribution of Fisheries Production by Subsector: SOCCSKSARGEN, 4th Quarter 2019



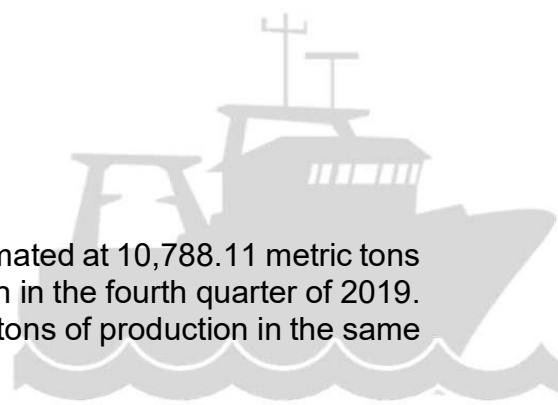
Production of Skipjack reached 63,135.56 metric tons

Among various fish species, Skipjack (Gulyasan) had the largest production in the fourth quarter of 2019. It was estimated at 63,135.56 metric tons; an increase of 27.2 percent from the 49,654.33 metric tons in the same period of 2018. Skipjack accounted for 71.5 percent of the total fisheries production in the region during the period.

Table 2. Top 10 Fish Species by Volume of Production: SOCCSKSARGEN, 4th Quarter 2019 (in metric tons)

Specie	Production
Skipjack (Gulyasan)	63,135.56
Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	10,788.11
Tilapia	3,324.96
Roundscad (Galunggong)	2,233.49
P. Vannamei	1,512.28
Milkfish	1,432.42
Frigate tuna (Tulingan)	1,169.72
Carp	658.34
Mudfish	599.67
Catfish	578.82





The production of Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles) was estimated at 10,788.11 metric tons which accounted for about 12.2 percent of the total production in the fourth quarter of 2019. Its production grew by 19.4 percent from the 9,031.70 metric tons of production in the same period of 2018.

The percentage share of other species to the total fisheries production were as follows: Tilapia – 3.8 percent, Roundscad (Galunggong) – 2.5 percent, P. Vannamei – 1.7 percent, Milkfish – 1.6 percent, Frigate Tuna (Tulingan) – 1.3 percent, and Carp, Mudfish and Catfish at 0.7 percent each.

Value of fisheries production reached ₱7,199.24 Million

The total value of fisheries production reached ₱7,199,239,830 in the fourth quarter of 2019, an increase of 11.2 percent from ₱6,473,998,940 in the fourth quarter of 2018. Both Commercial fisheries and Aquaculture posted an increase in the value of production at 9.7 percent and 54.1 percent, respectively. Municipal fisheries, on the other hand, posted a decrease of 5.3 percent.

Table 3. Value of Fisheries Production by Subsector: SOCCKSARGEN, 4th Quarter 2018 and 2019 (in thousand pesos)			
Subsector	2018 4th Quarter	2019 4th Quarter	% Change
Total Fisheries	6,473,998.94	7,199,239.83	11.2%
Commercial Fisheries	5,424,819.49	5,952,844.67	9.7%
Municipal Fisheries	623,012.54	589,736.02	(5.3%)
Aquaculture	426,166.91	656,659.14	54.1%

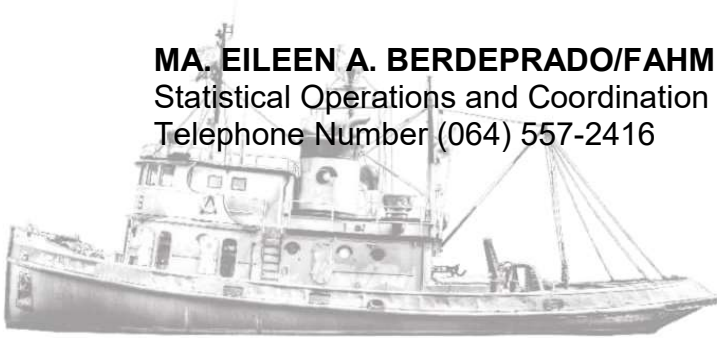
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Data on Fisheries Statistics are derived from quarterly surveys on commercial, municipal and aquaculture fisheries conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority.

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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