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CAMARINES SUR FISHERIES PRODUCTION RECORDS 7.87% DECLINE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2018

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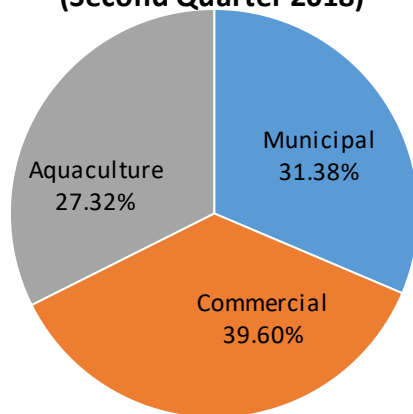
The Province of Camarines Sur records a 7.87 percent decrease in fisheries production for the second quarter of 2018 as compared to the same quarter of last year, the Fisheries Production Survey (FPS) revealed. From 19,024.13 metric tons, the fisheries production in the province this year fell to 17,526.70 metric tons. The recorded decrease in production was largely attributed to the inclement weather and the noted high cost of fishing expenses.

The FPS also revealed that the biggest decline in production was recorded under the Municipal Fisheries subsector having registered a decrease in production by 10.95 percent. The Aquaculture subsector also registered a decrease in production by 6.66 percent while Commercial Fisheries Subsector recorded a 6.15 percent decrease in production.

Table 1. Comparative Table for Camarines Sur Fisheries Production by Sector for the Second Quarter of 2017 and 2018

Sub-sector	Production (MT)		% Change
	2Q 2017	2Q 2018	
TOTAL FISHERIES	19,024.13	17,526.70	(7.87)
Commercial	6,765.88	6,349.79	(6.15)
Municipal	6,176.97	5,499.75	(10.95)
Marine	5,496.23	4,816.43	(11.94)
Inland	706.84	683.32	(3.33)
Aquaculture	6,082.18	5,677.15	(6.66)

Figure 1. Percent Distribution of Fishery Production by Sub-sector in Camarines Sur (Second Quarter 2018)



As to the distribution of Fisheries Production, the Second Quarter 2018 FPS revealed that the Commercial Fisheries subsector accounts for the 39.60 percent of the total recorded fisheries production in Camarines Sur. The Municipal Fisheries subsector contributed 31.38 percent while the Aquaculture Subsector contributed 27.32 percent (See Figure 1).

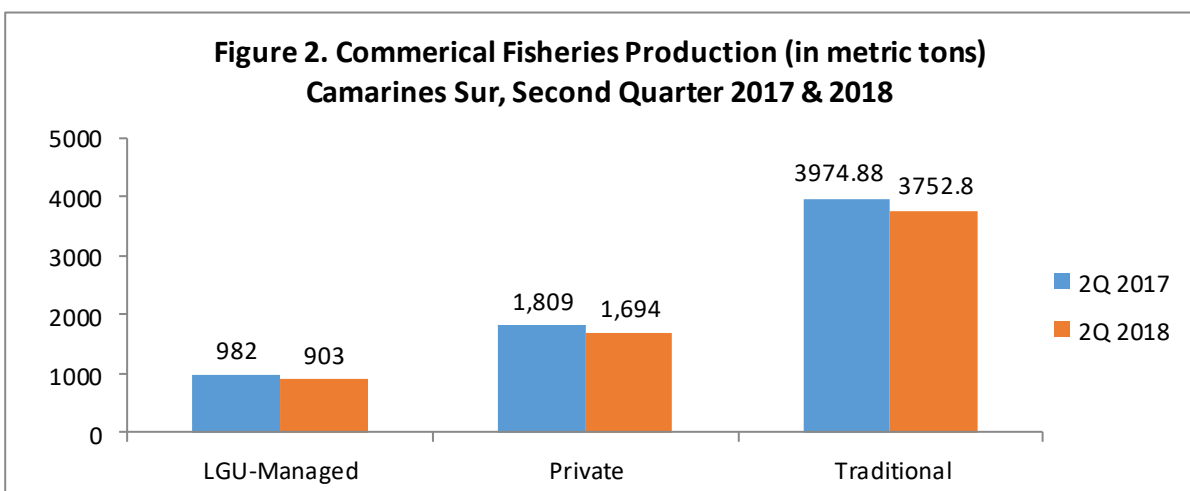
COMMERCIAL FISHERIES PRODUCTION

The catching of fish with the use of fishing boats with a capacity of more than three (3) gross tons.

The Fisheries Production Survey (FPS) for the Second Quarter of 2018 revealed that the Commercial Fisheries subsector registered a decline of 6.15 percent in production as compared to the same quarter of 2017. From a recorded production of 6,765.88 metric tons last year, Commercial Fisheries Production decreased to 6,349.80 metric tons this quarter.

Commercial Fisheries Production is composed of the combined production in traditional and LGU-managed fish landing centers. For the Second Quarter of 2018, the LGU-managed Fish Landing Centers produced 903.00 metric tons, Private Fish Landing Centers produced 1,694.00 metric tons and Traditional Fish Landing Centers yielded 3,752.80. This recorded production represents a negative growth rate across all landing centers by 8.04 percent, 6.36 percent and 5.59 percent respectively (See Figure 2). The recorded decrease in production in Commercial Fisheries can be attributed to the noted decrease in fishing trips and fishing efforts due to the frequent occurrence of unfavorable weather condition. The stricter enforcement of Republic Act 10654 also affected the production under the Commercial Fisheries subsector.

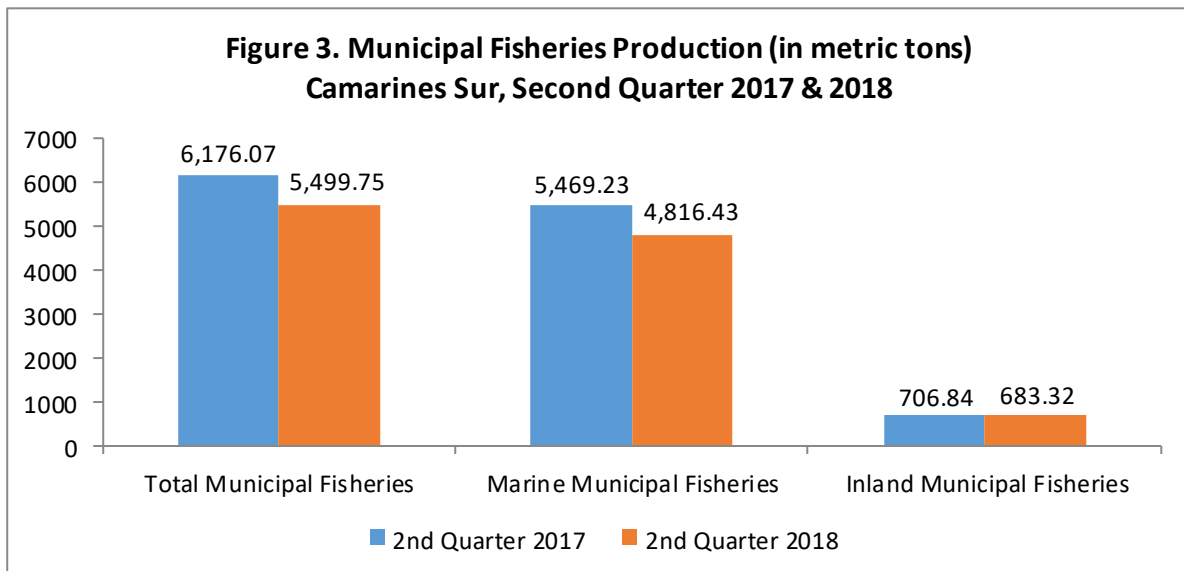
Figure 2. Commercial Fisheries Production (in metric tons) Camarines Sur, Second Quarter 2017 & 2018



MUNICIPAL FISHERIES PRODUCTION

Covers fishing operations carried out with or without the use of a boat weighing three (3) gross tons or less.

The total Municipal Fisheries Production in the Province of Camarines Sur registered the highest decrease in production among the subsectors being monitored. For the Second Quarter of 2018, production under this subsector fell by 10.95 percent.



Analysis of the gathered data during the FPS for the Second Quarter of 2018 revealed that the Marine Municipal Fisheries Production in Camarines Sur posted a significant negative growth of 11.94 percent as compared to the same quarter of last year. From 5,469.23 metric tons during the Second Quarter of 2017, only 4,816.43 metric tons was produced for the Second Quarter of 2018. This significant decrease in production can be attributed to the inclement weather and the noted increase in fishing expenses. In addition, Inland Municipal Fisheries Production also posted an decrease in production by 3.33 percent. From 706.84 metric tons recorded during the same quarter of last year, production for the Second Quarter of 2018 only reached 683.32 metric tons. The recorded decrease in production can be attributed to the decreased fishing activities as some fishermen shifted to farming and non-farming activities.

AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION

Fisheries operation involving all forms of raising and culturing of fish and other fisheries species in fresh, brackish and marine water areas.

The data gathered by the FPS revealed that Aquaculture production in the province for the Second Quarter of 2018 decreased by 6.66 percent as compared to the same quarter of 2017. From 6,082.18 metric tons recorded last year, the Aquaculture production in the province this quarter yielded only 5,677.15 metric tons.

Further analysis of the gathered data revealed that all culture types under Aquaculture production registered a decline in production as compared to the same quarter of last year. Seaweeds production decreased from 4,052.12 metric tons during the Second Quarter of 2017 to 3,819.93 metric tons this quarter or a decrease of 5.73 percent due to the effects of epiphytes and due to the fact that seaweed farmers are still currently in propagating stage during the reference period. Freshwater Fishpond Production also registered a decrease in production from

896.94 metric tons during the Second Quarter of 2017 to 814.99 metric tons during the same quarter this year. This decrease in Freshwater Fishpond Production can be attributed to the lesser stocking density due to the reported financial difficulties of some fishpond operators. Freshwater Fishcage production also registered a decrease in production by 4.59 percent. From 969.01 metric tons during the Second Quarter of 2017, production under this culture type decrease to 924.51 metric tons. Similar with the findings in Freshwater Fishpond, the decrease in production under Freshwater Fishcage can be attributed to lesser stocking density and the reported financial difficulties of some fishpond operators.

In addition, Brackish water Fishpond Production registered the biggest decline in production with a recorded decrease of 28.27 percent. From 164.12 metric tons during the Second Quarter of 2017, the registered Brackish water Fishpond Production decreased to 117.72 metric tons for the Second Quarter of 2018. This decrease in production can be attributed to the high mortality rate, stunted growth and the sudden change of water temperature and weather condition. (See Figure 4/Table 2)

Figure 4: Aquaculture Fisheries Production by Culture Type, Camarines Sur: Second Quarter, 2017 & 2018

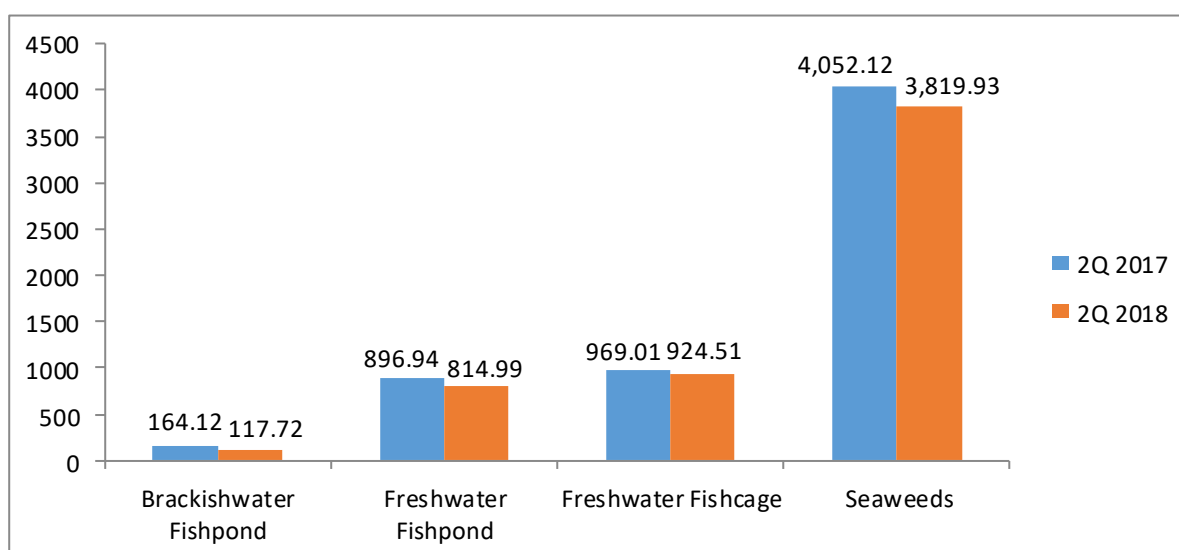


Table 2: Aquaculture by Culture Type, Camarines Sur: Second Quarter 2017 and 2018

Culture Type	2 nd Quarter 2017	2 nd Quarter 2018	% Change
AQUACULTURE	6,082.18	5,677.15	(6.66)
Brackishwater Fishpond	164.12	117.72	(28.27)
Freshwater Fishpond	896.94	814.99	(9.14)
Freshwater Fishcage	969.01	924.51	(4.59)
Seaweeds	4,052.12	3,819.93	(5.73)

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