



# MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

## FISHERIES INFORMATION QUARTERLY REPORT

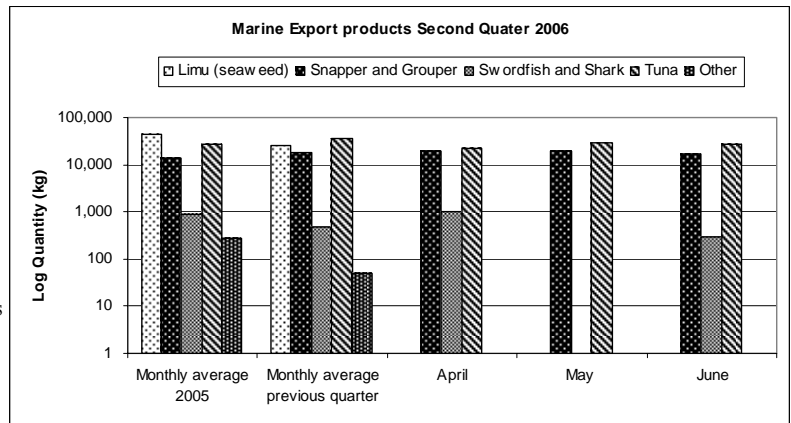
SECOND QUARTER 2006 APRIL—JUNE 2006



### MARINE EXPORTS

The total quantity of marine products (not including aquarium products) exported in the second quarter for 2006 was 135,631kg. This is a 19% decrease from the quantity exported during the same period last year and a 43% decrease from that exported in the previous quarter.

The total FOB<sup>2</sup> value of marine exports for the second quarter is TOP\$555,758. This is a 25% increase in the FOB value of marine resources exported in the second quarter 2005. This increase in FOB value thus a decline in the quantity of marine products exported was due to the export of high value products such as swordfish and shark exported in this quarter compared to the same quarter 2005.



Source (above) : Department of Fisheries Marine Export Product Database

\* FOB = Free On Board, describes a price which includes goods plus the services at the time of offloading from the vessel at first landing. This is a static value designated to each export product. The value is an historical estimate and may not represent the true present value.

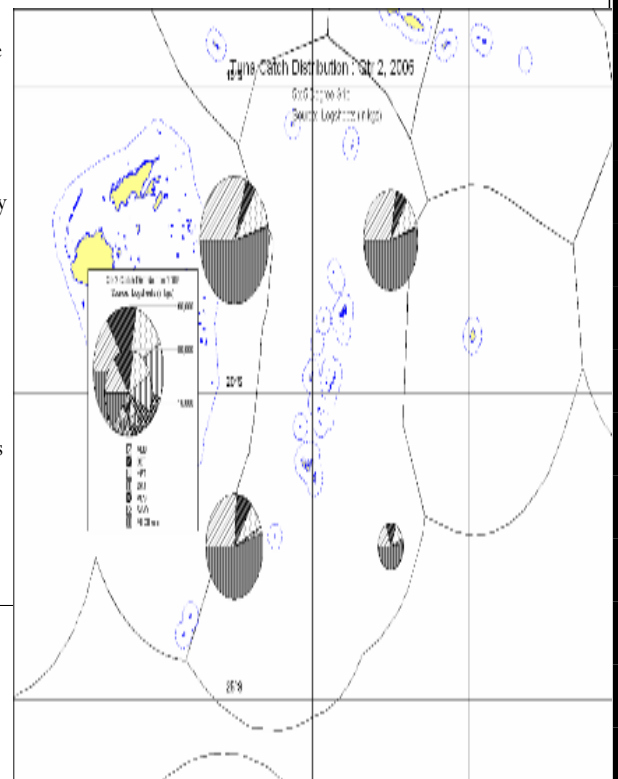
### TUNA FISHERY

The export quantity of tuna and associated by-catch for this quarter decreased by 29% as compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2006, and decreased by 22% compared to the second quarter of 2005. The local price for all tuna species remained the same, between T\$6.50 – T\$7.00/kg. The international prices for yellowfin increased slightly from that in the previous quarter reportedly due to the general decline in yellowfin catch (according to FFA Tuna Market News, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2006). The prices for albacore continued on to increase reportedly due to continuing low supply levels.

A total of 10 out of 11 licensed long lining vessels were actively fishing during the second quarter 2006. The total catch increased by 21.3 % by weight in this quarter as compared with the previous quarter and is due mainly to increase in catch rate (CPUE) and an increase in total number of fishing trips.

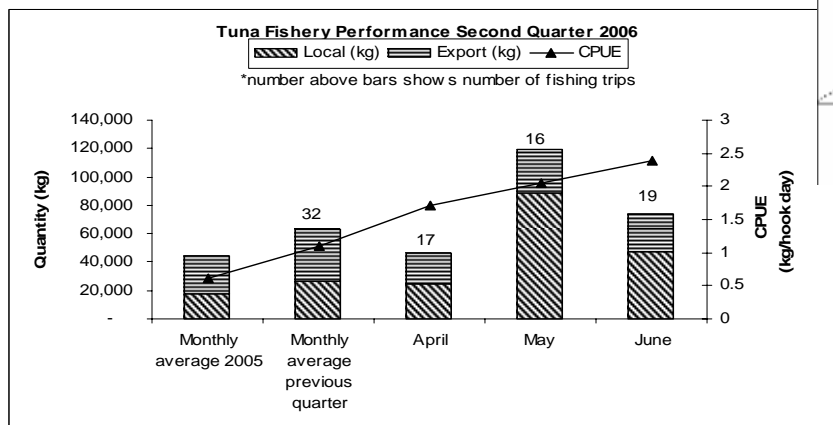
The weight composition of the total landed catch for the three main target species, albacore, bigeye and yellowfin tuna has slightly decreased from 82 % in the previous quarter to 80 % in this quarter. The proportion of albacore tuna in the total catch increased from 27 % in the previous quarter to 44 % in this quarter. Again the bigeye tuna has increased from 13 % to 16 % but yellowfin tuna has decreased from 37 % to 20 %.

### Tuna Catch Composition and Fishing



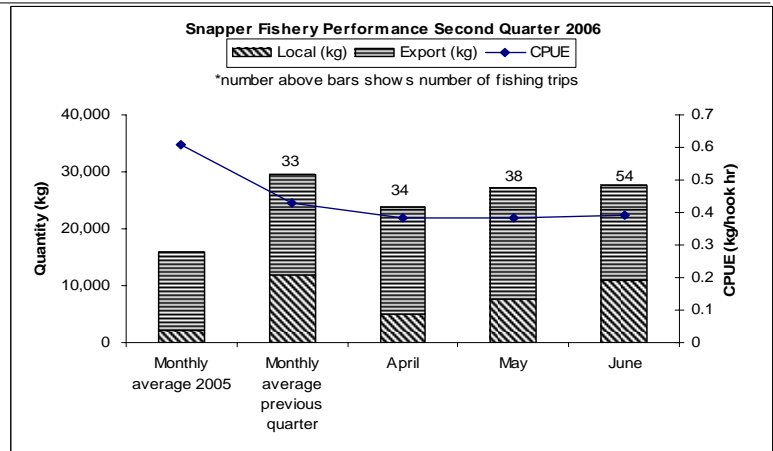
Source (above) : Locations from VMS and catch data from Fisher Supplied Logsheets

Source (Left) : Department of Fisheries, TUFMAN database.

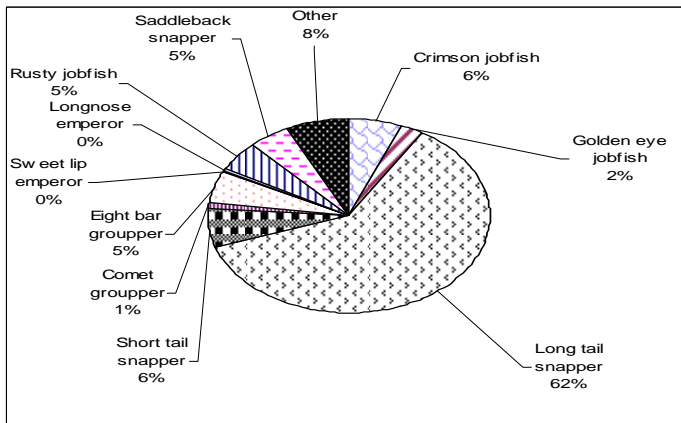


### SNAPPER FISHERY

The total quantity of snapper and grouper exported in the second quarter 2006 was 55,001kg. This is a 41% increase in the quantity of snapper and grouper exported in the second quarter 2005.



### Snapper Catch Species Composition 3rd Quarter



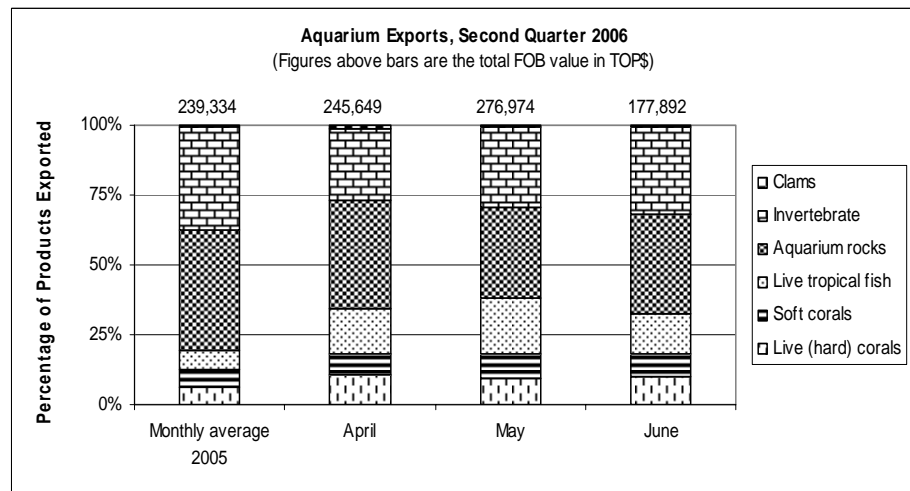
Source (above and left) : Department of Fisheries Snapper Database

A total of 21 out of 21 licensed snapper fishing vessels were actively fishing during the second quarter 2006. The total catch decreased by 11.4% by weight as compared with the previous quarter as a result of decrease in catch rates (CPUE). However the number of fishing trips in this quarter is higher than that in the previous quarter.

### AQUARIUM FISHERY

The total quantity of aquarium products exported has decreased by 29% in this quarter compared to the previous quarter.

The total FOB value of the exported aquarium products in the second quarter of 2006 was TOP\$700,515. This is a 12% decrease from the value of products exported in the same quarter of 2005.



Source (above) : Department of Fisheries Aquarium Export Database

### SEAWEED (LIMU TANGA'U) FISHERY

No seaweed was exported in this quarter compared to 40,840kg of seaweed that was exported in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 2005.