



# MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

## FISHERIES QUARTERLY REPORT

SECOND QUARTER 2023

April - June, 2023



### MARINE EXPORTS

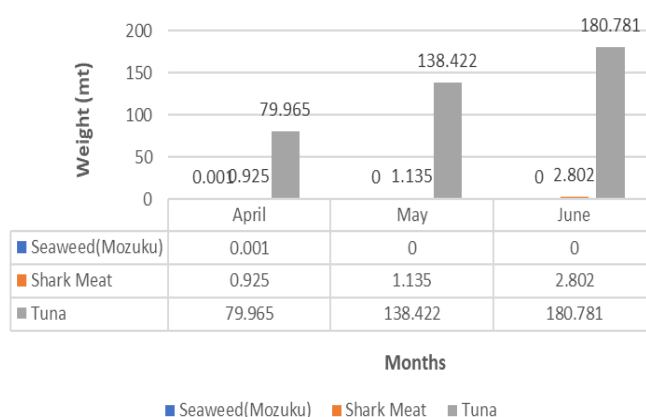
The total marine products exported this quarter was 404.03mt, where, 4.86 mt of shark meat and 399.1mt of tuna products and 0.001mt of seaweed (Mozuku). Snapper fishery hasn't been exported, but sold locally. Exporting of Tuna continue to dominate the overall exports in this quarter with 98.7% and only 1.2% of shark meat and about 0.1% of seaweed. The exports for this quarter shows a continuous increase through out April to June due to more active vessels with good catch rate.

The total quantity of fish products exported this quarter (not including aquarium) shows a huge decrease of 89.7% from the amount exported in the previous quarter (Q1, 2023), but there was an increase of 67.1% compared to that of the same quarter last year (Q2, 2022).

The total FOB value of fish exports recorded in this quarter was approximately valued at TOP 2.2 millions which is a 86% decrease from the value of marine products exported in the previous quarter and increased by 65% compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

*Source: Fisheries exports database*

#### Marine Export Performance for Q2, 2023



*\*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.*

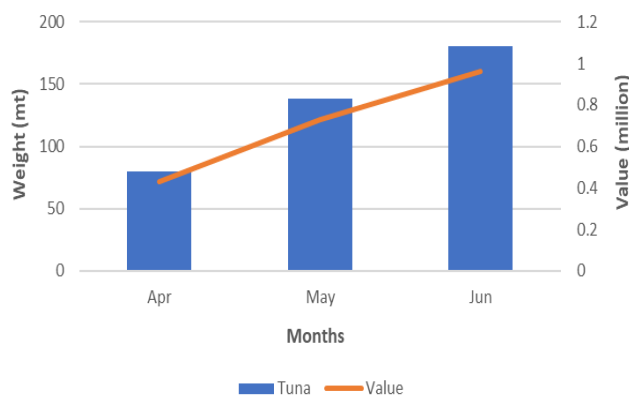
### TUNA FISHERY

The total quantity of tuna exported this quarter was 399.1mt which is a decrease from that of the previous quarter and increase compared to that of the same quarter last year. The total value for tuna exported in this quarter was valued at about 2 millions which is less than the export values in the previous quarter and greater than that of same quarter last year. Tuna exported this quarter shows an increased trend through out months of this quarter.

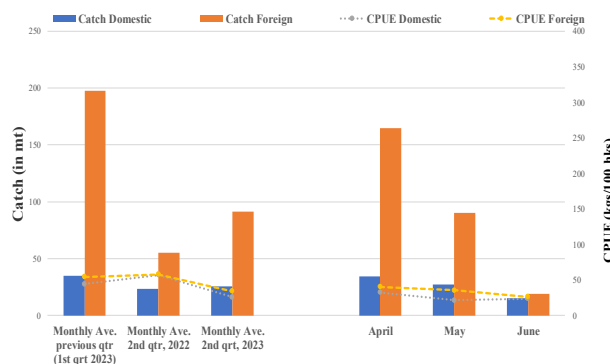
The total tuna unloaded this quarter was 601.31 metric tons which were caught from 44 trips where 11 foreign and 33 domestic trips. Foreign fleets continue to dominate in this fishery with total catch landing of 507.04mt. The catch effort for foreign fleets shows an increasing trend from April to May then decrease in June and the domestic vessel's catch for this quarter was only 94.26mt where the trend shows decreasing throughout April to June due to changes over weather and changes in fleets engine.

The average overall performance of the Tuna Fishery for this quarter reveals a higher average catch of foreign vessel for previous quarter and lower than that of the same period last year (2022). However, the overall average catch for domestic fleet was higher than that of the previous quarter but slightly decrease than the same quarter of 2022. As for the average catch and effort, this quarter is lower than both of the previous quarter as well as the same quarter of the previous year (2022).

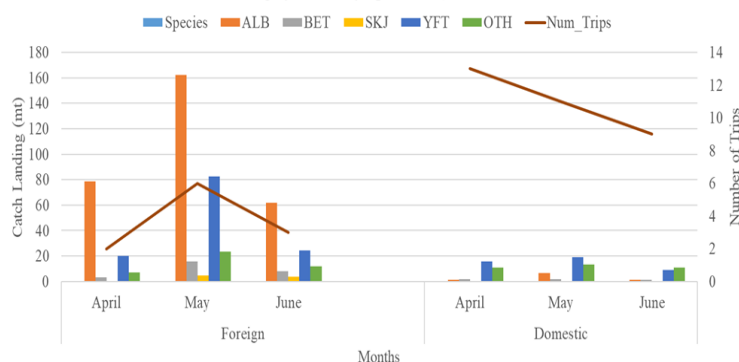
#### Tuna Exports for Q2, 2023.



#### Tuna Fishery performance, 2nd QTR 2023



#### Landing by Month by Species - Quarter 2 2023

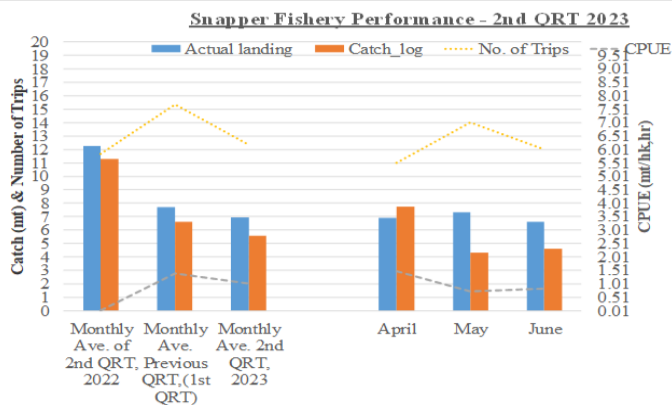


*Source: Ministry of Fisheries Tuna exports database*

### SNAPPER FISHERY

A total catch of only 20.82 metric tons of snappers were unloaded in this quarter, which consists of 6.89mt in April, 7.31mt in May and 6.63mt in June. This trend shows an increasing from April to May due to many bad weather conditions and then increase in May and decrease in June as proportion to the number of trips for this quarter as well as the catch effort performance. Decreasing in the number of catch over time, portrayed the consequences of bad weather conditions and climate changes.

However, the overall average catches in quarter 2 of 2023 is lower than the catches of both the previous quarter as well as the 2nd quarter of year 2022. The average number of trips with an increasing trend from quarter 2 of 2022 and also increase in the previous quarter compared to this quarter. In addition, total catch effort for this quarter decreased from April to May then slightly increase in June. However, the average overall CPUE increases in the previous quarter then decrease in Q2, 2022.

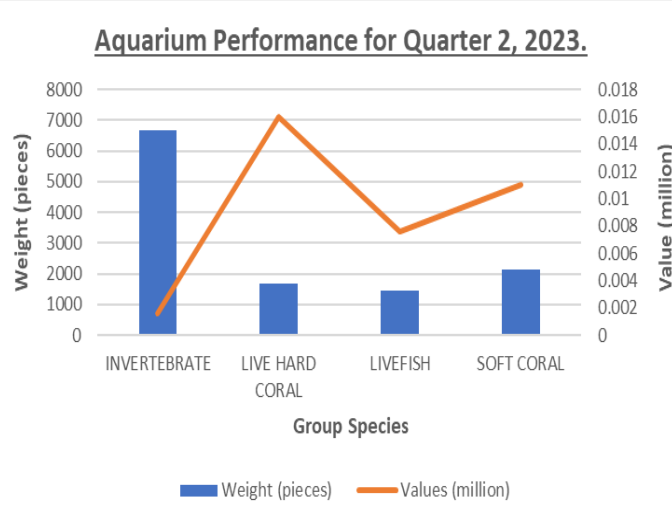


### AQUARIUM FISHERY

The total number of aquarium products exported in this quarter was 14,517 pieces, whereas in the previous quarter, there were total of 25650 pieces, which is a decreased of 76.7% due to changing seasons. Hence, in compared with the amount of aquarium products exported in the same quarter of the previous year, which was 36449 pieces, which also shows a highly decreased of 151% of the same quarter of the previous year.

The exported aquarium products for this quarter was dominated by invertebrates exporting 8576 pieces, followed by soft coral with 2478 pieces, then live hard exporting 2019 pieces, and the least exported aquarium product for this quarter was live fish with 1444 pieces.

The total FOB value of the exported aquarium products in this quarter was approximately TOP 0.043 millions. The total value for previous quarter were 0.085 millions which shows a highly decrease of 97.7%. However, in the same period of the previous year, there was also a highly decrease of about triple the amount valued in this quarter, which was approximately 0.2 million.

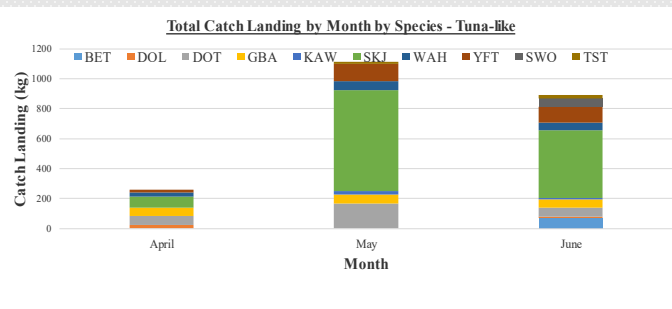


### ARTISANAL FISHERY

The total quantity of tuna artisanal fish recorded in this quarter was 4.68 metric tons which were caught and collected from 7 different sites. The highest volume of tuna-like species recorded during this quarter was at the Nafanua Wharf with 2.6mt, then Halaivalu Wharf with 1.3mt then Felemea with 0.3mt and Taufu'ahau Wharf followed with 0.18mt, then Vaipoa, Eueiki and Falehau with the least.

The highest catch landing this quarter was recorder in June with 2.2mt, even though the total trips for May is higher than June but because there's higher number of trips in Felemea and Falehau compared to May causing more catch in June than April and May.

### Artisanal Fishery Performance for Q2, 2023



### DOMESTIC MARKET

A total of 14.8 metric tons of marine resources recorded in this quarter, which is an increase of 20.9% from the previous quarter and also increase from that of the same period last year. However, the amount recorded this quarter was valued at approximately TOP\$0.26 millions which shows an increase trend from both of the values recorded in the previous quarter as well as the same quarter last year. The average domestic price varied from time to time according to market demand for fish but usually changes in fish market price is determined by quantity of marine product available at that time in the market.

**Source:** Ministry of Fisheries Artisanal database.

### Total Value and kg by Commodity by Survey Site for Q2, 2023

