



# MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

## FISHERIES QUARTERLY REPORT

SECOND QUARTER 2019

APRIL — JUNE 2019



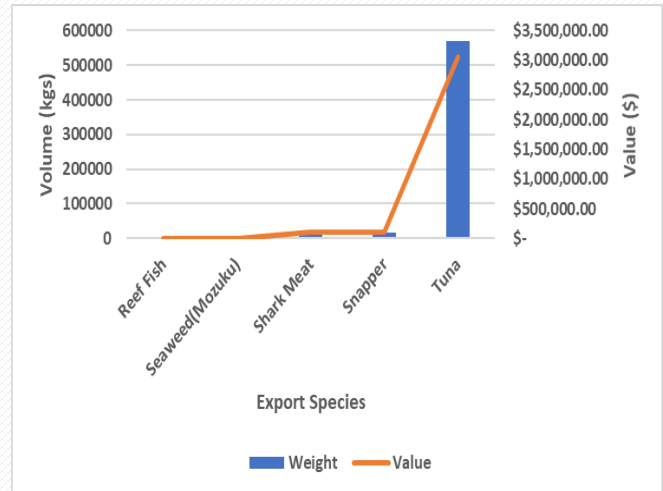
### MARINE EXPORTS

The total quantity of marine products (not including aquarium products) exported in the second quarter of 2019 was 604 metric tons. This is an enormous increase of 510% from the quantity exported during the same period last year and a 2% increase from that exported in the previous quarter. The export of tuna led to this huge increase in quantity exported for this quarter when compared to the same quarter of last year. The export of tuna for this quarter increased tremendously by 861% compared to the same quarter of last year and contributed 94% to the total export for this quarter. The export of snapper however, decreased by 21% compared to the same quarter last year and had contributed only 2% to the total export for this quarter. Shark meat contributed 3% to the total export, reef fish contributed 0.04% and seaweed contributed the least by 0.006%.

The total FOB value of marine exports in this quarter was TOP\$3.2 million. This is a tremendous increase of 562% in the FOB value of marine resources exported from the same period last year and a 2% increase from the value of that exported in the previous quarter. The increase in FOB value is of course due to the increase in the quantity of tuna exported in this quarter.

Source: Fish exports database

### MARINE EXPORT DETAILS, 2nd QUARTER 2019



\*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.

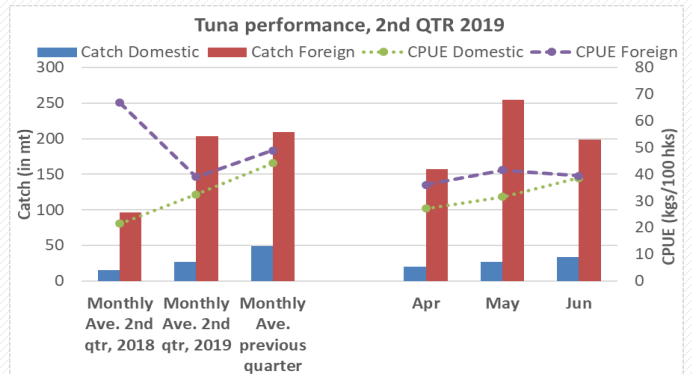
### TUNA FISHERY

The export quantity of tuna and associated by-catch for this quarter was 568 metric tons compared to 59 metric tons in the same quarter last year and 563 metric tons in the previous quarter. This is a massive increase of 861% from the same quarter last year and a 1% increase from the previous quarter. The total tuna unloaded in this quarter was 755 metric tons in which 187 mt remained locally after the export deductions. Chart below illustrates the quantity of tuna unloaded and the quantity exported for this quarter.

The total FOB value of tuna exported in this quarter was approximately valued at TOP\$3 million. This is a 0.02% increase from the value of tuna exported in the previous quarter but a huge increase 809% from the FOB value of that exported in the same period of last year.

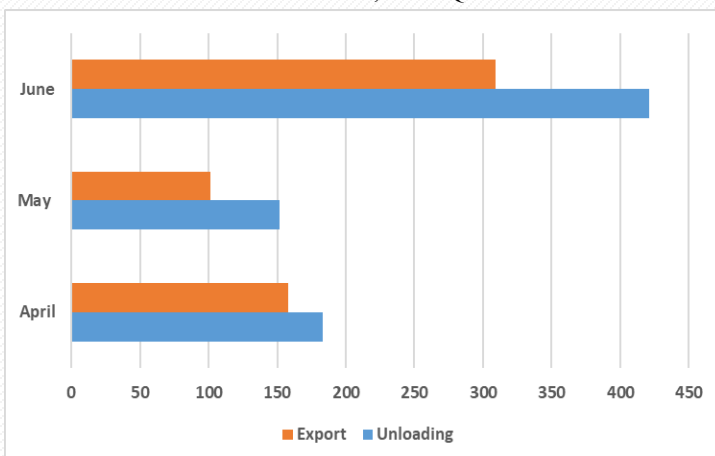
CPUE increases in both fleets demonstrate a higher catch rate regardless the changes in number of hooks for each reporting month. Foreign vessels target albacore tuna which catches peak during cooler season.

### TUNA CATCH COMPOSITION, 2nd QUARTER 2019

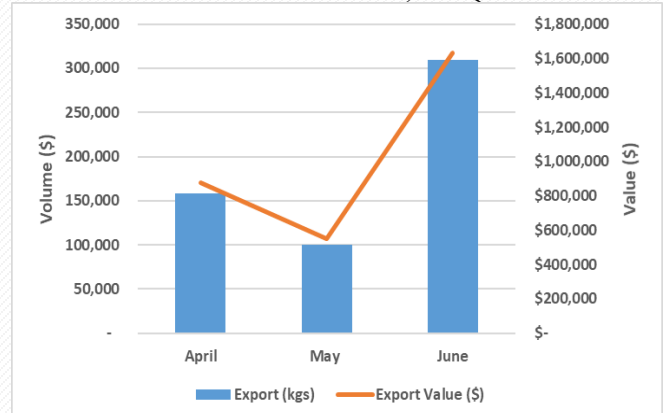


Source: Dorado - Tufman2 Report#11b Tuna catch & effort by EEZ

### TUNA PERFORMANCE, 2ND QUARTER 2019



### FOB VALUE OF TUNA EXPORT, 2nd QUARTER 2019



Source: Ministry of Fisheries Tuna exports database

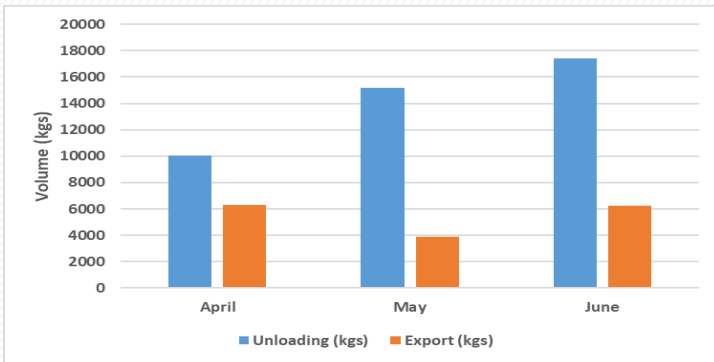
## SNAPPER FISHERY

The total quantity of snapper and grouper exported in this quarter was only 16 metric tons compared to 20 mt from the same quarter of last year. This is a 20% decrease from the quantity of snapper and grouper exported during the same period last year but an increase of 20% from the quantity exported in the previous quarter. The total FOB values of snapper and grouper exported in this quarter was TOP\$0.10 million. This is a 20% decrease from the value of snapper and grouper exported in the same period last year but an increase of 20% from that exported in the previous quarter.

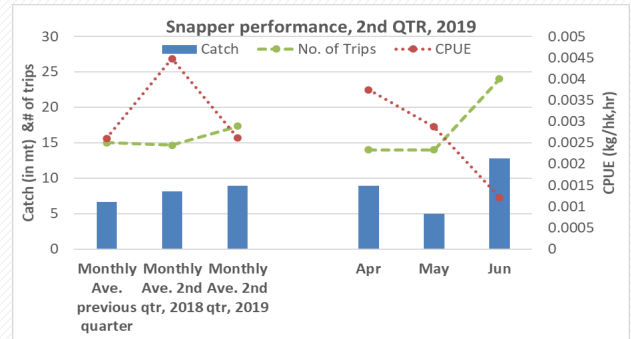
The slight increase in the export of snapper for this quarter compared to last quarter is mainly due to the increase in the number of trips for snapper vessels for this quarter. This quarter recorded a number of 51 snapper vessel trips whereas the previous quarter only recorded 46 trips.

CPUE decreases along this quarter illustrate decrease in catch rates. The effort increase during the last month with an increase in total catch but the catch rates still decline.

### SNAPPER PERFORMANCE FOR 2ND QUARTER 2019

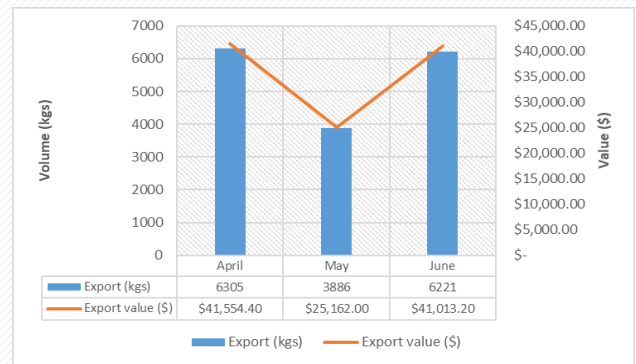


### SNAPPER CATCH COMPOSITION, 2nd QUARTER 2019



Source: Dorado - Tufman2 Report#1a All species catch and effort -cpue kg/hk/hr

### VALUE OF SNAPPER EXPORT, 2nd QUARTER 2019

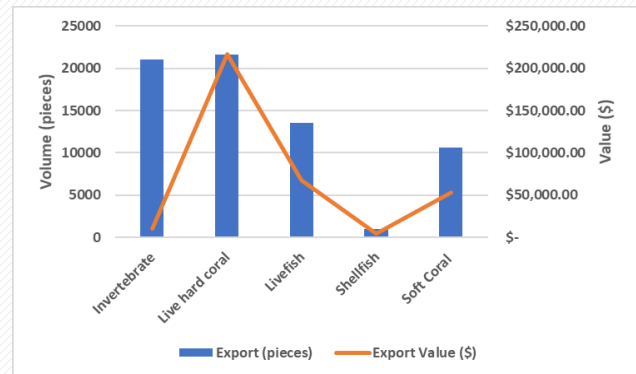


## AQUARIUM FISHERY

The total quantity of aquarium products exported in this quarter was 70,956 pieces compared to 67,842 pieces in the previous quarter. This is a 4% increase from the last quarter but a 24% decrease from that exported in the same quarter last year. The export of aquarium product was dominated by live hard coral with 32%, followed by invertebrate with 31%, live fish with 20%, soft coral with 1% and shellfish with 2%.

The total FOB value of the exported aquarium products in the second quarter of 2019 was TOP\$352,443 compared to TOP\$181,269 in the second quarter of last year. This is an 94% increase from exported value of the second quarter of 2018 and an increase of 48% from the previous quarter.

### AQUARIUM EXPORT, 2nd QUARTER 2019



## DOMESTIC MARKET

A total of 23 metric tons of marine resources was recorded in this quarter and approximately valued at \$0.23 million. The average price varied according to market demand for fish and cost of production, but a change in fish market price is determined by the quantity of marine products available in the market in a particular time. The volume of fin fish recorded in this quarter was 16 metric tons valued at TOP\$0.14 million which is a 14% decrease from the previous quarter. The average price of fin fish for this quarter was at \$8.58/kg compared to \$8.83/kg in the last quarter. Average price of octopus ranged from \$12 to \$17 per kilogram while crustaceans ranged from \$20 to \$26 per kilogram. The price of all other common species sold in domestic markets remain constant.

Source: Ministry of Fisheries market survey database

### TOTAL VOLUME OF MARINE PRODUCT BY VALUE

