

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

FISHERIES QUARTERLY REPORT



THIRD QUARTER 2016

JULY—SEPT 2016

MARINE EXPORTS

The total quantity of marine products (not including aquarium products) exported in the third quarter of 2016 was 770 metric tons. This is a 59% increase from the quantity exported during the same period last year and a 96% increase from that exported in the previous quarter (2nd Quarter 2016). The export of tuna was outstanding in this quarter which contributes 92% to the total exports of marine product which is increased by 1% from the previous quarter. The exports of snappers was also decline in this quarter with only 5% of the total exports. Shark meat contributes 4% to the total export and there was no reef fish exported in this quarter.

The total FOB value of marine exports for in this quarter was TOP\$4.2 million. This is a 41% increase in the FOB value of marine resources exported during the same period last year and a 85% increase from the value of that exported in the previous quarter. The increase in FOB yet a increase in Quantity from the previous quarter was due to the increase in export of tuna in the current quarter such as tuna loins and shark fin and same situation applied to the exports in the previous quarter.

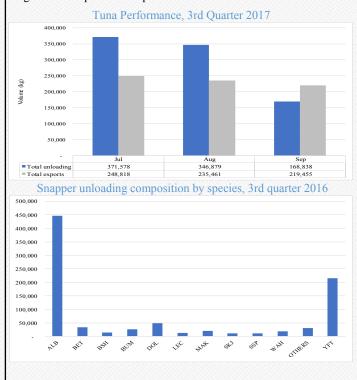


Source: Marine product data-base

* 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

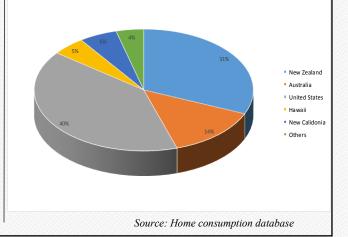
The export quantity of tuna and associated by-catch for this quarter was 704 metric tons, which is a significant increase from 425 mt in the third quarter of 2015 and 360 mt from the previous quarter. The total unloading catch recorded in this quarter was 887 metric tons and 183 metric tons remain for local consumption after exports. Total exports in the September exceed the total tuna unloaded due to portions of tuna unloaded in August were exported in September.



HOME CONSUMPTION EXPORT

A total of 8 tons of seafood were exported for home consumption purposes in this quarter. This is a 33% increase in home consumption data from the previous quarter and 82% decrease from the same quarter last year. The home consumption was dominated by United States with 40%, followed by New Zealand with 31% and Australia with 14% as shown in the pie chart below. A total of 2,499 pieces of souvenir from marine organisms were taken under home consumption in this quarter. This is a 93% increase from that exported in the previous quarter. The figures above are made up of total consumption exported through the airport (taken by passengers) and total marine product exported by cargo.

% of total marine product taken abroad for home consumption purpose in the 3rd Quarter 2016.



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SNAPPER FISHERY

The total quantity of snapper and grouper exported in the third quarter 2016 was 36 metric tons. This is 67% increase in the quantity of snapper and grouper exported during the same period last year and a 67% increase compared to the previous quarter. Total landed catch of 61 metric tons was recorded in this quarter which is increase by 11% compared to the previous quarter. The total catch was dominated by Palu Tavake with 38%, followed by snappers recorded as others with 17%, Palu polosi with 9% and Palu mutumutu with 8% of the total snpper exported. Total of 25 mt was recorded as local consumption after exports deduction.

The total FOB values of snapper and grouper exported in the third quarter 2016 was TOP\$0.24 million. This is a 71% increase from the values of snapper and grouper exported in the same period last year and a 71% increase from that exported in the previous quarter.

Source: Ministry of Fisheries Snapper database

AQUARIUM FISHERY

The total quantity of aquarium products exported in this quarter was 29,538 pieces compared to 42,962 pieces in the previous quarter. This is a 5% decrease from the same quarter last year and 31% decrease from that exported in the previous quarter. The export of aquarium product was dominated by invertebrates with 48%, followed by live hard coral with 22%, soft coral with 18%, live fish with 11%, and shellfish with 2%. The decrease in the total exports in this quarter was due to decrease in the amount of invertebrates exported by 13,424 pieces

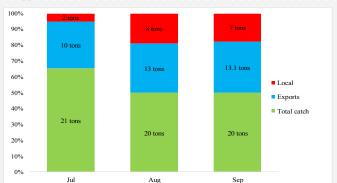
The total FOB value of the exported aquarium products in this quarter was TOP\$114,967.95. This is a 107% increase from the value of aquarium products exported in the same quarter last year and a 245% increase from the value exported in the previous quarter.



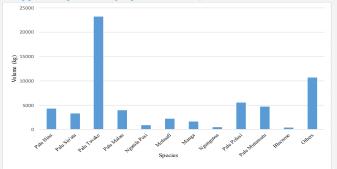
A total of 23 metric tons of marine resources was recorded in this quarter and approximately valued at 0.21 million. This is a 91% increase from the volume of marine resources recorded in the 1st quarter and 44% increase from the previous quarter. The average price is still varied according to market 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 local market was dominated by Faua market with 42% of the total marine product, Vava'u market with 25%, Ha'apai market with 16%.

Source: Market survey database

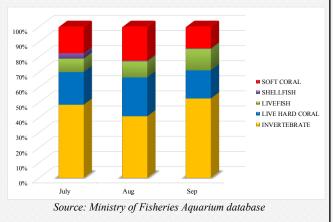








% of aquarium product exported by pieces, 3rd Quarter 2016



Market survey details by weight by value, 3rd Quarter 2016



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