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CAMARINES SUR FISH PRODUCTION DECLINES BY 3.16 PERCENT IN SECOND QUARTER 2017

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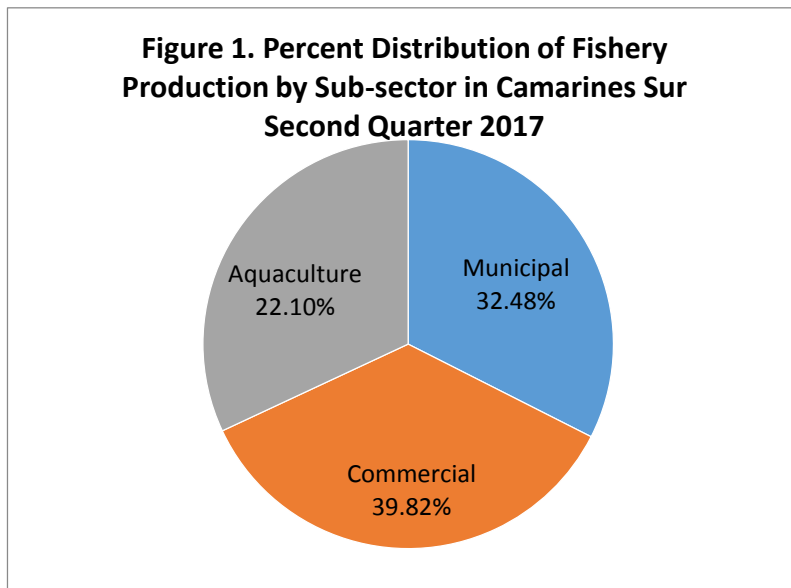


The Province of Camarines Sur registered a decline in fisheries production for the Second Quarter of 2017. The results of the Second Quarter 2017 Fisheries Production Survey (FPS) revealed that the fisheries production in the province decreased to 19,024.13 metric tons this second quarter 2017 from 19,645.56 metric tons during the same quarter last year. Among the Fisheries Subsectors covered by the FPS, Commercial Fisheries subsector registered the biggest negative growth of 8.92 percent. On the other hand, the Municipal Fisheries

**Table 1. Camarines Sur Fisheries Production by Sector
Second Quarter 2016 and 2017**

Sub-sector	Production (MT)		% Change
	2Q 2016	2Q 2017	
TOTAL FISHERIES	19,645.56	19,024.13	(3.16%)
Commercial	7,428.85	6,765.88	(8.92%)
Municipal	6,159.61	6,179.07	0.32%
Marine	5,612.03	5,469.23	(2.54%)
Inland	574.58	703.84	23.01%
Aquaculture	6,057.10	6,082.18	0.41%

and Aquaculture Fisheries both registered slight positive growth of 0.32 percent and 0.41 percent, respectively, as compared with the same quarter in 2016.



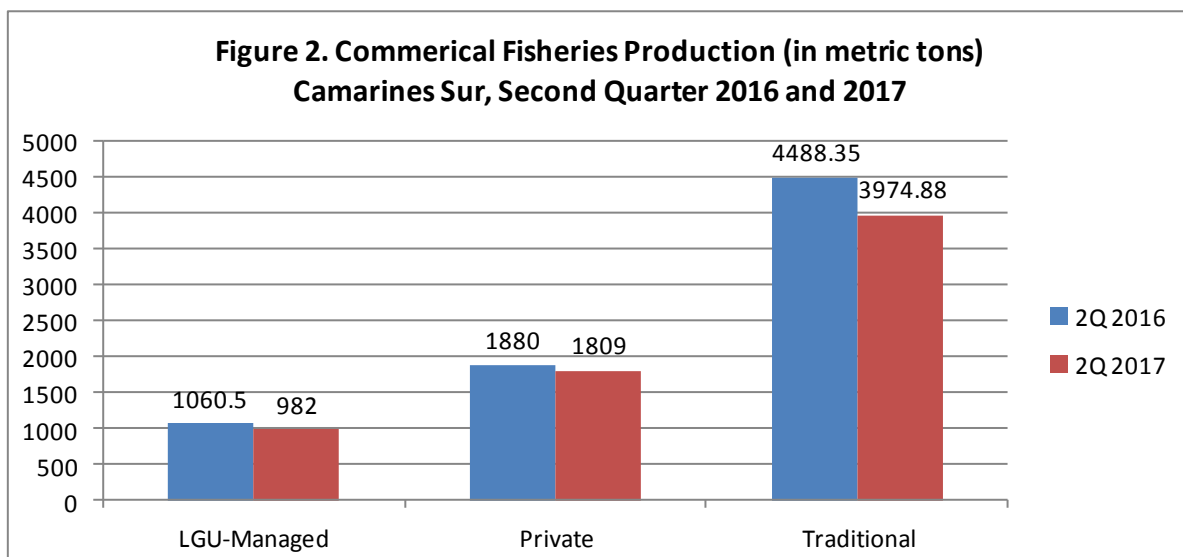
In addition, the 2nd Quarter 2017 Fisheries Production Survey also revealed that the Commercial Fisheries subsector contributed 35.56 percent to the total fish production of Camarines Sur during the quarter. On the other hand, 32.48 percent came from Municipal Fisheries while the Aquaculture Subsector accounted for the remaining 31.97 percent of the Fisheries Production in the province. (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 2017 revealed that the Commercial Fisheries subsector registered the biggest negative growth among the three major subsectors included in the FPS. The total Commercial Fisheries Production in the province declined by 8.92 percent as compared to the same quarter last year. From a production of 7,428.85 metric tons last year, the Commercial Fisheries Production decreased to 6,765.88 metric tons for the 2nd Quarter of 2017.

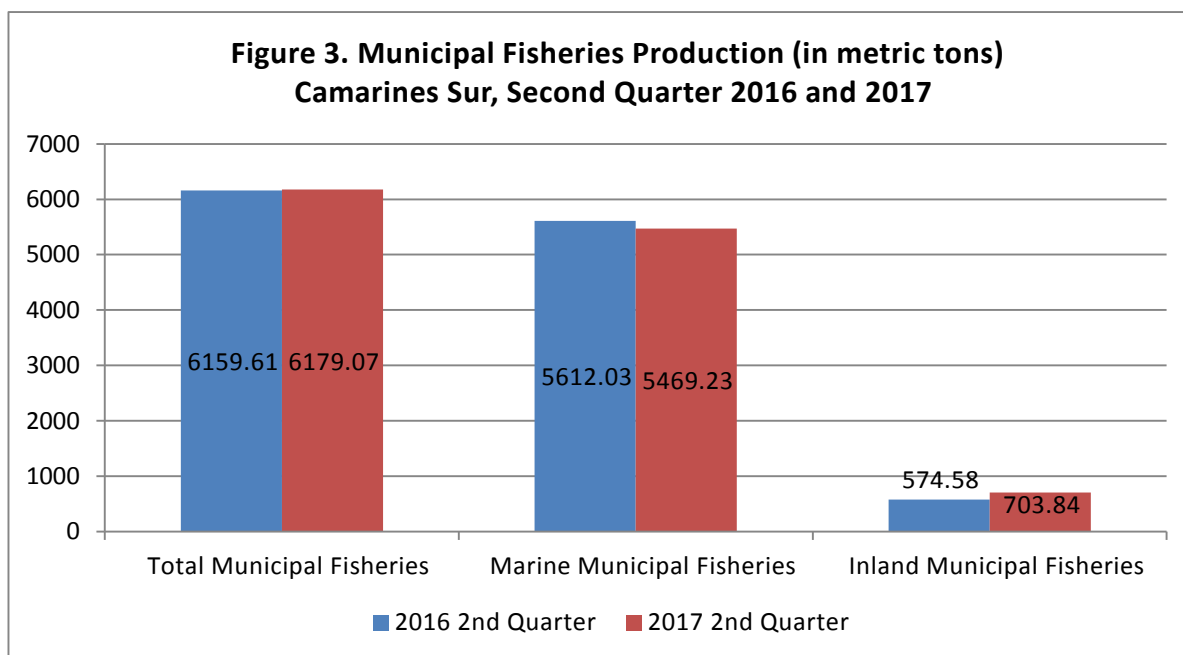
Commercial Fisheries Production is composed of the combined catch in traditional and LGU-managed fish landing centers. For the 2nd Quarter of 2017, the LGU-managed Fish Landing Centers produced 982 metric tons, Private Fish Landing Centers produced 1,809 metric tons and Traditional Fish Landing Centers yielded 3,974.88, which represents a negative growth rate of 7.40 percent, 11.44 percent and 3.78 percent, respectively.



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 Camarines Sur registered a slight increase of 0.32 percent for the 2nd Quarter of 2017 as compared to the same quarter of 2016. From 6,159.61 metric tons recorded during the same quarter of 2016, the Municipal Fisheries Production increased by 19.46 metric tons to 6,179.07 metric tons for the 2nd Quarter of 2017.



Further analysis of the gathered data during the FPS for the 2nd Quarter of 2017 revealed that the Marine Municipal Fisheries Production in Camarines Sur posted a negative growth as compared to the same quarter of last year. Its output declined by 2.54 percent from 5,612.03 metric tons in the second quarter of 2016 to 5,469.23 metric tons during the same quarter this year. The decline in production was attributed by the respondents to the decrease in the volume of unloading to warmer sea water caused by extreme heat that resulted in fish movement to cooler and deeper portion of the sea. Other respondents also attributed the decrease in production to the high cost of fishing operations.

On the other hand, Inland Municipal Fisheries Production registered a significant increase of 23.01 percent for the 2nd Quarter of 2017 as compared to the same period last year. From 574.58 metric tons during the same quarter last year, the Inland Municipal Fisheries Production reached 703.84 metric tons this quarter. Survey respondents shared that the significant increase is due to the increased number of fishing hours and fishing effort.

AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION

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

Similar with the Municipal Fisheries Production, the Aquaculture Production in the Province of Camarines Sur registered a slight increase in production for the 2nd Quarter of 2017. From

6,057.10 metric tons produced during the same quarter of last year, the FPS result indicated that the province was able to produce 6,082.18 metric tons for this quarter.

Furthermore, the FPS results for the 2nd Quarter of 2017 revealed that three (3) out of four (4) culture types under Aquaculture Fisheries registered negative growth as compared to the same quarter of last year. Brackishwater Fishpond registered the biggest negative growth of 59.96 percent as the Brackishwater Fishpond Production went down from 409.62 metric tons to 164.12 metric tons this quarter. Freshwater Fishcage also registered significant decrease of 19.78 percent while Seaweeds production registered a decrease of 4.60 percent as compared to the same quarter of last year. Conversely, Freshwater Fishpond Production registered a 367.65 percent increase in production.

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

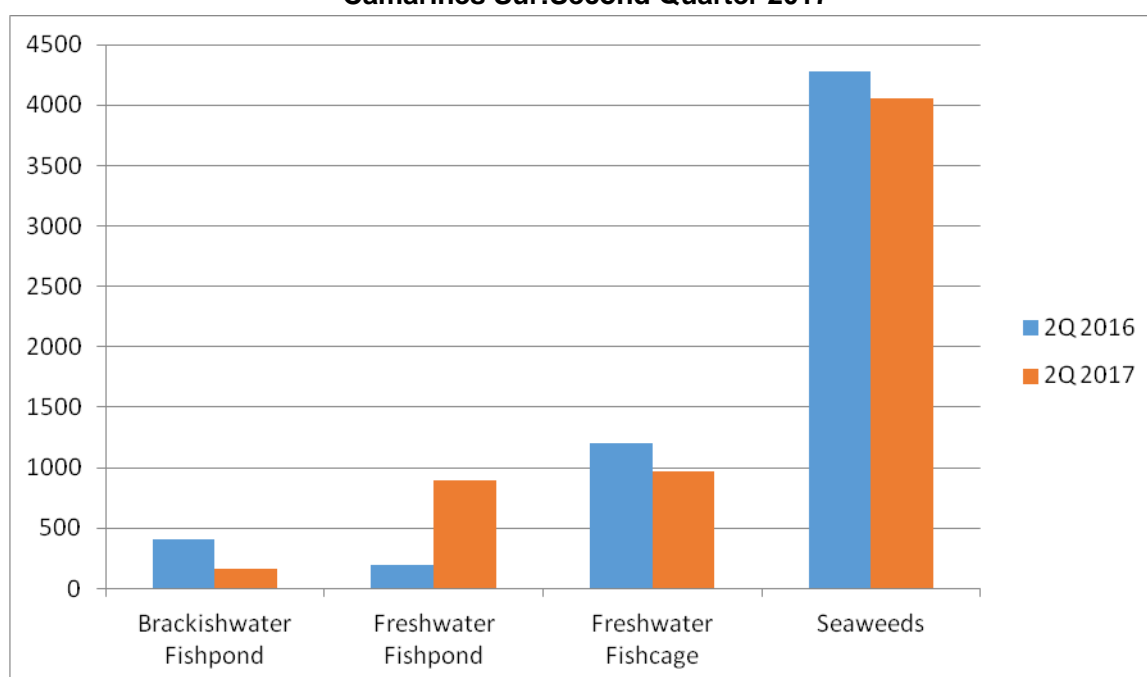


Table 2. Aquaculture by Culture Type, Camarines Sur:Second Quarter 2016 and 2017

Culture Type	2 nd Quarter 2016	2 nd Quarter 2017	%Change
AQUACULTURE	6,057.10	6,082.18	0.41%
Brackishwater Fishpond	409.62	164.12	(59.96%)
Freshwater Fishpond	191.80	896.94	367.65%
Freshwater Fishcage	1,207.89	969.01	(19.78%)
Seaweeds	4,274.50	4,052.12	(4.60%)

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