



# MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

## FIHERIES QUARTERLY REPORT

THIRD QUARTER 2017

JULY — SEPT 2017

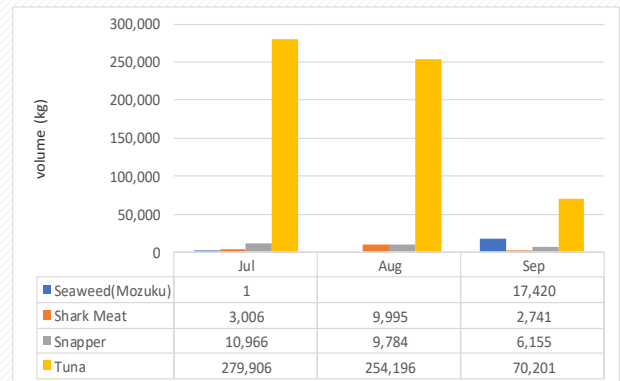


### MARINE EXPORTS

The total quantity of marine products (not including aquarium products) exported in the third quarter of 2017 was 665 metric tons. This is a 14% decrease from the quantity exported during the same period last year and a 10% decrease from that exported in the previous quarter. The export of tuna was decrease by 9% from the previous quarter. The exports of snappers also declined in this quarter with only 4% of the total exports. Shark meat contributes only 2% to the total export and there was no reef fish exported in this quarter.

The total FOB value of marine exports in this quarter was TOP\$3.5million. This is a 17% decrease in the FOB value of marine resources exported during the same period last year and a 15% decrease from the value of that exported in the previous quarter. The decrease in FOB value is due to the decline in quantity of export for all species during this quarter.

Marine export details, 3rd Quarter 2017



Source: Fish exports database

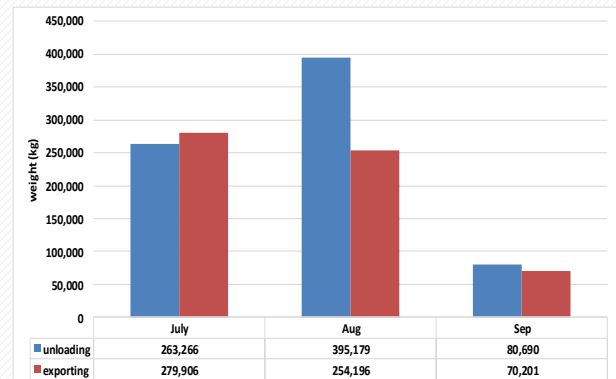
\* FOB = Free On Board, describes a price which includes goods plus the services at the time of offloading from the vessel at first landing. This is a static value designated to each export product. The value is an historical estimate and may not represent the true present value.

### TUNA FISHERY

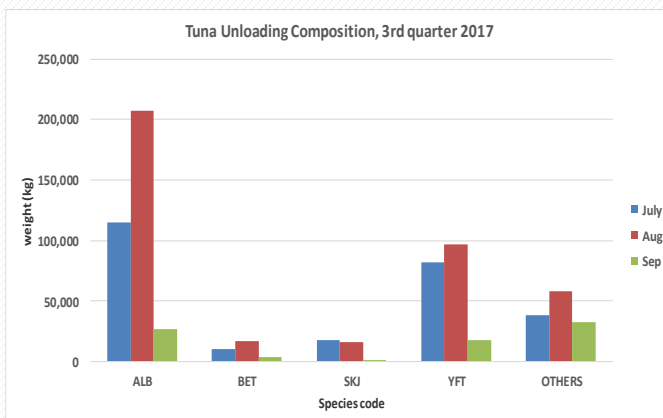
The export quantity of tuna and associated by-catch for this quarter was 604 metric tons compared to 704 metric tons in the same quarter last year and 665 metric tons in the previous quarter. Total tuna unloaded in this quarter was 739 metric tons and 10 mt remain locally after the exports deduction. The Quantity of Albacore contributed the most to the total unloaded with 47% followed by Yellowfin Tuna which accounted 27% to total unloaded. Other species are detailed in the chart below. The total export quantities in the month of July exceed the unloaded quantities because some of the species from previous months were exported in July.

The total FOB value of tuna exported in this quarter was approximately valued at TOP\$3.2 million which is a 24% decrease from the value of tuna exported in the same period last year. In comparison with the last quarter, export value of tuna exported reported to be the same value.

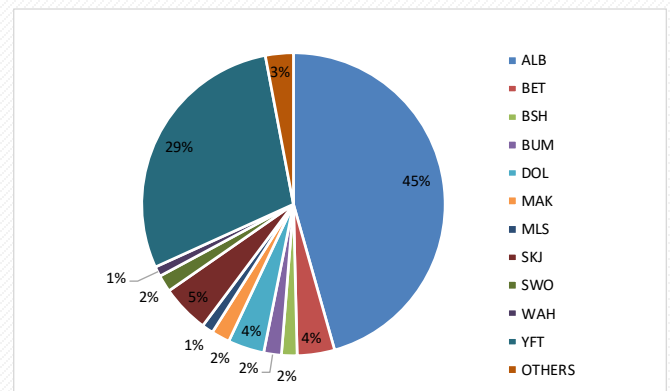
TUNA PERFORMANCE, 3rd QUARTER 2017



TUNA UNLOADING COMPOSITION BY SPECIES



Tuna export details by country, 3rd quarter 2017



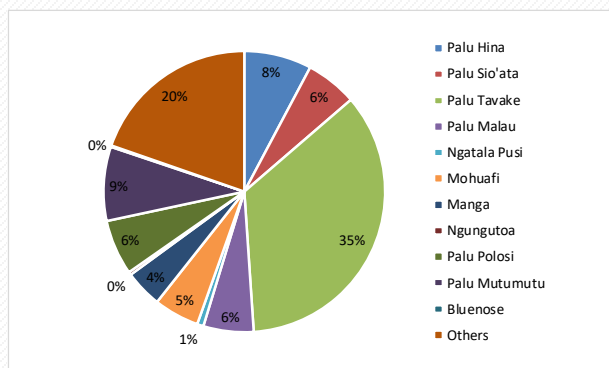
Source: Ministry of Fisheries Tuna exports database

## SNAPPER FISHERY

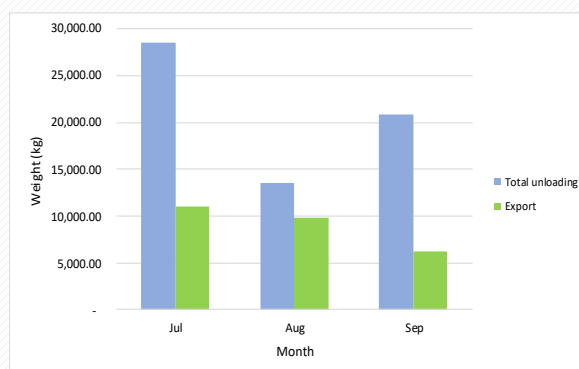
The total quantity of snapper and grouper exported in this quarter was only 27 metric tons compared to 36 mt from the same quarter of last year. This is a 25% decrease in the quantity of snapper and grouper exported during the same period last year and a 48% decrease compared to the previous quarter. Total unloaded catch of 63 metric tons was recorded in this quarter which is a decrease of 2% compared to the previous quarter. The contribution of each species to total snapper unloaded in this quarter are detailed in the pie chart below.

The total FOB values of snapper and grouper exported in this quarter was TOP\$0.18 million. This is a 25% decrease from the values of snapper and grouper exported in the same period last year and a 42% decrease from that exported in the previous quarter.

SNAPPER UNLOADED COMPOSITION BY SPECIES



SNAPPER PERFORMANCE DETAILS



SNAPPER FISHING TRIPS DETAIL, 3rd QUARTER 2017

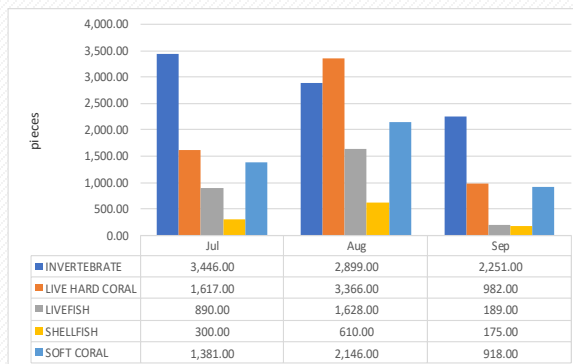
Month	Number of trips					
	Pacific Mist	Pacific sunrise	Pacific moon	Pacific Horizon	Pacific Breeze	Pacific Dawn
Jul	1	2	3	3	4	1
Aug	1	4	2	5	0	0
Sept	3	1	3	3	0	4

## AQUARIUM FISHERY

The total quantity of aquarium products exported in this quarter was 22,798 pieces compared to 29,538 pieces in the previous quarter. This is a 23% decrease from the same quarter last year and 8% decrease from that exported in the previous quarter. The export of aquarium product was dominated by invertebrates with 38%, followed by live hard coral with 26%, soft coral with 19%, live fish with 12%, and shellfish with 5%.

The total FOB value of the exported aquarium products in the third quarter of 2017 was TOP\$112,891 compared to TOP\$114,967 in the third quarter of last year. This is a 2% decrease from exported value of the third quarter of 2016 but an increase of 17% from previous quarter.

Aquarium products export details



## DOMESTIC MARKET

A total of 26 metric tons of marine resources was recorded in this quarter and approximately valued at TOP\$198,792. This is a 16% decrease from the volume of marine resources recorded in the previous quarter. The value also decreased by 9% from the previous quarter. 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 local market was dominated by Fava market with 40% of the total marine product, Vava'u market with 23%, and Ha'apai market accounted 17% of the total volume of marine products.

Source: Ministry of Fisheries market survey database

Market survey details by weight by value, 3rd quarter 2017

