



# MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

## FISHERIES QUARTERLY REPORT

**FIRST QUARTER 2017**

**Jan—March 2017**



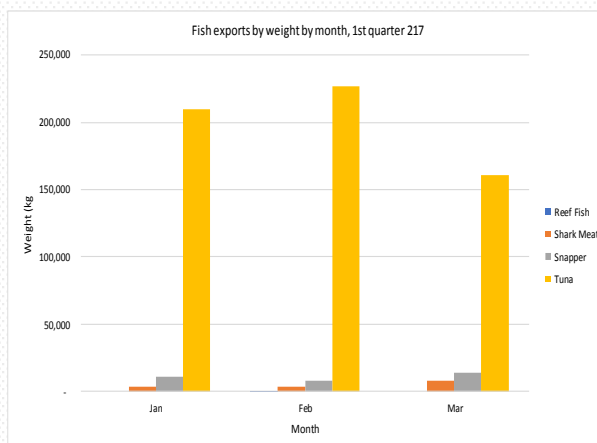
### FISH EXPORTS

The total quantity of Fish products (not including aquarium products) exported in the first quarter of 2017 was 644 metric tons. This is a 29% increase from the quantity exported during the same period last year and 39% increase from that exported in the previous quarter. The increase in total exports in this quarter is mainly due to a significant increase in the exports of tuna which account 93% to the total Fish export. The exports of snapper account 5% and Shark meat account 2% to the total Fish exports. Reef fish contribute 0.001% to the total fish exports. The export of marine product was dominated by Japan with 33%, followed by Pagopago with 20%, Taiwan with both 12%, Fiji with 11% of the total amount exported.

The total FOB value of marine exports for the first quarter was TOP\$3.7 million compared to TOP\$2.8 million in the 1st quarter of 2016. This is a 65% increase in the FOB value of marine resources exported in the same period last year and 30% increase from that exported in the previous quarter.

*\* 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.*

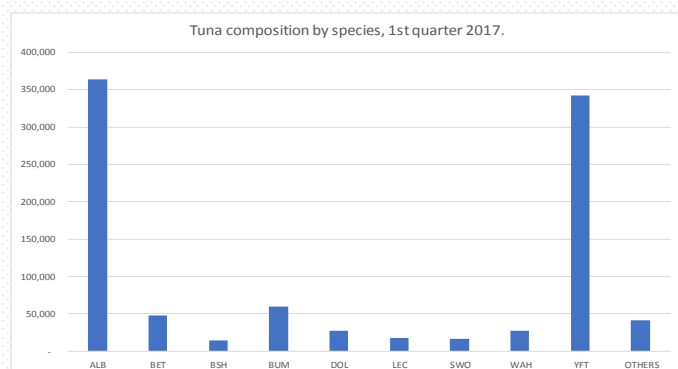
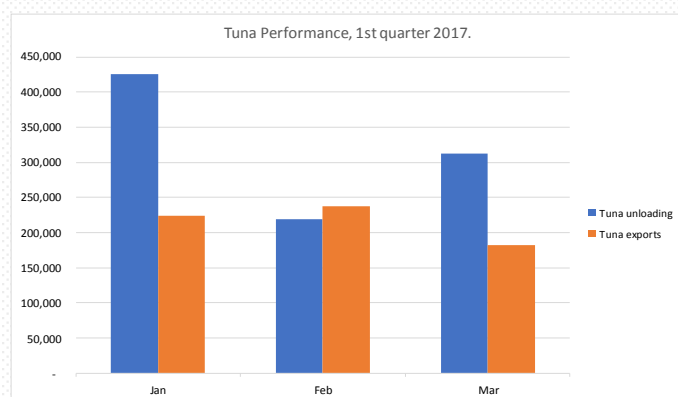
Fish exports by weight by species, 1st quarter 2017



### TUNA FISHERY

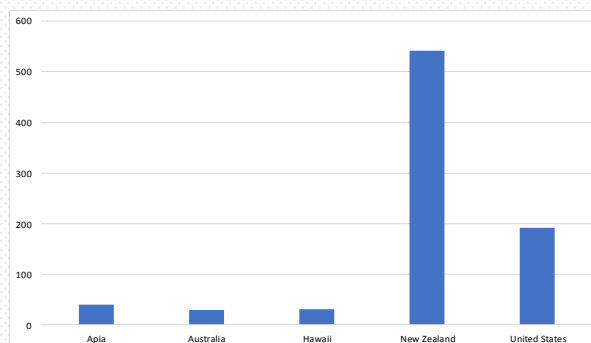
The export quantity of tuna and associated by-catch for this quarter was 596 metric tons compared to 445 metric tons in the first quarter last year and 407 metric tons in the previous quarter. The total unloading catch recorded in this quarter was 957 metric tons which is a 53% increase from the previous quarter and was dominated by Albacore with 38%, followed by Yellowfin tuna with 36% of the total unloading.

As shown in the graph below, the exports quantity of tuna in the month of February exceed the quantity of Tuna recorded by 19 mt. This is because a large portion of total catch recorded in January was exported in the month of February.



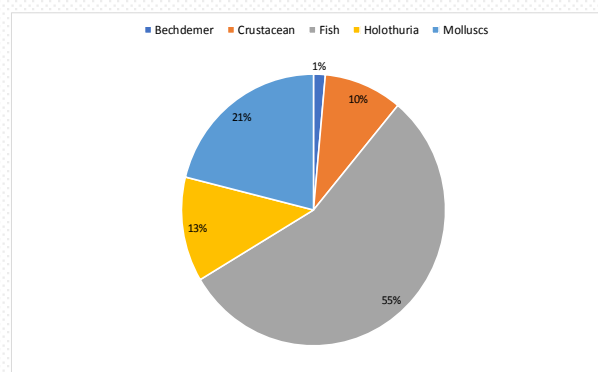
### HOME CONSUMPTION EXPORTS

Home consumption exports by weight by country



A total of 834kg was taken abroad for home consumption purpose in this quarter. Home consumption exports was dominated by New Zealand as shown in the above chart. The percentage of all species taken abroad is detailed in the pie chart below.

% of Home consumption exports by species

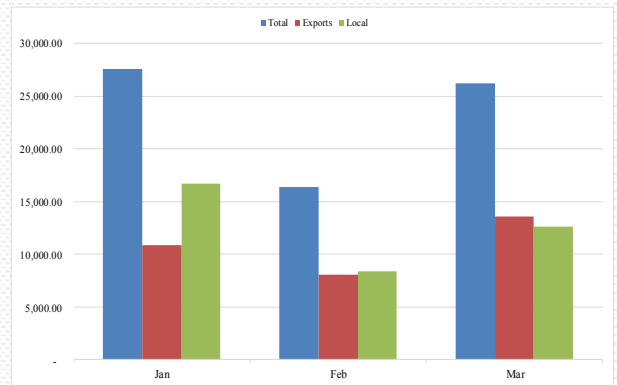


### SNAPPER FISHERY

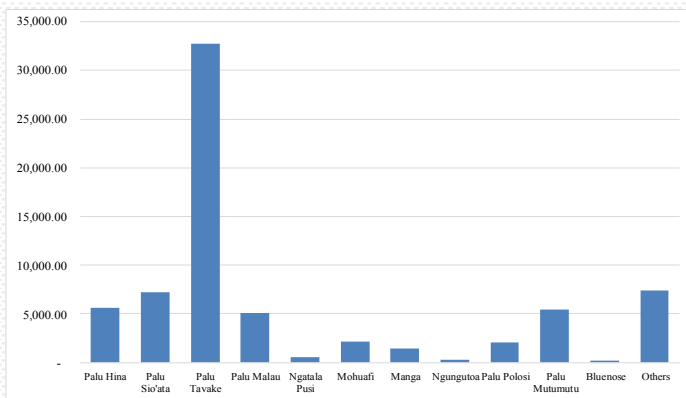
The total quantity of snapper and grouper exported in the first quarter 2017 was 32 metric tons. This is 25% increase in the quantity of snapper and grouper exported during the same period last year and a 14% decrease compared to the previous quarter. Total landed catch of 70 metric tons was recorded in this quarter which is increase by 150% compared to the first quarter of 2015 and 3% decrease from the previous quarter. The total catch was dominated by Palu Tavake with 47%, followed by snappers recorded as others with 12%, Palu Sio'ata with 10% and Palu Mutumutu & Palu Hina with 8%.

The total FOB values of snapper and grouper exported in the first quarter 2017 was TOP\$0.4 million. This is a 150% increase from the values of snapper and grouper exported in the same period last year and a 60% increase from that exported in the previous quarter.

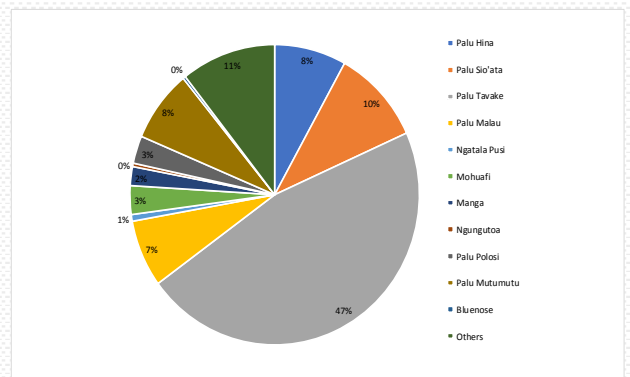
SNAPPER FISHERY PERFORMANCE, 1ST QUARTER 2017



SNAPPER COMPOSITION BY SPECIES, 1ST QUARTER 2017



% OF UNLOADED SNAPPER BY PIECES.

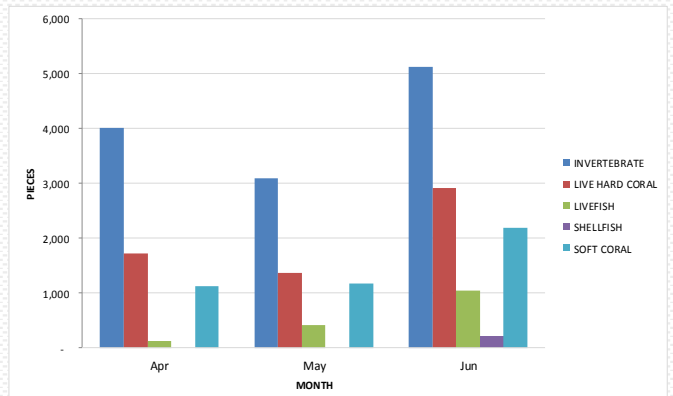


### AQUARIUM FISHERY

The total quantity of aquarium products exported in this quarter was 40,706 pieces compared to 33,306 pieces in the first quarter of 2016 which is a 22% increase from the same period last year and 4% increase from the previous quarter. The aquarium export was lead by invertebrates with 62% of the total amount exported, followed by live hard coral with 17%, soft coral with 12%, live fish with 8% and Shellfish with 1%.

The total FOB value of the exported aquarium products in the first quarter of 2017 was \$TOP118,476 compared to \$TOP89,737 in the first quarter of 2016. This is 32% increase from the value of product exported in the same quarter last year and 25% decrease from the previous quarter.

AQUARIUM EXPORTS BY PIECES, 1ST QUARTER 2017



### DOMESTIC MARKET

A total of 26 metric tons of marine resources was recorded in this quarter which is approximately valued at \$TOP198,638.20. The average price varied according to market demand for fish and production cost, but a change in fish market price is determined by 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 with 26%, Ha'apai with 14%. The quantity of marine resources recorded in this quarter was increase by 3% from the previous quarter.

Domestic market detail, 1st quarter 2017.

