



MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

FISHERIES QUARTERLY REPORT

SECOND QUARTER 2021

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MARINE EXPORTS

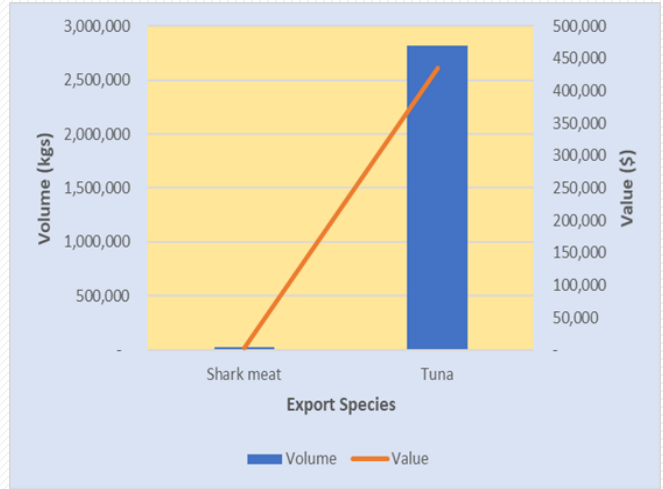
The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continue its' influence in the total quantity of marine products exported (not including aquarium products).

For this quarter, the total quantity of marine products (not including aquarium products) exported was 473 metric tons. This is a 67% increase from the quantity exported during the same period last year and again a 14% increase from that exported in the previous quarter. There were only two marine species exported this quarter compared to five in the previous quarter and three in the same quarter of last year. The export of tuna contributed the most to the overall export for this quarter by 99% and shark meat with only 1%. Similar to the same quarter of last year, there still was no snapper exported during this quarter due mainly to the boarder restrictions.

Due to the decreased in the quantity exported in this quarter, the total FOB value of marine exports was recorded at only TOP\$2.6 million. This is a 75% increase in the FOB value of marine resources exported from the same period last year and a 14% increase from the value of that exported in the previous quarter.

Source: Fish exports database

MARINE EXPORT DETAILS, 2nd QUARTER 2021



*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.

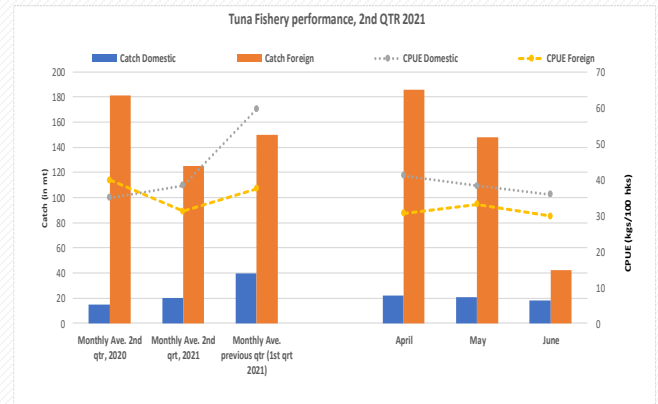
TUNA FISHERY

The export quantity of tuna and associated by-catch for this quarter was 469 metric tons compared to 273 metric tons in the same quarter last year and 410 metric tons in the previous quarter. This is an extensive increase of 71% from the same quarter last year and again an increase of 14% from the previous quarter. The total tuna unloaded in this quarter was 658 metric tons in which 189 tons were sold locally after export. Chart below illustrates the quantity of tuna unloaded and the quantity exported for this quarter.

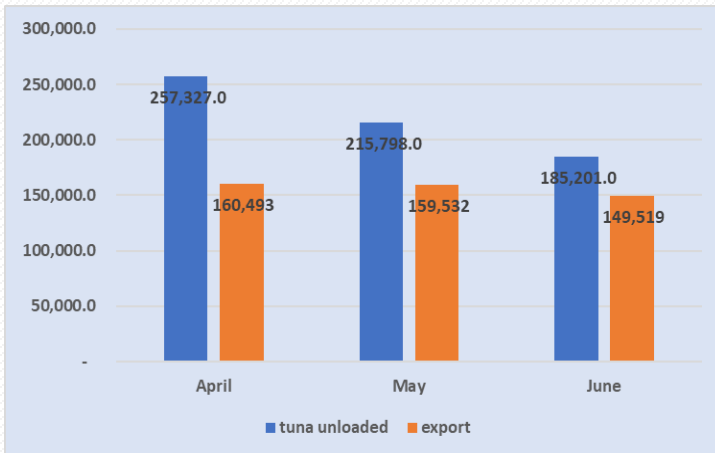
The total FOB value of tuna exported in this quarter was approximately valued at TOP\$2.6million. This is a 14% increase from the value of tuna exported in the previous quarter and again a 71% increase from the FOB value of that exported in the same period of last year.

Foreign fleets continue to dominate the catch in Tuna fishery with Tonga's EEZ in the 2nd quarter 2021. CPUE slightly increases in May and slightly decrease in June whereas the catch continue to fall throughout the whole quarter for the Foreign fleets. Overall performance for tuna domestic catch is higher compared to the same quarter of last year but lower that the previous quarter.

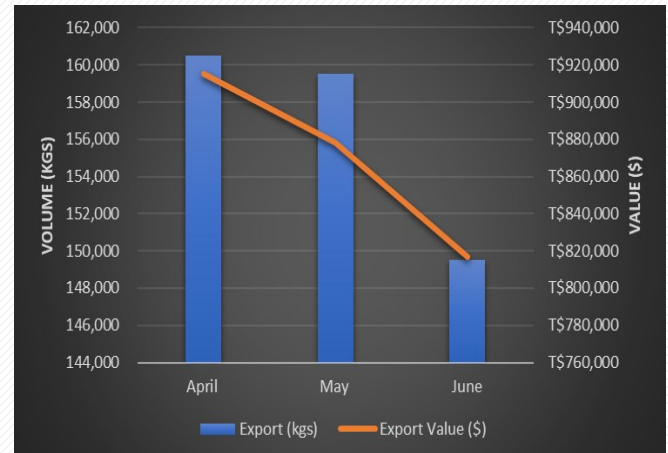
CPUE FOR TUNA, 2ND QUARTER 2021



TUNA PERFORMANCE, 2ND QUARTER 2021



FOB VALUE OF TUNA EXPORT, 2nd QUARTER 2021



SNAPPER FISHERY

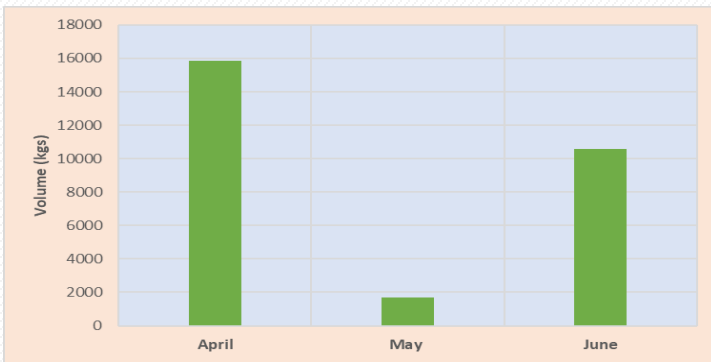
Consequences of covid-19 pandemic result in no export of snapper from Tonga during this second quarter. The closure of boarders and global markets had severely impacted the export of fresh snapper from the Kingdom which contributes the second biggest marine export species from Tonga every year. This however, does not mean that there was no snapper available locally. As recorded this quarter, a total of 28 metric tons of snapper was offloaded during this quarter and was sold locally.

The CPUE for the 2nd quarter 2021 increased in May and fell in June, however, the number of trips were high in April, decreased in May and increased again in June. The decreased number of trips in May was due to bad weather conditions and numerous vessels were experiencing technical problems (inactive). This also caused the decrease in catch landed from April to May and increased in June.

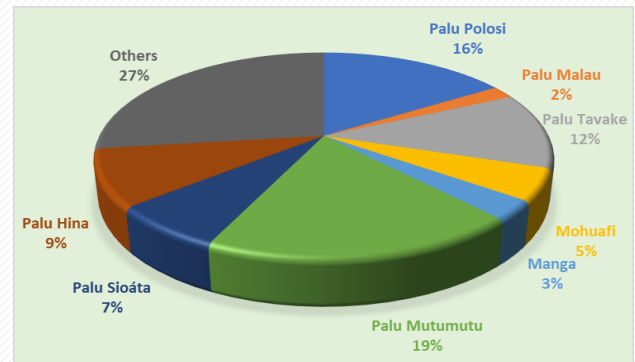
CPUE FOR SNAPPER, 2ND QUARTER 2021



SNAPPER UNLOADED FOR 2ND QUARTER 2021



SNAPPER UNLOADING COMPOSITION BY SPECIES

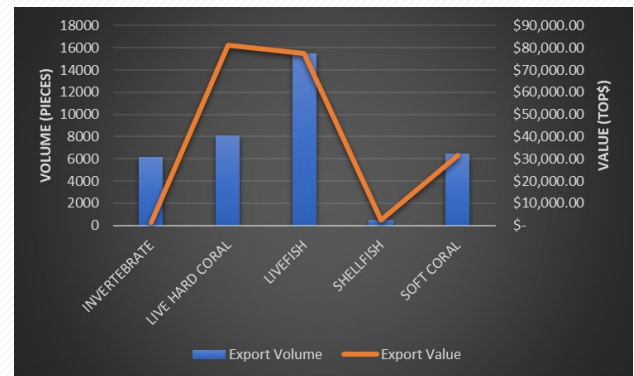


AQUARIUM FISHERY

The total quantity of aquarium products exported in this quarter was 36,848 pieces compared to 37,106 pieces in the previous quarter. This is a 0.7% decrease from the last quarter but a slight increase of 9.7% from that exported in the same quarter last year. The export of aquarium product for this quarter was dominated by live fish by 42%, followed by live hard coral by 22%, soft coral by 18%, invertebrate by 17% and shellfish with 1%.

The total FOB value of the exported aquarium products in the second quarter of 2020 was TOP194,749.20 compared to TOP155,508.50 in the second quarter of last year. This is an increase by 25% from exported value of the second quarter of 2020 but a 5% decrease from the export value of the previous quarter.

ACQUARIUM EXPORT, 2nd QUARTER 2021



DOMESTIC MARKET

A total of 32 metric tons of marine resources was recorded in this quarter and approximately valued at \$0.31 million. This is 88% increase from the previous quarter. The increase in domestic marine production in this quarter was driven by significant increase in quantity of all species sold in domestic market. There were 3 three new stalls added to existing ones and this contribute to significant increase in the quantity of marine production. The average price of all species remains constant in this quarter. Decline of marine product in June was due to Fishers shifted from fishing to sea cucumber harvesting. However, the price of marine product was determined by cost of production and quantity available at the market.

Source: Ministry of Fisheries market survey database

Total volume and value of marine resource as of 2nd quarter 2021

