MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

FISHERIES QUARTERLY REPORT

SECOND QUARTER 2025 April - June, 2025

QUARTERLY FISHERIES PRODUCTIONS SUMMARY

During the second quarter of 2025 (April–June), Tonga's fisheries sector recorded an estimated 202.48 metric tons (mt) of fisheries production with a total estimated value of TOP $1.4 million. This represents a decrease of 66.7% compared with the previous quarter (Q1 2025), and a decrease 41.9% compared with the same quarter of the previous year (Q2 2024).

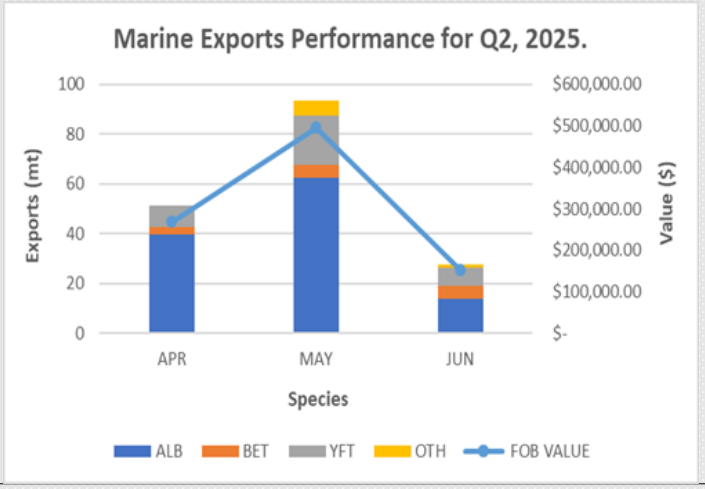
MARINE EXPORTS

In Q2 2025, a total of 172.6 metric tons (mt) of marine products were exported, comprising target tuna species and bycatches species, including sharks and other bycatches. Exports from foreign fleets continued to dominate, contributing approximately 98.1% of the total export volume, while local fleets accounted for the remaining 1.9%. The total FOB value of marine exports for the quarter was estimated at TOP 0.92 million.

Compared with Q1 2025, the total export volume declined substantially by approximately 72.1%, primarily due to a reduction in the number of active vessels and fishing trips, which resulted in lower unloading volumes during the quarter. Correspondingly, the total export value decreased by about 73.9%, from TOP 1.6 million in Q1 2025 to TOP 0.92 million in this quarter.

However, when compared with the corresponding quarter in 2024, export volume increased by approximately 12.2%, rising from 151.46 mt to 172.6 mt. Similarly, the FOB value of exports recorded a modest year-on-year increase of around 6.5%, indicating marginal improvement in export earnings despite a narrower export product composition during this quarter.

***Source**: Fisheries exports database*



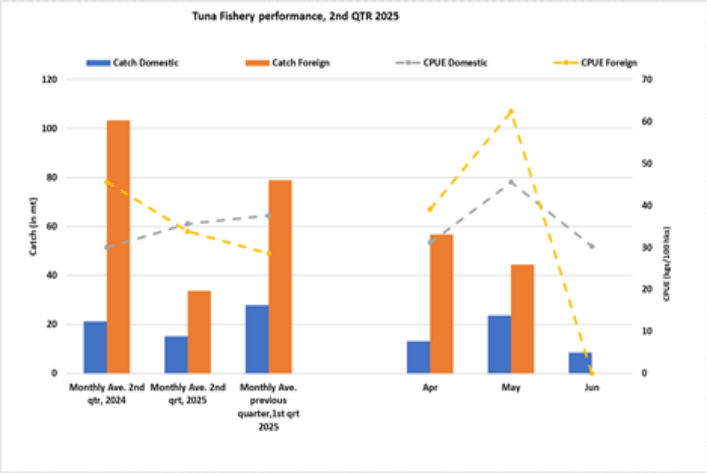
**FOB = Free On Board, describes a price which includes goods plus the services at the time of offloading from the vessel at first landing This is a static value designated to each export product. The value is an historical estimate and may not represent the true present value.*

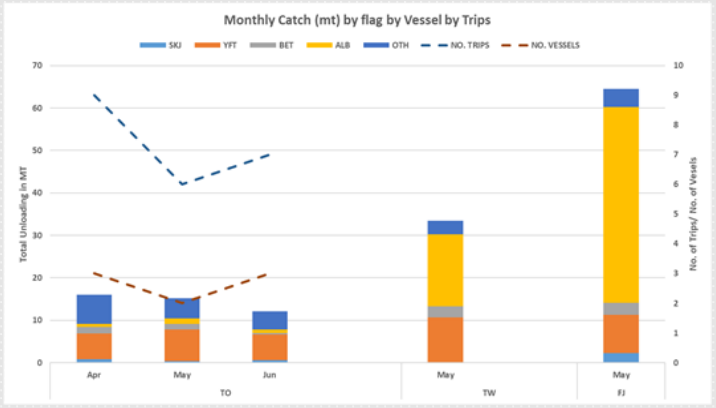
TUNA FISHERY

Tuna exports totaled 172.6mt this quarter, down 69.8% from the previous quarter but 14.5% higher than Q2, 2024. Exports increased from April to May before declining in June.

A total of 141.1mt of tuna was offloaded, with foreign fleets landing 97.89mt and domestic fleets 43.22mt. Despite only one active foreign vessel, it landed more tuna than the domestic fleets.

Compared with the previous quarter and Q2 2024, both fleets recorded lower average catches. Foreign fleets had higher CPUE than the previous quarter but lower than Q2 2024, while domestic fleets recorded lower CPUE than the previous quarter but slightly higher than Q2 2024.





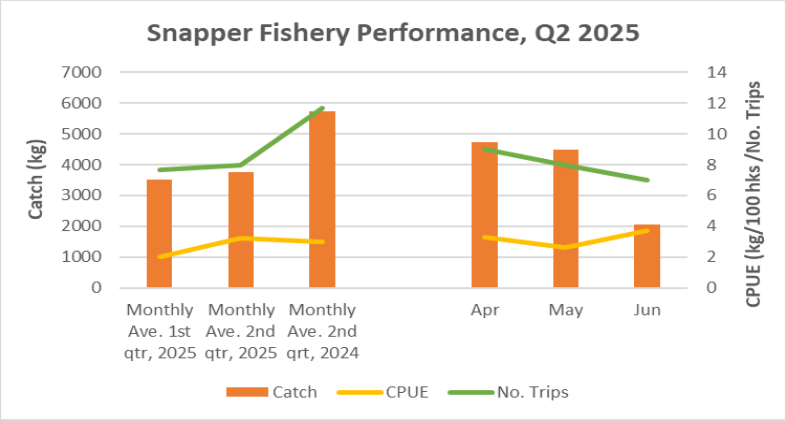
Flag	MM	ALB	SKJ	YFT	BET	OTH	TOTAL	No. Trips	No. Vessels
FJ	Apr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	May	46.194	2.197	9.128	2.749	4.212	64.48	1	1
	Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TO	Apr	0.7788	0.8472	6.089	1.476	6.7731	15.9641	9	3
	May	1.281	0.309	7.484	1.351	4.742	15.167	6	2
	Jun	0.765	0.568	6.112	0.374	4.273	12.092	7	3
TW	Apr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	May	17.048	0	10.717	2.511	3.123	33.399	1	1
	Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		66.0668	3.9212	39.53	8.461	23.1231	141.1021	24	10

***Source:** Ministry of Fisheries Tuna exports database*

SNAPPER FISHERY

During Q2 2025, a total of 14.4 metric tons (mt) of snappers were landed, representing a 4.2% increase compared to Q1 2025 but a 50.8% decline relative to Q2 2024. Monthly landings were recorded at 6.14mt in April, 4.26mt in May and 4.02mt in June. No snapper exports were reported during this quarter, as all landings were sold on the local market.

Overall, the average snapper catch for this quarter was slightly higher than in the previous quarter but remained lower than the corresponding period in 2024. Despite this, the fishery recorded a marginal improvement in catch per unit effort (CPUE), which was slightly higher than both Q1 2025 and Q2 2024, indicating improved fishing efficiency during this quarter.

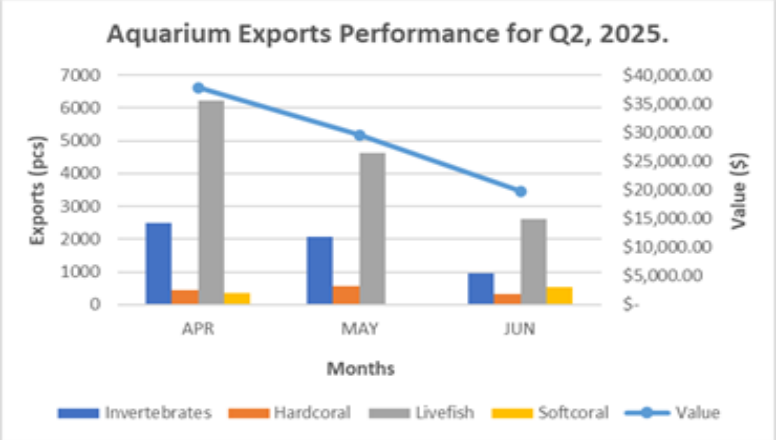


AQUARIUM FISHERY

The total quantity of aquarium products exported this quarter was 21206 pieces, representing an 36.7% increase compared to the 13416 pieces exported in the previous quarter. Hence comparing to the same quarter last year, which were 29981 pieces exported, this marks 41.4% decrease.

Livefish were the largest category, with 13447 pieces exported, followed by invertebrates with 5504 pieces. Hard corals totaled 1335 pieces and soft coral were the least exported at 920 pieces.

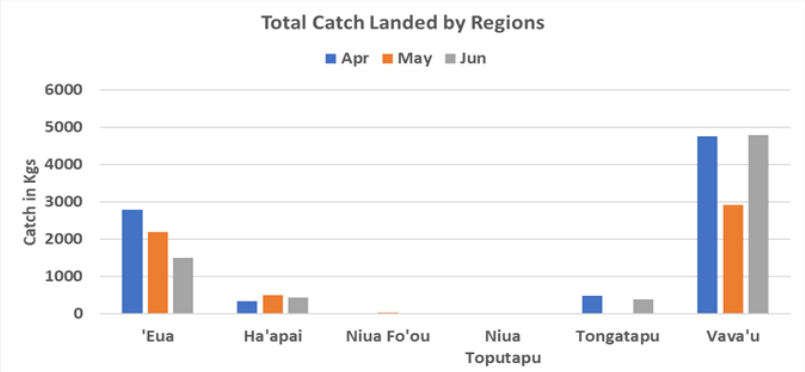
The total FOB value of the exported aquarium products this quarter was approximately TOP 0.09million, reflecting a 22.2% increase compared to the estimated export value for the previous quarter (Q1, 2025) and 20.12% decline compared to the same period last year (Q2, 2024).



ARTISANAL FISHERY

During Q2 2025, a total artisanal tuna catch of 21.2mt was recorded across six moniterd landing sites. The highest volume of tuna and tuna-like species was landed at Halaevalu wharf (12.5mt), followed by Nafanua wharf (6.5mt) Taufaáhau wharf (1.3mt), Tongatapu (0.87mt), Niuafoou (46kg) and Niuatoputapu (5kg).

Monthly landings peaked in April at 8.4mt, followed by June with 7.1mt and May with 5.6mt. Overall, artisanal tuna catches during the quarter increased significantly, rising by 90% compared to Q1 2025 and by 97.8% relative to the corresponding quarter in 2024.



DOMESTIC MARKET

In this quarter, a total of 25.8mt of marine resources were recorded across the main island groups, comprising 15.4mt from Tongatapu, 4.3mt from Haápai and 6.2mt from Vavaú. This represents a decrease of 21.7% compared with Q1 2025 and an 11.4% decline relative to Q2 2024.

The total estimated value of these resources was approximately TOP 0.49million, reflecting a 10% decrease from the previous quarter but a 4.1% increase compared to the same period last year,

Average domestic prices varied among species and continued to fluctuate in response to market demand and product availability. In general, fish prices tend to increase when supply is limited and decline when larger volumes of marine products are available in the markets.



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