MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

FISHERIES QUARTERLY REPORT

THIRD QUARTER 2025 July-September, 2025

QUARTERLY FISHERIES PRODUCTION SUMMARY

During the third quarter of 2025 (July–September), Tonga's fisheries sector recorded an estimated 484.32 metric tons (mt) of fisheries production, with a total estimated value of TOP $3.39 million. This represents an increase of 58.19% compared with the previous quarter Q2 2025, but a decrease of 10.6% compared to same quarter last year (Q3 2024).

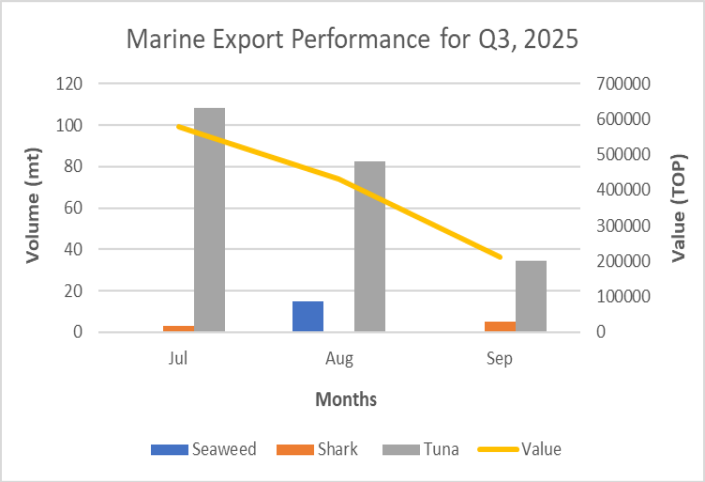
MARINE EXPORTS

In Q3 2025, the total marine products exported reached approximately 249.0 metric tons (mt), comprising 225.64 mt of tuna, 15.0 mt of seaweed, and 8.35 mt of shark products. Tuna remained the dominant export, accounting for about 90.6% of total volume, followed by seaweed (6.0%) and shark products (3.4%). The total FOB value of marine exports for the quarter was estimated at approximately TOP 1.22 million.

Compared to previous quarter (Q2 2025), total export volume increased by approximately 62.0%, while export value rose by about 45.0%, reflecting higher tuna exports and the inclusion of seaweed exports during the quarter.

However, relative to same quarter last year (Q3 2024), exports declined by approximately 42.5%, while export value decreased by about 32.2%, This indicates that this quarter Q3 2025 remained below levels recorded in the same period of the previous

***Source**: Fisheries exports database*



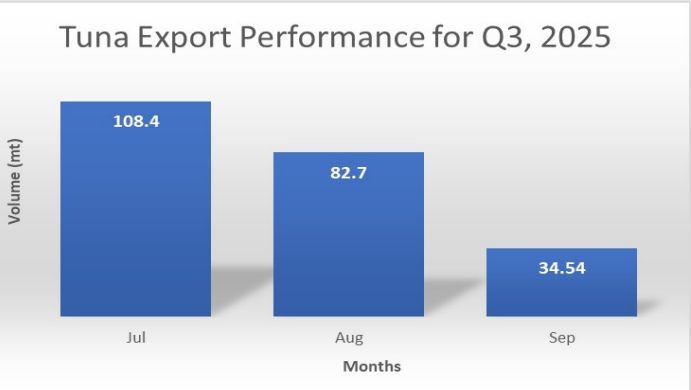
**FOB = Free On Board, describes a price which includes goods plus the services at the time of offloading from the vessel at first landing This is a static value designated to each export product. The value is an historical estimate and may not represent the true present value.*

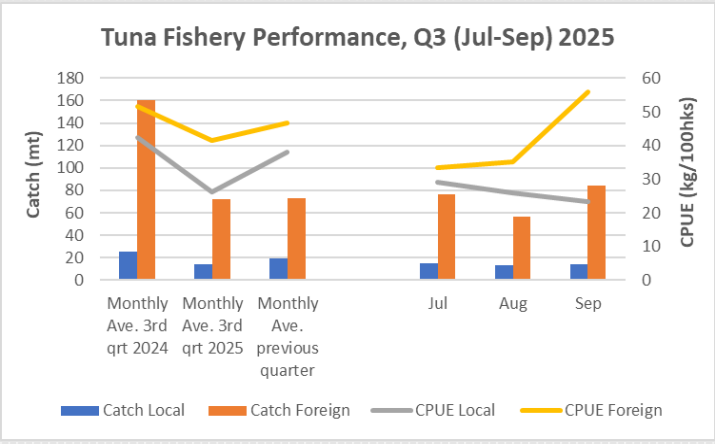
TUNA FISHERY

Tuna exports totaled 225.64mt this quarter, up to 31.9% from the previous quarter but 89.6% lower than Q3 2024. Exports declined from July to September.

A total of 368mt of tuna was offloaded, with foreign fleets landing 321.3mt and domestic fleets 46.83mt. Foreign catches declined before increasing in September, while domestic catches remained stable.

Compared with the previous quarter and Q3 2024, foreign fleets recorded similar average catches but lower CPUE, while domestic fleets recorded slightly lower average catches and CPUE.





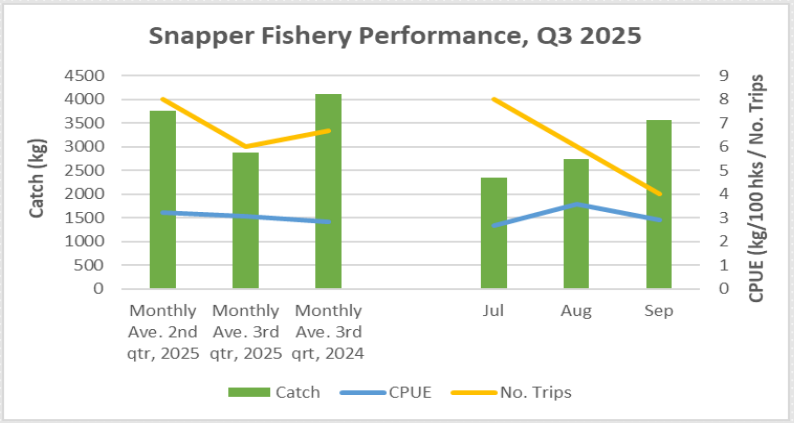
Flag	MM	SKJ	YFT	BET	ALB	OTH	TOTAL	No. Trips	No. Vessels
FJ	Jul	1.103	22.377	2.913	58.383	4.076	**88.852**	2	2
	Aug	0.352	18.059	1.984	38.084	7.215	**65.694**	2	2
	Sep	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0
TO	Jul	0.5925	8.4859	1.08	1.0935	8.418	**19.6699**	8	3
	Aug	0.424	5.882	0.5225	0.6935	5.236	**12.758**	6	3
	Sep	0.2015	5.0845	0.5615	0.5825	7.969	**14.399**	8	3
TW	Jul	0	17.887	3.74	29.71	11.794	**63.131**	1	1
	Aug	0.019	4.482	1.078	35.853	1.411	**42.843**	1	1
	Sep	0.251	21.371	1.955	26.804	10.399	**60.78**	1	1
TOTAL		**2.943**	**103.6284**	**13.834**	**191.2035**	**56.518**	**368.1269**	**29**	**16**

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

SNAPPER FISHERY

During this quarter, a total of 11.2mt of snappers were unloaded, marking a 28.8% decline compared to the previous quarter and a big decrease of 94.6% compared to the same period last year. The snapper landings were distributed as 3.3mt in July, 3.5mt in August and 4.5mt in September. No snappers were exported this quarter, as all were sold locally.

Overall, the average snapper catch for this quarter is lower than that of both the previous quarter (Q2, 2025) and that of the same quarter in the previous year (Q3, 2024). Additionally, the total catch per unit effort (CPUE) of snapper fishery for this quarter was slightly lower than the previous quarter (Q2, 2025) and higher than that of the same period last year (Q3, 2024).

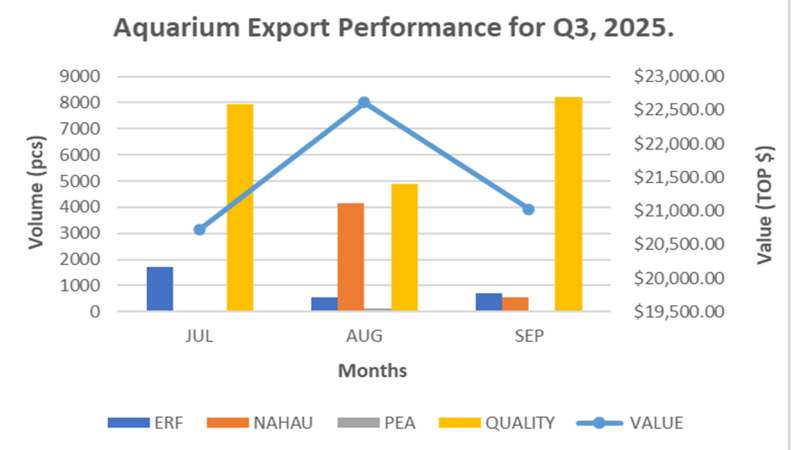


AQUARIUM FISHERY

The total quantity of aquarium products exported this quarter was 28816 pieces, representing an 26.4% increase compared to the 21206 pieces exported in the previous quarter. Hence comparing to the same quarter last year, which were 16878 pieces exported, this marks 41.4% increase as well.

Invertebrates were the largest exported category, with 15820 pieces exported, followed by live fish with 11765 pieces. Soft corals totaled 751 pieces and hard corals were the least exports at 480 pieces.

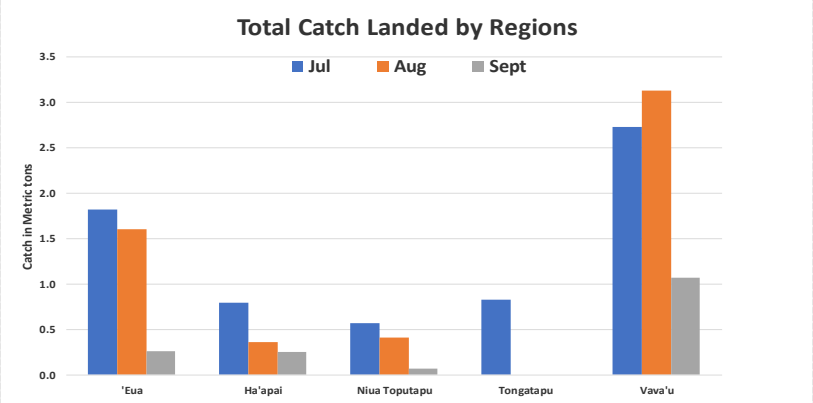
The total FOB value of the exported aquarium products this quarter was approximately TOP 0.06million, reflecting a 33.3% decrease compared to the estimated export value for the previous quarter (Q2, 2025) and 42.9% decrease compared to the same period last year (Q3, 2024).



ARTISANAL FISHERY

The total artisanal tuna catch recorded this quarter amounted to 13.9mt, collected from five different sites. The highest volume of tuna-like species was recorded at Halaevalu Wharf with 6.9mt, followed by Nafanua Wharf with 3.7mt, Taufaáhau Wharf with 1.4mt, 1.0mt at Pasivulangi Wharf and the least was recorded in Tongatapu with only 0.8mt..

The highest catch landing for the quarter occurred in July with 6.7mt, followed by 5.5mt in August and 1.16mt in September. The artisanal fishing performance this quarter reflects a 51.9% decrease compared to the previous quarter (Q2, 2025) and a 92.5% increase compared to the same quarter last year (Q3, 2024).



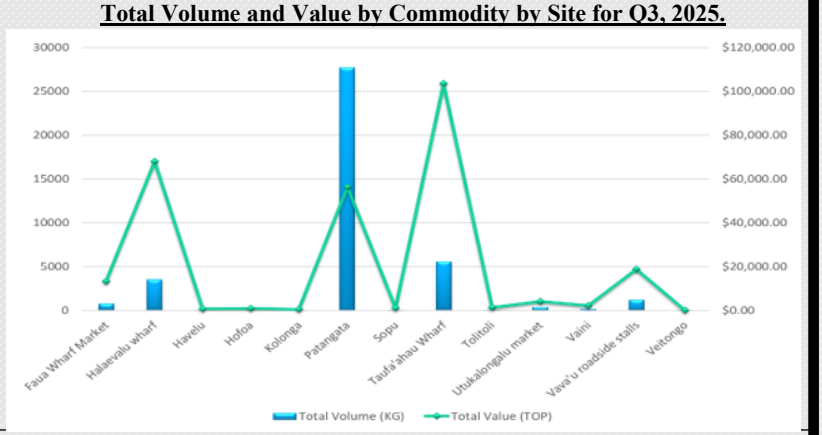
DOMESTIC MARKET

In this quarter, a total of 39.7mt of marine resources were recorded across various sites, in Tongatapu (28.9mt), Haápai (5.6mt) and Vavaú (5.1mt). This represents an increase of 35.1% compared to the previous quarter (Q2, 2025) and a 33.7% rise compared to the same period last year (Q3, 2024).

Despite the growth in volume, the total value of the recorded marine resources this quarter was approximately TOP $0.27 million, which is roughly 77% decrease compared with previous quarter and the same quarter last year.

The average domestic prices for different species fluctuate based on market demand for fish. Changes in fish market prices are influenced by the availability of marine products at any given time.

Total Volume and Value by Commodity by Site for Q3, 2025.



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