MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

FISHERIES QUARTERLY REPORT

FOURTH QUARTER 2025 October - December, 2025

QUARTERLY FISHERIES PRODUCTIONS SUMMARY

During the fourth quarter of 2025 (October–December), Tonga's fisheries sector recorded an estimated 535.55 metric tons (mt) of fisheries production with a total estimated value of TOP $3.7milion. This represents an increase of 9.7% compared with the previous quarter (Q3 2025), and an increase of 30.5% compared with the same quarter of the previous year (Q4 2024)

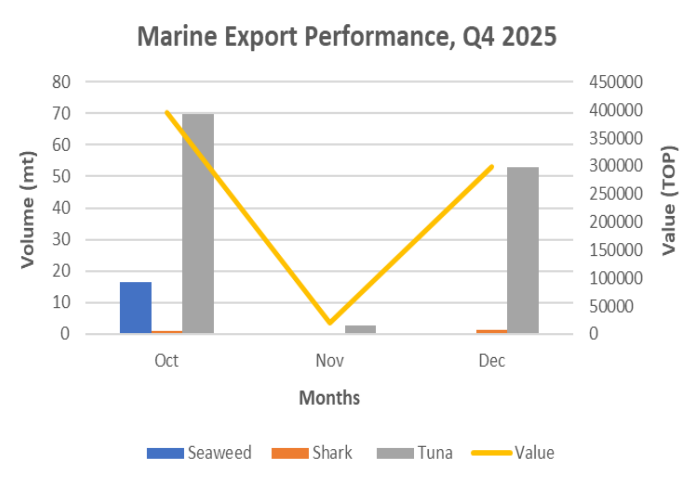
MARINE EXPORTS

This quarter, the total volume of marine products exported amounted to 144.3 mt, comprising 125.63mt of tuna, 16.5mt of seaweed, and 2.16mt of shark meat. No snapper was exported during this period, as it was sold locally.

Tuna remained the dominant export, accounting for about 87.0% of total export volume, followed by seaweed (11.4%) and 1.5% of shark meat. Export performance was heavily concentrated in October and December, while November recorded minimal export volumes, primarily due to variations in the number of fishing trips and active vessels each month.

Excluding aquarium product, the total volume of marine exports this quarter showed a significant 56.4% decrease compared to the previous quarter (Q3, 2025) and 38.95% drop compared with Q4, 2024. Additionally, the total FOB value of marine exports for the quarter was approximately TOP 0.71 million, reflecting a 71.8% decline from the previous quarter (Q3, 2025) and a 54.93% decrease compared to the same quarter last year (Q4, 2024).

***Source**: Fisheries exports database*



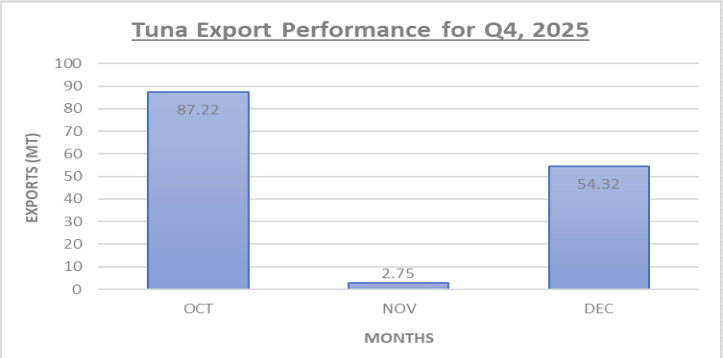
**FOB = Free On Board, describes a price which includes goods plus the services at the time of offloading from the vessel at first landing This is a static value designated to each export product. The value is an historical estimate and may not represent the true present value.*

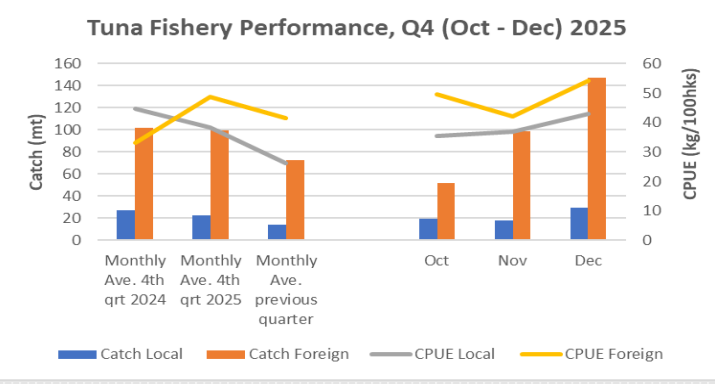
TUNA FISHERY

Tuna exports totaled 144.29mt this quarter, up 12.9% from the previous quarter but 36.8% lower than Q4 2024. Exports declined from October to November before increasing slightly in December.

A total of 383.1mt of tuna was offloaded, with foreign fleets landing 309.97mt and domestic fleets 73.1mt. Both fleets recorded lower catches in November before recovering in December.

Compared with the previous quarter, both foreign and domestic fleets recorded higher average catches and CPUE. However, compared with Q4 2-24, both fleets recorded lower average catches, while foreign fleets had higher CPUE and domestic fleets had lower CPUE.





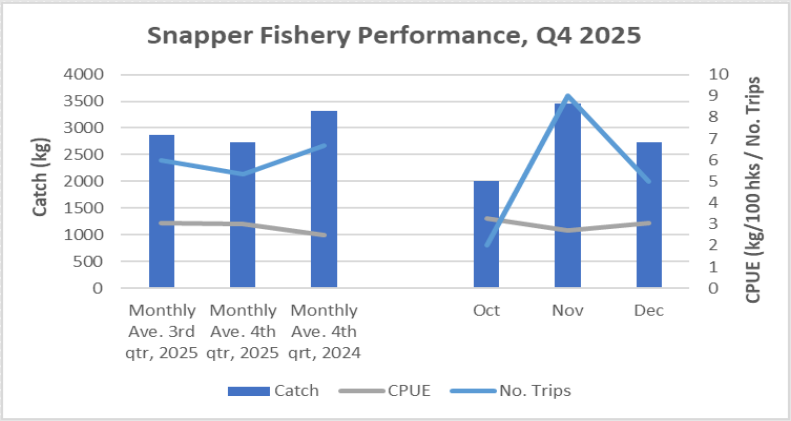
Flag	MM	SKJ	YFT	BET	ALB	OTH	TOTAL	No. Trips	No. Vessels
FJ	Oct	3.672	25.848	5.3827	68.384	5.7324	**109.0191**	1	1
	Nov	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0
	Dec	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0
TO	Oct	0.178	8.8785	0.818	0.696	9.047	**19.6175**	6	2
	Nov	0.2245	9.2555	0.452	0.647	4.977	**15.556**	6	2
	Dec	0.7515	27.9835	0.5295	0.9955	7.709	**37.969**	13	4
TW	Oct	0	15.972	0.993	6.429	4.369	**27.763**	1	1
	Nov	0	1.15	0	17.106	0.459	**18.715**	1	1
	Dec	0.824	36.902	3.916	89.186	23.644	**154.472**	3	3
TOTAL		**5.65**	**125.9895**	**12.0912**	**183.4435**	**55.9374**	**383.1116**	**31**	**14**

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

SNAPPER FISHERY

During this quarter, a total of 12.58mt of snappers were unloaded, marking a 9.3% increase compared to the previous quarter but a slightly decrease of 10.5% compared to the same period last year. The snapper landings were distributed as 2.43mt in October, 5.24mt in November and 4.91mt in December. No snappers were exported this quarter, as all were sold locally.

Overall, the average snapper catch for this quarter is slightly lower than that of both the previous quarter (Q3, 2025) and the same quarter in the previous year (Q4, 2024). Additionally, the total catch per unit effort (CPUE) of snapper fishery for this quarter was slightly higher than both the previous quarter (Q3, 2025) and the same period last year (Q4, 2024).

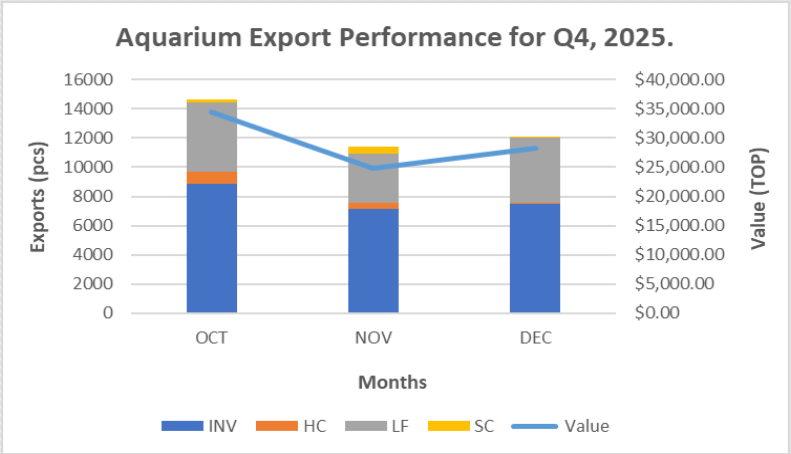


AQUARIUM FISHERY

The total quantity of aquarium products exported this quarter was 38072 pieces, representing an 24.3% increase compared to the 28816 pieces exported in the previous quarter. Hence comparing to the same quarter last year, which were 12791 pieces exported, this marks 66.4% increase as well.

Invertebrates were the largest category, with 23462 pieces exported, followed by live fish with 12589 pieces. Hard corals totaled 1341 pieces and soft coral were the least exported at 680 pieces.

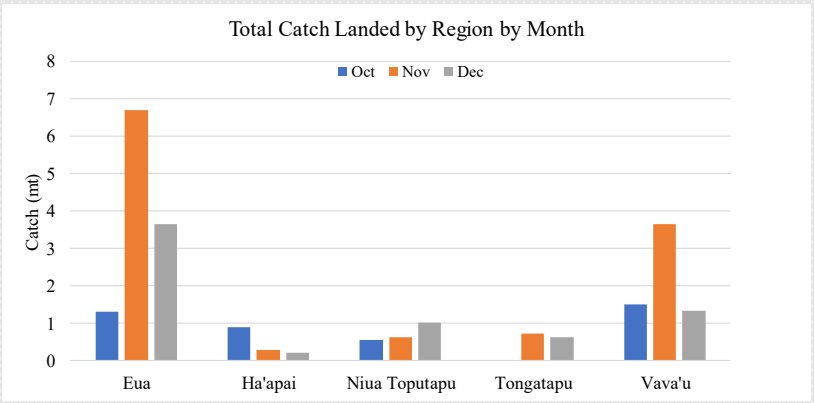
The total FOB value of the exported aquarium products this quarter was approximately TOP 0.09million, reflecting a 26.5% increase compared to the estimated export value for the previous quarter (Q3, 2025) and 22.2% increase compared to the same period last year (Q4, 2024).



ARTISANAL FISHERY

The total artisanal tuna catch recorded this quarter amounted to 22.88mt, collected from four different sites. The highest volume of tuna-like species was recorded at Nafanua Wharf with 11.62mt, followed by Halaevalu Wharf with 6.44mt, Pasivulangi Wharf with 2.17mt then Taufaáhau Wharf with 1.347mt and the lowest catch of 1.31mt at Tongatapu Wharf.

The highest catch landing for the quarter occurred in November with 11.9mt, followed by 6.75mt in December and 4.23mt in October. The artisanal fishing performance this quarter reflects a 39.2% increase compared to the previous quarter (Q3, 2024) and a 71.6% increased compared to Q4, 2024.

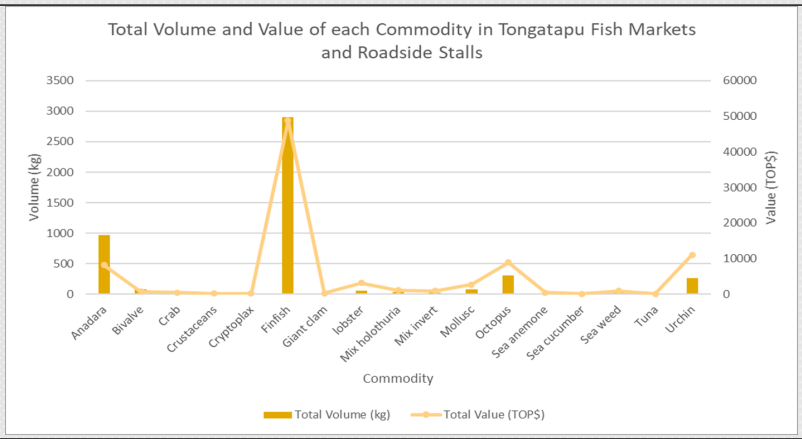


DOMESTIC MARKET

In this quarter, a total of 13.37mt of marine resources were recorded across various sites in Tongatapu (4.82mt), Haápai (2.81mt) and Vavaú (5.74mt). This represents a decrease of 50.5% compared to the previous quarter (Q3, 2025) and a 33% decrease compared to the same period last year (Q4, 2024).

Despite the growth in volume, the total value of the recorded marine resources this quarter was approximately TOP $0.25 million, which is a decline in compared to both previous quarter and the same quarter last year.

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



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