MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

FISHERIES QUARTERLY REPORT

SECOND QUARTER 2026 April—June, 2026

QUARTERLY FISHERIES PRODUCTION SUMMARY

During the second quarter of 2026 (April—June), Tonga's fisheries sector recorded an estimated 540.11 metric tons (mt) of fisheries production. This represents a decrease of 16.1% compared with the previous quarter (Q1 2026), and a decrease of 62.5% compared with the same quarter of the previous year (Q2 2025).

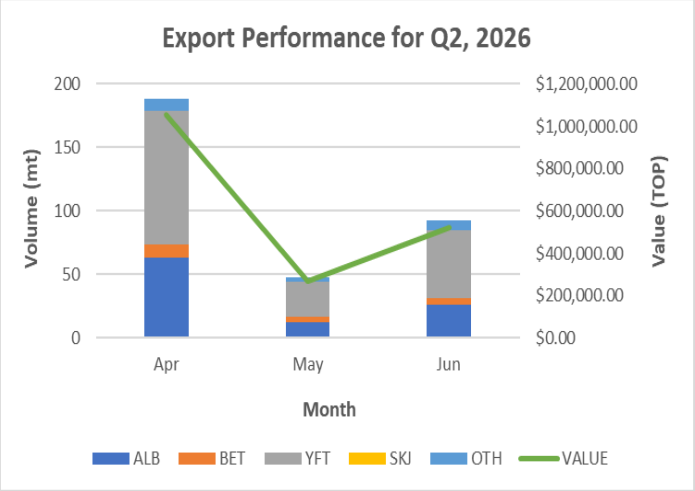
MARINE EXPORTS

This quarter, a total of 328.97mt of marine products were exported, consisting primarily of tuna target species and associated by catch species, including sharks, dolphinfish and other. No snapper exports were recorded during the period, as all snappers were sold on local market.

Tuna continued to dominate marine exports, accounting for the vast majority of total export volume. Export activity was highest in April with 188.24mt, followed by June with 93.36mt while May recorded the lowest export volume at 47.37mt, basically due to no exports from the foreign fleets.

Excluding aquarium products, the total volume of marine exports decreased significantly by 2.1% compared to the previous quarter (Q1, 2026) and by 47.5% compared to the corresponding quarter last year (Q2, 2025). The total FOB value of marine exports for the quarter was approximately TOP 1.88 million, representing a slightly increase of 0.5% from the previous quarter and 52.1% compared to the same quarter of the previous year (Q1, 2025).

***Source**: Fisheries exports database*

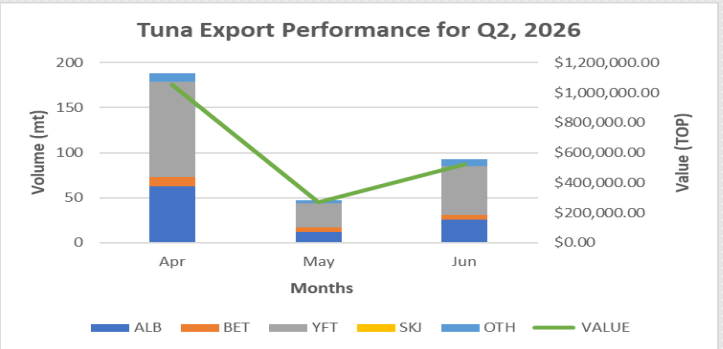


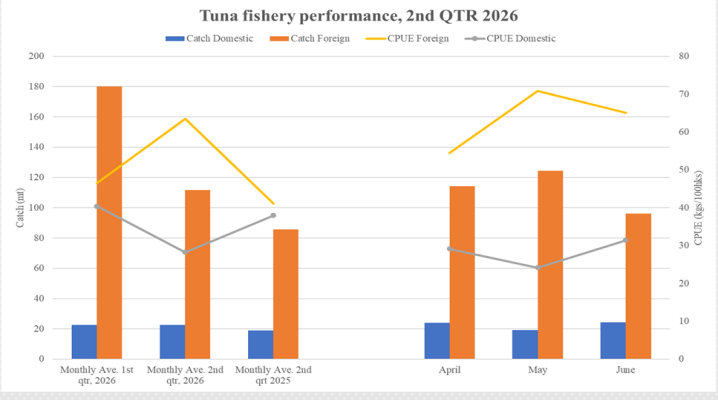
**FOB = Free On Board, describes a price which includes goods plus the services at the time of offloading from the vessel at first landing This is a static value designated to each export product. The value is an historical estimate and may not represent the true present value.*

TUNA FISHERY

Tuna exports totaled 328.17mt this quarter, decrease 2.3% from the previous quarter and 47.4% higher than Q2 2025. Exports decline from April to May then increase in June. A total of 494.1mt of tuna was offloaded, with foreign fleets landing 434.6mt and domestic fleets landing 59.5mt. Catches from foreign fleets declined in May then increase in June but domestic fleets increases throughout the quarter

Compared with the previous quarter Q1 2026, foreign fleets recorded lower average catches but higher CPUE, but higher average catch compared to Q2, 2025. Domestic fleets recorded similar average catches but lower CPUE than both comparison periods.





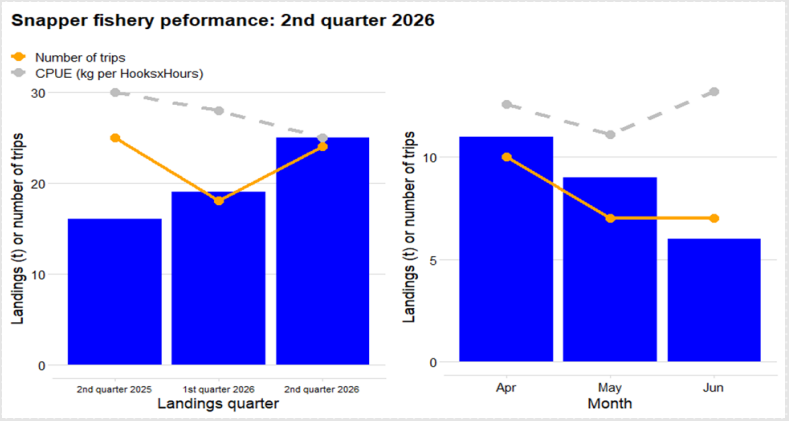
Flag	Species	ALB	BET	YFT	SKJ	OTH	Total	No. Trips	No. Vessels
TO	April	0.4	0.4	7.1	0.3	3.8	11.9	5	3
	May	8.2	2.3	6.5	0.3	4.6	21.9	5	2
	June	4.3	2.7	14	0.5	4.3	25.7	7	3
TW	April	75.2	10.4	105.9	2	17.1	210.5	4	3
	May	26.3	5.9	27.1	0.3	5.7	65.3	1	1
	June	81.7	11.7	54	1.5	9.9	158.8	2	2
LFV & FFV	April	75.6	10.8	112.9	2.3	20.9	**222.5**	9	6
	May	34.6	8.2	33.6	0.5	10.3	**87.2**	6	4
	June	85.9	14.3	68	2	14.2	**184.4**	9	5
Total		**196.1**	**33.3**	**214.5**	**4.8**	**45.4**	**494.1**	24	7

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

SNAPPER FISHERY

During this quarter, a total of 25.3mt of snappers were landed, representing a 33% increase compared to the previous quarter, and 43.1% increase compared to same quarter in the previous year, Monthly landings amounted to 10.9mt in April, 8.8mt in May and 5.6mt in June, indicating a gradual decline throughout the quarter. No snapper exports were recorded during this period, as all landings were sold locally.

Overall, the average snapper catch for this quarter was higher than that recorded in both the previous quarter (Q1 2026) and the corresponding quarter last year (Q2 2025). Similarly, the catch per unit effort for the snapper fishery was lower than in both Q1 2026 and Q2 2025, indicating an decline in fishing efficiency during this quarter.

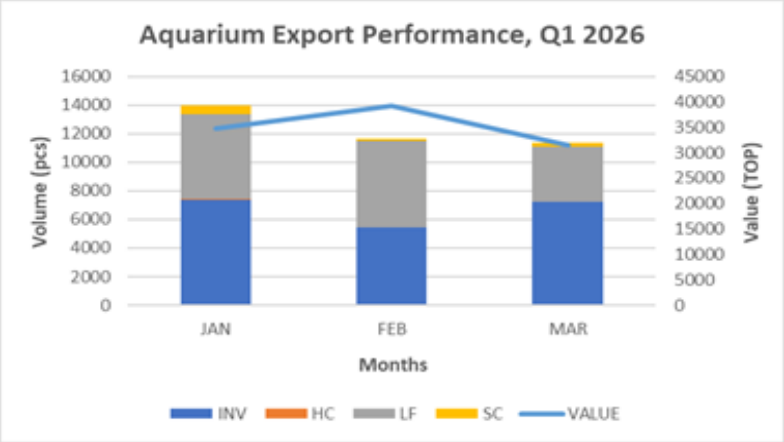


AQUARIUM FISHERY

A total of 4909 pieces of aquarium products were exported during this quarter, representing a 86.7% decrease from the 36968 pieces exported in the previous quarter. However, compared to the corresponding quarter last year, when 21206 pieces were exported, it reflects a 76.8% decrease in volume.

Livefish accounted for the largest share of exports, with 2710 pieces exported, followed by invertebrates at 2134 pieces. Soft corals contributed 65 pieces while hard corals has zero exports due to requirements from CITES.

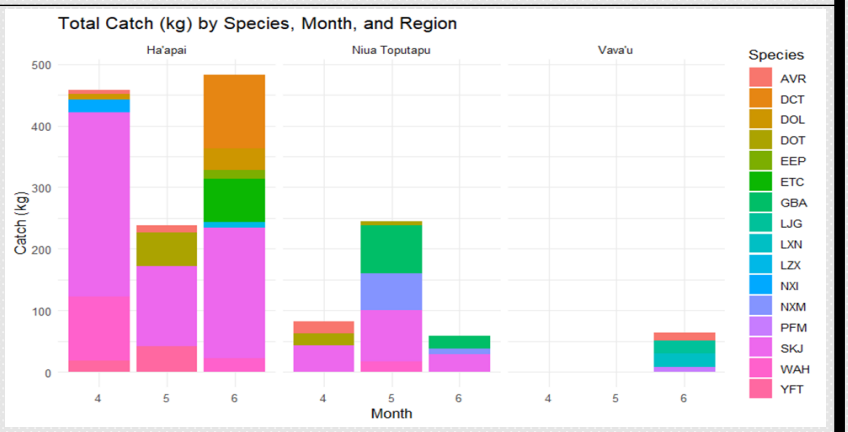
The total FOB value of aquarium product exports during the quarter was estimated at approximately TOP 0.01million, representing a decrease of about 90% compared to the previous quarter (Q1 2026) and 88% lower than the corresponding quarter in the previous year (Q2 2025).



ARTISANAL FISHERY

The total artisanal tuna catch recorded this quarter amounted to 1.63mt, collected from 3 different sites. The highest volume of tuna-like species was recorded at Taufa'ahau Wharf with 1.18mt, followed by Pasvulangi Wharf with 0.39mt, then Halaevalu Wharf with the least amount of 0.06mt.

Monthly landings were highest in June with 0.61mt recorded, closely followed by 0.54mt in April, while May recorded a substantially lower catch of 0.48mt. Overall, artisanal tuna performance this quarter were significantly lower than both the previous period, declining by 74% and 92.3% compared to the corresponding quarter in Q2 2025.

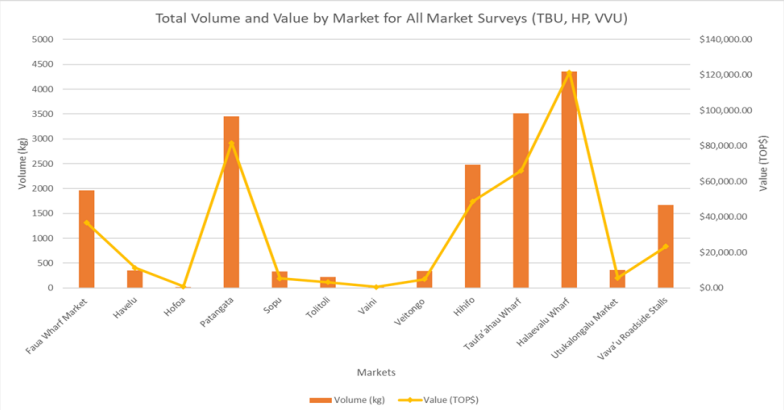


DOMESTIC MARKET

In this quarter, a total of 19.1mt of marine resources were recorded across various sites in Tongatapu (6.7mt), Haápai (5.99mt) and Vavaú (6.4mt). This represents a 6.6% increase compared to previous quarter (Q1, 2026) and a 25.97% decrease compared to the same period last year (Q2, 2025).

Despite the growth in volume, the total value of the recorded marine resources this quarter was approximately TOP $0.4 million, which is a 15% increase in compared to previous quarter and 18.4% decrease compared to same quarter last year.

Average domestic prices for marine products continued to vary among species, largely reflecting prevailing market demand and supply conditions. In general, fluctuations in fish prices are influenced by the availability of marine resources in the market and increasing fishing operation costs.



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