



MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

FISHERIES QUARTERLY REPORT

FOURTH QUARTER 2015

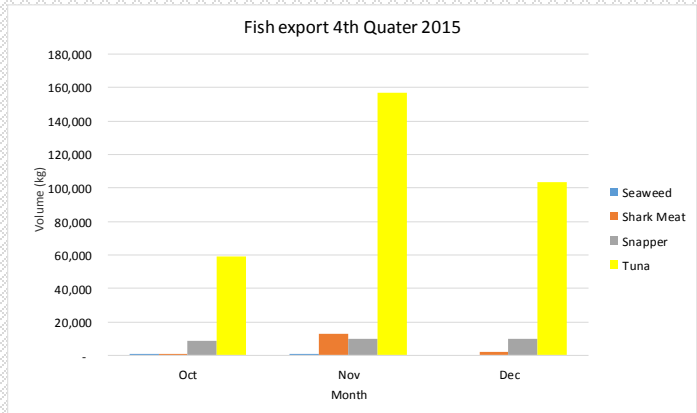
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MARINE EXPORTS

The total quantity of marine products (not including aquarium products) exported in this quarter was 364 metric tons. This is a 91% increase from the quantity exported during the same period last year and 29% decrease from that exported in the previous quarter. The export of tuna contributes the most to the total exports with 87%, followed by snapper with 8% and then shark meat with 4.2%. There were only 60kg of sea weed exported in this quarter with a 0.02% contribution to the total marine exports. There was no crustacean and reef fish exported in this quarter which in fact related to declining of the total exports compared to the previous quarter. The leading imported country of our marine product was Taiwan with 26% of the total exports, followed by American Samoa with 24% and Japan with 19%.

The total FOB value of marine exports for the first quarter was TOP\$2.21 million compared to TOP\$1.45 million in the 4th quarter of 2014. This is a 49% increase in the FOB value of marine resources exported during the same period last year and 26% decrease from that exported in the previous quarter.

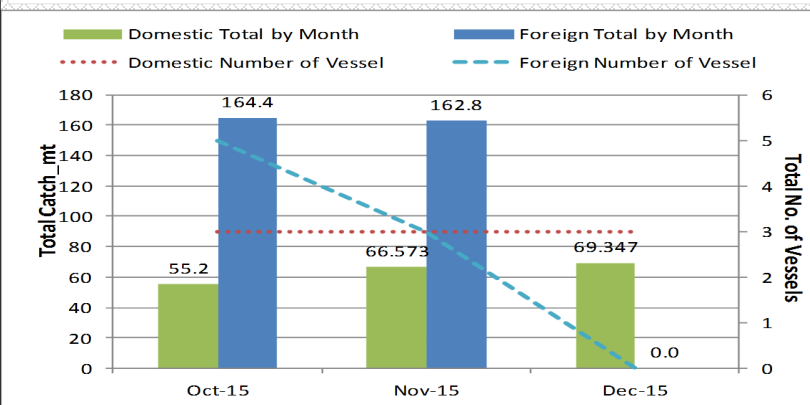
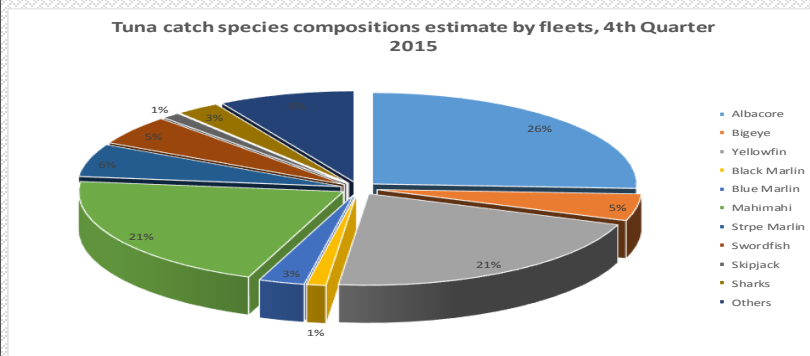


Source (above) : Ministry of Fisheries Marine Export Product Database

* 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.

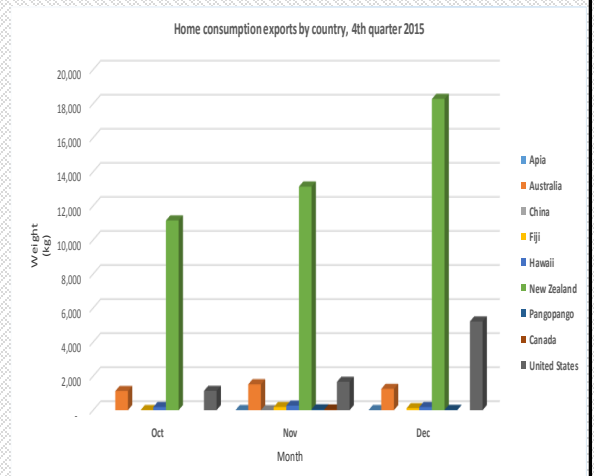
TUNA FISHERY

The export quantity of tuna and associated by-catch for this quarter was 302 metric tons which is a significant increase from 94 metric tons in the 4th quarter last year. Thus a 220% increase from tuna export in the same period last year and 29% decrease from that exported in the previous quarter. There were 518 metric tons of total catch recorded in this quarter and the remaining after exports was 216 metric tons which was recorded as local consumptions. The total catch of Tuna was dominated by Albacore with 28%, followed by Mahimahi and Yellowfin which both contribute 23% to the total catch.



HOME CONSUMPTION

A total of 56 metric tons of seafood were exported for home consumption purposes in this quarter. This is a 24% increase in home consumption data from the previous quarter and 600% increase from the same quarter last year. The home consumption exports was dominated by New Zealand which made up 77% of the total exports, followed by United States and Australia, with 14% and 7% respectively. There was no Souvenir product exported in this quarter. The figures above are made up of total consumption exported through the airport (hand carry) and total consumption exported by cargo.



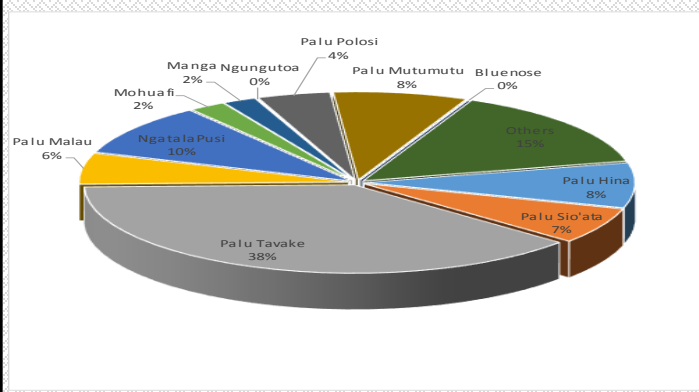
Home consumption data refers to the seafood taken by airplane passengers overseas for home consumption. Source (left): Fisheries Department Export Database and TUFMAN.

SNAPPER FISHERY

The total quantity of snapper and grouper exported in this quarter was 28 metric tons. This is 115% increased in the quantity of snapper and grouper exported during the same period last year and a 31% increase compared to the previous quarter. Total landed catch of 44 metric tons was recorded in this quarter which is increased by 5% compared to the previous quarter. The remaining Snapper after exports was total up to 16 mt as local consumptions. The leading species was palu tavake with 38% of the total catch, followed by species recorded as others with 15%, ngatala pusi with 10%.

The total FOB values of snapper and grouper exported in the fourth quarter 2015 was TOP\$1.90 million. This is a 27% increase from the values of snapper and grouper exported in the same period last year and a 35% increase from that exported in the previous quarter.

Snapper Catch Species Composition 4th Quarter



AQUARIUM FISHERY

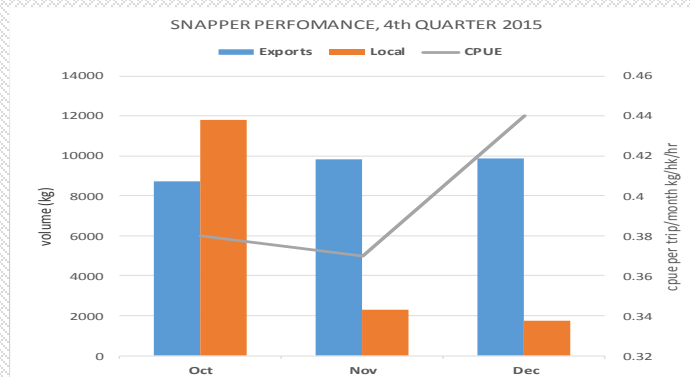
The total quantity of aquarium products exported in this quarter was 36,460 pieces compared to 84,000 pieces in the fourth quarter of 2014 which is a 57% decrease from the same period last year and 17% increase from the previous quarter. The aquarium product exported was dominated by invertebrates with 59% of the total exports. The exports of live hard coral was made up of 19% of the total exports while live fish, soft coral and shellfish contribute 11%, 9%, 3% respectively to the total exports. The export average of aquarium products in this quarter was 33%.

The total FOB value of the exported aquarium products in the fourth quarter of 2015 was \$TOP 0.117 million compared to \$TOP 0.16 million in the fourth quarter of 2014. This is 45% decrease from the value of product exported in the same quarter of 2014 and 11% increase from the previous quarter.

Source: Aquarium exports database

SEA WEED (LIMUTANGA'U)

In this quarter, 60kg of seaweed were exported which is a huge decline from 33,615kg exported in the previous quarter. This extreme declining in the export of seaweed in this quarter was mainly due to significant change in the exporter's preference.



Source (above and left) : Ministry of Fisheries Snapper Database

There were 31 licensed fishing vessels but only 28 boats were actively fishing during the fourth quarter of 2015 which is increased from 27 vessels in the previous quarter.

Fishing trips, 4th quarter 201

Vessels	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
No. of trips	14	13	15	42
No. of boats	10	10	8	28

