

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

FIHERIES QUARTERLY REPORT

THIRD QUARTER 2018

JULY — SEPT 2018



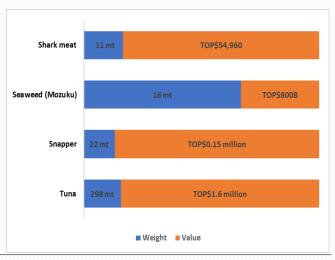
MARINE EXPORTS

The total quantity of marine products (not including aquarium products) exported in the third quarter of 2018 was 347 metric tons. This is a 48% decrease from the quantity exported during the same period last year and a 251% increase from that exported in the previous quarter. The export of tuna alone increased by 404% from the previous quarter however contributed 86% to the total export for this quarter. The export of snapper also increased by 7% compared to the previous quarter and with 6% contribution to the total export for this quarter. Seaweed contributed 5% to the total export for this quarter, whilst shark meat contributed the least with only 3% to the total export. There were no reef fish exported in this quarter.

The total FOB value of marine exports in this quarter was TOP\$1.8million. This is a 48% decrease in the FOB value of marine resources exported during the same period last year and a 267% increase from the value of that exported in the previous quarter.

Source: Fish exports database

Marine Export details



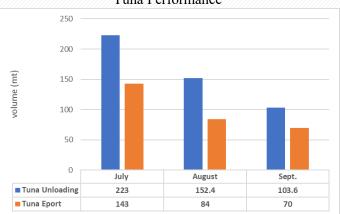
* FOB = Free On Board, describes a price which includes goods plus the services at the time of offloading from the vessel at first landing. This is a static value designated to each export product. The value is an historical estimate and may not represent the true present value.

TUNA FISHERY

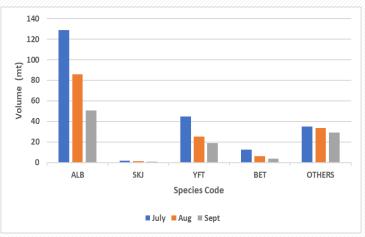
The export quantity of tuna and associated by-catch for this quarter was 297 metric tons which is a significant decrease from 604 metric tons in the same quarter 2017 but a significant increase from 59 metric tons in the previous quarter. This was a 51% decrease from the same quarter last year and a 403% increase from the previous quarter. The total catch recorded in this quarter was 479 metric tons in which 182 metric tons remained for local consumption after exports. The quantity of Albacore contributed the most to the total unloaded with 53% followed by Yellow-fin Tuna which accounted 18% to total unloaded.

The total FOB value of tuna exported in this quarter was approximately valued at TOP\$1.6 million which is a 50% decrease from the value of tuna exported in the same period last year. In comparison with the last quarter, the export value of fish increased tremendously by 384%.

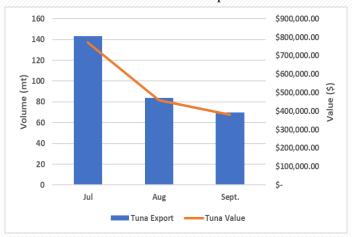
Tuna Performance



TUNA UNLOADING COMPOSITION BY SPECIES



Value of Tuna Export

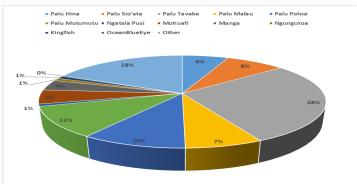


SNAPPER FISHERY

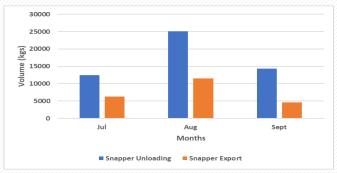
The total quantity of snapper and grouper exported in this quarter was only 22 metric tons compared to 27 mt from the same quarter of last year. This is a 18% decrease in the quantity of snapper and grouper exported during the same period last year and a 22% decrease compared to the previous quarter. Total unloaded catch of 52 metric tons was recorded in this quarter which is a decrease of 32% compared to the previous quarter. The contribution of each species to total snapper unloaded in this quarter are detailed in the pie chart below.

The total FOB values of snapper and grouper exported in this quarter was TOP\$0.14million. This is a 18% decrease from the values of snapper and grouper exported in the same period last year but a 9% increase from that exported in the previous quarter.

SNAPPER UNLOADED COMPOSITION BY SPECIES



Snapper Performance Details



Value Of Snapper Export

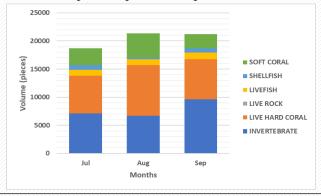


AQUARIUM FISHERY

The total quantity of aquarium products exported in this quarter was 61,321 pieces compared to 70,956 pieces in the previous quarter. This is a 13% decrease from previous quarter but a tremendous increase of 139% compared to the same quarter of last year. The export of aquarium product was dominated by invertebrates with 38%, followed by live hard coral with 37%, soft coral with 16%, live fish with 6%, and shellfish with 3%.

The total FOB value of the exported aquarium products in the third quarter of 2018 was TO\$310,915.50 compared to TOP\$112,891.40 in the third quarter of last year. This is a 175% increase from export value compared to the same quarter last year, and an increase of 71% from previous quarter.

Aquarium products export details



DOMESTIC MARKET

A total of 27 metric tons of marine resources was recorded in this quarter and approximately valued at TOP\$0.24 million. This is a 13% increase from the volume of marine resources recorded in the previous quarter. The value also increase by 4.3% from the previous quarter. The average price varied according to market demand for fish and cost of production, but a change in fish market price is determined by the quantity of marine products available in the market in a particular time. The volume of fin fish recorded in this quarter was 18 metric tons valued at TOP\$0.16 million which is a 23% decrease from the previous quarter. The average price at Faua market ranged at \$9/kg to \$10/kg in this quarter while the price of fin fish in other fish markets remain at a range of \$7 to \$8 per kilogram.

Source: Ministry of Fisheries market survey database

Market survey details by weight by value

