

REGIONAL MONTHLY CONSOLIDATED PRICE MONITORING REPORT (RCPMR)


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REGION: National Capital Region

NAME OF MARKETS: 1. Balintawak 3. Farmers 5. Commonwealth 7. Trabajo 9. Kamuning 10. Navotas Fish Port Complex (Mkt. 3, 4 & 5)
 2. Muñoz 4. Mega-Q 6. Tandang sora 8. Quinta 10. Galas

DATE COVERED: March 1-28, 2020

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1. <i>Chanos chanos</i>	Milkfish	Bangus							
		Small (6pcs and above)	120	120	120 & 130	130	120	130	120
		Medium (3-5 pcs)	160	160	150-180	180	160 & 180	180	150
2. <i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>	Tilapia	Large (1-2)	180	180	180	180 & 190	180	190	180
		Tilapia							
		Small (6 pcs and above)	120	120	100	120	120	120	120
3. <i>Penaeus vannamei</i>	Whiteleg shrimp	Medium (3-5 pcs)	120	120	120	120 & 130	120	130	120
		Large (1-2 pcs)	120	130	130	120	120 & 130	130	120
		Hipon							
<i>Penaeus monodon</i>	Blacktiger shrimp	Small (61 pcs and above)	320	240-400	320-380	360	320	400	240
		Medium (31 pcs to 60pcs)	400	400	360 & 440	360	360 & 400	440	360
		Large (30 pcs and below)	450-500	480	480 & 500	480 & 500	480 & 500	500	450
<i>Penaeus monodon</i>	Blacktiger shrimp	Sugpo							
		Small (26 pcs and above)	300-700	250-750	300-750	350	300 & 750	750	250
		Medium (16-25 pcs)	700	400-750	400-800	400-700	400	800	400
4. <i>Gracilaria sp.</i>	Seaweeds	Large to Jumbo (15 pcs and below)	650-850	700	600-850	600	600 & 850	850	600
		Guso							
		Small (26 pcs and above)	200	200	200	80 & 200	200	200	80
<i>Caulerpa lentillifera</i>	Seaweeds	Lato	200	200	200	200	200	200	
<i>Kappaphycus alvarezii</i>	Seaweeds	Tambalang	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5. <i>Crassostrea iredalie</i>	Oyster	Talaba	100	100	100	100	100	100	
6. <i>Perna viridis</i>	Mussel	Tahong	100	140	100	100	100	140	
7. <i>Scylla serrata</i>	Mudcrab	Alimango							
		Male	400	400	350-850	400	400	850	350
		Female	400 & 650	400 & 650	350-950	400	400	950	350
8. <i>Portunus pelagicus</i>	Blue swimming Crab	Alimasag							
		Small/Medium (7 pcs and above)	160	300	240	250 & 300	300	300	160
		Large (1-6 pcs)	250-550	400 & 450	450	400 & 450	450	550	250
9. <i>Thunnus albacares</i>	Yellow fin	Tambakol							
		Whole	240 & 300	240 & 300	220	200	240 & 300	300	200
		Sliced	400	400	400	280 & 300	400	400	280
		Head	-	-	250	80	80 & 250	250	80
<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	Skipjack	Gulyasan							
		Whole	180 & 200	150-200	200	100-240	200	240	100
		Sliced	280	300	300	280	280 & 300	300	280

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<i>Auxis thazard</i>	Frigate	Tulingan	150-200	160 & 200	140-200	120-150	200	200	230
<i>Auxis rochei</i>	Bullet	Tulingan	180 & 220	200	220	120 & 140	220	220	120
10. <i>Sardinella fimbriata</i>	Sardines	Tunsoy	100 & 150	120	60-200	100-150	100 & 150	200	60
<i>Sardinella lemuru</i>	Sardines	Tamban	100	100	60	50	100	100	50
<i>Sardinella gibosa</i>	Sardines	Tamban	140	140	100-200	70 & 100	100 & 140	200	70
11. <i>Rastrilleger kanagurta</i>	Mackerel	Alumahan	200-340	240	240-360	260 & 300	240	360	200
<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	Mackerel	Tangigue	200-480	180 & 340	200-350	180-260	180 & 200	480	180
12. <i>Decapterus macrostoma</i>	Round scad	Galunggong							
		Small (21 pcs and above)	120	160	200	180	120-200	200	120
		Medium (11-20 pcs)	240	200 & 280	240	160	240	280	160
		Large (7-10 pcs)	240	240	240	120-250	240	250	120
13. <i>Loliqo sp.</i>	Squid	Pusit							
		Lumot	450	400 & 450	400	400	400	450	400
		Bisaya/Kalawang/ Lapis	150	320	280-400	300	150-400	400	150
14. <i>Lutjanus sp.</i>	Snapper	Maya-maya	600	300	400	250-650	250-650	650	250
15. <i>Epinephelus sp.</i>	Grouper	Lapu-lapu	300	200-600	320 & 400	200-450	200	600	200
<i>Epinephelus sp.</i>	Grouper (Red)	Lapu-lapu pula	450	400	350-500	300	300-500	500	200
OTHER FISHERY COMMODITIES									
<i>Caesio sp.</i>	Fusillier	Dalagang bukid							
		Bilog	320	240-320	240-300	150	240 & 320	320	150
		Lapad	280 & 360	300	280-450	200	280	450	200
<i>Selar crumenophthalmus</i>	Bigeye scad	Matambaka	320	220	240	200	200-320	320	200
<i>Atule mate</i>	Yellowtail scad	Salay-salay	260	200-380	180-380	240-380	380	380	180
<i>Charybdis feriata</i>	Christian crab	Krusan	-	-	-	120	120	120	120
<i>Rastrilleger brachysoma</i>	Short-bodied mackerel	Hasa-hasa	160-300	240	240	240	240	300	160
<i>Decapterus kurroides</i>	Redtail scad	Galunggong Burot	100 & 120	100-240	120	100	100	240	100
<i>Decaptesrus macarellus</i>	Mackerel scad	Galunggong Balsa	200	180	160-200	180 & 240	180 & 200	240	160
<i>Decapterus Macrostoma</i>	Round scad	Galunggong Imported	200	200	200 & 240	160	200	240	160
<i>Decapterus russelli</i>	Indian scad	Galunggong Babae	110-160	30-100	60-160	60 & 120	60 & 160	160	30
<i>Nemipterus sp.</i>	Threadfin	Bisugo	400	360	360	200-400	360 & 400	400	200
<i>Leiognathus sp.</i>	Ponyfish	Sap-sap	400	400	340-520	400 & 450	400	520	340
<i>Selaroides leptolepis</i>	Eye stripe surgeon fish	Salay ginto	200-280	240 & 280	240-320	200-280	200-280	320	200
<i>Siganus sp.</i>	Rabbitfish	Samaral	400	300-420	400	240-450	400	450	240
<i>Caranx sp.</i>	Trevally	Talakitok	200 & 450	300	200-400	200-550	200	550	200
<i>Nemipterus sp.</i>	King goldier bream	Bitilya	220	240-380	280	220	220	380	220
<i>Acanthurus sp.</i>	Surgeon fish	Labahita	200	200-300	200-450	250	200	450	200
<i>Scarus sp.</i>	Parrotfish	Moro	-	-	-	100	100	100	100
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	Pompano	Pampano	280	380	380	380 & 400	380	400	280
<i>Trichiurus lepturus</i>	Hairtail	Espada	-	-	-	250	250	250	250
<i>Mene maculata</i>	Moonfish	Chabeta	140 & 200	200	160	140	140 & 200	200	140
<i>Tylosorus sp.</i>	Needlefish	Batalyos	100	100	-	-	100	100	100
<i>Sphyaena sp.</i>	Barracuda	Torsilyo	180-220	220	240-350	130 & 220	220	350	180

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<p>ýThe DA, through DA Administrative Circular No. 01, has issued Suggested Retail Prices (SRP) for for selected fishery commodities effective 24 February 2020:</p> <p>1. Cage-Cultured Bangus: Php162.00/Kg 2. Pond-cultured Tilapia: Php120.00/Kg 3. Imported Galunggong: Php130.00/Kg</p> <p>March 2-6, 2020:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The prevailing retail price of imported Galunggong remain higher than the Php143.00/kg, which is the allowable upper limit of the set SRP. 2. Some vendors are unable to follow the set SRP due to the high wholesale price from their respective suppliers. In addition, some market vendors from Kamuning, Galas, Muñoz, and Tandang Sora are sourcing their supply from nearby retail markets (e.g. Farmers), which brought another level of price mark-up. 3. The supply of marine fishes, including local Galunggong (<i>Decapterus spp.</i>) began to decrease during the latter part of the week as a result of the nearing of full moon on March 9 where the moon light causes fishes to scatter, making them difficult to catch. 4. The three-month fishing ban for <i>Sardinella spp.</i> in some parts of Zamboanga Peninsula as stated in the BFAR Administrative Circular (BAC) 255, Series of 2014 ended this week. Higher volume of the said commodity is expected in the coming days. 5. A large supply of imported Galunggong is available in all the monitored markets. However, the supply of the said commodity decreased due to market abundant supply of local Galunggong, and the vendors and consumers' preference of local Galunggong over imported. 6. A large supply of <i>Sardinella spp.</i> was observed in majority of the monitored markets this week. 7. The prevailing retail price of medium-sized Tilapia remain stable within the set SRP at Php120.00/kg. 8. The Tilapia supply is still mostly from Pampanga, while the supply from Batangas is observed to be in an increasing trend. 9. Some markets vendors are selling live Tilapia at Php20.00/kg higher than fresh-chilled Tilapia. 10. The price and supply of Bangus remain stable in all the monitored retail markets and still within the set SRP. 11. The supply of Bangus, Tilapia, and local Galunggong are being sold in mixed sizes in some of the monitored retail markets. 12. Some vendors noted that the demand from the buying public for fishery commodities is low (i.e., matumal ang bentahan), which urged them to lessen their selling price and/or lessen their supply for selling. <p>March 9-13, 2020: The prevailing retail prices of medium-sized Bangus, Tilapia, local Galunggong, imported Galunggong, and Alumahan are currently at Php160.00/kg, Php120.00/kg, Php200.00/kg and Php280.00/kg, Php200.00/kg and Php240.00/kg, respectively.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A low supply of marine fishes, including local Galunggong (<i>Decapterus spp.</i>), is observed in all the monitored markets due to the occurrence of full moon last March 9, where the bright moon light causes fishes to scatter, making them difficult to catch. 2. Majority of the available local Galunggong are small-sized. 3. The supply of imported Galunggong in the monitored retail markets remain lower as compared last February. 4. The retail price of imported Galunggong in the monitored markets remain higher than Php143.00/kg, which is the upper limit of the SRP. 5. Some vendors are unable to follow the set SRP due to the high wholesale price from their respective suppliers. In addition, some vendors from Kamuning, Galas, Muñoz, and Tandang Sora are sourcing their supply from nearby retail markets (e.g. Farmers), which brought another level of price mark-up. 6. The prevailing retail price of medium-sized Bangus and Tilapia remain stable within the set SRP due to the sufficient supply in all the monitored markets. 7. The demand from the buying public is low (i.e., matumal ang bentahan), which caused some retail vendors to lessen their supply for selling and for some to lessen their supply. The low demand may be attributed to the issue on Corona Virus (COVID-19), which resulted to lesser buyers in the markets. <p>March 16-20, 2020:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There continues to be sufficient supply of fishery commodities due to the availability from major sources such as Navotas and Malabon Markets. 2. There is still a large volume of Galunggong (<i>Decapterus spp.</i>) in the monitored markets, wherein majority are small to medium in size. 3. Bangus and Tilapia had a Php5.00/kg to Php10.00/kg increase as a result of various safety measures (i.e., checkpoints) implemented upon entry of fish supply in Metro Manila as part of the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) brought about by the COVID-19 outbreak. 4. Brgy. Tandang Sora, where Tandang Sora Market is located, was placed under "Extreme Community Quarantine" effective March 19, 2020 due to the three (3) positive cases of COVID-19 in the area. Despite this, Tandang Sora Market continues to be in full operation with sufficient supply of fishery commodities. 5. The supply of imported Galunggong in some monitored retail markets continue to be sufficient. Its prevailing retail price, however, remain higher than Php143.00/kg—which is the maximum allowable limit of the set SRP. 6. Some vendors are unable to follow the set SRP due to the high wholesale price from their respective suppliers. In addition, some vendors from Kamuning, Galas, Muñoz, and Tandang Sora are sourcing their supply from nearby retail markets (e.g. Farmers), which brought another layer of price mark-up. 7. Generally, the number of buyers remain at the monitored markets (except Balintawak Market as it is a "bagsakan" type of market) is very low as a result of the ECQ in Luzon. However, more buyers are observed at the market during morning as compared in the afternoon. 8. Farmers, Mega-Q, Kamuning, and Trabajo Markets have shifted their operating hours as follow: Farmers Market from 5AM-6PM to 1AM-10PM; Mega-Q from 3AM-10PM to 5AM-8PM; Kamuning from 2AM-8PM to 6AM-7PM; and Trabajo from 4:30AM-9PM to 4:30AM-8PM. 9. There is a low demand for fishery commodities as a result of the crisis situation and suspension of mass transportation. This caused some vendors to: (a) not open their fish stalls; (b) sell out their remaining fishery commodities from the previous day with a lower price; (c) reduce the volume of fishery commodities for selling; or (d) offer a lower selling price for commodities. 10. The Bureau is continuously monitoring the markets to assess the possible impacts of the COVID-19 situation in both the supply and demand of fishery commodities. 									
Remarks/Market Observations:									

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	<p>March 23-27, 2020</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The supply of fishery commodities remain sufficient. Large volumes of marine fishes, such as local Galunggong (<i>Decapterus spp.</i>), Tulingan, Dalagang Bukid Bilog, and Matambaka, were observed in the monitored markets. Majority of Galunggong Babae are small-sized while Galunggong Lalaki are small and medium-sized. Only Balintawak Market has supply of imported Galunggong. The absence of imported galunggong in other monitored markets may be due to the abundance of its local variant, which is more preferred by consumers. The prevailing prices of Bangus and Tilapia in the monitored markets is higher this week due to the lesser supply caused by the ECQ. Only a small volume of Tilapia from Batangas is available in the monitored retail markets. Most of the supplies are from Pampanga. Some fish vendors in the following markets are still selling their supply of Bangus and Tilapia above the allowable limit of the set Suggested Retail Price (SRP). This may be due to some retailers buying their supply from nearby retail markets (i.e., Farmers), causing another level of price mark-up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bangus - Kamuning, Galas, Tandang Sora, Trabajo, Commonwealth Tilapia - Kamuning, Tandang Sora On March 24, 2020, there are relatively more buyers observed at the Balintawak, Munoz, Mega-Q, Tandang Sora, and Commonwealth Markets, while a low influx of buyers was observed at the Farmers and Trabajo Markets. With the implementation of ECQ, buyers are securing their supplies in the morning. Meanwhile, on March 27, more buyers are observed at the Balintawak, Mega-Q, Farmers and Kamuning Markets. Influx of buyers in other remaining markets are still minimal. More fish vendors are observed in the markets on March 24. However, most have reduced their volume of fish for selling. Several fish stalls were also closed as some vendors have difficulty in getting fish supplies from major fish ports due to the suspension of mass transportation and lack of private vehicles. Trabajo, Tandang Sora, Kamuning, Quinta, and Munoz Markets continue the strict implementation of a "One Entry, One Exit" Policy and limitation of buyers entering their markets. The foregoing markets also require quarantine passes upon entry. Some markets also started implementing other restrictions relative to the implementation of ECQ such as "No ID, No Entry" policy at the Navotas Fish Port, and "No Face Mask and Quarantine Pass, No Entry" policy at the Trabajo Market. PFDA also stopped the issuance of IDs at the Navotas Fish Port to avoid crowding. 								
Source Areas:	Navotas Fish Port, Malabon Fish Port, Farmers Market, Bulacan, Batangas, Pampanga, Laguna, Pangasinan, Palawan, Zambales, Quezon Province, Cavite, Gensan								
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