

# NATIONAL CONSOLIDATED PRICE MONITORING REPORT (NCPMR)



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TOP FISHERY COMMODITIES				Prevailing Price (Php/kg)																	NATIONAL			
	Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name	CAR	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4A	Region 4B	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Region 10	Region 11	Region 12	CARAGA	BARMM	NCR	Prevailing Price (Php/kg)	High	Low	
1	<i>Chanos chanos</i>	Milkfish	<b>Bangus/Bangrus</b>						180-200	120												120-200	200	120
			Small (6pcs and above)	150	120-140	160	-	140	100	-	160	150	160	120 & 180	120	90 & 140	100-150	120	130	120	120	180	90	
			Medium (3-5 pcs)	180	160	180	-	120 & 180	140-200	-	180	160	140-200	120 & 150	160	140	160	140	150	160	160	200	120	
			Large (1-2 pcs)	200	180	200	-	200	150-220	-	200	180	170-250	120	180	160	140 & 180	160	180	180	180	250	120	
2	<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>	Tilapia	<b>Tilapia/Pla-pla</b>	130	120 & 130	-	-	-	160	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120-160	160	120	
			Small (6 pcs and above)	-	130	100	-	110	120	-	140	-	120-170	120	100	100	120	120	160	110	120	170	100	
			Medium (3-5 pcs)	-	130	120	-	120	100-150	-	140 & 180	150	160	160	140	140 & 160	130 & 140	140	170	120	140	180	100	
			Large (1-2 pcs)	-	130	-	-	140	130-140	-	200	160	-	160	150	160 & 170	140 & 160	150 & 160	170 & 180	110	160	200	110	
3	<i>Penaeus vannamei</i>	Whiteleg shrimp	<b>Hipon/Pasayan/Urang/Bingalo/Sugpo/Suahe/Hipong Puti/Putian/Pansat/Udang</b>																					
			Small (61 pcs and above)	350	200-260		250-400	320 & 340	200	200	250	250	150-350	250		180-220	280	240-340	250 & 350	300 & 340	250	400	150	
			Medium (31 pcs to 60pcs)	450	360	450	300-500	440	280-480	350	400	300	200-450	400	360	280	260 & 280	300	270	360	280-450	500	200	
			Large (30 pcs and below)	500	550	600	350-600	440-600	400-500	-	500	380	540	450	490	340	350	350	350	400	350	600	340	
	<i>Penaeus monodon</i>	Blacktiger Prawn	<b>Sugpo/Padaw/Lukon/Pansat</b>																					
			Small (26 pcs and above)	-	-	-	300	410 & 600	400	400	-	350	-	-	-	180	500	-	500	250-850	400 & 500	500	180	
			Medium (16-25 pcs)	-	650	900	350-800	480	380	-	450	500-750	330-500	350	350 & 400	220	600	350	600	900	350	900	220	
			Large to Jumbo (15 pcs and below)	-	750	-	700	600	600-750	-	600 & 700	700-1000	540-600	700	-	850	-	-	500 & 800	950	600 & 700	1000	500	
4	<i>Gracilaria sp.</i>	Seaweeds	<b>Guso/Gurguraman/Kanot-kanot/Agar-agar/Gulaman/Gamo-gamo</b>	-	-	-	-	140		-	-	40	40	40	140	40 & 70	50 & 70	60	20	200	40	200	20	
	<i>Caulerpa lentillifera</i>	Sea Grapes	<b>Lato/Ar-arusip/Arorosip/Arosep/Eaba-eaba/Homhom/Latoh/Gosuh</b>	-	200 & 240	200	200	200	100	-	-	100	40-160	35-160	40 & 140	160-200	100	50	11-50	-	200	240	11	
	<i>Kappaphycus alvarezii</i>	Seaweeds	<b>Tambalang/Kanut-kanut/Gulaman/Guso/Agal-agal</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	50	40 & 80	100	-	50	20-76	90	50	100	20	
5	<i>Crassostrea iredalei</i>	Oyster	<b>Talaba/Tirem/Sisi/Tahong</b>	-	150	40	50	150	-	-	-	60	100	40	40	10	60		10	100	40	150	10	
6	<i>Perna viridis</i>	Mussel	<b>Tahong/Kinason/Alamahong</b>	80	100 & 120	100	100	120	-	-	-	100	60	50	90-130	80	80	50	-	100 & 120	100	130	50	
7	<i>Scylla serrata</i>	Mudcrab	<b>Alimango/Rasa/Alama/Han-it/Kinis</b>	-	600	700	-	480	-	-	450		250-600	350		350-800	-	-	-	-	350-600	800	250	
			Male	-	-	700	320-700	-	400 & 500	500	-	1000	-	450	450	600	450	600	150-500	400	450 & 500	1000	150	
			Female	-	-	450 & 700	400-800	-	700-750		-	1000	-	450	250-480		600	500	300	400	400 & 450	1000	250	
8	<i>Portunus pelagicus</i>	Blue swimming Crab	<b>Alimasag/Dariway/Galiwey/Kasag/Lambay/Masag/Kagang Sukay/Kalelepa</b>	-	300	-	-	-	200	200	-	-	-	-	480	-	-	-	-	-	200	480	200	
			Small/Medium (7 pcs and above)	-	250	-	200	400	160-350		100-420	300	240-300	350	240-480	380	150	200-320	150-250	120-450	150-350	400	100	
			Large (1-6 pcs)	450	-	-	300	300				350-500	340	250	200-380	-	300	380-420	180-300	400	300	500	180	
9	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	Yellow fin Tuna	<b>Tambakol/Tulingan/Tangi/Bangkulis/Panit/Bantalaan/Bantaea-an/Bariles/Pakan/Pirit/Karaw/Barilis/Carao</b>	-	-	-	320	-	-	240	-	-	-	-	80-300	-	-	-	-	-	80-320	320	80	
			Whole	200 & 250	250	380	300	300	250	250	180 & 200	200-380	160	170	180	180 & 360	150	180 & 240	250	240	250	380	150	
			Sliced	-	380	380	-	300 & 380	180	250	300	300	150	140	280	280 & 340	300	260	80-220	400	300	400	140	
			Head	-	-	-	-	250	-	-	160	250	120	160-200	220 & 360	100 & 180	180	150	200	120 & 140	120-250	250	100	

	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	Skipjack Tuna	Gulyasan/Dumadara/Buslugan/Tangi/Pundahan/Kanturayan/Gurayan/Budlis/Salimbagon/Budlis/Tulingan/Puyan/Sambagon/Bulis/Pawayan/Gusayan/Puyan/Langalak	-	200	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	-	-	120	-	-	120	250	120
			Whole	-	200	-	220	-	-	-	180	250	140-600	180	200	160	120	160	180	200	180 & 200	250	120
			Sliced	-	380	-	-	-	80-180	-	200		120 & 150	180	180	180-250	200		200	300	180	380	80
	<i>Auxis thazard</i>	Frigate Tuna	Tulingan/Tangi/Bonito/Tulingan Lapad/Turingan/Aloy Mangko/Pirit/Bolis/Lapad/Pidlayan/Mangku	-	-	130	180 & 240	-	150	-	160	220-250	200	140	100-160	120 & 180	160	130	50-200	200	160 & 200	250	50
	<i>Auxis rochei</i>	Bullet Tuna	Tulingan/Tangi/Bonito/Tulingan-Bilog/Aloy/Mangko Pirit/Turingan/Bolis/Mangku/Pidlayan/Budboron	-	-	40	-	-	120	160-180	200	280	150	120	120 & 130	80-180	200	120	50-200	200 & 220	120 & 200	280	40
10	<i>Sardinella fimbriata</i>	Fringescale Sardinella	Tunsoy/Bilis/Tamban/Tawilis/Lawlaw/Manamsi/Tabagak/Mangsi/Tapisok/Tayapad/Kasig	-	-	-	-	-	40 & 50	60	-	-	80	40	50-80	-	80	100	100	80	100	40	40
	<i>Sardinella lemuru</i>	Bali Sardinella	Tamban/Bilis/Tunsoy/Salinas/Lawlaw/Tuloy/Tabagak/Anduhaw/Kasig	-	-	-	-	-	60	50 & 60	80 & 100		40-80	70	40	60	-	40	50-180	100	40 & 60	180	40
	<i>Sardinella gibbosa</i>	Goldstripe Sardinella	Tamban/Tunsoy/Lawlaw/Tabagak/Tuloy/Mangsi/Kasig	-	-	-	-	-	100	60	100	50	60		100	100	50 & 60	50-100		100	100	50	50
11	<i>Rastrelliger kanagurta</i>	Indian Mackerel	Alumahan/Kabalias/Kabalyas/Baraniti/Tanigi/Tangigue/Buraw/Boraw/Karabalyas/Anduhaw	-	-	-	-	-	200	160	170-320	240	130 & 150	120 & 180	180	80	220	100	300	180	320	80	80
	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	Narrow-barred Spanish Mackerel	Tangigue/Tanigue/Tangi/Karabalyas	-	-	-	350	-	-	-	300-450	450	160-300	120 & 350	500	340	280	250	130	240-600	300-450	500	120
12	<i>Decapterus macrosoma</i>	Shortfin Scad	Galunggong/Baraniti/Bulilit/Galunggong Lalake/Sibobog/Tamodios/Marot Borot/Lambarok sigarilyuon/Burot/Budloy/Tamarong/Moromoro/Sigarilyo/Tayang	-	200	-	-	-	200	200	-	-	-	-	130	-	-	-	-	-	200	200	130
			Small (21 pcs and above)	-	220	-	-	-	-	130	160 & 200	100	100	40-120	100 & 160	150	80 & 140	120	100-160	100	220	40	40
			Medium (11-20 pcs)	300	280	150	240	-	220	140 & 160	160 & 200	160	120	40 & 150	140	200	140	90 & 180	280	140 & 160	300	40	40
			Large (7-10 pcs)	-	300	140	240-360	-	-	-	220	180 & 200	140	200	160	200	160	100	280	200	360	100	100
13	<i>Loligo sp.</i>	Squid	Pusit	-	-	-	-	-	350	350	180		160-340	270	120	120	-	-	150		120 & 350	350	120
			Lumot/Laki/Kanuos/Nokus/Noos Nokos/Nukos/Tostos/Baghak/Choka/Lumiagan/Nukos/Lumayagan/Barawan	-	100-650	160	240-400	-	-	-	-	380-450	160	300	80-500	120	200	120	150-200	450	120-450	450	80
			Bisaya/Kalawang/Lapis//Laki/Kanuos/Nokus/Noos Nokos/Nukos/Tostos/Baghak/Choka/Lumiagan/Nukos/Lumayagan/Barawan	180-350	100	280	140	-	120-140	-	150-180	120-150	160-300	280	180	140	120 & 160	300	200	300	120-300	300	100
14	<i>Lutjanus sp.</i>	Snapper	Maya-maya/Angrat/Burara/Aluman/Saing-saing/Kutambak	-	350 & 400	380	300	-	-	200	260	450	120	250-350	200 & 350	280	200	300	200	650	200	650	120
15	<i>Epinephelus sp.</i>	Grouper	Lapu-lapu/Baraka/Inid/Pugado/Tingag/Pogapo/Baraka/Lapu-lapo Itum/Pugapo/Kulapu	-	380	-	600	-	360	360	380	450	350	350	200-300	300 & 400	300-350	300	200	500	300 & 350	600	200
		Grouper (Red)	Lapu-lapu/Baraka/Inid/Pugado/Tingag/Pogapo/Baraka/Pugapo/Kulapu	-	-	350	600	-	250-380	-	-	550 & 600	300-400	350		300 & 550	400	300-600	200	300-800	300	800	200
<b>OTHER FISHERY COMMODITIES</b>																							
1	<i>Abalites sp.</i>	Triggerfish	Pakol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	100
3	<i>Acanthurus olivaceus</i>	Orangespot Surgeonfish	Uring/Tarian	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	230	-	-	-	-	-	230 & 300	300	230
4	<i>Acanthurus sp.</i>	Surgeon Fish	Labahita	-	-	240	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100 & 240	240	100
6	<i>Alectis ciliaris</i>	African Pompano	Talakitok	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	-	150	150	150
11	<i>Anodontia edentula</i>	Mangrove Clam	Imhaw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	200	200
13	<i>Atule mate</i>	Yellowtail Scad	Salay-salay/Marapati/Budburon/Bagudlong	-	-	-	-	-	100	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200-420	100-420	420	100
16	<i>Caesio sp.</i>	Fusilier	Dalagang Bukid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190 & 280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190 & 280	280	190



130	<i>Rastrelliger brachysoma</i>	Short-bodied Mackerel	Hasa- hasa/Baraniti/Kabalyas/Kabayas/Agumaa/Gumaa/ Boraw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	240	180-220	-	-	-	-	-	-	360	180-360	360	180
131	<i>Rastrelliger kanagurta</i>	Indian Mackerel	Alumahan/Burao	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	100
138	<i>Saurida tumbil</i>	Greater Lizard Fish	Talho/Tiki-tiki	-	260	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120 & 140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120 & 140	140	120
140	<i>Scarus ghobban</i>	Blue-barred parrotfish	Mol-mol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	240	-	-	-	-	-	-	240	240	240
141	<i>Scarus sp.</i>	Parrotfish	Mul-Mol/Mol-mol/Batagon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	180-200	100-240	-	-	-	-	-	-	100-250	250	100
142	<i>Scatophagus argus</i>	Spotted Scad	Kapiged/Kitang	-	280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	280	-	-	-	280	300	280
144	<i>Scomber japonicus</i>	Chub Mackerel	Salmon	-	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	170	170
146	<i>Sepia sp.</i>	Cuttlefish	Bagulan/Baghak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160-350	200	-	-	-	-	-	160-350	350	160
147	<i>Selar boops</i>	Oxeye Scad	Matang-baka/Matambaka/Tamarong/Kutob	-	206 & 280	-	-	-	240	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	100-280	280	100
148	<i>Selar crumenophthalmus</i>	Big-eye Scad	Matangbaka/Matambaka/Mat-an/Salay-salay/Tamarong/Tulay/Kutob	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	180	120-240	200	140	200	-	-	120-240	100	260	120-240	240	120
149	<i>Selaroides leptolepis</i>	Yellow-striped Scad	Salay-salay/Salay-ginto/Dalinuan/Lambiyaw/Karabalyas	-	260 & 280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	280	200
150	<i>Siganus canaliculatus</i>	White-spotted Spinefoot	Malaga/Danggit/Samaral/Tambol/Hamol-od/Kitong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	350	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200 & 350	350	200
151	<i>Siganus guttatus</i>	Golden/Yellow/Orange-spotted Spinefoot	Malaga/Barangan/Danggit/Samaral/Tambol/Kitong/Manlalara/Bong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200-300	70-350	280	-	-	-	-	-	70-350	350	70
154	<i>Siganus vermiculatus</i>	Vermiculated spinefoot	Malaga	-	300-400	320	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	400	300
155	<i>Siganus sp.</i>	Spinefoot/ Rabbitfish/Siganid	Bataway/Danggit/Bawis/Malaga	-	-	-	-	-	-	250 & 260	240 & 250	-	-	80 & 350	-	-	-	-	-	190-420	250	350	80
158	<i>Sphyræna jello</i>	Pickhandle Barracuda	Tunong-tunong	-	240-280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100-130	-	-	-	-	-	-	100-280	280	100
160	<i>Sphyræna sp.</i>	Barracuda	Panghalwan/Lusod/Rumpi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100-280	150-270	-	-	-	-	-	-	100-280	280	100
161	<i>Stolephorus comersonii</i>	Commerson's Anchovy	Dilis/Bolinao	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	120	120
162	<i>Stolephorus indicus</i>	Indian Anchovy	Munamon/Libgaw/Sinarap/Sarapon	-	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	160	160
163	<i>Stolephorus sp.</i>	Anchovy	Dilis/Bolinao/Tuwakang/Bawdnon	-	-	-	120	-	-	-	-	-	70-100	50-200	-	-	-	-	-	-	70-200	200	70
164	<i>Telescopium telescopium</i>	Horn Snail	Bagunong/Chupakulo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	50	50
165	<i>Terapon sp.</i>	Terapon	Bagaong/Bukawil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	60	60
166	<i>Terapon jarbua</i>	Tiger perch	Balaungan	-	280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	280	280	280
167	<i>Terebralia sulcata</i>	Sulcate Swamp Cerith	Lambis/Supsup	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	20	20	20
168	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>	Big-eye tuna	Barilis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100-400	-	-	-	-	260 & 380	-	100-400	400	100
169	<i>Thunnus tonggol</i>	Longtail tuna	Tambakol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 & 340	-	-	-	-	300 & 400	400	300
170	<i>Trachinotus blochii</i>	Silver Pompano	Pompano	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450	450	450	450
171	<i>Trichiurus lepturus</i>	Largehead Hairtail	Espada/ Pingka/Langkoy Lahing/Diwit	-	260 & 300	250-400	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150-400	400	150
173	<i>Tylosurus acus melanotus</i>	Agujon Needlefish	Balo/Batalay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	220	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	220	220	220
174	<i>Tylosurus crocodilus</i>	Hound Needlefish	Balo/Bawo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180 & 240	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180 & 240	240	180
176	<i>Upeneus sulphureus</i>	Sulphur Goatfish	Ti-aw/Timbongan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180	180	180
177	<i>Upeneus spp.</i>	Goatfish	Saramulyete	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	350	350	350
179	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>	Swordfish	Marlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	180	180	180

NA- Not Available during price monitoring activity (Source area)

(-) - Not Available during price monitoring activity (Price & Volume)

#### REMARKS AND OBSERVATIONS

##### CAR

##### Week 2- December 8-14, 2019

Only a few of the fishery commodities at the Cordillera Region are caught in the locality. Most are sourced from nearby regions. Price of some fishery commodities increased due the higher demand brought by the swine fever outbreak.

##### Week 4- December 22-31, 2019

Smaller volume of fishery commodities coming from Ifugao and Abra. Only a few of the fishery commodities at the Cordillera Region are caught in the locality. Most are sourced from nearby regions. Price of some fishery commodities increased due the higher demand brought by the swine fever outbreak.

##### R1

##### Week 1- December 1-7, 2019

Price of some commodities at the Urdaneta City Public Market is relatively higher due to the Christmas holidays.

##### Week 2- December 8-14, 2019

Price of some commodities at the Urdaneta City Public Market, especially Galunggong, increased due to the apparent low supply in the market during the monitoring.

##### Week 3- December 15-21, 2019

Almost all fishery commodities in Vigan are chilled and sourced from other provinces.

##### Week 4- December 22-31, 2019

The prices of fish commodities, especially squid, increased due to the Christmas holidays. More specifically, fresh Bisaya/Kalawang/ Lapis was sold at Php380.00/kg while the frozen was sold at Php280.00/kg.

<b>R2</b>
<b>Week 2- December 8-14, 2019</b> Fresh Bisaya/Kalawang/ Lapis was sold at Php280.00/kg while the frozen are sold at Php180.00/kg.
<b>R3</b>
Prices of fish commodities depend on the sizes and volume of fish catch, and consignment basis
<b>R4A</b>
<b>Week 1- December 1-7, 2019</b> Price of some marine fishes remain high due to the bad weather condition and low supply. Only one stall was observed to be selling local Galunggong in each of the following markets due to the implementation of the Closed Fishing Season: Calamba City Public Market, Angono Public Market, and Lemery Public Market Meanwhile, there was no Galunggong sold at the Tanza Public Market and Lucena City Public Market, Some vendors in Calamba, Laguna, and Angono Rizal are buying some of their fishery commodities, especially Bangus, from other vendors.
<b>Week 2- December 8-14, 2019</b> There is a limited supply of fishery commodities, especially marine fishes, in Region 4A. More specifically, four markets have no available Galunggong while the remaining have low supply. Some vendors in Calamba, Laguna, and Angono Rizal are buying some of their fishery commodities, especially Bangus, from other vendors.
<b>Week 4- December 22-31, 2019</b> Price of some marine fishes remain high due to the bad weather condition and low supply. Only one stall was observed to be selling local Galunggong in each of the following markets due to the implementation of the Closed Fishing Season: Calamba City Public Market, Angono Public Market, and Lemery Public Market Meanwhile, there was no Galunggong sold at the Tanza Public Market and Lucena City Public Market, Some vendors in Calamba, Laguna, and Angono Rizal are buying some of their fishery commodities, especially Bangus, from other vendors.
<b>R4B</b>
<b>Week 2- December 8-14, 2019</b> Price of fishery commodities in the monitored public markets is high due to the low supply caused by Typhoon Tisoy.
<b>R8</b>
<b>Week 1- December 1-7, 2019</b> Price of fishery commodities increased due to the low supply caused by Typhoon Tisoy.
<b>Week 4- December 22-31, 2019</b> Price of fishery commodities remain high due to the low supply caused by Typhoon Tisoy.
<b>R9</b>
Some provinces have limitation in fishery commodities due to Typhoon Tisoy.
<b>R10</b>
<b>Week 1- December 1-7, 2019</b> The supply of top fishery commodities is currently low in Camiguin Province. Price of commodities in the monitored markets, especially those coming from Zamboanga City, is high due to the implementation of the Closed Fishing Season of Sardines as well as the for some fin fish species common in the region. There is an observed increase in the price of <i>P.vanammei</i> for the whole month due to the lower supply of species alongside the high demand from direct consumers and food business establishments. The high price may also be attributed to the approaching Christmas holidays.
<b>R11</b>
There is a lesser display of fishery commodities in Davao Oriental due to the bad weather condition.
<b>NCR</b>
<b>Week 1- December 1-7, 2019</b> According to interviews, this is due to the low volume of catch caused by (1) the heavy rains brought by typhoon "Tisoy", which pressed some fisherfolk to halt their fishing operations, (2) the cold weather brought by Hanging Amihan, wherein marine fishes normally stay on the bottom of the ocean, making them difficult to catch, (3) the lean season for some marine fishes, and (4) the implementation of fishing bans for some marine fishes including local Galunggong ( <i>Decapterus spp.</i> ) in the Northern part of Palawan (per JAO No. 01 series of 2015), for Sardines, Herrings ( <i>Sardinella spp.</i> ) and Mackerels ( <i>Rastrilliger spp.</i> ) in some parts of the Visayan (per Fisheries Administrative Order No. 167-3 Series of 2013), and the aforementioned fishing ban of Sardines in some parts of Zamboanga Sea (per BFAR Administrative Circular 255). *The low supply of marine fishes alongside the the increase it the wholesale price urged some retail vendors to: (1) also increase their selling price, (2) lessen their supply for selling, and (3) sell other species of Galunggong such as "Balsa" ( <i>Decapterus macarellus</i> ) as well as frozen/imported fishery commodities such as <i>Auxis spp.</i> , and <i>Decapterus spp.</i> instead. There were also observations from the Muñoz Market that some local Galunggong vendors are now selling Bangus due to the same reason. On the other hand, the prevailing retail price of medium-sized Tilapia remain high at Php120.00/kg. Per market vendors, this is due to the low supply alongside the increase in the wholesale price of suppliers. *As for Bangus, the price and supply remain stable in all the monitored retail markets. However, some wholesale suppliers were noted to be selling at a higher price. * There is also an observed lesser variety of fish available at the monitored markets this week as compared to the weekly price data last month (October 2019). *Some markets vendors are selling live Tilapia at Php20.00/kg higher than fresh-chilled Tilapia. *The supply of Bangus, Tilapia, and local Galunggong are being sold in mixed sizes in some of the monitored retail markets. *According to some vendors, the high price of fishery commodities may be associated to the nearing of Christmas holidays. Some vendors have reminded the buying public that the high price may remain until early next year.

**Week 2- December 8-14, 2019**

The following observations were gathered during the actual price monitoring activities this week (December 9-13, 2019):

- \*Based on the gathered data, the prevailing retail price of medium-sized local Galunggong "lalaki" (*Decapterus macrosoma*) continue to increase and is now very high at Php280.00/kg.
- \*The supply of marine fishes, especially local Galunggong "Lalaki", remain low in all the monitored markets. Per market vendors, this is due to the low volume of catch caused by: (1) the occurrence of full moon last December 12, wherein the bright moon light causes the marine fishes to scatter, making them difficult to catch; (2) the cold weather brought by Hanging Amihan, wherein marine fishes normally stay on the bottom of the ocean, making them difficult to catch; (3) the lean season for some marine fishes, and (4) the implementation of fishing bans for some marine fishes including local Galunggong (*Decapterus spp.*) in the Northern part of Palawan (per JAO No. 01 series of 2015), for Sardines, Herrings (*Sardinella spp.*), and Mackerels (*Rastrilliger spp.*) in some parts of the Visayan (per Fisheries Administrative Order No. 167-3 Series of 2013), and the fishing ban of Sardines in some parts of Zamboanga Sea (per BFAR Administrative Circular 255).
- \*The low supply of marine fishes alongside the increase in the wholesale price among some suppliers have pressed some retail vendors to: (1) also increase their selling price, (2) lessen their supply for selling, and (3) sell other species of Galunggong such as "Balsa" (*Decapterus macarellus*) and "Babae" (*Decapterus ruselli*) as well as frozen/imported fishery commodities such as *Auxis spp.*, and *Decapterus spp.* instead. There were also observations from the Muñoz Market that some local Galunggong vendors are now opting to sell Bangus due to the same reason.
- \*It was also observed that the available supply of frozen/imported Galunggong decreased in all the monitored markets due to the lesser supply coming from major fish ports.
- \*On the other hand, the prevailing retail price of medium-sized Tilapia remain high at Php120.00/kg. According to vendors, this may also be attributed to the low supply and high wholesaler price. There were also recorded feedback that some producers are doing their efforts to increase the size and value of their Tilapia.
- \*As for Bangus, the price and supply remain stable in all the monitored retail markets. However, some wholesale suppliers were noted to be selling at a higher price.
- \*There is also an observed lesser variety of fish available, specially for high-value fish (e.g., "Lapu-lapu" or *Epinephelus spp.*, "Maya-maya" or *Lutjanus spp.*) in majority of the monitored retail markets this week as compared to the weekly price data last month (October 2019).
- \*Some markets vendors are selling live Tilapia at Php20.00/kg higher than fresh-chilled Tilapia.
- \*The supply of Bangus, Tilapia, and local Galunggong are being sold in mixed sizes in some of the monitored retail markets.
- \*According to some vendors, the high price of fishery commodities may be associated to the nearing of Christmas holidays. Some vendors have reminded the buying public that the high price may remain until early next year.

**Week 3- December 15-21, 2019**

Based on the team's actual price monitoring this week, the following market observations were gathered:

- \* The supply of fishery commodities, more specifically seaweeds and marine fishes such as local Galunggong (*Decapterus macrosoma*), remain very low. According to interviews with market vendors, this may be attributed to the following:
  - (a) the cold weather brought by Hanging Amihan, wherein the marine fishes normally stay on the bottom of the ocean,
  - (b) the lean season for the said commodities, and
  - (c) the implementation of fishing bans for some marine fishes including local Galunggong (*Decapterus spp.*) in the Northern part of Palawan (per JAO No. 01 series of 2015), for Sardines, Herrings (*Sardinella spp.*), and Mackerels (*Rastrilliger spp.*) in some parts of the Visayan (per Fisheries Administrative Order No. 167-3 Series of 2013), and the fishing ban for Sardines in some parts of Zamboanga Sea (per BFAR Administrative Circular 255).
- \* The price of local Galunggong is very high at this time, causing a lower demand from the buying public, as they opt for other fishery commodities instead.
- \* The above-mentioned alongside the low supply of local Galunggong caused an increase in vendors selling frozen and balsa Galunggong instead. However, there were also remarks from vendors that the low supply and high wholesale price of local Galunggong urged them to sell other fishery commodities instead.
- \* Some fish vendors decided to not open their fish stalls due to the limited supply of fishery commodities and the low demand from the buying public.
- \* The supply of hipon at some of the monitored retail markets is low this week. It was also observed that there was a Php50.00/kg - Php60.00/kg increase in the price of the said commodity at the Commonwealth Market as compared to last week.
- \* The price of Tilapia remain relatively higher this week due to the low supply from suppliers. Per interview with some vendors, this is due to some suppliers lengthening their culture period due to the "unmarketable size" of the Tilapia in their farms.

**Week 4- December 22-31, 2019**

The following observations were gathered during the actual price monitoring activities this week (December 23-27, 2019):

- \*The supply of marine fishes, more specifically some seaweeds and local Galunggong (*Decapterus macrosoma*), remain very low in all the monitored retail markets. According to interviews this might be attributed to:
  - (1) the rainy weather brought by typhoon "Ursula", which urged some fishfolk to postpone their fishing operations;
  - (2) the cold weather brought by Hanging Amihan, wherein marine fishes normally stay on the bottom of the ocean, making them difficult to catch;
  - (3) the lean season for some marine fishes, and
  - (4) the implementation of fishing bans for some marine fishes including local Galunggong (*Decapterus spp.*) in the Northern part of Palawan (per JAO No. 01 series of 2015), for Sardines, Herrings (*Sardinella spp.*), and Mackerels (*Rastrilliger spp.*) in some parts of the Visayan (per Fisheries Administrative Order No. 167-3 Series of 2013), and the fishing ban of Sardines in some parts of Zamboanga Sea (per BFAR Administrative Circular 255).
- \*Based on the gathered data, the prevailing retail price of medium-sized local Galunggong "lalaki" remain high at Php240.00/kg.
- \*The low supply of marine fishes alongside the increase in the wholesale price pressed some retail vendors to:
  - (1) also increase their selling price;
  - (2) lessen their supply for selling; and
  - (3) sell other species of Galunggong such as "Balsa" (*Decapterus macarellus*) as well as frozen/imported fishery commodities such as *Auxis spp.*, and *Decapterus spp.* instead.
- \*The supply of Bangus and Tilapia are stable in all the monitored retail markets. However, the price of the two commodities increase in some of the retail vendors. According to interviews, the high price of these commodities, alongside others, may be associated to the nearing of Christmas holidays. Also, some vendors have reminded the buying public that the high price may remain until early next year.
- \*Some markets vendors are selling live Tilapia at Php20.00/kg higher than fresh-chilled Tilapia.
- \*The supply of Bangus, Tilapia, and local Galunggong are being sold in mixed sizes in some of the monitored retail markets.

**General Observation**

The disparity of prices in top 15 and other commodities specially in Guso and Tahong depends on the species, size, quality, volume of supply, source area and weather condition.

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