







TOP FISHERY COMMODITIES																			Regional Prevailing Price (Php/kg)							NATIONAL		
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**Week 2-March 8-14, 2020**

In Urdaneta City Public Market, Urdaneta City, and Magsaysay Public Market, Dagupan City in Pangasinan, the prices of the fishery commodities remain stable.  
 In Bolinao Public Market, Bolinao, Pangasinan, prices of fishery commodities are affected by the availability, source, and size.  
 In Vigan City Public Market, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur the price of Galunggong decrease by Php20.00/kg from Php200.00/kg.  
 In San Fernando City Public Market, San Fernando City, La Union the prices of fishery commodity increased due to the higher demand brought by the ASF scare.

**Week 3-March 15-21, 2020**

In Bolinao Public Market, Bolinao, Pangasinan the prices of fishery commodities decreased.  
 In Vigan City Public Market, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur, no Galunggong was observed during the conduct of price monitoring activity.  
 In Laoag City Public Market, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, prices of the fishery commodities had no significant changes.

**Week 4-March 22-31, 2020**

In Magsaysay Public Market, Dagupan City, Pangasinan, fishery commodities, especially imported galunggong, sourced from Navotas are sold at lower prices.  
 In Bolinao Public Market, Bolinao, Pangasinan, prices of different commodities are in a decreasing trend due to the COVID-19 issue.  
 In Vigan City Public Market, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur only a few variety of fishery commodities are being sold due to the COVID-19. Some of vendors also selling their supplies of dorado, malaga squids and yellow fin at lower prices.  
 In Laoag City Public Market, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte:  
 a) There is a stable price of fishery commodities amid the ongoing Enhanced Community Quarantine as a result of the Provincial Governot's E.O 60-20.  
 b) Traders are outsourcing fishery commodities (tilapia, bangus, galunggong) from outside the province  
 c) The Market is open everyday from 6:00am to 5:00pm  
 d) Market personnel and buyers' entry are limited as part of the implementation of social distancing.  
 e) The city government conducts disinfection and sanitation of the market.

**R4B**

**Week 2-3 March 8-21, 2020**

There is a low supply of fishery commodities due to low volume of catch and lockdown of provinces in MIMAROPA.

**Week 4-March 22-31, 2020**

Some barangays have prohibited fishing operations, causing lower volume of commodities at the monitored markets.

**R6**

**Week 1-March 1-7, 2020**

Most fishery commodities in Kalibo Public Market are sourced from Aklan. Abundant supply of "Bangus Tagalog" (*Chanos chanos forskal*) from Dagupan.

**Week 3-March 15-21, 2020**

The supply of Fishery commodities in Kalibo Public Market mostly coming from the adjacent province of Aklan. There is Abundant supply of Milkfish (*Chanos chanos forskal*) from Numancia, Aklan and Malabar Trevally (*Carangoides malabaricus*) from Antique locally known as "Mamsa/Lison".

**Week 4-March 22-31, 2020**

Sufficient supply of fishery commodities in Aklan. However, there is a slight price increae among major fishery commodities at the Kalibo Public Market.  
 Abundant supply of Red Tail Scad or "Marot" (*Decapterus kurroides*) from Nabas, Aklan.

**R7**

**Week 1-March 1-7, 2020**

Most of the available fishery commodities in Cebu are no longer fresh, and are being sold at affordable or very low prices.  
 Fish stalls in Siquijor are closed during the conduct of price monitoring activity.

**Week 2-March 8-14, 2020**

Most of the available fishery commodities in Bohol are two days old and are being sold at very low prices in order to return their capital.  
 Fish stalls in Siquijor are closed during the conduct of price monitoring activity.

**Week 3-March 15-21, 2020**

Low supply of fishery commodities in Cebu.  
 Decrease in numbers of consumers in the markets as the public opt to stay at home in fear of acquiring COVID-19.  
 Fishery commodities at the Dumaguete Public Market are fresh and affordable.  
 Fish stalls in Siquijor are closed during the conduct of price monitoring activity.

**Week 4-March 22-31, 2020**

Vendors in Cebu have lessened their supplies for selling in order to support their businesses amid the COVID-19 outbreak.  
 Fishery commodities at the Dumaguete Public Market are fresh and affordable.  
 Fish stalls in Siquijor are closed during the conduct of price monitoring activity.

**R8**

**Week 1-March 1-7, 2020**

Abundant supply of fishery commodities at the Catarman Public Wet Market. However, high-value fishery commodities are sold at very high prices.  
 Lesser supply of top fishery commodities in Guiuan Public wet Market.

**Week 2-March 8-14, 2020**

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**Week 3-March 15-21, 2020**

Vendors do not have price tags displayed in their fish stalls.  
 Market hours caused igh demand in markets caused insufficient supplies and high prices of fishery commodities.

**Week 4-March 22-31, 2020**

In Ormoc Public Wet Market, abundant supplies of Borot or Redtail Scad and Tamban are observed. However, there are no available Lambarok and Tilapia, and declining volume of Bangus.  
 Lesser number of buyers in the markets as a result of travel restrictions imposed by Ormoc LGU.  
 Fishery supply remain sufficient, with abundant supply of Borot, Tamarong and Bolis.  
 Catherlogan LGU imposed various safety measures for consumers and vendors of Catherlogan City (e.g. wearing of face mask, social distancing, proper usage of PPEs, observance of Entrance and Exit for proper checking of temperatures of every buyer going inside the markets, and monitoring of prices).  
 Some fish stalls did not open due to the low number of consumers caused by the Enhanced Community Quarantine.  
 No available Tilapia during daily price monitoring activity.  
 In Maasin Public Market, fish vendors are putting acetates in front of their stalls as part of their initiative to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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In Naval Public Market, there are lesser buyers and commodities available as a result of the dry run of the Mobile Palengke Program of Naval LGU, wherein dried and fresh fishery products, meat, veggies, medicines, rice etc. are brought to different barangays.

#### R9

##### Week 1-2 March 1-14, 2020

Prices of fishery commodities at the markets increased due to the occurrence of Hanging Amihan.

##### Week 3-March 15-21, 2020

The effect of community quarantine in suppliers are limited access in the market and the number of buyers as well are very limited that cause lowering the price of some fishery commodities.

#### R10

##### Week 1-March 1-7, 2020

Low supply of top fishery commodities in Camiguin Province.

##### Week 3-March 15-21, 2020

Lesser fishing activities caused lower availability of fishery commodities in Camiguin Province. Prices of commodities depend on the size and source area of the species.

##### Week 4-March 22-31, 2020

Camiguin Province sources fishery commodities outside the province as a result of the hampered fishing operations.

In Bukidnon, prices of fishery commodities increased due to low availability.

#### R11

##### Week 1-March 1-7, 2020

In Davao del Norte, some fishery commodities are not available in the market.

##### Week 2-March 8-14, 2020

In Davao de Oro, some fish vendors just buy directly from their fellow fish vendors. Fish supplies take 2-3 days to sell out, and are sold at low prices.

In Davao del Norte and Davao Oriental, there is an abundant supply of fishery commodities, especially bangus and tilapia.

In Davao del Sur some species are sold at higher prices due to size and freshness.

##### Week 3-March 15-21, 2020

No abrupt changes of prices based on previous price monitoring activity. Most of the available commodities are bangus, tilapia, galunggong, matambaka and bodboron.

In Davao del Norte the price of fishery commodities is strictly monitored by City Economic Enterprise Office to maintain the price during lockdown.

In Davao Oriental there is no change for the price of fishery commodities in the market and still buyers are still going in the market despite a public health emergency. There is a change for the source of Bangus previously it came from Digos, Davao del Sur but now it came from Davao Oriental.

In Davao Occidental the price of tilapia and bangus decreased.

##### Week 4-March 22-31, 2020

In Davao de Oro Prices, prices of commodities remain stable, with some even decreasing by Php10.00/kg to Php30.00/kg especially when they are no longer being sold. Fish vendors have expressed worry that it takes 2-3 days before their supplies sell out.

Skin of some tuna commodities re disintegrating as a result of the low demand in the markets. Majority of fish supply are from Tagum City.

In Davao del Norte, the City Economic Enterprise Office monitors the prices of commodities to ensure price stability during lockdown.

#### R13

##### Week 3-March 15-21, 2020

Some fishery commodities are in a fluctuating trend due to abrupt changes in supply and demand

##### Week 4-March 22-31, 2020

In Surigao del Norte, there is sufficient volume of commodities, given the low demand. Some stalls have decreased their supplies to 1 -2 boxes from the usual 5-6 boxes per day.

So far, there are no problems regarding the transportation of fishery products to the market. However, operation for motorcycle peddlers (habal-habal) selling fish have been stopped as they are unable to secure food passes.

In Surigao del Sur and Agusan Del Sur, there are less volumes of fish available. Number of consumers entering the market is also controlled.

In Dinagat Island, market operations are continuous and the volume of fishery commodities is sufficient. However, some fisherfolk opted to store their commodities for personal consumption instead of selling them.

#### NCR

##### Week 1-March 1-7, 2020

The DA, through DA Administrative Circular No. 01, has issued Suggested Retail Prices (SRP) for selected fishery commodities effective 24 February 2020:

1. Cage-Cultured Bangus: Php162.00/Kg
2. Pond-cultured Tilapia: Php120.00/Kg
3. Imported Galunggong: Php130.00/Kg

The following observations were gathered during the actual price monitoring activities this week (February 24-28, 2020):

\*The prevailing retail price of imported Galunggong remain more than the 10% of the set SRP.

\*Some vendors opted not to follow the set SRP due to the high wholesale price from their respective suppliers, hindering them from offering a lower selling price. 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.

\*A large supply of local Galunggong "Lalaki" (Decapterus macrosoma) is still available in majority of the monitored markets.

\*The supply of medium-sized local Galunggong "lalaki" (Decapterus macrosoma) increased today in majority of the monitored markets. However, majority of the supply are still small-sized.

The three-month fishing ban for Sardinella spp. in some part of Zamboanga Peninsula as stated in the BFAR Administrative Circular (BAC) 255, Series of 2014 is set to end on 1 March 2020, more supply of marine fishes is expected on the coming days.

\*A large supply of imported Galunggong are still available in all the monitored. However, there were some feedback that the supply of the said commodity decreased due to market vendors' preference of local Galunggong over imported. Also, the abundant supply of local Galunggong and its relatively lower wholesale price contributed for some vendors to sell local Galunggong over imported.

\*A large supply of Sardinella spp. were observed in majority of the monitored markets this week.

\*The prevailing retail price of medium-sized Tilapia remain stable within the set SRP at Php120.00/kg.

\*Most of the supply of Tilapia are still from Pampanga while the supply from Batangas has begun increasing.

\*Some markets vendors are selling live Tilapia at Php20.00/kg higher than fresh-chilled Tilapia.

\*The price and supply of Bangus remain stable in all the monitored retail markets and still within the set SRP. However, still no supply of Bangus Batangas are observed at the markets.

\*The supply of Bangus, Tilapia, and local Galunggong are being sold in mixed sizes in some of the monitored retail markets.

\*Lesser supply of seaweeds was observed at the Commonwealth Market and Tandang Sora this week.

\*Some vendors noted that the demand from the buying public for fishery commodities are low (e.i., matumal ang bentahan), which may contribute to lessen their selling price and for some to lessen their supply.

##### Week 2-March 8-14, 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.

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<p>The following observations were gathered during interview with some market vendors and administrators:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A low supply of marine fishes, including local Galunggong (Decapterus spp.), is observed in all the monitored markets today due to the occurrence of full moon last March 9, where the bright moon light causes fishes to scatter, making them difficult to catch.</li> <li>2. Majority of the available local Galunggong are small-sized.</li> <li>3. The supply of imported Galunggong in the monitored retail markets remain lower as compared last February.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p><b>Week 3-March 15-21, 2020</b></p> <p>The DA, through DA Administrative Circular No. 01, has issued Suggested Retail Prices (SRP) for for selected fishery commodities effective 24 February 2020:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cage-Cultured Bangus: Php162.00/Kg</li> <li>2. Pond-cultured Tilapia: Php120.00/Kg</li> <li>3. Imported Galunggong: Php130.00/Kg</li> </ol> <p>The following observations were gathered during the actual price monitoring activities this week (March 16-20, 2020):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is sufficient supply of fishery commodities due to the availability from major sources such as Navotas and Malabon Markets.</li> <li>• There is still a large volume of Galunggong (Decapterus spp.) in the monitored markets wherein majority are small to medium in size.</li> <li>• Bangus and Tilapia supply in the monitored wet markets are affected by the implementation of various safety measures (i.e., checkpoints) upon entry of fish supply in Metro Manila as part of the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine. This caused a Php5.00/kg-10.00/kg increase in the price of some commodities.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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 Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in Luzon brought about by the COVID-19 outbreak. However, more buyers are observed at the market during morning as compared in the afternoon.</li> <li>• Farmers, Mega-Q, Kamuning, and Trabajo Markets have shifted their opening hours due to the Enhanced Community Quarantine. More specifically the operating hours starting tomorrow are: 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.</li> </ul> <p><i>The low demand from the buying public due to the crisis situation and mass suspension of transportation 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</i></p> <p><b>Week 4-March 22-31, 2020</b></p> <p>The following observations were gathered during this week's (March 23-31) price monitoring activity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The supply of fishery commodities remain sufficient due to the availability from major sources (i.e., Navotas and Malabon Markets).</li> <li>2. Large volumes of marine fishes, such as local Galunggong (Decapterus spp.), Tulingan, Dalagang Bukid Bilog, and Matambaka, were observed in the monitored markets.</li> <li>3. Majority of Galunggong Bahae are small-sized while Galunggong Lalaki are small and medium-sized.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. The prevailing prices of Bangus and Tilapia in the monitored markets is higher this week due to the lesser supply caused by the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ).</li> <li>6. Only a small volume of Tilapia from Batangas is available in the monitored retail markets. Most of the supplies are from Pampanga.</li> <li>7. 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"> <li>• Bangus – Kamuning, Galas, Tandang Sora, Trabajo, Commonwealth</li> <li>• Tilapia – Kamuning, Tandang Sora</li> </ul> </li> <li>8. On March 24, 2020, there are relatively more buyers observed at the Balintawak, Munoz, Mega-Q, Tandang Sora, and Commonwealth Markets today, while a low influ 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.</li> <li>9. 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.</li> <li>10. 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 continued requiring quarantine passes upon entry.</li> <li>11. 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.</li> </ol>																															
<b>General Observation</b>																															
The disparity in the prices of the top fifteen (15) and other commodities is attributable to the species' size, quality, volume of supply, source area, as well as to the weather condition.																															
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