

# NATIONAL CONSOLIDATED PRICE MONITORING REPORT (NCPMR)



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TOP FISHERY COMMODITIES		Regional 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	BARM	NCR	Prevailing Price (Php/kg)	High	Low	
1	<i>Chanos chanos</i>	Milkfish	<b>Bangus/Bangrus</b>																				
			Small (6pcs and above)	140	130 & 160	150	100	120	100 & 130		140-160	150	160	100	120 & 130	140	130-160	130	150	130	130	160	100
			Medium (3-5 pcs)	150 & 180	130 & 180	180	180	140	140		160	160	160	120-180	140	140	140 & 160	160	150 & 160	160	160	180	120
2	<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>	Tilapia	<b>Tilapia/Pla-pla</b>																				
			Small (6 pcs and above)	-	50 & 130	100	80 & 100	110	100		80-150	120 & 130	160 & 170	120	100	110 & 120	70-140	100	160	100	100	170	50
			Medium (3-5 pcs)	-	120 & 130	120 & 130	100	120	150		160	160	160	160	160	140	140 & 150	90-150	140	170	100	160	170
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	240 & 400	450	240-350	340	250		300	220	160	140	260-300	220 & 260	250	280	150 & 350	300	300 & 350	450	140
			Medium (31 pcs to 60pcs)	-	320 & 450	450-600	350	370	300-450		400	280 & 300	230-380	160	350	260-380	300	340	270	360	300 & 450	600	160
	<i>Penaeus monodon</i>	Blacktiger Prawn	<b>Sugpo/Padaw/Lukon/Pansat</b>																				
			Small (26 pcs and above)	-	260	-	300 & 400	350-450	-		320	300-600	250-360	300 & 450	-	280	-	500	500	450	300 & 450	600	260
			Medium (16-25 pcs)	-	600	-	350	500	450		380	700	350	600	400	800	-	350	600	700	350 & 600	800	350
4	<i>Gracilaria sp.</i>	Seaweeds	<b>Guso/Gurguraman/Kanot-kanot/Agar-agar/Gulaman/Gamo-gamo</b>	-	-	-	200	140	-														
			Small (15 pcs and below)	-	750	-	550 & 600	600	600 & 700		-	600 & 900	500 & 600	600	360-700	850	-	-	800	600	600	850	360
			Large to Jumbo (15 pcs and below)	-	750	-	550 & 600	600	600 & 700		-	600 & 900	500 & 600	600	360-700	850	-	-	800	600	600	850	360
	<i>Caulerpa lentillifera</i>	Sea Grapes	<b>Lato/Ar-arusip/Arorosp/Arosep/Eaba-eaba/Homhom/Latoh/Gosuh</b>	-	200 & 240	200	160 & 200	200	100														
			Small (15 pcs and below)	-	200 & 240	200	160 & 200	200	100		100	100	160	160	50	200		40-100	11 & 50	200	200	240	40
			Large to Jumbo (15 pcs and below)	-	200 & 240	200	160 & 200	200	100		100	100	160	160	50	200		40-100	11 & 50	200	200	240	40
	<i>Kappaphycus alvarezii</i>	Seaweeds	<b>Tambalang/Kanut-kanut/Gulaman/Guso/Agal-agal</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-														
			Small (15 pcs and below)	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	120	50	50	40	120		60	20 & 76		50 & 120	120	40
			Large to Jumbo (15 pcs and below)	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	120	50	50	40	120		60	20 & 76		50 & 120	120	40
5	<i>Crassostrea iredalei</i>	Oyster	<b>Talaba/Tirem/Sisi/Tahong</b>	-	150	40	80 & 150	-															
			Small (15 pcs and below)	-	150	40	80 & 150	-				-	60	100		40		10	100	40-150	150	10	
			Large to Jumbo (15 pcs and below)	-	150	40	80 & 150	-				-	60	100		40		10	100	40-150	150	10	
6	<i>Perna viridis</i>	Mussel	<b>Tahong/Kinason/Alamahong</b>	80	100	100	140	120	-														
			Small (15 pcs and below)	80	100	100	140	120	-		90	100	60 & 70	100 & 140	80	100	80	120	100	100	140	80	
			Large to Jumbo (15 pcs and below)	80	100	100	140	120	-		90	100	60 & 70	100 & 140	80	100	80	120	100	100	140	80	
7	<i>Scylla serrata</i>	Mudcrab	<b>Alimango/Rasa/Alama/Han-it/Kinis</b>	-	250 & 500			500	-														
			Male	-	-	450	500	450			-	500	350 & 500	500	340	600		550-800	150 & 500	650 & 750	500	800	340
			Female	-	-	450	600	500 & 650			-	500-1000	350	600	550	360 & 400		500	300	750	500	1000	300
8	<i>Portunus pelagicus</i>	Blue swimming Crab	<b>Alimasag/Dariway/Galiwey/Kasag/Lambay/Masag/Kagang Sukay/Kalelepa</b>	-	250	-	-	-	-														
			Small/Medium (7 pcs and above)	-	250 & 350		140 & 250	400	-		250	350	200 & 350	200	180	320	-	300	150 & 250	200	250	400	140
			Large (1-6 pcs)	-	300 & 400		300	300	300		250	400	300	300	200-380	360	-	400	180 & 300	400	300	400	180
9	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	Yellow fin Tuna	<b>Tambakol/Tulingan/Tangi/Bangkulis/Panit/Bantalaan/Bantaean/Bariles/Pak-</b>	-	200	-	-	-	-														
			Whole	-	160-200	380	160-250	240	150 & 200		160	240	200 & 280	160	200	360	140-180	240	250	200	200 & 240	380	140
			Sliced	-	350 & 360	380	-	300 & 380	250		170-300	300 & 320	150 & 350	160	280	300	240	260	200	260-400	300	400	150
	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	Skipjack Tuna	<b>Gulyasan/Dumadara/Buslugan/Tangi/Pundahan/Kanturayan/Gurayan/Budlis/Salimbagon/Budlisan/Tulingan/Puyan/Sambagon/Bulis/Pawayan/Gusayan/Puyan/Langalak</b>	-	360	-	-	250	-														
			Whole	-	-	-	160	180	-		160-220	150	160	100	160	120-180	140	120-200	180	180	160 & 180	220	100
			Sliced	-	300 & 360	-	-	180	-		240	-	120	180	160	180	-	-	200	280	180	360	120
	<i>Auxis thazard</i>	Frigate Tuna	<b>Tulingan/Tangi/Bonito/Tulingan Lapad/Turingan/Aloy Mangko/Pirit/Bolis/Lapad/Pidlayan/Mangku</b>	-	360	150	160	200	160														
			Whole	-	360	150	160	200	160		-	220	180 & 200	80	100 & 160	150 & 160	120 & 180	-	50 & 200	180	160	360	50
			Sliced	-	360	150	160	200	160		-	220	180 & 200	80	100 & 160	150 & 160	120 & 180	-	50 & 200	180	160	360	50

	<i>Auxis rochei</i>	Bullet Tuna	Tulingan/Tangi/Bonito/Tulingan-Bilog/Aloy/Mangko Pirit/Turingan/Bolis/Mangku/Pidlaya n/Budboron	-	160	150	-	180	100-160	
10	<i>Sardinella fimbriata</i>	Fringescale Sardinella	Tunsoy/Bilis/Tamban/Tawilis/Lawlaw/Manamsi/Tabagak/Mangsi/Tapisok/Tayapad/Kasig	-	-	-	80 & 180	100	-	
	<i>Sardinella lemuru</i>	Bali Sardinella	Tamban/Bilis/Tunsoy/Salinas/Lawlaw/Tuloy/Tabagak/Anduhaw/Kasig	-	-	-	160	120	60 & 80	
	<i>Sardinella gibbosa</i>	Goldstripe Sardinella	Tamban/Tunsoy/Lawlaw/Tabagak/Tuloy/Mangsi/Kasig	-	180	-	-	-	80	
11	<i>Rastrelliger kanagurta</i>	Indian Mackerel	Alumahan/Kabalias/Kabalyas/Baraniti/Tanigi/Tangigue/Buraw/Boraw/Kara	-	180	150	220	200 & 240	160	
	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	Narrow-barred Spanish Mackerel	Tangigue/Tanigue/Tangi/Karabalyas	-	280	-	400	380	-	
12	<i>Decapterus macrosoma</i>	Shortfin Scad	Galunggong/Baraniti/Bulilit/Galunggong Lalake/Sibobog/Tamodios/Marot Borot/Lambarok sigarilyuon/Burot/Budloy/Tamarong/Moromoro/Sigarilyo/Tayang	-	140 & 150	-	-	-	-	
			Small (21 pcs and above)	-	120 & 130	140	140	-	140	
			Medium (11-20 pcs)	-	100	150	160	140-200	100 & 160	
			Large (7-10 pcs)	-	140 & 180	130 & 140	180	160 & 180	-	
13	<i>Loligo sp.</i>	Squid	Pusit	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<i>Sepioteuthis lessoniana</i>	Bigfin Reef Squid	Lumot/Laki/Kanuos/Nokus/Noos Nokos/Nukos/Tostos/Baghak/Choka/Lumiagan/Nukos/Lumayagan/Barawan	-	200	160	340	500	-	
	<i>Uroteuthis duvaucelli</i>	Indian Ocean Squid	Bisaya/Kalawang/Lapis/Laki/Kanuos/Nokus/Noos Nokos/Nukos/Tostos/Baghak/Choka/Lumiagan/Nukos/Lumayagan/Barawan	180 & 350	100	280	130	140	120	
14	<i>Lutjanus sp.</i>	Snapper	Maya-maya/Angrat/Burara/Aluman/Saing-saing/Kutambak	-	220-250	380	240-400	350-450	-	
15	<i>Epinephelus sp. (Epinephelus areolatus)</i>	Grouper (Areolate Grouper)	Lapu-lapu/Baraka/Inid/Pugado/Tingag/Pog apo/Baraka/Lapu-lapaitum/Pugapo/Kulapu	-	350 & 400	500	500	250 & 300	200	
	<i>Epinephelus sp. (Plectropomus leopardus)</i>	Grouper (Red) (Leopard Coral Grouper)	Lapu-lapupula/Baraka/Inid/Pugado/Tingag/Pog apo/Baraka/Pugapo/Kulapu	-	-	350	300 & 600	480 & 600	250	
<b>OTHER FISHERY COMMODITIES</b>										
1	<i>Acanthurus nigricauda</i>	Epulette Surgeonfish	Labahita/Indangan	-	-	-	-	380	-	
2	<i>Acanthurus olivaceus</i>	Orangespot Surgeonfish	Uring/Tarian	-	280 & 300	-	-	-	-	
3	<i>Acanthurus sp.</i>	Surgeon Fish	Labahita	-	-	240	-	-	-	
4	<i>Acetes sp.</i>	Sergestids	Alamang	-	200	-	-	-	-	
5	<i>Alectis ciliaris</i>	African Pompano	Talakitok	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6	<i>Alepis djebaba</i>	Shrimp scad	Salay batang	-	-	-	-	300	-	
7	<i>Aluterus monoceros</i>	Unicorn leatherjacket	Siwarik	-	-	-	-	250	-	
8	<i>Anodontia edentula</i>	Mangrove Clam	Imbaw	-	-	-	-	-	200	
9	<i>Atule mate</i>	Yellowtail Scad	Salay-	-	-	-	-	-	120-200	
10	<i>Caesio sp.</i>	Fusilier	Dalagang Bukid	-	-	160-220	-	-	190-300	
11	<i>Caesio cuning</i>	Redbelly Yellowtail Fusilier	Dalagang Bukid Lapad/Sinaw-an	-	120-300	220	-	320	-	
12	<i>Carangoides armatus</i>	Longfin trevally	Talakitok	-	-	-	-	380	-	
13	<i>Carangoides fulvoquttatus</i>	Yellow/Gold-spotted Trevally	Talakitok/Mamsa	-	-	-	-	-	350	
14	<i>Carangoides malabaricus</i>	Malabar Trevally	Lison	-	-	-	-	-	260	
15	<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>	Giant Trevally	Talakitok	-	-	-	-	480	-	
16	<i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>	Big Eye Trevally	Talakitok	-	300 & 380	-	-	-	-	
17	<i>Caranx melampygus</i>	Bluefin Trevally	Talakitok/Mamsa/Lison	-	-	-	-	-	250 & 300	
18	<i>Channa striata</i>	Mudfish/Striped Snakehead	Haw-An/Dalag/Aluan	-	-	-	-	-	-	
19	<i>Chriolepis dialepta</i>	White-starred Goby	Kadurog	-	-	-	-	-	140	
20	<i>Clarias gariepinus</i>	African Catfish	Hito/Pantat	-	-	150	-	-	-	
21	<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>	Common Dolphin Fish	Dorado/Duradu/Lamadang/Pandawan	-	-	150	250 & 300	-	200	
22	<i>Cypselurus sp.</i>	Flying Fish	Iliw/Barongov/Baro-baro	-	-	-	-	-	120	
23	<i>Decapterus kurroides</i>	Redtail Scad	Burot/Budloy/Tabilos/Butsawan	-	-	-	-	-	80-120	

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160	200	150 & 200	120	160	150	140	120	50 & 200	120	160	200	50
90 & 100	-	80	60	40 & 70	-	-	120	100	140	100	180	40
100	60	50	40 & 50	40	80	70-120	60	50 & 180	60	60	180	40
100	-	50	70	60	120	-	80	50 & 100	80 & 100	80	180	50
200	180	140 & 260	50-150	120 & 180	160 & 180	-	200	100	200-300	180	300	50
320-400	190 & 400	250	380	500	280	250	450	130 & 280	600	280	600	190
-	-	-	100	140	-	-	-	-	-	140	150	100
120-180	120 & 160	140	120	70 & 120	150 & 160	120	160	120	160	120	160	70
160	160	160	100	140 & 150	140 & 200	180	120 & 200	90 & 180	180	160	200	90
160	120 & 200	200	100	140-160	130 & 160	200	140	100	200	140	200	100
-	-	-	-	-	80	-	-	150	-	80 & 150	150	80
250	300 & 400	160-280	300	120 & 260	80 & 100	100	280	150 & 200	450	160-300	500	100
160-280	120	280	100	80	80	120	100	200	360	100-280	360	80
280	300-500	120-350	120	350	450	320	300	200	400	120-400	450	120
400	450	300 & 350	250	350	280-550	300	450	200	280-450	350 & 450	500	200
-	380	300	270 & 300	-	400 & 450	250-320	500 & 600	200	450	300 & 600	600	200



87	<i>Siganus spp.</i>	Spinefoot/ Rabbitfish/Siganid	Bataway/Danggit/Bawis/Malaga	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	-	220-300	-	-	-	-	-	300	300	220	
88	<i>Spratelloides gracilis</i>	Silver Stripe Round Herring	Dilis/Domod-Ot	-	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	160	160	
89	<i>Sphyrana sp.</i>	Barracuda	Panghalwan/Lusod/Rumpi	-	-	-	-	80-120	-	-	-	-	80-250	-	-	-	-	80	250	80	
90	<i>Stolephorus comersonnii</i>	Commerson's Anchovy	Dilis/Bolinao	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100 & 120	-	-	-	-	-	100 & 120	120	100	
91	<i>Stolephorus indicus</i>	Indian Anchovy	Munamon/Libgaw/Sinarap/Sarapon	-	-	-	120	-	-	-	-	-	120	-	-	-	-	120	120	120	
92	<i>Stolephorus spp.</i>	Anchovy	Dilis/Bolinao/Tuwakang/Bawdnon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	-	-	-	-	80	80	80	
93	<i>Telescopium telescopium</i>	Horn Snail	Bagungon/Chupakulo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	40	40	40	
94	<i>Terapon spp.</i>	Terapon	Bagaong/Bukawil	-	260 & 270	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	260 & 270	270	260	
95	<i>Terapon jarbua</i>	Tiger perch	Balaungan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
96	<i>Terebralia sulcata</i>	Sulcate Swamp Cerith	Lambis/Supsup	-	200	400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	200-400	400	200	
97	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>	Big-eye tuna	Barilis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160 & 300	-	160 & 300	300	160	
98	<i>Trichiurus lepturus</i>	Largehead Hairtail	Espada/ Pingka/Langkoy Lahing/Diwit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	-	-	-	300	-	150 & 300	300	150
99	<i>Tylosurus crocodilus</i>	Hound Needlefish	Balo/Bawo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	-	-	-	-	140	140	140	
100	<i>Upeneus mollicensis</i>	Goldband Goatfish	Saramulyete/Balaki/Timbangan/Talikoko d/Hinok	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	-	-	-	-	140	140	140	
101	<i>Upeneus sulphureus</i>	Sulphur Goatfish	Ti-aw/Timbongan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	-	-	-	-	140	140	140	
102	<i>Upeneus spp.</i>	Goatfish	Saramulyete	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 & 350	-	-	-	-	-	300 & 350	350	300	
103	<i>Varuna literrata</i>	River crab	Talangka	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450 & 480	450 & 480	480	450	

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

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

**REMARKS AND OBSERVATIONS**

**CAR**

There is limited variety of species/commodities found in the provinces Abra and Ifugao

**R1**

There is a limitation in supply of fishery commodities at the Urdanita City Public Market

**R2**

The *Espada* being sold at the Don Domingo Market are smaller than those at the Solano Public Market.

**R3**

The prices of fish depend on the volume of catch, sizes, and consignment basis.

**R4A**

**Week 2- November 10-16, 2019**

There is a limitation in supply of fishery commodities due to the occurrence of full moon and bad weather condition (LPA). These observations resulted to a higher price of Galunggong at the Lemery Public Market, Angono Public Market and Lucena Public Market as well as Tamban at the Angono Public Market.

Some vendors were observed to be buying their commodities from other vendors, resulting to higher prices of some fishery commodities, especially of Milkfish in Calamba, Laguna and Angono, Rizal.

**Week 3-4 November 17-30, 2019**

Price of some marine fishes, especially Galunggong at the Lucena City, Lemery Public Market, and Batangas Province, are higher this week due to low supply caused by the bad weather condition (Typhoon Sarah and Ramon) alongside the implementation of the Closed Fishing Season.

Some vendors were observed to be buying their commodities from other vendors, resulting to higher prices of some fishery commodities, especially of Milkfish in Calamba, Laguna and Angono, Rizal.

**R4B**

There is an increase in the prices of fishery commodities in Marinduque due to the Habagat.

**R5**

\*No submission of RCPMR due to unavailability of electricity and internet connection caused by Typhoon Kammuri, locally known as "Tisoy."

**RB**

**Week 1- November 1-9, 2019**

There is a low supply of fishery commodities at the Guiuan Public Market due to the 78% moon visibility in Ormoc City. Despite this observation, the price of fishery commodities remained stable.

**Week 2- November 10-16, 2019**

There is an increase of price of fishery commodities in Ormoc City due to the occurrence of full moon.

**Week 3- November 17-23, 2019**

There is a low supply of fishery commodities at the Catbalogan and Ormoc Public Market due to the bad weather condition.

**Week 4- November 24-30, 2019**

There is an apparent increase in the prices of fishery commodities due upcoming holiday season.

**R9**

Some species are not available during the actual price monitoring due to the heavy rains brought by the bad weather condition.

**R10**

There is a low supply of the top fishery commodities in the Camiguin Province.

**R11**

There is a limited variety of supply of fishery commodities in Davao del Norte and Davao Oriental due to the bad weather condition.

**NCR**

**Week 1- November 1-9, 2019**

\*The fifth year of the implementation of the Closed Fishing Season for local Galunggong in Northern Palawan begun last November 1, 2019. Northern Palawan currently covers 92% of the landed catch at the Navotas Fish Port and comprises 22% of total landed catch nationwide (per JAO No. 01 series of 2015).

\*Based on the team's actual price monitoring, the supply of marine fishes, including local Galunggong, remain low in all the monitored markets. According to interviews, the low supply is due to the low volume of catch caused by: (1) the rainy weather brought by typhoon "Quiel", which urged some fisherfolk to halt their fishing operation, (2) the cold weather brought by Northeast wind "Hanging Amihan", wherein marine fishes tend to stay on the deeper part of the ocean, making them difficult to catch, (3) the lean season for some marine fishes, and (4) the aforementioned fishing ban for local Galunggong.

\*The low supply of marine fishes also caused an increase in the wholesale price of some suppliers, pressing some retailers to: (1) also increase their selling price, (2) lessen their supply for selling, and (3) sell frozen/imported fishery commodities (e.g., Auxis spp., Decapterus spp.) or other species of Galunggong such as "Babae" (Decapterus russelli), "Burot" (Decapterus tabl), and "Balsa" (Decapterus macarellus) instead.

\*On the other hand, the supply of Bangus and Tilapia remain stable in all the monitored retail markets this week (November 4-8). However, there were some recorded feedback that some wholesale suppliers are selling their Bangus at a higher price, urging some retailers to also increase their selling price. According to interviews, this may be associated to the higher demand brought by the "African Swine Fever" and the nearing of the Christmas holidays.

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

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

\*There were recorded feedbacks from some market vendors at the Commonwealth, Navotas, Kamuning, Galas, Mega Q, and Quinta Markets that despite the nearing of Christmas holidays, the demand for fishery commodities remain low (i.e., matumal ang bentahan), urging retailers from the respective markets to lower their selling price (i.e., bagsak presyo) just to get back their capital.

#### Week 2- November 10-16, 2019

\*The implementation of Closed Fishing Season for Sardines, Herrings (Sardinella spp.), and Mackerels (Rastrilliger spp.) in some parts of the Visayan Sea begun last November 15, 2019 as stated in Fisheries Administrative Order No. 167-3 Series of 2013.

\*Based on the team's actual price monitoring, the supply of some seaweeds and marine fishes, including local Galunggong, remain low in all the monitored retail markets. Per market vendors, this may be associated to the low volume of catch caused by: (1) the cold weather brought by the Northeast wind "Hanging Amihan", where marine fishes normally stay at the bottom of the ocean, (2) the rainy weather brought by typhoon "Quiel" and tropical storm "Ramon," which urged some fisherfolk to halt their fishing operations, (3) the occurrence of full moon last (November 12), where the bright moonlight causes the marine fish to scatter, making them difficult to catch (4) the lean season for some marine fishes, and (5) the implementation of the Closed Fishing Season for Galunggong in Northern Palawan, which cover 92% of the landed catch at the Navotas Fish Port (per JAO No. 01 series of 2015) alongside the aforementioned fishing ban in some part of Visayan Sea.

\*The above observations also caused an increase in the wholesale price of some fresh marine fishes, urging 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 "Burot" (Decapterus kurroides), and "Balsa" (Decapterus macarellus) as well as frozen/imported fishery commodities such as Auxis spp., and Decapterus spp instead.

\*Meanwhile, the supply of Bangus and Tilapia remain stable in all the monitored retail markets. However, it was noted that some wholesale suppliers are selling their supply at a higher price. According to interviews, this may be attributed to the nearing of the Christmas holidays.

\*It was also observed that there is a lesser variety of fish available at the monitored markets this week is lesser 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.

\*There were recorded feedbacks from some market vendors at the Commonwealth, Navotas, Kamuning, Galas, Mega Q, and Quinta Markets that despite the nearing of Christmas holidays, the demand for fishery commodities remain low (i.e., matumal ang bentahan), urging retailers from their respective markets to lower their selling price (i.e., bagsak presyo) just to get back their capital.

#### Week 3- November 17-23, 2019

The following observations were gathered during the price monitoring activities this week (November 18-22, 2019):

\*There are limited supply of some marine fishes, including local Galunggong "Lalaki" (Decapterus macrosoma) in majority of the monitored retail markets. Based on the observation of the enumerators, the variety of the available marine fishes are very few. According to interviews, this may be attributed to the low volume of catch caused by: (1) the cold weather brought by the Northeast wind "Hanging Amihan", where marine fishes normally stay at the bottom of the ocean, (2) the rainy weather brought by tropical storm "Ramon" and "Sarah", which pressed some fisherfolk to postpone their fishing operations, (3) the lean season for some marine fishes, and (4) the fishing ban for Galunggong (Decapterus spp.) in Northern Palawan, which cover 92% of the landed catch at the Navotas Fish Port (per JAO No. 01 series of 2015), and for Sardines, Herrings (Sardinella spp.), and Mackerels (Rastrilliger spp.) in some parts of the Visayan Sea as stated in Fisheries Administrative Order No. 167-3 Series of 2013.

\*The aforementioned observation resulted to a higher wholesale price of fresh marine fishes, which 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" (Decapterus macarellus) as well as frozen/imported fishery commodities such as Auxis spp., and Decapterus spp. instead. Furthermore, the prevailing retail price of medium-sized local Galunggong "lalaki" is now on it's highest price for this year at Php180.00/kg & Php200.00/kg.

\*Despite the low supply of marine fishes, it was observed that a large supply of fresh Tulingan (Auxis spp.) and Tunsoy (Sardinella fimbriata) are available in some of the monitored retail markets.

\*On the otherhand the supply of Bangus and Tilapia remain stable in all the monitored retail markets. However, the prevailing retail price of medium-sized Tilapia is currently higher, which according to some vendors may be attributed to the expected increase in demand brought by the nearing of the Christmas holidays. It was also noted that majority of the supply of Tilapia in the monitored retail markets came from Batangas, which according to retailers, are sold at a higher price as compared to those sourced from other areas.

\*It was also observed that there is a lesser variety of fish available at the monitored markets this week is lesser 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.

#### 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.

\*\*\*\*\*NOTHING FOLLOWS\*\*\*\*\*

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