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Guimaras' inland municipal fisheries soar by 49.78% in Q4 2024

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Source: SEAFDEC Aquaculture Department (SEAFDEC/AQD)

27 March 2025– Guimaras. inland municipal fisheries volume of production in Guimaras soared by 49.78% in the fourth quarter of 2024, or 49.78 percent higher than the 18.02 metric tons recorded in the fourth quarter of 2023.

**Figure 1. Inland Municipal Fisheries Volume Production in Guimaras:
Fourth Quarter 2023 and 2024 (in metric tons)**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The top five species caught in the inland municipal waters in the fourth quarter of 2024 were white shrimp, spade fish, tilapia, mullet, and tarpon.

White shrimp (hipong puti) has the highest volume of production at 4.27 metric tons, contributing 22.07 percent of the total inland production. Its output increased by 149.71 percent from the 1.71 metric tons output in the fourth quarter of 2023. Spade fish production in the province reached 3.24 metric tons making up 16.74 percent of the total inland municipal fisheries production. This was an increase from the 0.66 metric tons in the same quarter of 2023.

Production of tilapia was estimated at 3.20 metric tons, reflecting a 39.13 percent increase in the fourth quarter 2024. Mullet production increased by 215.39 percent from the 0.91 metric tons output in fourth quarter 2023. Meanwhile, tarpon recorded 2.05 metric tons, which was 52.99 percent higher than the production in the same period of 2023.

Table 1. Volume and Value of the top 5 Species caught in Inland Municipal Fishing: Q4 (2023 & 2024)

Top five (5) Specie	Volume of Production (in MT)		Value of Production (in '000 Php)	
	Q4 2023	Q4 2024	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
White shrimp	1.71	4.27	409.51	854.76
Spade fish	0.66	3.24	118.75	458.20
Tilapia	2.30	3.20	255.39	256.10
Mullet	0.91	2.87	163.80	459.33
Tarpon	1.34	2.05	106.86	112.85

Inland fisheries value of production in Guimaras accounted an estimated 357 thousand pesos in the fourth quarter of 2024, or 39.09 percent higher than the estimated 257 thousand recorded in the fourth quarter of 2023.

White shrimp (hipong puti) has the highest value of production at an estimated 854.76 thousand pesos, contributing 23.91 percent of the total inland production. Its output increased at 108.73 percent from the estimated 409.51 thousand pesos output in the fourth quarter of 2023. Mullet production in the province reached an estimated 459.33 thousand pesos making up 12.85 percent of the total inland municipal fisheries production value. This was an increase from the 16 thousand in the same quarter of 2023.

Moreover, production of spade fish was estimated at 458.20 thousand pesos, reflecting a 285.85 percent increase in the fourth quarter 2024. Tilapia production increased by 0.28 percent from the 255.39 thousand pesos output in fourth quarter 2023. Meanwhile, tarpon recorded an estimated 112.85 thousand pesos, which was 14.96 percent higher than the production in the same period of 2023.


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