

TECHNICAL NOTES

The Fisheries Production Survey of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is divided into four major fisheries surveys. These are the Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (QCFS), Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey (QMFS), Quarterly Inland Fisheries Survey (QIFS) and Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (QAqS). The commercial and municipal fisheries surveys aim to provide quarterly data on the volume and value of fish production by species, region, and province. The aquaculture e-survey intends to generate quarterly data on the volume and value of cultured species by the environment, type of aquafarm, region, and province.

Concept and Definitions:

- **Commercial Fishing** is the catching of fish using fishing boats with a capacity of more than three (3) gross tons for trade, business, or profit beyond subsistence or sports fishing.
- **Fisheries** are composed of all activities relating to the act or business of fishing, culturing, preserving, processing, marketing, developing, conserving, and managing aquatic resources and the fishery areas including the privilege to fish or take aquatic resources thereof (RA8550).
- **Fisheries Sector** is the sector engaged in the production, growing, harvesting, processing, marketing, developing, conserving, and managing aquatic resources and fishing areas.
- **Landing Center** is a place where the fish catch, and other aquatic products are unloaded and traded. A traditional landing center is a type of landing center where fishermen can unload their catch and/or dock their fishing boats without any obligation or payment for the use of the place.
- **Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (Traditional Landing Center)** is a quarterly survey on the volume of fish unloading in traditional landing centers and the price of fish by species. It gathers data quarterly but the information that is collected is about monthly fish unloading.