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Summary Statistics at a Glance							
Description			Unit		Indicator		
1 Maritime Zones							
1.1	Territorial Sea		Nautical Miles		12		
1.2	Contagious Zone		Nautical Miles		12 - 24		
1.3	Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)		Nautical Miles		0 - 200		
1.4	Length of Coastal Shore-line ⁽¹⁾		Kilometers		Approx. 1620		
1.5	Historic Waters		Sq. Km.		Approx. 21500		
1.6	Continental Shelf		Sq. Km.		Approx. 30,000		
1.7	EEZ		Sq. Km.		Approx. 517,000		
2. Inland & Aquaculture Resources (Potential Area) ⁽²⁾							
2.1	Area of Lagoons		Sq. Km.		1406.5		
2.2	Area of Bays		Sq. Km.		345.5		
2.3	Internal Waters		Sq. Km.		3186		
			2022	2023	2024	2025*	
3. Annual Fish Production							
3.1	Marine Sector		Mt.	280,610	293,945	308,430	308,205
	Coastal Waters		Mt.	149,440	164,995	165,040	166,190
	Offshore/Deep Sea Waters		Mt.	131,170	128,950	143,390	142,015
3.2	Inland and Aquaculture Sector		Mt.	116,620	113,125	102,330	55,985
	Inland Capture Fisheries		Mt.	94,860	93,440	87,210	42,680
	Aquaculture Fisheries		Mt.	7,680	8,085	7,800	6,160
	Shrimp Farms		Mt.	14,080	11,600	7,320	7,145
3.3	Total Production		Mt.	397,230	407,070	410,760	364,190
4. Fishing Fleet (Operting Boats)							
4.1	Multy-day Boats (Offshore Vessels) -IMUL		Numbers	5,088	5,586	4,869	4,801
	Multy-day Boats - High seas IMUL		Numbers	1,485	1,971	1,803	1,890
	Multy-day Boats - Other IMUL		Numbers	3,603	3,615	3,066	2,911
4.2	Inboard Single Day Boats - IDAY		Numbers	831	782	880	918
4.3	Outboard Motor FRP Boats - OFRP		Numbers	24,530	25,232	24,823	32,558
4.4	Motorized Traditional Boats - MTRB		Numbers	2,374	2,619	2,709	3,298
4.5	Non-motorized Traditional Boats - NTRB		Numbers	14,877	15,090	15,037	16,706
4.6	Non-motorized Traditional Beach-seine Boats - NBSB		Numbers	980	988	953	899
	Total Marine Fishing Fleet		Numbers	48,680	50,297	49,271	59,180
4.7	Inland Fishing Fleet		Numbers	9,879	9,647	9,647	8,263
5. Infrastructure Facilities (Marine sector)**							
5.1	Major Fishery Harbours		Numbers	25	25	25	26
5.2	Functioning Major Fishery Harbours		Numbers	23	23	23	23
5.3	Proposed Fishery Harbours for upgrading ⁽³⁾		Numbers	7	7	1	1
5.4	Ongoing Fishery Harbours ⁽⁴⁾		Numbers	1	1	1	1
5.5	Proposed New Fishery Harbours ⁽⁵⁾		Numbers	4	4	2	2
5.6	Anchorage		Numbers	18	18	19	19
5.7	Minor Fish Landing Centers		Numbers	931	1,044	1,083	1,056
5.8	Active Ice Plants		Numbers	108	109	109	109
5.9	Ice Production Capacity		Mt/day	4,020	4,223	4,223	4,223
5.10	Active Boat Manufacturing Yards (Registered)		Numbers	67	71	71	71
5.11	Fishing Gear Factories		Numbers	15	19	19	22

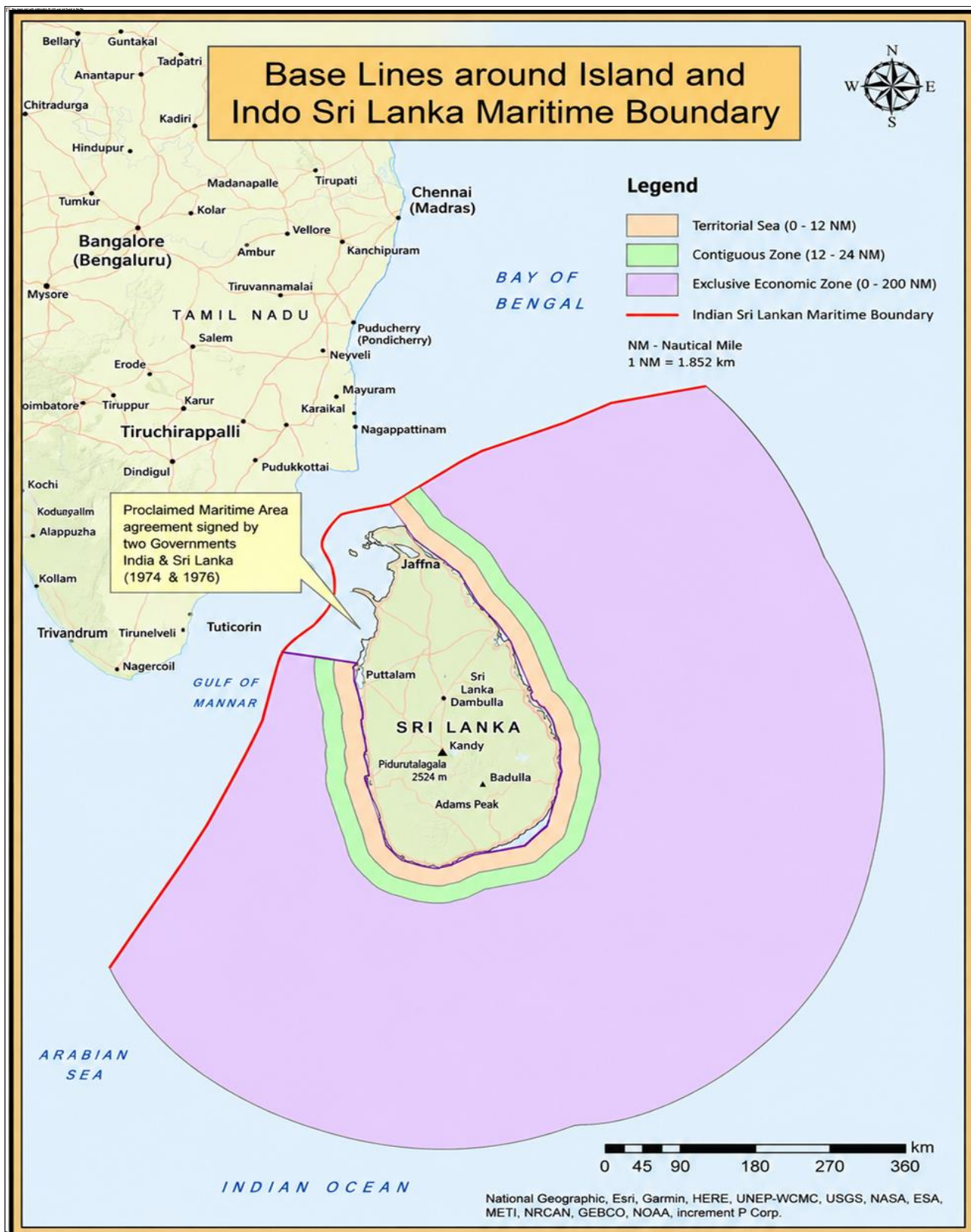
Summary Statistics at a Glance (Continued)

Description			Unit	Indicator			
				2022	2023	2024	2025*
6. Social Information							
6.1	Fisheries Inspector Divisions (Marine)	Numbers	149	149	149	149	
6.2	Marine Fishing Households	Numbers	186,500	187,760	188,940	158,662	
6.3	Inland Fishing Households	Numbers	83,690	85,480	83,960	84,675	
6.4	Marine Fishers (Men & women)	Numbers	223,490	223,720	225,480	226,154	
6.5	Inland Fishers (Men & women)	Numbers	92,060	94,750	94,990	93,142	
6.6	Marine Fishing Household Population	Numbers	804,340	805,440	807,550	599,901	
6.7	Inland Fishing Household Population	Numbers	343,116	323,370	223,610	296,276	
6.8	Direct and Indirect Employments (Marine & Inland)	Numbers	586,000	586,000	586,000	586,000	
6.9	Fishing and Related Livelihoods	Million	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	
6.10	Fisher Organizations (FO) - Marine	Numbers	1,038	1,042	1,043	1,045	
6.11	Fisher Organizations (FO) - Inland	Numbers	490	493	493	523	
6.12	No. of Memberships in FO - Marine	Numbers	86,804	86,908	86,884	85,896	
6.13	No. of Memberships in FO - Inland	Numbers	19,077	19,117	19,077	19,008	
7. Fish Trade and Processing							
7.1	Active Fish Processing Plants (EU Approved)	Numbers	38	44	44	48	
7.2	Active Fish Packing Centers	Numbers	18	22	13	12	
7.3	Active Fish Processing Plants (Other)	Numbers	12	13	8	13	
7.4	Annual Export Earnings	Rs.Mn	97,243	99,118	86,241	92,736	
		US\$ (million)	302	303	285	308	
7.5	Annual Export Volume	Mt	25,730	24,503	22,556	25,356	
7.6	Annual Import Expenditure	Rs.Mn	21,664	26,734	36,672	41,764	
		US\$ (million)	70	82	122	139	
7.7	Annual Import Volume	Mt	41,737	48,808	58,135	62,519	
7.8	Balance of Fish Trade ⁽⁶⁾	Rs.Mn	75,579	72,384	49,569	50,972	
		US\$ (million)	232	221	164	169	
7.9	Volume of Tuna Export	Mt	9,317	8,006	4,813	6,100	
		Percentage	36.2	32.6	21.3	24.1	
7.10	Value of Tuna Export	Rs.Mn.	37,731	34,624	19,777	20,982	
		Percentage	38.8	34.9	22.9	22.6	
7.11	Total Fish and Fishery Products Export to EU	Mt	8,211	7,492	6,618	8,015	
		Percentage	31.9	30.6	29.3	31.6	
7.12	Tuna Export to EU	Mt	4,159	3,115	1,824	2,150	
		Percentage	44.6	38.9	37.9	26.8	
8. Other Selected Imports							
8.1	Imports of frozen mackerel For canned fish industry	Mt	2,131.0	3,261	9,387	15,827	
	Value of imported frozen mackerel	Rs.Mn.	741.0	1,135	3,267	5,948	
8.2	Imports of baits for multiday fishery	Mt	26.8	26.5	26.5	106	
	Value of imported baits	Rs.Mn.	14.8	16.3	8.2	36.0	

Summary Statistics at a Glance (Continued)						
Description		Unit	Indicator			
			2022	2023	2024	2025*
9. Supply of Fishery Products						
9.1	Supply of Dried fish	Mt	52,882	51,876	60,041	56,832
	Imported volume	Mt	29,922	29,536	35,191	31,944
	Domestically produced volume	Mt	22,960	22,340	24,850	24,888
9.2	Supply of Canned fish	Mt	9,259	19,707	16,781	19,018
	Imported volume	Mt	3,431	7,904	4,476	601
	Domestically produced volume ⁽⁷⁾	Mt	5,828	11,803	12,305	18,417
	Domestically produced volume ⁽⁷⁾	Millions of cans	13.9	29.2	31.1	46.6
	No of local canned fish manufacturing companies	Numbers	12	16	16	18

* Provisional

- Note: (1). Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Department (CCCRMD), Coastal Zone and Coastal Resource Management Plan (2024).
(2). Re-Computation of the Area of Sri Lanka-2024
Survey Department of Sri Lanka
(3). Proposed Fishery Harbour: Myliddy
(4). Ongoing Fishery Harbour: Gandara
(5). Proposed New Fishery Harbours: Point Predro, Kapparathtota
(6). Balance of Fish Trade = (Export value of fish and fishery products - Import value of fish and fishery products)
(7). Estimated



Base Lines around the Island and the India–Sri Lanka Maritime Boundary (1974 and 1976 Agreements)

Source: Survey Department of Sri Lanka

National Indicators - Sri Lanka

Indicator	Unit	Year	Value
1. Demographic			
1.1 Population	'000 Persons	2025	21,756
1.2 Population Growth Rate	%	2025	-0.7
1.3 Population Density	Persons /Sq.km	2024	350
1.4 Average Household Size	No.of persons	2024	3.5
2. Labour force			
2.1 Labour Force ⁽¹⁾	'000 Persons	2025	8,460
2.2 Labourforce Participation Rate	%	2025	50
2.3 Unemployment Rate ⁽²⁾	%	2025	4
3. Inflation - NCPI (Base;2021=100)			
3.1 Index	Number	2025	192.4
3.2 Annual Average Inflation Rate	%	2025	2.9
4. National Accounts⁽³⁾			
4.1 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) - At Current Market Price	Rs.Mn	2025	32,750,844
4.2 GDP Change Rate - At Current Market Price	%	2025	8.8
4.3 Per Capita Gross National Income (GNI) - At Current Market Price	Rs	2025	1,477,395
4.4 Per Capita Gross National Income (GNI) - At Current Market Price	US\$	2025	4909
4.5 Change Rate of Per Capita GNI - At Current Market Price (Rs.)	%	2025	10.5
4.5.1 Change Rate of Per Capita GNI - At Current Market Price (US\$.)	%	2025	10.9
4.6 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) - At Constant (2015) Price	Rs.Mn	2025	13,128,577
4.7 GDP Growth Rate - At Constant (2015) Price	%	2025	5.0
4.8 Agriculture Growth Rate - At Constant (2015) Price	%	2025	1.4
4.9 Industry Growth Rate - At Constant (2015) Price	%	2025	7.8
4.10 Services Growth Rate - At Constant (2015) Price	%	2025	3.3
5. Exchange Rate			
5.1 Annual Average	Rs./ US \$	2025	303.5
5.2 Year End	Rs./ US \$	2025	309.8
6. Monthly Income			
6.1 Average Monthly Household Income	Rs.	2019	76,414
6.2 Average Monthly Per Capita Income	Rs.	2019	20,527
6.3 Average Income Receivers in the Household	Persons	2019	1.8
6.4 Income Receivers Average Monthly Income	Rs.	2019	42,308
6.5 Percentage Share of Household Income - Richest 20%	%	2019	51.3
6.6 Percentage Share of Household Income - Poorest 40%	%	2019	14.1
6.7 Percentage Share of Household Income - Poorest 20%	%	2019	4.6

National Indicators - Sri Lanka

Indicator	Unit	Year	Value
7. Monthly Expenditure			
7.1 Average Monthly household Expenditure	Rs.	2019	63,130
7.2 Food Ratio ⁽⁴⁾	%	2019	35.1
8. Poverty			
8.1 Nominal Poverty Line (NPL)	Rs.	2024	16,390
8.2 Poverty Head Count Ratio ⁽⁵⁾ (on updated poverty line in 2019)	%	2019	14.3
8.3 Poverty Gap Index (with updated poverty line in 2019)	%	2019	2.8
8.4 Number of Poor Households	%	2019	681,800

Source : Department of Census and Statistics

Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(1) Economically active population (15 years and over)

(2) Unemployment Rate = Unemployed population/ Economically active population

(3) Revised base year (2010) estimates (by production, income and expenditure approaches)

(4) Food Ratio = $\frac{\text{Household expenditure on food and drink}}{\text{Total household expenditure (for food and drink and non food)}} \times 100$

(5) Poverty Head Index = $\frac{\text{No. of people below Poverty Line}}{\text{Total Population}} \times 100$

Fisheries Indicators

Description	Unit	2022	2023	2024	2025*
1 Contribution to GDP ⁽¹⁾ at Current Market Prices	%	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9
a. Marine fishing	%	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
b. Inland fishing	%	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
2 Contribution to GDP ⁽¹⁾ at Constant Prices (2015)	%	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.9
a. Marine fishing	%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
b. Inland fishing	%	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
3 Growth Rate of Fisheries Contribution to GDP (at Current Market Prices)	%	41.2	12.7	-3.2	3.4
a. Marine fishing	%	43.7	14.2	-2.0	10.5
b. Inland fishing	%	29.9	4.6	-10.0	-39.6
4 Growth Rate of Fisheries Contribution to GDP (at Constant Prices-2015)	%	-10.5	3.0	1.9	-8.6
a. Marine fishing	%	-15.4	4.9	4.8	-0.1
b. Inland fishing	%	11.9	-3.4	-9.2	-45.3
5 Per capita fish production	Kg/year	17.9	18.5	18.7	16.7
a. Marine fishing	Kg/year	12.7	13.3	14.1	14.2
b. Inland fishing	Kg/year	5.3	5.1	4.7	2.6
7 Estimated percapita fish consumption (All Sectors) ⁽²⁾	g/day	32.5	34.3	36.9	33.0
8 Estimated percapita fish consumption (All Sectors) ⁽²⁾	Kg/year	11.9	12.5	13.5	12.1
9 Per capita Fish Consumption (Household Sector) ⁽³⁾	Kg/year	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
a. Large fish (Marine)	Kg/year	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
b. Small fish (Marine)	Kg/year	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
c. Inland fish	Kg/year	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
d. Other fish	Kg/year	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
10 Per capita Consumption of Prepared Fish (Household Sector) ⁽³⁾					
a. Canned fish	Kg/year	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
b. Dried fish	Kg/year	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
11 Fish Contribution to Animal Nutrition Intake ⁽⁴⁾					
a. Calorie Intake	%	33.8 ^(a)	33.6	33.9	N/A
b. Protein Intake	%	47.1 ^(a)	50.0	50.0	N/A
c. Fat Intake	%	18.2 ^(a)	23.1	23.1	N/A
12 Household Expenditure Contribution to Food Basket ⁽³⁾					
a. Fish	%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
- Marine	%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
- Inland	%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
b. Canned fish	%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
c. Dried fish	%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
- Marine	%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
- Inland	%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
13 Contribution to National Export Earnings	%	2.3	2.6 ^(a)	2.4	1.5
14 Contribution of Tuna to Total Exports of Fish & Fishery Product in Volume	%	36.2	34.9	22.9	24.1
15 Fishermen per Household (Marine fishing)	Number	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.6
16 Fishermen per Household (Inland fishing)	Number	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1

* Provisional

(1) National Accounts of Sri Lanka - Revised base year (2015) estimates (by production, income and expenditure approaches)

(2) Based on fish production and international trade

(3) Household Income and Expenditure Survey - DCS, conducted once every four years

(4) Food Balance Sheet - DCS

(a) Revised

N/A - Not Available

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Section 1
Fishery Resources and
Fisher Community

Table 1.1A: Country Extent by District

District	Total Land Area (Sq.Km)
1 Colombo	693
2 Gampaha	1,418
3 Kalutara	1,647
4 Kandy	1,927
5 Matale	2,058
6 Nuwara Eliya	1,745
7 Galle	1,617
8 Matara	1,317
9 Hambantota	2,627
10 Jaffna	1,298
11 Mannar	2,047
12 Vavunia	1,934
13 Mullaitivu	2,681
14 Kilinochchi	1,565
15 Batticaloa	2,623
16 Ampara	4,476
17 Trincomalee	2,799
18 Kurunegala	4,905
19 Puttalam	3,605
20 Anuradhapura	7,215
21 Polonnaruwa	3,472
22 Badulla	2,871
23 Moneragala	5,757
24 Ratnapura	3,286
25 Kegalle	1,657
Total	67,240

Source: Survey Department of Sri Lanka

Note : (1) Total Land Area: Land area including inland water area

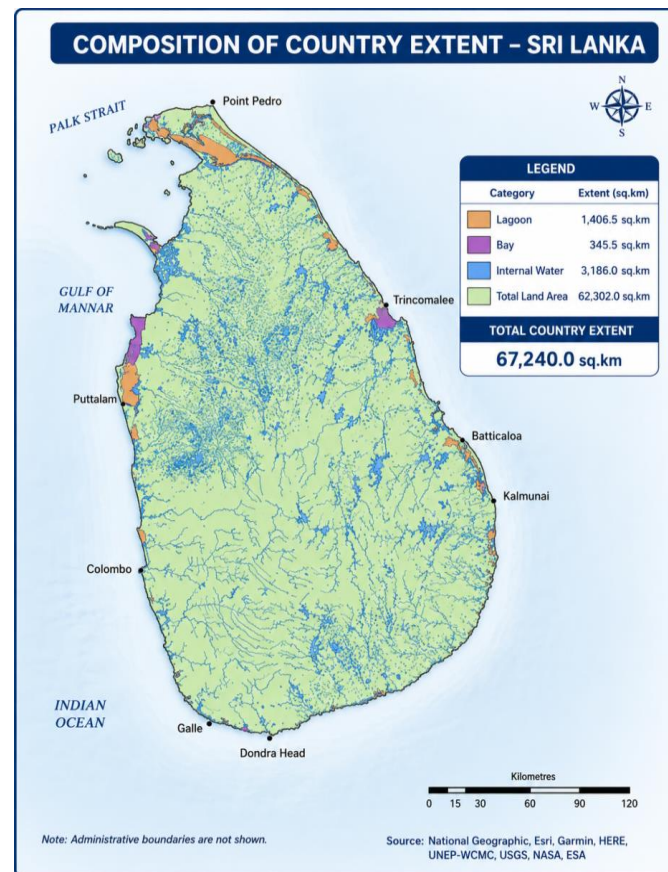


Figure 1.1: Composition of country extent of Sri Lanka

Source: Survey Department of Sri Lanka

Table 1.1B: Composition of country extent of Sri Lanka

Description	Area (Sq.Km)
Land Area	62,302.0
Total Inland Water	4,938.0
Internal Waters	3,186.0
Lagoon Area	1,406.5
Bay Area	345.5
Country Extent of Sri Lanka	67,240.0

Source: Survey Department of Sri Lanka; 50K 2nd edition (V2.1)

Table 1.1C: Number of Islands, Lagoons and Bays

Description	No of Islands, Lagoons and Bays
Total Land Area and Internal Waters	
Number of Island	176
Total Inland Water	
Lagoon Area	115
Bay Area	62

Source: Survey Department of Sri Lanka

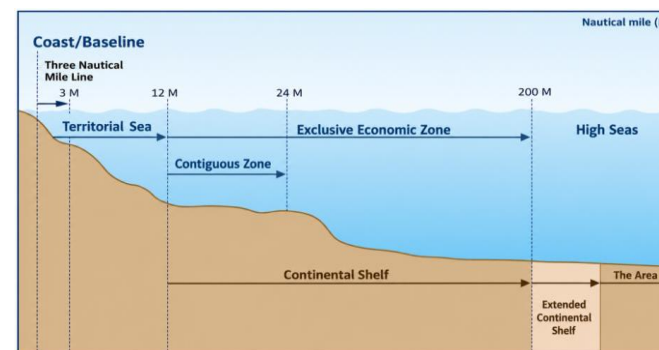


Figure 1.2. Maritime Zones under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

Table 1.2: Information of Perennial Tanks by Districts, 2024–2025

District		2024						2025					
		Tanks				Area (Ha)	Landing Sites	Tanks				Area (Ha)	Landing Sites
		Major	Medium	Minor	Total			Major	Medium	Minor	Total		
1	Colombo	-	-	15	15	160	7	-	-	16	16	170	7
2	Gampaha	-	-	112	112	150	30	-	-	112	112	150	30
3	Kalutara	1	-	18	19	1,310	7	1	-	19	20	1,320	7
4	Kandy	1	-	55	56	2,710	45	1	-	55	56	2,710	45
5	Matale	2	5	43	50	7,590	55	2	4	34	40	7,100	55
6	Nuwara Eliya	1	3	39	43	4,290	45	1	3	39	43	4,290	45
7	Galle	-	-	6	6	20	4	-	-	4	4	15	4
8	Matara	-	-	36	36	970	36	-	-	36	36	970	36
9	Hambantota	2	6	65	73	8,670	82	2	6	65	73	8,670	82
10	Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Mannar	1	3	6	10	3,800	12	1	3	6	10	3,800	12
12	Vavunia	1	4	16	21	4,330	15	1	4	16	21	4,330	15
13	Mulathivu	2	5	26	33	7,370	35	2	5	24	31	7,350	35
14	Killinochchi	2	2	5	9	4,770	11	2	2	5	9	4,770	11
15	Batticaloa	2	5	14	21	4,830	24	2	5	14	21	4,830	24
16	Ampara	6	13	75	94	23,920	102	6	13	67	86	23,300	102
17	Trincomalee	1	4	51	56	8,090	52	1	4	48	53	7,800	52
18	Kurunegala	2	9	32	43	8,830	55	2	9	28	39	8,750	55
19	Puttalam	-	5	30	35	2,770	40	-	5	32	37	2,850	40
20	Anuradhapura	11	11	123	145	30,750	175	11	9	130	150	31,150	175
21	Polonnaruwa	5	3	90	98	18,950	105	5	3	88	96	18,850	105
22	Badulla	1	6	29	36	5,420	43	1	6	29	36	5,420	43
23	Monaragala	2	6	78	86	8,090	90	2	6	78	86	8,090	90
24	Ratnapura	1	2	17	20	4,660	20	1	2	17	20	4,660	20
25	Kegalle	-	-	21	21	15	5	-	-	21	21	15	5
Total		44	92	1,002	1,138	162,465	1,095	44	89	983	1,116	161,360	1,095

Source : National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

Note : Includes only the information of perennial tanks which are utilized for the inland fisheries.

Table 1.3 : Fishing Households and Active Fishers - Marine Sector, 1972–2025

Year	Fishing Households	Active Fishers (Fishermen & Women)	Fishing Household Population	Average Fishers per Household	Average Persons per Household
1972	43,269	58,298	235,100	1.2	5.4
1982	56,320	68,900	292,200	1.2	5.2
2001	98,157	115,014	441,707	1.2	4.5
2005	137,300	160,300	641,700	1.2	4.7
2010	184,100	212,920	816,500	1.2	4.4
2015	190,960	221,560	830,560	1.2	4.3
2020	185,570	225,020	804,980	1.2	4.3
2021	185,810	224,190	803,820	1.2	4.3
2022	186,500	223,490	804,340	1.2	4.3
2023	187,760	223,720	805,440	1.2	4.3
2024	188,940	225,480	807,550	1.2	4.3
2025*	158,662	226,154	599,901	1.4	3.8

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Note: Estimated Based on the annual reports submitted by Fisheries Inspectors of DFAR for their FI Divisions

Table 1.4 : Fishing Households and Active Fishers - Inland Sector, 2000–2025

Year	Fishing Households	Active Fishers (Fishermen & Women)	Fishing Household Population	Average Fishers per Household	Average Persons per Household
2000	16,300	18,000	73,350	1.1	4.5
2005	22,100	24,200	97,240	1.1	4.4
2010	28,500	31,400	122,550	1.1	4.3
2015	48,900	54,450	207,410	1.1	4.2
2020	81,070	90,650	318,730	1.1	3.9
2021	81,410	91,020	320,060	1.1	3.9
2022	83,690	92,060	323,120	1.1	3.9
2023	83,770	94,750	323,370	1.1	3.9
2024	83,960	94,990	223,610	1.1	2.7
2025*	84,675	93,142	296,276	1.1	3.5

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources /National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

Note:* Fishery households were estimated based on number of active fishers, assuming 1.1 active fisher per fishing household.

Fishery Population was estimated by multiplying the estimated number of fishery households by the average household size reported in the latest Census of Housing and Population

Table 1.5: Active Fishers by Fisheries District - Marine Fisheries, 1972–2025

Fisheries District	1972	1989	1999	2004	2011	2016	2022	2023	2024	2025*
1 Negombo	5,357	7,419	14,573	16,800	9,510	10,570	11,570	11,210	10,730	9,756
2 Colombo	2,325	1,610	2,653	2,800	1,820	2,340	2,280	2,160	2,150	1,944
3 Kalutara	2,212	3,157	4,322	4,200	5,950	4,820	4,050	4,110	4,020	4,084
4 Galle	3,479	3,590	6,304	6,300	10,260	12,420	9,560	9,510	9,350	8,914
5 Matara	3,270	4,426	5,276	7,100	11,090	15,570	15,380	15,790	15,760	15,761
6 Tangalle	1,742	3,354	7,001	6,100	10,580	12,010	12,250	13,510	14,510	15,093
7 Kalmunai	5,628	9,022	14,592	15,500	26,040	22,290	15,750	15,470	16,460	16,826
8 Batticaloa	5,572	12,843	15,137	21,600	29,980	31,820	41,730	41,770	42,050	37,655
9 Trincomalee	2,823	6,502	10,748	16,100	34,620	32,960	28,530	28,800	28,070	27,139
10 Mullativu	1,349	3,183	1,950	3,300	1,480	5,250	8,570	8,350	8,780	8,204
11 Kilinochchi	-	1,103	1,400	3,700	3,720	4,190	4,930	4,760	4,800	5,221
12 Jaffna	10,826	24,839	9,614	16,800	22,720	22,690	25,780	25,870	26,150	30,050
13 Mannar	2,848	5,684	4,593	9,400	18,530	18,570	17,460	17,610	18,350	20,853
14 Puttalam	10,867	4,539	13,161	12,100	16,810	12,530	14,930	13,350	13,130	13,843
15 Chilaw	-	7,173	9,090	10,000	12,320	10,800	10,720	11,450	11,170	10,811
Total	58,298	98,444	120,414	151,800	215,430	218,830	223,490	223,720	225,480	226,154

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Estimated Based on the annual reports submitted by Fisheries Inspectors of DFAR for their FI Divisions

*Provisional

Table 1.6: Fishing Households by Fisheries District - Marine Fisheries, 1972–2025

Fisheries District	1972	1989	1999	2004	2011	2016	2022	2023	2024	2025*
1 Negombo	3,849	6,396	11,210	12,900	9,250	9,050	10,190	9,880	9,450	9,543
2 Colombo	2,002	1,451	2,412	2,300	1,650	1,880	1,960	2,010	2,010	1,910
3 Kalutara	1,799	2,366	3,602	3,500	5,610	4,790	3,890	4,060	3,960	3,313
4 Galle	2,941	2,871	5,253	6,700	6,220	9,430	7,930	7,870	7,730	5,034
5 Matara	2,413	3,341	4,796	6,900	10,980	12,250	12,280	12,660	12,630	11,006
6 Tangalle	1,285	2,712	5,385	6,100	10,130	9,390	8,570	9,360	10,040	7,999
7 Kalmunai	4,686	9,328	13,265	15,100	22,740	18,740	14,280	14,030	14,920	14,423
8 Batticaloa	4,679	12,044	13,762	16,700	26,320	26,980	28,630	28,940	29,120	23,106
9 Trincomalee	2,348	5,675	8,123	12,300	32,470	31,270	28,420	28,690	27,950	22,449
10 Mullativu	919	2,798	864	3,100	1,600	4,730	6,210	6,030	6,330	3,771
11 Kilinochchi	-	1,047	400	3,400	2,700	4,120	4,860	4,610	4,640	4,224
12 Jaffna	7,966	22,568	6,922	16,100	19,240	21,800	23,630	23,690	23,940	23,448
13 Mannar	2,093	5,127	4,175	7,300	15,030	15,030	16,870	16,890	17,590	11,531
14 Puttalam	6,289	3,759	10,124	11,400	13,820	10,790	9,860	9,530	9,360	9,472
15 Chilaw	-	6,325	8,264	8,800	9,580	8,440	8,920	9,510	9,270	7,433
Total	43,269	87,808	98,557	132,600	187,340	188,690	186,500	187,760	188,940	158,662

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Estimated Based on the annual reports submitted by Fisheries Inspectors of DFAR for their FI Divisions

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Table 1.7: Fishing Households and Active Fishers - Marine Fisheries, 2025*

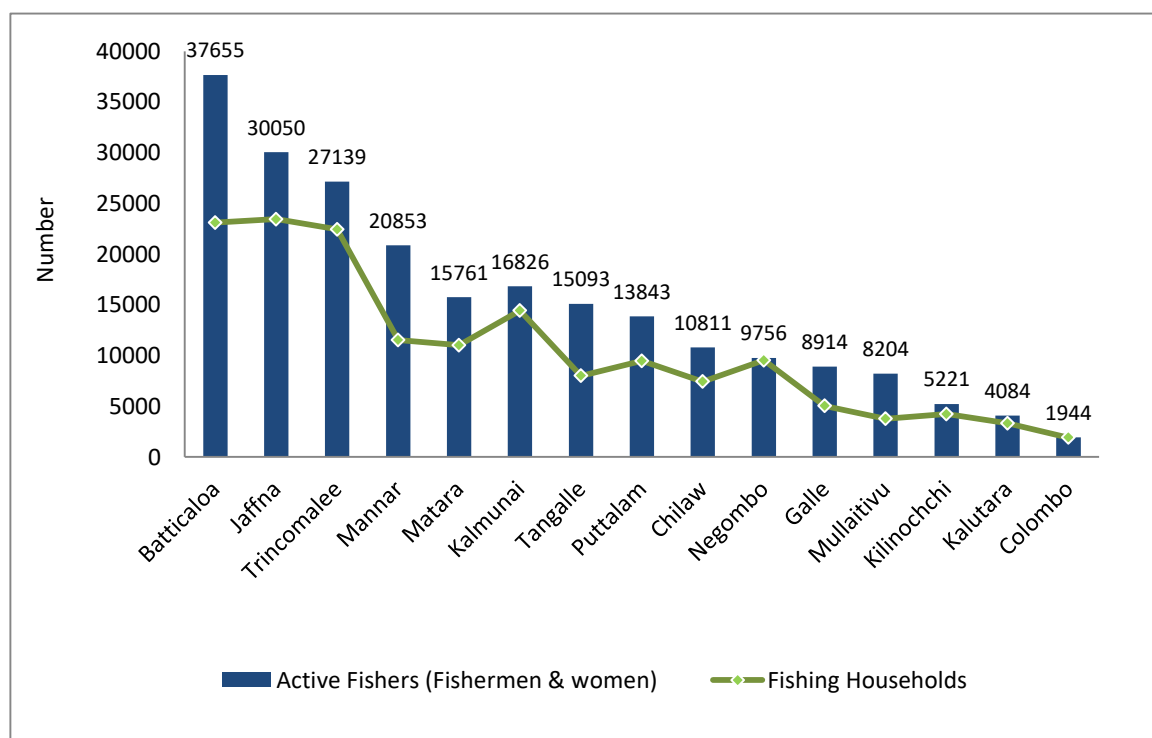
	Fisheries District	Number of FI Divisions	Fishing Households	Active Fishers (Fishermen & women)	Fishing Household Population	Average Fishers per Household
1	Negombo	13	9,543	9,756	39,353	1.0
2	Colombo	8	1,910	1,944	7,587	1.0
3	Kalutara	9	3,313	4,084	12,737	1.2
4	Galle	9	5,034	8,914	17,340	1.8
5	Matara	9	11,006	15,761	41,571	1.4
6	Tangalle	12	7,999	15,093	28,852	1.9
7	Kalmunai	12	14,423	16,826	67,841	1.2
8	Batticaloa	16	23,106	37,655	78,209	1.6
9	Trincomalee	11	22,449	27,139	69,452	1.2
10	Mullaitivu	4	3,771	8,204	12,839	2.2
11	Kilinochchi	4	4,224	5,221	16,981	1.2
12	Jaffna	17	23,448	30,050	94,131	1.3
13	Mannar	6	11,531	20,853	43,056	1.8
14	Puttalam	8	9,472	13,843	39,503	1.5
15	Chilaw	11	7,433	10,811	30,449	1.5
	Total	149	158,662	226,154	599,901	1.4

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Estimated based on the annual reports submitted by Fisheries Inspectors of DFAR for their FI Divisions

Note: Full time and part time fishers are included

* Provisional

**Figure 1.3: Fishing Households and Active Fishers by Fisheries District, 2025**

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 1.8 : Active Fishers in Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector, 2025

District	Inland Fisheries			Aquaculture			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1 Colombo	82	-	82	771	-	771	853	-	853
2 Gampaha	442	46	488	1,550	406	1,956	1,992	452	2,444
3 Kalutara	93	7	100	1,088	-	1,088	1,181	7	1,188
4 Kandy	259	-	259	689	31	720	948	31	979
5 Matale	2,439	15	2,454	412	56	468	2,851	71	2,922
6 Nuwara Eliya	2,398	75	2,473	275	93	368	2,673	168	2,841
7 Galle	638	104	742	882	8	890	1,520	112	1,632
8 Matara	369	2	371	448	33	481	817	35	852
9 Hambantota	2,600	34	2,634	2,868	13	2,881	5,468	47	5,515
10 Jaffna	-	-	-	2,331	188	2,519	2,331	188	2,519
11 Mannar	525	15	540	974	247	1,221	1,499	262	1,761
12 Vavuniya	800	18	818	400	80	480	1,200	98	1,298
13 Mullaitivu	1,718	56	1,774	690	38	728	2,408	94	2,502
14 Kilinochchi	1,240	99	1,339	1,628	382	2,010	2,868	481	3,349
15 Batticaloa	2,587	59	2,646	537	72	609	3,124	131	3,255
16 Ampara	14,315	605	14,920	3,680	56	3,736	17,995	661	18,656
17 Trincomalee	731	37	768	379	16	395	1,110	53	1,163
18 Kurunegala	4,099	50	4,149	2,537	208	2,745	6,636	258	6,894
19 Puttalam	2,913	336	3,249	4,636	458	5,094	7,549	794	8,343
20 Anuradhapura	5,796	110	5,906	1,767	145	1,912	7,563	255	7,818
21 Polonnaruwa	4,965	235	5,200	1,389	168	1,557	6,354	403	6,757
22 Badulla	1,585	62	1,647	341	31	372	1,926	93	2,019
23 Monaragala	2,453	101	2,554	2,123	174	2,297	4,576	275	4,851
24 Ratnapura	819	1	820	1,098	1	1,099	1,917	2	1,919
25 Kegalle	66	2	68	718	26	744	784	28	812
Total	53,932	2,069	56,001	34,211	2,930	37,141	88,143	4,999	93,142

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources / National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

Table 1.9 : Fisher Community Organizations, 2025

District	No. of fisheries Organizations			No. of Members		
	Coastal	Inland	Total	Coastal	Inland	Total
1 Colombo	20	5	25	1,477	204	1,681
2 Gampaha	73	19	92	5,821	228	6,049
3 Kalutara	41	13	54	4,116	664	4,780
4 Kandy	-	4	4	-	160	160
5 Matale	-	14	14	-	1,060	1,060
6 Nuwara Eliya	-	8	8	-	265	265
7 Galle	45	6	51	3,305	146	3,451
8 Matara	87	12	99	4,650	192	4,842
9 Hambantota	47	61	108	4,993	549	5,542
10 Jaffna	95	-	95	11,451	-	11,451
11 Mannar	71	14	85	7,505	692	8,197
12 Vavuniya	-	18	18	-	687	687
13 Mullaitivu	36	16	52	3,452	449	3,901
14 Kilinochchi	27	8	35	1,812	351	2,163
15 Batticaloa	154	23	177	14,041	1,158	15,199
16 Ampara	74	31	105	8,561	1,865	10,426
17 Trincomalee	78	37	115	5,405	467	5,872
18 Kurunegala	-	31	31	-	518	518
19 Puttalam	197	30	227	9,307	1,029	10,336
20 Anuradhapura	-	53	53	-	2,848	2,848
21 Polonnaruwa	-	35	35	-	3,700	3,700
22 Badulla	-	14	14	-	446	446
23 Monaragala	-	51	51	-	420	420
24 Ratnapura	-	14	14	-	725	725
25 Kegalle	-	6	6	-	185	185
Total	1,045	523	1,568	85,896	19,008	104,904

Source: National Fisheries Federation

Section 2

Fisheries Infrastructure Facilities

Table 2.1 : Fishery Harbour Information and Available Facilities, 2025

Major Fishery Harbour	Fisheries District	Year of Commissioned	Land Area (Ha)	Basin Area (Ha)	Break Water Length (m)	Sub Break water (m)	Dredging Depth (m)	Quay Wall Length (m)	Jetty Length (m)	Berthing Capacity (No of Vessels 3.5 - 5 tonnage)	Market Area (Auction Hall) (sq.m)	Net Mending Area (sq.m)	Fuel Storage Capacity - Diesel ('000 Liters)	Water Storage ('000 Liters)	Kerosene ('000 Liters)
1 Negombo	Negombo	2009	0.42	Lagoon	-	-	3.0	194.2		162	421	212	36.0	50.0	0
2 Dikkowita	Negombo	2013	8.73	10.65	758	378.5	3.0-6.0	610.5	349.0	455	437	420	115.2	250.0	0
3 Mutwal	Colombo	1965	1.42	2.02	213	68.0	5.0	134.7	-	100	340	434	bunkering	55.0	0
4 Panadura	Colombo	1998	2.46	Lagoon	670	150.0	2.5-3.0	75.5	-	75	171	160	36.0	25.0	18
5 Beruwala	Kalutara	1965	5.10	12.60	385	188.0	3.0	308.0	41.0	530	652	544	72.0	200.0	7.4
6 Ambalangoda	Galle	2010	3.67	5.30	372	188.0	3.0	117.0	-	150	440	256	36.0	26.0	0
7 Hikkaduwa	Galle	2001	1.35	4.50	485	330.0	3.0	136.0	-	250	214	211	36.0	30.0	18
8 Dodanduwa	Galle	2010	1.10	1.40	100	-	3.0	-	-	50	180	95	-	2,000.0	13.5
9 Galle	Galle	1965	3.10	3.10	235	-	3.0-6.0	244.0	149.5	350	750	475	74.0	70.0	0
10 Mirissa	Matara	1966	2.00	6.20	456	175.0	3.0	497.0	82.0	300	223	111	53.0	18.0	14
11 Nilwella	Matara	2012	0.64	9.27	426	-	3.0	100.0	-	200	153	177	36.0	12.0	18
12 Puranawella	Matara	1980	4.96	12.60	407	276.0	3.0-5.0	302.0	-	350	360	278	72.0	80.0	0
13 Suduwella	Matara	2013	2.28	3.91	319	193.0	3.0	100.0	-	230	297	213	18.0	11.4	30
14 Gandara	Matara	2021	5.00	4.80	230		5-7 m	720.0		400	890	320	72.0	150.0	14
15 Kudawella	Tangalle	1998	3.30	10.30	680	-	3.0	288.0	100.0	400	284	256	60.0	232.0	0
16 Tangalle	Tangalle	1965	1.30	2.10	208	27.5	2.5-3.0	260.0	-	100	-	178	54.0	32.0	0
17 Hambantota	Tangalle	2010	3.30	3.90	278	175.0	3.0-4.0	150.0	-	125	290	530	36.0	12.0	13.2
18 Kirinda	Tangalle	1985	4.70	1.90	542	185.0	2.5-3.0	213.4	-	150	291	195	24.3	50.0	24.2
19 Oluvil	Kalmunai	-	7.93	7.61	670	255.0	3.0	205.0	-	750	320	240	22.5	40.0	0
20 Valaichchanai	Batticaloa	2011	1.60	Lagoon	-	-	3.0	266.0	-	400	915	320	72.0	75.0	13.5
21 Cod-bay	Trincomalee	1965	11.10	Lagoon	-	-	3.0-6.0	289.0	50.0	700	381	136	54.0	150.0	0
22 Kalpitiya	Puttalam	1968	0.49	Lagoon	-	-	2.5-5.0	126.2	57.2	180	300	306	36.0	50.0	36.5
23 Chilaw	Puttalam	2010	1	Lagoon	-	-	2.5	174.5	36	250	564	444	-	-	0
24 Myliddy	Jaffna	2019	2.65	3.87	345	127.3	2.5	96	-	80	-	107	22.0	80.0	22
25 Wellmankara	Puttalam	2022	4.23	6.28	577	302.0	4.0	352	-	300	430	535	180.0	65.0	9
26 Kalametiya	Tangalle	2022	4.81	3.33	335	62.8	3.0-5.0	80.5	-	75	300	255	36.0	8.0	17.79

Note: Mutwal, Oluvil , Gandara not operated

source : Civil engineering Department & Harbour operation Department, CFHC

Table 2.2: Active Ice Plants and Production Capacity by Districts, 2005–2025

Table 2.12 Active Ice Plants and Production Capacity by District, 2005 - 2025														
Fisheries District	Administrative District	2005		2010		2015/2016		2020/2021		2022/2023		2024/2025		
		Number of Ice plants	Production Capacity (Mt/day)	Number of Ice plants	Production Capacity (Mt/day)	Number of Ice plants	Production Capacity (Mt/day)	Number of Ice plants	Production Capacity (Mt/day)	Number of Ice plants	Production Capacity (Mt/day)	Number of Ice plants	Production Capacity (Mt/day)	
1	Colombo	Colombo	2	10	3	25	2	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Negombo	Gampaha	10	329	6	245	13	709	11	917	11	763	11	763
3	Kalutara	Kalutara	2	60	5	185	8	368	8	330	7	264	7	264
5	Matale	Matale	1	8	-	-	-	-	1	44	1	44	1	44
7	Galle	Galle	3	76	9	189	6	155	10	352	8	267	8	267
8	Matara	Matara	5	180	2	20	11	449	10	355	10	351	10	351
9	Tangalle	Hambantota	3	40	6	44	15	245	19	657	18	873	18	873
10	Jaffna	Jaffna	6	8	4	313	8	91	5	135	5	135	5	135
11	Mannar	Mannar	4	34	-	-	4	50	6	167	5	167	5	167
13	Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu	-	-	8	17	4	64	2	47	2	40	2	40
14	Kilinochchi	Kilinochchi	-	-	-	-	2	6	2	85	2	26	2	26
15	Batticaloa	Batticaloa	-	-	4	36	6	204	6	166	6	403	6	403
16	Kalmunai	Ampara	-	-	5	148	4	121	3	30	3	29	3	29
17	Trincomalee	Trincomalee	2	100	6	140	6	963	8	285	9	345	9	345
18	Kurunegala	Kurunegala	-	-	1	10	-	-	1	23	1	6	1	6
19	Puttalam	Puttalam	3	90	5	175	5	50	5	268	5	132	5	132
20	Chilaw	Puttalam	5	121	6	140	8	281	7	132	12	352	12	352
21		Anuradhapura	1	10	1	10	1	10	2	11	2	11	2	11
22		Polonnaruwa	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	15	1	15	1	15
23		Monaragala	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	1	2
Total			47	1,066	71	1,697	104	3,781	108	4,020	109	4,223	109	4,223

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Based on the data reports of DFAR, CFC, CFHC and NAQDA

Table 2.3 : Number of Ice plants and production capacity by district, 2024/2025*

Fisheries District	Administrative District	Active		Inactive	Permanently Closed
		Number	Daily production capacity (Mt/ day)	Number	Number
Colombo	Colombo	-	-	-	1
Negombo	Gampaha	11	762.5	-	-
Kaluthara	Kalutara	7	264	-	-
Matale	Matale	1	43.5	-	-
Galle	Galle	8	267	-	-
Matara	Matara	10	351.3	-	-
Tangalle	Hambanthota	18	873.45	2	-
Jaffna	Jaffna	5	135	1	-
Mannar	Mannar	5	166.5	-	-
Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu	2	39.5	-	1
Kilinochchi	Kilinochchi	2	25.5	-	-
Batticaloa	Batticaloa	6	403	1	-
Kalmunai	Ampara	3	28.5	-	2
Trincomalee	Trincomalee	9	344.65	-	-
Kurunegala	Kurunegala	1	6	-	-
Puttalam	Puttalam	5	132.4	1	1
Chilaw	Puttalam	12	352	-	-
Anuradhapura	Anuradhapura	2	11	-	-
Polonnaruwa	Polonnaruwa	1	15	-	-
Monaragala	Monaragala	1	2	-	-
Total		109	4222.8	5	5

* Provisional

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 2.4.1: Production of Boats by Type, Cey-Nor, 2010–2025

Boat Type	2010	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Production of Boats								
Multiday boats	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1
Single day boats	9	-	-	11	12	4	6	5
OFRP boats	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oru / Outriggers / Oars	382	711	144	641	261	207	447	99
Wallam/ Theppam	32	-	1	15	15	1	9	3
Leisure Boats / Ferries	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Paddle Boats	-	-	7	-	-	3	2	-
Passenger boats	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3
Ferries/ Theppam/ Piers	-	12	2	1	17	7	34	39
Total Boats	437	727	156	669	306	222	500	150
Other Products								
Floating Restaurant / House	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total Production Value (Rs.Mn)	72.0	52.0	24.5	43.6	86.1	26.0	118.4	71.0

Source: CEYNOR Foundation Ltd , North Sea Limited

* Provisional

Table 2.4.2: Sales of Other Marine Products, Cey-Nor, 2010–2025

Item	2010	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Weapon Storage Boxes, Security Huts, Long Lines Instruments	600	270	13	102	13	42	20	-
Dress changing room, toilets mobile sales outlets, pallets, hatchery jars, F/chairs, fish nets and fishing gear	-	-	20	64	76	79	6	111
Hatchery jar/ Hatchery Tank / Water Tank/Fish Tank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fiber glass oars/ Lifi Saving Rings/ Dan Anchors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish nets and fishing gear	-	-	1,586	1,292	1,279	1,120	2,920	181
Fish box/ Ice box	-	-	201	253	17	99	16	3
Wash basins	-	-	12	131	-	-	-	-
Value of Other Products(Rs Mn)†	-	9.6	19.0	30.8	5.5	35.0	145.6	24.0
Value of Non Fish Related Products * (Rs Mn)	-	-	-	-	-	20.5	102.0	46.0

Source: CEYNOR Foundation Ltd , North Sea Limited

Note: Fishing Net Factories were handed over to North Sea Limited since 2011 November

*Lottery huts and Poly tunnels

* Provisional † Revised

Table 2.5: Production and Sales Value of Fishing Nets, 2000–2025

Year	Lunuwila Fish Nets Factory		Weerawila Fish Nets Factory		Gurunagar factory		Total	
	Quantity (Kg)	Sales Value (Rs.Mn)	Quantity (Kg)	Sales Value (Rs.Mn)	Quantity (Kg)	Sales Value (Rs.Mn)	Quantity (Kg)	Sales Value (Rs.Mn)
2000	191,083	79.10	20,885	6.40	-	-	211,968	85.50
2005	233,126	152.60	89,575	55.50	-	-	322,701	208.10
2010	88,453	149.80	82,172	72.00	-	-	170,625	221.80
2011	94,920	172.80	91,122	69.00	2,310	5.00	188,352	246.80
2012	77,890	94.20	35,970	42.70	20,950	30.52	134,810	167.42
2013	69,660	77.00	41,520	46.00	36,080	21.90	147,260	144.90
2014	107,720	193.40	73,390	20.60	99,210	86.10	280,320	300.10
2015	70,799	108.92	46,240	9.20	76,790	44.78	193,829	162.90
2016	71,830	106.77	30,780	21.11	54,090	57.22	156,700	185.10
2017	100,632	113.75	58,694	45.44	87,914	43.65	247,240	202.84
2018	96,353	177.81	100,403	77.60	75,929	108.09	272,685	363.50
2019	84,099	125.14	60,536	75.70	58,615	68.96	203,250	269.80
2020	63,516	84.92	26,079	59.14	53,994	72.60	143,589	216.66
2021	62,296	104.42	32,863	67.13	69,632	85.58	164,791	257.12
2022	17,750	42.93	18,859	24.44	27,374	73.09	63,483	140.46
2023	58,785	83.16	55,452	61.22	75,040	71.98	189,277	216.36
2024	94,073	114.24	101,480	110.48	103,160	111.87	298,713	336.59
2025*	83,713	103.78	82,385	93.89	100,613	123.08	266,712	320.75

Source: CEYNOR Foundation Ltd , North Sea Limited

Note: Fishing Net Factories were handed over to North Sea Limited since 2011 November

* Provisional

Section 3

Fishing Fleets

Table 3.1: Operating Fishing Boats by Type, 1995–2025

Year	Marine Fishing Fleet							Inland Fishing Craft	Total Fishing Fleet	
	Inboard Engine		Out Board Engine		Traditional		Total			
	High Seas IMUL	Other ⁽¹⁾ IMUL	IDAY	OFRP	MTRB	NTRB ⁽²⁾				NBSB (Beach Seine Craft)
1995		1,639	1,357	8,564	1,060	14,649	na	27,269	3,900	31,169
2000		1,430	1,170	8,690	1,205	15,100	na	27,595	4,700	32,295
2005		1,328	1,164	11,010	1,660	14,150	589	29,901	6,200	36,101
2010		3,346	1,177	18,770	2,680	19,190	975	46,138	7,990	54,128
2011		3,872	1,120	22,890	2,960	21,646	984	53,472	8,020	61,492
2012		4,080	890	23,160	2,340	21,904	896	53,270	8,360	61,630
2013		4,111	802	23,134	2,514	20,866	873	52,300	7,988	60,288
2014		4,447	876	23,982	2,720	20,584	1,379	53,988	8,536	62,524
2015	1,612	2,606	719	24,028	1,872	17,813	1,688	50,338	8,778	59,116
2016	1,407	2,589	786	24,282	1,839	17,853	1,913	50,669	9,661	60,330
2017	1,346	2,850	868	22,394	2,185	16,035	1,212	46,890	9,745	56,635
2018	1,281	3,300	918	24,132	2,206	17,434	1,320	50,591	9,795	60,386
2019	1,189	3,696	948	23,404	2,140	16,312	1,287	48,976	9,870	58,846
2020	927	4,228	895	24,074	2,310	16,006	1,056	49,496	9,880	59,376
2021	1,194	4,170	860	24,389	2,398	15,695	1,070	49,776	9,940	59,716
2022	1,485	3,603	831	24,530	2,374	14,877	980	48,680	9,879	58,559
2023	1,971	3,615	782	25,232	2,619	15,090	988	50,297	9,647	59,944
2024	1,803	3,066	880	24,823	2,709	15,037	953	49,271	9,647	58,918
2025	1,890	2,911	918	32558*	3,298*	16,706	899	59,180	8,263	67,443

Source: Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources/ Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Estimated based on the monthly reports submitted by the Fisheries Inspectors of DFAR for their FI Divisions and log book information

(1) 1995-2014 High seas IMUL boats included

(2) 1995-2000 Beach Seine Crafts included

Note : IMUL - Inboard Multi-day Boats, IDAY - Inboard Single-day Boats, OFRP - Out-board engine Fiberglass

Reinforced Plastic Boats, MTRB - Motorized Traditional Boats, NTRB - Non-motorized Traditional Boats

* Boat Census Data

Table 3.2 : Operating Fishing Boats by Fisheries District, 2024

Fisheries District		IMUL	IDAY	OFRP	MTRB	NTRB	NBSB	Total Boats
1	Negombo	649	36	1,318	5	1,234	39	3,281
2	Colombo	11	16	377	2	173	15	594
3	Kalutara	572	2	391	-	173	44	1,182
4	Galle	488	19	512	182	222	27	1,450
5	Matara	927	117	729	248	514	3	2,538
6	Tangalle	750	29	673	157	477	74	2,160
7	Kalmunai	235	36	892	133	910	161	2,367
8	Batticaloa	427	9	1,850	15	4,198	115	6,614
9	Trincomalee	532	8	3,742	79	2,572	134	7,067
10	Mullaitivu	-	-	1,461	1	292	52	1,806
11	Kilinochchi	1	-	1,211	158	254	-	1,624
12	Jaffna	98	361	5,069	971	1,388	134	8,021
13	Mannar	26	246	2,705	515	442	31	3,965
14	Puttalam	50	-	2,272	193	1,131	110	3,756
15	Chilaw	103	1	1,621	50	1,057	14	2,846
Total		4,869	880	24,823	2,709	15,037	953	49,271

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Estimated based on the monthly reports submitted by the Fisheries Inspectors of DFAR for their FI Divisions and log book information

Note : IMUL - Inboard Multi-day Boats, IDAY - Inboard Single-day Boats, OFRP - Out-board engine Fiberglass, NBSB -Non Motorized Beach Seine Crafts Reinforced Plastic Boats, MTRB - Motorized Traditional Boats, NTRB - Non-motorized Traditional Boats

Table 3.3 : Operating Fishing Boats by Fisheries District, 2025*

	Fisheries District	IMUL	IDAY	OFRP[†]	MTRB[†]	NTRB	NBSB	Total Boats
1	Negombo	449	82	2,038	16	1,795	15	4,395
2	Colombo	12	8	601	-	221	11	853
3	Kalutara	369	8	760	-	209	24	1,370
4	Galle	986	38	896	200	255	30	2,405
5	Matara	1,145	173	1,112	310	574	10	3,324
6	Tangalle	646	51	1,153	197	642	14	2,703
7	Kalmunai	210	29	1,135	163	919	76	2,532
8	Batticaloa	409	6	2,364	11	4,747	109	7,646
9	Trincomalee	145	8	4,459	169	2,305	90	7,176
10	Mullaitivu	2	-	2,142	1	527	88	2,760
11	Kilinochchi	-	-	1,250	154	210	-	1,614
12	Jaffna	61	388	6,046	1,023	1,410	144	9,072
13	Mannar	11	127	3,068	719	405	115	4,445
14	Puttalam	25	-	3,674	276	1,490	145	5,610
15	Chilaw	331	-	1,860	59	997	28	3,275
	Total	4,801	918	32,558	3,298	16,706	899	59,180

Source: Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources/ Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Estimated based on the monthly reports submitted by the Fisheries Inspectors of DFAR for their FI Divisions and log book information

Note : IMUL - Inboard Multi-day Boats, IDAY - Inboard Single-day Boats, OFRP - Out-board engine Fiberglass

Reinforced Plastic Boats, MTRB - Motorized Traditional Boats, NTRB - Non-motorized Traditional Boats

NBSB -Non Motorized Beach Seine Crafts

* Provisional [†] Boat Census Data 2025

Table 3.4: Inland Fishing Crafts[†] by District, 2020–2025

	District	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1	Colombo	35	30	78	53	53	104
2	Gampaha	30	30	25	25	25	2
3	Kalutara	80	80	46	25	25	85
4	Kandy	125	130	126	131	131	123
5	Matale	380	390	376	292	292	315
6	Nuwara Eliya	110	120	122	123	123	97
7	Galle	20	20	20	20	20	2
8	Matara	140	140	134	85	85	131
9	Hambantota	820	810	795	754	754	709
10	Jaffna **	30	30	30	40	40	0
11	Mannar	370	390	381	375	375	44
12	Vavunia	260	260	244	244	244	89
13	Mullaitivu	380	380	320	381	381	48
14	Kilinochchi	230	230	290	235	235	182
15	Batticaloa	620	620	631	721	721	498
16	Ampara	1,310	1,300	1,260	1,302	1,302	1049
17	Trincomalee	460	460	417	356	356	354
18	Kurunegala	610	610	673	699	699	864
19	Puttalam	300	310	302	248	248	261
20	Anuradhapura	1,560	1,570	1,775	1,526	1,526	1338
21	Polonnaruwa	1,070	1,080	842	1,067	1,067	1040
22	Badulla	330	330	354	326	326	333
23	Monaragala	410	410	425	406	406	406
24	Ratnapura	190	200	205	205	205	188
25	Kegalle **	10	10	8	8	8	1
Total		9880	9940	9879	9647	9647	8263

Source : National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

[†] Including Canoes, Theppan and Paru

** Inland fishing crafts are not operated

Section 4

Fish Production

Table 4.1: Annual Fish Production by Fishing Sub-sectors (Mt), 1960–2025

Year	Marine Fish Catch		Total Marine	Inland & Aquaculture	Total Fish Production	Estimated Wet Fish for Dry or Other Products
	Coastal	Off shore/ Deep Sea				
1960	48,768	2,235	51,003	1,524	52,527	N/A
1965	85,547	1,524	87,071	8,230	95,301	N/A
1970	86,563	3,258	89,821	8,331	98,152	N/A
1975	114,863	970	115,833	13,370	129,203	N/A
1980	165,264	2,148	167,412	20,266	187,678	38,000
1985	140,270	2,400	142,670	32,740	175,410	24,000
1990	134,120	11,670	145,790	38,190	183,980	22,000
1995	157,500	60,000	217,500	18,250	235,750	36,000
2000	175,280	88,400	263,680	36,700	300,380	60,900
2005	63,690	66,710	130,400	32,830	163,230	18,900
2010	202,420	129,840	332,260	52,410	384,670	100,120
2015	269,020	183,870	452,890	67,300	520,190	126,390
2020	182,560	144,370	326,930	101,810	428,740	132,100
2021	178,260	153,415	331,675	104,235	435,910	112,630
2022	149,440	131,170	280,610	116,620	397,230	51,660
2023	164,995	128,950	293,945	113,125	407,070	51,040
2024	165,040	143,390	308,430	102,330	410,760	55,890
2025*	166,190	142,015	308,205	55,985	364,190	71,000

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

Table 4.2: National Fish Production by Districts (Mt), 2016–2025**

District	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1 Colombo	7,220	6,165	4,740	3,420	1,820	2,495	2,390	1,690	1,340	1,580
2 Gampaha	31,470	30,200	31,370	28,540	25,740	26,620	22,020	20,410	17,995	18,120
3 Kalutara	46,710	43,400	43,820	46,490	44,960	43,400	38,700	32,675	26,410	26,985
4 Kandy	780	1,340	690	1,080	940	1,335	1,380	1,285	1,210	600
5 Matale	1,290	1,320	1,230	1,460	1,550	1,360	1,790	1,715	1,645	855
6 Nuwara eliya	80	310	550	590	540	510	620	530	490	140
7 Galle	57,540	48,650	55,100	53,690	41,180	45,635	46,030	46,455	49,990	45,760
8 Matara	30,950	29,210	30,280	24,100	25,300	24,885	25,240	22,400	27,660	28,095
9 Hambantota	66,990	77,380	72,410	65,480	51,970	46,600	38,515	35,815	30,080	29,451
10 Jaffna	32,260	44,465	41,210	44,390	32,650	25,360	18,115	22,645	29,730	30,455
11 Mannar	19,700	23,090	23,880	26,585	20,320	18,035	21,045	24,400	22,015	20,500
12 Vavunia	2,770	2,290	400	490	700	345	770	645	315	180
13 Mullaitivu	11,790	7,270	4,340	6,260	8,670	14,500	7,730	11,080	13,980	10,445
14 Kilinochchi	15,360	13,210	12,280	12,595	7,630	6,060	4,750	6,165	8,700	9,310
15 Batticaloa	30,500	26,500	20,550	21,090	14,430	15,620	14,980	18,600	18,175	21,151
16 Ampara	29,870	31,310	32,560	25,060	27,970	23,010	19,645	26,085	27,990	17,661
17 Trincomalee	30,030	39,500	40,790	33,650	25,190	34,680	28,250	26,840	41,690	36,872
18 Kurunegala	5,690	3,120	3,870	4,410	6,450	6,035	8,330	10,455	8,105	4,431
19 Puttalam	86,260	72,280	74,000	67,400	47,880	60,825	51,040	54,260	42,645	41,937
20 Anuradhapura	12,990	15,760	12,940	17,840	21,850	19,325	21,800	21,380	19,055	10,863
21 Polonnaruwa	3,530	8,310	11,600	9,960	9,510	8,685	13,670	10,770	11,120	4,551
22 Badulla	470	850	1,470	2,120	2,680	1,775	2,810	3,270	1,965	460
23 Monaragala	4,200	3,140	5,240	7,550	7,440	7,435	6,115	6,025	7,175	2,801
24 Ratnapura	2,450	2,220	1,720	1,550	1,330	1,325	1,440	1,440	1,270	980
25 Kegalle	20	20	20	30	40	55	55	35	10	5
Total	530,920	531,310	527,060	505,830	428,740	435,910	397,230	407,070	410,760	364,190

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources & National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

Note: ** : National Fish is the sum of production in Marine and Inland Fishing.

Table 4.3: National Fish Production by District and Fishing Sub-sectors (Mt), 2023–2025**

District	2023			2024			2025*		
	Marine	Inland & Aquaculture	Total	Marine	Inland & Aquaculture	Total	Marine	Inland & Aquaculture	Total
1 Colombo	1,245	445	1,690	1,045	295	1,340	1,340	240	1,580
2 Gampaha	19,275	1,200	20,410	17,255	740	17,995	17,630	490	18,120
3 Kalutara	31,710	965	32,675	25,970	440	26,410	26,585	400	26,985
4 Kandy		1,285	1,285		1,210	1,210		600	600
5 Matale		1,715	1,715		1,645	1,645		855	855
6 Nuwara eliya		530	530		490	490		140	140
7 Galle	46,280	175	46,455	49,775	215	49,990	45,600	160	45,760
8 Matara	21,505	895	22,400	26,820	840	27,660	27,555	540	28,095
9 Hambantota	30,515	5,320	35,815	23,590	6,490	30,080	25,240	4,211	29,451
10 Jaffna	22,280	365	22,645	29,375	355	29,730	30,025	430	30,455
11 Mannar	23,290	1,110	24,400	21,275	740	22,015	19,970	530	20,500
12 Vavunia		645	645		315	315		180	180
13 Mullaitivu	9,630	1,450	11,080	12,335	1,645	13,980	9,825	620	10,445
14 Kilinochchi	5,130	1,035	6,165	7,945	755	8,700	8,540	770	9,310
15 Batticaloa	13,685	4,915	18,600	13,910	4,265	18,175	17,910	3,241	21,151
16 Ampara	11,890	14,195	26,085	14,210	13,780	27,990	14,310	3,351	17,661
17 Trincomalee	16,650	10,190	26,840	31,785	9,905	41,690	29,690	7,182	36,872
18 Kurunegala		10,455	10,455		8,105	8,105		4,431	4,431
19 Puttalam	40,860	13,315	54,260	33,140	9,505	42,645	33,985	7,952	41,937
20 Anuradhapura		21,380	21,380		19,055	19,055		10,863	10,863
21 Polonnaruwa		10,770	10,770		11,120	11,120		4,551	4,551
22 Badulla		3,270	3,270		1,965	1,965		460	460
23 Monaragala		6,025	6,025		7,175	7,175		2,801	2,801
24 Ratnapura		1,440	1,440		1,270	1,270		980	980
25 Kegalle		35	35		10	10		5	5
Total	293,945	113,125	407,070	308,430	102,330	410,760	308,205	55,985	364,190

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

Note: ** : National Fish Production is the sum of production of Marine and Inland Fishing.

* Provisional

Table 4.4: Marine Sector Fish Catch by Fisheries Districts (Mt), 1983–2025

Fisheries District	1983	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
1 Negombo	19,030	16,670	30,570	34,540	16,940	28,250	36,260	24,030	24,930	20,620	19,275	17,255	17,630
2 Colombo	2,320	2,980	2,550	3,130	560	1,990	6,770	1,460	1,580	1,400	1,245	1045	1,340
3 Kalutara	7,630	10,670	28,910	33,140	11,560	43,360	32,350	42,300	42,260	37,850	31,710	25,970	26,585
4 Galle	8,590	11,780	21,430	27,830	11,210	21,830	55,240	40,460	45,305	45,760	46,280	49,775	45,600
5 Matara	8,980	11,230	29,930	35,480	17,090	38,970	35,190	24,260	23,630	24,320	21,505	26,820	27,555
6 Tangalle	7,330	10,240	23,260	33,470	6,220	20,170	66,100	46,100	41,205	33,315	30,515	23,590	25,240
7 Kalmunai	10,650	7,710	7,290	9,210	7,940	16,380	18,240	8,910	8,780	7,345	11,890	14,210	14,310
8 Batticaloa	4,460	5,920	8,360	9,860	7,650	39,610	27,790	12,600	11,710	10,530	13,685	13,910	17,910
9 Trincomalee	13,510	9,580	9,130	13,540	6,790	36,250	24,770	20,810	25,220	16,340	16,650	31,785	29,690
10 Mullaitivu	6,960	2,290	400	500	780	1,360	10,080	7,830	13,695	6,390	9,630	12,335	9,825
11 Kilinochchi	na	na	na	na	1,460	560	13,800	6,910	5,365	3,860	5,130	7,945	8,540
12 Jaffna	49,740	14,450	3,400	6,400	12,790	20,890	29,290	32,450	25,090	17,715	22,280	29,375	30,025
13 Mannar	19,040	7,410	700	1,200	8,380	10,790	19,390	19,320	16,880	19,405	23,290	21,275	19,970
14 Puttalam	14,860	19,190	27,020	29,730	11,670	24,830	43,790	26,120	30,990	22,965	22,205	19,625	21,385
15 Chilaw	11,640	15,670	24,550	25,650	9,360	27,020	33,830	13,370	15,035	12,795	18,655	13,515	12,600
Total	184,740	145,790	217,500	263,680	130,400	332,260	452,890	326,930	331,675	280,610	293,945	308,430	308,205

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources
Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

* Provisional na : Not available

Table 4.5: Marine Sector Fish Catch by Major Commercial Groups (Mt), 2000–2025

Commercial Groups		2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
1 Thora	Seer	3,130	2,970	10,200	8,940	7,360	4,880	3,675	3,650	4,670	5,013
2 Paraw	Travelly	10,450	5,950	16,740	34,050	13,610	12,910	9,810	11,015	12,720	13,225
3 Balaya	Skipjack tuna	49,110	28,040	66,910	54,040	46,520	48,770	46,120	44,130	48,710	37,865
4 Kelawalla	Yellowfin tuna	29,320	17,030	45,450	46,430	37,930	31,190	29,890	30,260	33,300	32,893
5 Tuna like fishes	Other blood fish	27,890	16,560	48,930	46,930	39,680	38,790	29,510	23,090	23,465	24,523
6 Thalapath	All Bill fishes	***	***	***	26,040	14,950	12,150	8,120	13,480	9,570	9,206
7 Mora / Maduwa	Shrks/Sketes	28,790	6,430	13,290	5,860	10,290	8,730	6,105	5,050	5,960	8,151
8 Gal Malu	Rock fish	14,910	10,570	20,150	34,960	18,060	16,320	12,470	13,460	15,860	18,812
9 Shore seine varieties	Small fishes	76,250	24,870	77,210	136,790	96,470	115,040	103,585	118,495	121,445	100,365
10 Issa	Shrimps	7,540	4,680	17,640	20,090	12,770	11,340	7,280	7,260	8,810	9,349
11 Pokirissa	Lobsters	1,150	240	890	630	155	250	160	165	150	208
12 Kakuluwa	Crabs	**	**	6,260	9,670	8,100	8,330	6,890	7,100	8,600	9,589
13 Others	Other marine varieties	15,140	13,060	8,590	28,460	21,035	22,975	16,995	16,790	15,170	39,006
Total		263,680	130,400	332,260	452,890	326,930	331,675	280,610	293,945	308,430	308,205

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

*** Includes in Other blood fish group

** Includes in Others group

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Table 4.6: Marine Fish Production by District and Major Commercial Groups (Mt), 2024

Fisheries District	Thora (Seer)	Paraw (Trevally)	Balaya (Skipjack tuna)	Kelawalla (Yellowfin tuna)	Tuna like fishes (other blood fishes)	Thalapath (Billfish)	Mora/Maduwa (Sharks/Skates)	Gal Ma'lu (Rock fish)	Shore Seine (Small fish)	Issa (Shrimps)	Pokirissa (Lobster)	Kakuluwa (Crabs)	Other fish	Total
1 Negombo	370	210	1,240	7,430	315	1,050	1,030	440	4,490	310	15	35	320	17,255
2 Colombo	30	80	10	20	230	10	20	70	460	20	5	5	85	1,045
3 Kalutara	50	180	12,570	2,180	3,165	2,020	320	110	5,230	-	15	-	130	25,970
4 Galle	320	950	6,920	5,800	5,230	80	310	820	27,790	40	10	10	1,495	49,775
5 Matàra	80	80	10,210	5,070	3,530	1,600	230	310	4,315	-	5	-	1,390	26,820
6 Tangalla	130	240	7,820	1,240	1,810	370	150	610	10,710	10	40	20	440	23,590
7 Kalmunai	550	740	1,600	1,090	755	600	660	560	6,820	30	20	20	765	14,210
8 Batticaloa	830	1,190	2,270	1,950	750	1,070	410	1,600	3,080	310	5	40	405	13,910
9 Trincomalee	470	1,640	3,550	2,780	4,600	420	490	2,780	12,990	960	5	470	630	31,785
10 Mullaithivu	420	930	320	10	530	160	250	1,100	7,200	410	5	350	650	12,335
11 Kilinochchi	80	450	-	-	-	-	270	840	3,560	610	-	1,470	665	7,945
12 Jaffna	990	2,520	120	70	955	220	810	3,740	10,840	2,850	-	3,130	3,130	29,375
13 Mannar	130	1,510	180	30	195	100	380	1,200	11,350	1,480	10	1,440	3,270	21,275
14 Puttalam	90	1,640	1,420	1,820	1,020	820	460	1,120	6,880	1,510	10	1,350	1,485	19,625
15 Chilaw	130	360	480	3,810	380	1,050	170	560	5,730	270	5	260	310	13,515
Total	4,670	12,720	48,710	33,300	23,465	9,570	5,960	15,860	121,445	8,810	150	8,600	15,170	308,430

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Note: Estimated based on the monthly fish production reports submitted by the Fisheries Inspectors of DFAR for their FI Divisions

Table 4.7: Marine Fish Production by District and Major Commercial Groups (Mt), 2025*

Fisheries District	Thora (Seer)	Paraw (Trevally)	Balaya (Skipjack tuna)	Kelawalla (Yellowfin tuna)	Tuna like fishes (other blood fishes)	Thalapath (Billfish)	Mora/Maduwa (Sharks/Skates)	Gal Ma'lu (Rock fish)	Shore Seine (Small fish)	Issa (Shrimps)	Pokirissa (Lobster)	Kakuluwa (Crabs)	Other fish	Total
1 Negombo	262	241	1,613	7,917	245	331	1,295	647	4,402	109	0	26	541	17,630
2 Colombo	33	116	11	129	231	20	21	101	447	19	4	5	202	1,340
3 Kalutara	81	422	10,091	398	3,017	1,248	309	261	7,210	0	7	1	3,538	26,585
4 Galle	344	818	5,273	5,640	6,561	866	345	1,280	18,770	72	14	327	5,288	45,600
5 Matàra	99	94	9,669	7,143	4,413	1,008	183	168	4,258	0	2	0	516	27,555
6 Tangalla	109	373	3,562	1,193	1,354	350	241	538	13,225	11	44	7	4,231	25,240
7 Kalmunai	612	893	994	989	657	524	543	823	6,429	100	11	2	1,730	14,310
8 Batticaloa	1,141	1,352	1,776	1,931	833	1,719	476	2,445	4,536	305	94	42	1,261	17,910
9 Trincomalee	595	1,662	2,536	1,513	4,397	367	207	3,206	10,851	793	2	375	3,185	29,690
10 Mullaithivu	500	413	668	68	85	2	92	1,059	4,196	505	5	665	1,567	9,825
11 Kilinochchi	21	492	-	-	-	-	253	1,047	706	793	-	1,676	3,553	8,540
12 Jaffna	965	2,641	18	44	454	1,333	1,624	3,886	6,651	3,170	19	2,972	6,247	30,025
13 Mannar	78	1,234	31	33	361	160	1,734	862	6,693	2,025	1	1,894	4,865	19,970
14 Puttalam	64	1,980	1,241	1,917	1,680	596	402	1,226	8,208	1,191	4	1,154	1,724	21,385
15 Chilaw	108	493	380	3,978	235	680	426	1,263	3,782	255	1	443	557	12,600
Total	5,013	13,225	37,865	32,893	24,523	9,206	8,151	18,812	100,365	9,349	208	9,589	39,006	308,205

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Note: Estimated based on the monthly fish production reports submitted by the Fisheries Inspectors of DFAR for their FI Divisions

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Table 4.8: Inland and Aquaculture Production by Type of Waterbody (Mt), 2015–2025

	System	2015	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Capture Fishery	Minor Perennial Reservoirs	3,826	3,685	3,351	3,441	2,013	1,403	-	-	-
	Seasonal Tanks	2,713	5,726	4,550	5,486	4,114	3,716	5,048	2,198	330
	Villu	678	1,887	610	630	215	210	-	-	-
	Rivers and Cannals	857	3,484	4,820	8,130	6,685	7,740	7,723	6,448	3,410
	Flood Plains	-	53	59	43	64	106	120	97	9
	Sub-Total	8,074	14,835	13,390	17,730	13,091	13,175	12,891	8,743	3,749
Culture Base Capture Fishery	Major Perennial Reservoirs	19,894	25,678	25,746	25,505	23,962	29,061	26,191	25,795	15,645
	Medium Perennial Reservoirs	10,626	10,007	11,147	13,417	13,738	16,465	14,839	14,867	6,660
	Minor Perennial Reservoirs	18,060	18,859	21,410	26,068	28,465	34,315	38,093	36,310	15,793
	Villu	400	1,641	1,537	1,590	1,467	1,847	1,428	1,484	830
	Rivers and Cannals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sub-Total	48,980	56,185	59,840	66,580	67,632	81,688	80,551	78,456	38,928
Aquaculture (Freshwater)	Seasonal Tanks	2,368	2,236	3,690	4,475	4,369	5,421	5,320	5,383	3,831
	Estate Tanks	25	243	178	501	191	327	534	397	170
	Estate Ponds	-	6	10	21	4	18	7	12	5
	Cage Culture	-	15	13	9	39	3	4	259	6
	Pen Culture	-	6	4	10	7	2	3	30	-
	Ponds	232	384	210	204	235	294	326	1	101
	Sub-Total	2,625	2,890	4,105	5,220	4,845	6,065	6,194	6,082	4,113
Aquaculture (Brackishwater)	Shrimp Farms	6,836	8,180	6,400	7,360	14,410	14,080	11,600	7,321	7,144
	Lagoons (Fish)	548	4,869	5,683	3,999	2,691	-	-	-	-
	Ponds	15	137	588	391	527	181	157	252	215
	Cage Culture	52	352	28	182	455	868	1,193	991	1,192
	Pen Culture	5	196	280	340	580	563	539	479	644
	Raft	-	27	15	3	1	-	-	-	-
	Cement Tank	-	19	11	5	3	-	-	-	-
	Sub-Total	7,456	13,780	13,005	12,280	18,667	15,692	13,489	9,043	9,195
Total		67,135	87,690	90,340	101,810	104,235	116,620	113,125	102,324	55,985
Seaweed(Wet)		165	320	247	421	218	271	1,729	795	710

Source : National Aquaculture Development Authority (NAQDA)

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Table 4.9: Inland and Aquaculture Fish Production by District (Mt), 2000–2025

District	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
1 Colombo	110	160	120	570	360	915	990	445	295	240
2 Gampaha	600	690	190	310	1,710	1,690	1,400	1,200	740	490
3 Kalutara	590	180	100	430	2,660	1,140	850	965	440	400
4 Kandy	170	310	320	680	940	1,335	1,380	1,285	1,210	600
5 Matale	290	330	720	840	1,550	1,360	1,790	1,715	1,645	855
6 Nuwara Eliya	30	80	90	170	540	510	620	530	490	140
7 Galle	30	30	60	490	720	330	270	175	215	160
8 Matara	30	10	40	230	1,040	1,255	920	895	840	540
9 Hambantota	1,510	1,460	3,280	4,210	5,870	5,395	5,200	5,320	6,490	4,211
10 Jaffna	250	180	80	-	200	270	400	365	355	430
11 Mannar	230	na	220	1,350	1,000	1,155	1,640	1,110	740	530
12 Vavunia	270	290	490	1,500	700	345	770	645	315	180
13 Mullaitivu		na	10	400	840	805	1,340	1,450	1,645	620
14 Kilinochchi		na	10	490	720	695	890	1,035	755	770
15 Batticaloa	3,590	2,460	1,640	2,330	1,830	3,910	4,450	4,915	4,265	3,241
16 Ampara	1,290	2,270	6,140	2,710	19,060	14,230	12,300	14,195	13,780	3,351
17 Trincomalee	3,960	1,240	1,840	6,720	4,380	9,460	11,910	10,190	9,905	7,182
18 Kurunegala	2,180	2,140	4,390	2,620	6,450	6,035	8,330	10,455	8,105	4,431
19 Puttalam	6,490	7,210	5,820	10,620	8,390	14,800	15,280	13,315	9,505	7,952
20 Anuradhapura	6,690	5,640	11,920	11,940	21,850	19,325	21,800	21,380	19,055	10,863
21 Polonnaruwa	4,870	4,730	7,950	7,160	9,510	8,685	13,670	10,770	11,120	4,551
22 Badulla	660	820	1,240	880	2,680	1,775	2,810	3,270	1,965	460
23 Monaragala	2,750	1,870	2,950	7,770	7,440	7,435	6,115	6,025	7,175	2,801
24 Ratnapura	100	730	2,770	2,860	1,330	1,325	1,440	1,440	1,270	980
25 Kegalle	10	na	20	20	40	55	55	35	10	5
Total	36,700	32,830	52,410	67,300	101,810	104,235	116,620	113,125	102,330	55,985

Source : National Aquaculture Development Authority (NAQDA)

Note : Estimated based on the monthly fish production estimates provided by the field staff of NAQDA

na : Negligible amount * Provisional

Table 4.10 : Inland Fish Catch Estimates by Major Species (Mt), 2010–2025

Species	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Tilapia	28,250	32,000	39,590	39,070	46,610	40,504	57,810	52,100	57,770	51,200	50,880	28,330
Carps/Mirigal	3,740	3,680	3,570	3,450	3,920	2,847	7,220	7,760	9,530	11,010	8,435	4,228
Catla/Rohu	9,760	11,260	12,460	8,980	11,020	9,117	9,935	11,950	14,180	15,525	12,930	7,523
Hiri Kanaya	2,620	1,940	670	590	580	358	200	290	990	1,530	1,280	394
Lula	1,930	630	1,770	2,040	2,230	1,582	2,160	2,130	2,920	3,260	3,920	2,058
Cultured Shrimps	3,480	4,150	3,310	4,430	5,150	7,090	7,360	14,410	14,080	11,600	7,320	7,144
Freshwater prawns	240	260	290	540	460	374	1,165	1,040	680	800	590	321
Cultured Milk fish & Sea bass	30	100	130	90	70	78	275	520	880	1,190	995	1,196
Sea cucumber							340	580	560	540	480	643
Oyster and Crabs		30	32	40	38	53	60	31	12	10	10	4
Lobster							5	3	-	-		-
Other wild fish	2,360	5,510	7,128	7,680	5,672	5,297	15,280	13,421	15,018	16,460	15,490	3,870
Total	52,410	59,560	68,950	66,910	75,750	67,300	101,810	104,235	116,620	113,125	102,330	55,711

Source : National Aquaculture Development Authority (NAQDA)

Note - Other wild fish includes wild fish, Cuttle fish, Squid, Mussels, Grouper

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Table 4.11: Shrimp Production (Mt), 1990–2025

Year	Shrimps		Exported Quantity	
	Aquaculture	Wild Capture	Total	(1)
1990	680	4,470	5,150	1,855
1995	3,600	8,000	11,600	2,781
2000	4,360	7,540	11,900	4,855
2005	1,570	4,680	6,250	1,800
2010	3,480	17,640	21,120	1,262
2015	7,090	20,090	27,180	1,341
2016	6,030	19,720	25,750	1,667
2017	4,630	17,620	22,250	1,845
2018	8,180	16,970	25,150	1,984
2019	6,400	16,930	23,330	2,115
2020	7,360	12,770	20,130	1,781
2021	14,410	11,340	25,750	4,747
2022	14,080	7,280	21,360	5,486
2023	11,600	7,260	18,860	4,020
2024	7,321	8,810	16,131	3,432
2025*	7,144	9,349	16,493	3,646

Source: National Aquaculture Development Authority (NAQDA)

(1) Exported volume of shrimps as in custom returns

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Table 5.1: Stocking of Fish Fingerlings, 2010–2025

Type of Water body	2010	2015	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Major Reservoirs											
No. of Tanks	32	32	38	41	39	41	41	40	39	39	32
Area (ha)	64,830	63,298	75,599	78,132	73,851	79,635	77,230	80,467	78,634	71,971	64,068
Stocks (Mn.)	6	12	23	30	21	24	29	45	19	23	16
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	na	7,214	8,312	8,450	8,220	8,798	8,410	8,550	7,922	7,950	7,500
Medium Reservoirs											
No. of Tanks	63	66	70	78	77	77	80	82	75	74	68
Area (ha)	23,374	24,485	26,327	28,355	28,021	27,832	28,477	29,600	26,972	26,861	24,320
Stocks (Mn)	10	16	23	31	26	27	30	34	21	21	20
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	NA	4,326	5,169	5,280	5,200	5,045	5,056	5,150	4,296	4,270	4,000
Minor Reservoirs											
No. of Tanks	293	257	270	288	230	315	320	348	261	270	230
Area (ha)	12,795	15,426	16,140	17,900	14,900	19,400	19,600	23,000	16,200	16,750	14,500
Stocks (Mn)	11	16	30	33	23	30	34	43	21	23	23
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	NA	4,450	7,041	7,400	5,500	7,263	7,380	7,500	6,100	6,300	6,000
Seasonal Tanks											
No. of Tanks	450	453	97	491	819	538	735	971	339	285	259
Area (ha)	4,675	5,889	1,165	6,350	10,750	7,100	9,400	13,000	4,500	3,800	3,500
Stocks (Mn)	7	7	2	9	12	9	13	17	6	5	5
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	NA	4,980	1,150	6,000	10,000	7,000	9,800	12,500	4,100	3,450	3,100
Ponds											
No. of Ponds	549	654	600	1,170	850	504	259	376	385	210	275
Area (ha)	193	33	31	60	45	27	15	20	23	13	16
Stocks (Mn)	1	2	1	3	5	2	2	3	3	1	1
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	NA	654	600	1,170	850	504	259	368	375	200	240
Other											
Stocks (Mn)	0	1	2	4	1	2	2	3	1	1	2
Total											
No. of Tanks/Ponds	1,387	1,462	1,075	2,068	2,015	1,475	1,435	1,817	1,099	878	864
Area (ha)	105,867	109,131	119,262	130,797	127,567	133,994	134,722	146,087	126,329	119,395	106,404
Stocks (Mn)	34	54	81	110	88	95	111	145	72	74	67
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	NA	21,624	22,272	28,300	29,770	28,610	30,905	34,068	22,793	22,170	20,840

Source: National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

Note : Beneficiaries are the members of fisheries organizations

Other: Lagoons/ Villu/ Cages

na - Not available

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Table 5.2: Stocking of Post-larvae (Freshwater Prawns), 2020–2025

Type of Water body	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Major Reservoirs						
No. of Tanks	23	33	21	21	21	22
Area (ha)	39,909	69,665	47,687	42,034	37,875	35,569
Stocks (Mn)	42	15	17	17	11	11
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	4,075	6,036	4,500	3,925	3,187	3,457
Medium Reservoirs						
No. of Tanks	33	59	46	38	40	37
Area (ha)	11,716	21,620	17,420	13,317	12,178	14,336
Stocks (Mn)	20	17	20	16	14	11
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	1,930	3,474	3,000	2,381	1,967	2,406
Minor Reservoirs						
No. of Tanks	75	142	80	98	86	77
Area (ha)	7,050	8,600	7,150	6,757	6,090	5,590
Stocks (Mn)	14	17	10	13	11	14
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	1,377	2,600	1,500	1,946	1,384	1,169
Seasonal Tanks						
No. of Tanks	6	4	1	7	19	7
Area (ha)	58	40	12	105	190	70
Stocks (Mn)	-	-	-	-	1	-
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	60	40	15	35	101	44
Ponds						
No. of Ponds	33	7	9	31	25	15
Area (ha)	7	2	2	16	13	8
Stocks (Mn)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	33	7	9	31	25	15
Other (Lagoons/Villu)						
No of Units	6	9	10	2	2	10
Area (ha)	423	NA	NA	230	777	4,207
Stocks (Mn)	2	2	1	0	1	5
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	62	NA	NA	NA	8	263
Total						
No. of Tanks/Ponds	176	254	167	197	193	168
Area (ha)	59,163	99,927	72,271	62,459	57,123	59,780
Stocks (Mn)	78	52	48	46	38	42
Beneficiaries/ Fishermen	7,537	12,157	9,024	8,318	6,672	7,354

Source : National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

Note : Beneficiaries are the members of fisheries organizations

* Provisional

Table 5.3.1: Stocking of Post-larvae (*Penaeus monodon*), 2010–2025

District	Area (Ha)	2010	2011	2015	2016	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Puttalam	No. of Farms	777	925	1,217	1,300	1,096	1,003	1,035	410	155	171	341	372
	No. of Ponds	2,406	3,088	4,404	4,457	3,710	3,071	2,690	1,306	502	442	882	1,037
	Area (Ha)	1,202	1,591	2,058	2,298	1,800	1,584	1,268	640	265	191	511	527
	No of circular Tanks	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
	Stocking (Mn)	209	264	319	423	375	315	322	97	79	74	117	262
Batticaloa	No. of Farms	-	-	44	71	76	44	43	46	45	42	42	2
	No. of Ponds	-	-	164	165	192	132	151	198	146	130	181	6
	Area (Ha)	38	52	106	106	121	87	101	124	88	83	105	5
	Stocking (Mn)	11	17	16	18	35	18	21	29	27	28	16	1
Mannar	No. of Farms	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
	No. of Ponds	-	-	-	-	-	26	26	-	-	-	-	-
	Area (Ha)	-	-	-	-	-	23	23	-	-	-	-	-
	Stocking (Mn)	-	-	-	-	-	37	10	-	-	-	-	-
Nandikadal Lagoon, Mulathivu	Stocking (Mn)	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chunidikulam Lagoon, Kilinochchi/ Jaffna	Stocking (Mn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	No. of Farms	777	925	1,261	1,371	1,172	1,049	1,080	458	200	213	383	374
	No. of Ponds	2,406	3,088	4,568	4,622	3,902	3,229	2,867	1,504	648	572	1,063	1,043
	No. of Circular Tanks	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
	Area (Ha)	1,240	1,642	2,164	2,404	1,921	1,694	1,392	764	353	274	616	532
	Stocking (Mn)	220	283	335	442	410	370	353	125	107	103	133	263

Source: National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

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Table 5.3.2: Stocking of Post-larvae (*Litopenaeus vannamei*), 2008–2025

District	Area (Ha)	2008	2009	2010	2011	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Puttalam	No. of Farms	697	1,128	777	925	-	na	795	784	943	561	808
	No. of Ponds	2,203	3,055	2,406	3,088	-	758	2,224	2,258	2,567	1,500	1,889
	Area (Ha)	1,098	1,386	1,202	1,591	-	416	1,142	1,082	1,326	866	994
	Stocking (Mn)	178	247	209	264	-	153	492	564	521	315	627
Batticaloa	No. of Farms	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	3	3	9	47
	No. of Ponds	-	-	-	-	-	21	51	48	56	74	297
	Area (Ha)	-	-	38	52	-	10	23	15	13	27	165
	Stocking (Mn)	-	-	11	17	-	9	18	28	48	35	60
Mannar	No. of Farms	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	4	4	6	8
	No. of Ponds	-	-	-	-	23	26	26	35	51	68	75
	Area (Ha)	-	-	-	-	22	23	23	32	36	44	50
	Stocking (Mn)	-	-	-	-	37	25	73	50	46	52	65
Hambantota	No. of Farms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
	No. of Ponds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	15	17	17
	Area (Ha)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	7	7
	Stocking (Mn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	9	10	11
Nandikadal Lagoon, Mulathivu	Stocking (Mn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chunidikulam Lagoon, Kilinochchi/ Jaffna	Stocking (Mn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Circular Tanks	No. of Tanks	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	39	56	-	-
	Stocking (Mn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	10	10	-	-
Total	No. of Farms	697	1,128	777	925	1	4	800	792	951	577	864
	No. of Ponds	2,203	3,055	2,406	3,088	23	805	2,301	2,356	2,689	1,642	2,278
	Area (Ha)	1,098	1,386	1,240	1,642	22	450	1,188	1,136	1,382	944	1,216
	Stocking (Mn)	178	247	220	281	37	187	592	649	634	412	763

Source: National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

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Table 5.4: Production of Fish Fingerlings (Mn), 2015–2025

Source of Production	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2,024	2025*
Aquaculture Centres											
Iginiyagala	10.34	10.40	11.04	9.86	3.67	4.95	7.36	7.90	5.01	6.27	8.00
Dambulla	13.36	7.50	6.60	9.30	6.54	9.01	7.79	5.86	5.35	4.65	7.16
Udawalawe	12.28	13.41	10.89	15.55	7.80	6.22	7.63	9.89	4.51	6.11	10.69
<i>Carp centre</i>	4.08	5.96	4.70	6.50	3.35	2.40	4.21	5.23	2.31	2.47	4.50
<i>Thilapia centre</i>	8.20	7.45	6.19	8.91	3.18	1.96	2.35	2.37	1.06	1.42	1.50
<i>Udawalawe (Carp)-New</i>	-	-	-	0.14	1.27	1.86	1.07	2.29	1.14	2.22	4.69
Nuwara - Eliya	0.24	0.33	0.16	0.18	0.22	0.17	0.37	0.53	0.36	0.40	0.24
Kalawewa	1.84	3.93	5.22	7.01	3.44	3.78	4.26	7.16	2.12	1.63	3.05
Polonnaruwa	1.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iranamadu	0.38	0.64	0.94	2.01	3.92	3.76	4.51	5.47	2.44	3.77	1.13
Muruthawela	-	1.42	3.21	4.29	2.51	2.64	3.15	4.26	2.01	2.39	5.10
Sewanapitiya	-	-	-	-	1.08	5.81	7.06	6.64	3.71	2.33	4.63
Sub-Total	39.79	37.63	38.06	48.20	29.18	36.34	42.14	47.71	25.51	27.54	40.00
Other											
Community based Mini - Hatcheries	7.24	10.34	13.39	16.74	15.03	12.07	17.23	20.90	10.09	4.94	20.00
Water based Mini-Hatcheries	-	-	-	0.46	0.04	0.42	0.22	-	20.31	-	45.00
Private Ponds	5.84	4.00	3.30	7.12	14.26	15.14	26.75	47.00	15.90	17.01	35.00
Pens & Cages	2.40	18.12	28.16	38.79	30.09	31.91	25.24	29.82	20.31	25.73	-
Sub-Total	15.48	32.46	44.85	63.11	59.42	59.54	69.45	97.72	66.61	47.68	100.00
Total	55.27	70.09	82.91	111.31	88.60	95.88	111.59	145.43	92.12	75.22	140.00

Source: National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

* Provisional

Table 5.5: Production of Post-larvae (Mn.), 2010–2025

Source of Production	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Freshwater prawns (<i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i>)												
Aquaculture Centres												
Pambala	1.77	1.78	2.40	2.73	6.46	9.51	13.50	11.55	4.67	14.85	11.08	7.79
Kahandamodara	11.27	19.94	24.84	38.63	44.65	37.09	30.20	22.97	18.98	13.05	10.81	10.02
Kallar	-	-	-	-	-	3.36	16.00	17.83	12.35	9.07	5.36	5.72
Sub-total	13.04	21.72	27.24	41.36	51.11	49.96	59.70	52.35	36.00	36.97	27.25	23.53
Other												
Private hatcheries	-	2.00	12.60	19.04	22.65	15.95	18.00	-	11.65	9.12	10.69	18.11
Total	13.04	23.72	39.84	60.40	73.76	65.91	77.70	52.35	47.65	46.1	37.94	41.64
Shrimps (<i>Penaeus monodon</i>)												
Puttalam (Private)	296.00	463.00	532.91	461.31	484.70	428.00	398.00	177.50	85.97	87.75	73.195	213.00
Pudukudirippu, Batticaloa (Public Private Partnership)	-	20.98	21.37	17.13	35.20	**	**	14.77	0.50	1.00	-	-
Total	296.00	483.98	554.28	478.44	519.90	428.00	398.00	192.27	86.47	88.75	73.195	213.00
Shrimps (<i>Litopenaeus vannamei</i>)												
Puttalam	-	-	-	-	-	40.70	277.67	544.19	651.24	669.33	352.87	588.98
Batticaloa	-	-	-	-	-	1.40	11.37	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	42.10	289.04	544.19	651.24	669.33	352.87	588.98

Source: National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

** Note: PL of shrimp (*penaeus monodon*) Hatchery is transferred to shrimps (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) hatchery

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Table 5.6: Production of Fish Fingerlings and Post-larvae by species in NAQDA Aquaculture Centers(Mn.), 2010–2025

Variety	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Fish Fingerlings												
Tilapia	7.9	24.4	30.1	21.2	24.3	16.6	16.6	13.9	19.8	12.51	12.5	10.4
Carp	6.7	5.9	8.1	1.9	3.5	2.6	4.4	3.8	4.1	1.9	1.5	1.3
Catla/Rohu	18.9	16.2	18.7	10.5	11.0	5.6	11.8	17.2	15.2	6	7.7	7.5
Hirikanaya	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	-	0.3	0.1	0.5	0	-	-
Milk Fish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mirigal	-	-	12.6	4.1	9.3	4.4	3.2	5.8	7.7	5.09	5.9	5.0
Other	-	8.5	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	0.4	-	-	-
Total	34.9	55.3	69.7	38.1	48.2	29.2	36.3	42.1	47.7	25.5	27.5	24.3
Post Larvae												
Freshwater Prawns	13.0	23.7	39.8	41.4	51.1	65.9	77.7	52.4	47.7	46.1	37.9	41.6
Shrimps** ⁽¹⁾	-	484.0	554.3	478.4	519.9	428.0	398.0	192.3	86.5	88.8	73.2	213.0
Shrimps** ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	-	-	42.1	289.0	544.2	651.2	669.3	352.9	589.0

Source: National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA)

* Provisional

Note : ** Under Public Private Partnership

(1) Penaeus Monodon

(2) Litopenaeus Vannamei

Section 6

External Trade of Fish and Fishery Products

Table 6.1: Summary of Import and Export of Fish and Fishery Products, 2000-2025

Year	Exports		Imports		Balance of Fish Trade		Exchange Rate	Contribution to National Exports Earnings (%)
	Quantity (Mt)	Value (RS.Mn)	Quantity (Mt)	Value (RS.Mn)	(Rs.Mn)	US \$ Mn	Rs./1 US\$	
2000	18,554	10,328	77,339	5,132	5,196	68.6	75.78	2.6
2005	15,985	10,695	76,584	7,099	3,596	35.8	100.50	1.7
2006	18,647	14,440	77,382	9,681	4,759	45.8	103.96	2.1
2007	21,422	19,123	86,156	11,961	7,162	64.7	110.62	2.3
2008	20,594	19,077	76,266	12,521	6,556	60.5	108.33	2.2
2009	18,714	21,015	75,411	13,939	7,076	61.6	114.94	2.6
2010	18,325	19,834	80,013	14,162	5,672	50.2	113.06	2.1
2015	17,461	24,716	120,046	30,729	-6,013	-44.2	135.94	1.8
2016	17,593	26,802	115,693	35,172	-8,370	-57.5	145.60	1.8
2017	24,827	39,230	106,020	33,969	5,261	34.5	152.46	2.3
2018	27,998	47,949	84,463	32,726	15,222	93.7	162.54	2.5
2019	28,771	53,483	95,637	38,952	14,531	81.3	178.78	1.5
2020	21,298	39,874	85,809	35,504	4,370	23.6	185.52	2.2
2021	26,749	63,222	56,176	25,080	38,142	191.9	198.88	2.6
2022	25,730	97,243	41,737	21,664	75,579	232.9	324.55	2.3
2023	24,503	99,118	48,808	26,734	72,384	221.0	327.53	2.6 ^(a)
2024	22,556	86,241	58,351	36,672	58,351	164.1	302.12	2.4
2025	25,356	92,739	62,724	41,764	50,975	169.4	300.95	2.4

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Note : Fisheries sector tables are prepared by SU/MOF based on the monthly custom returns

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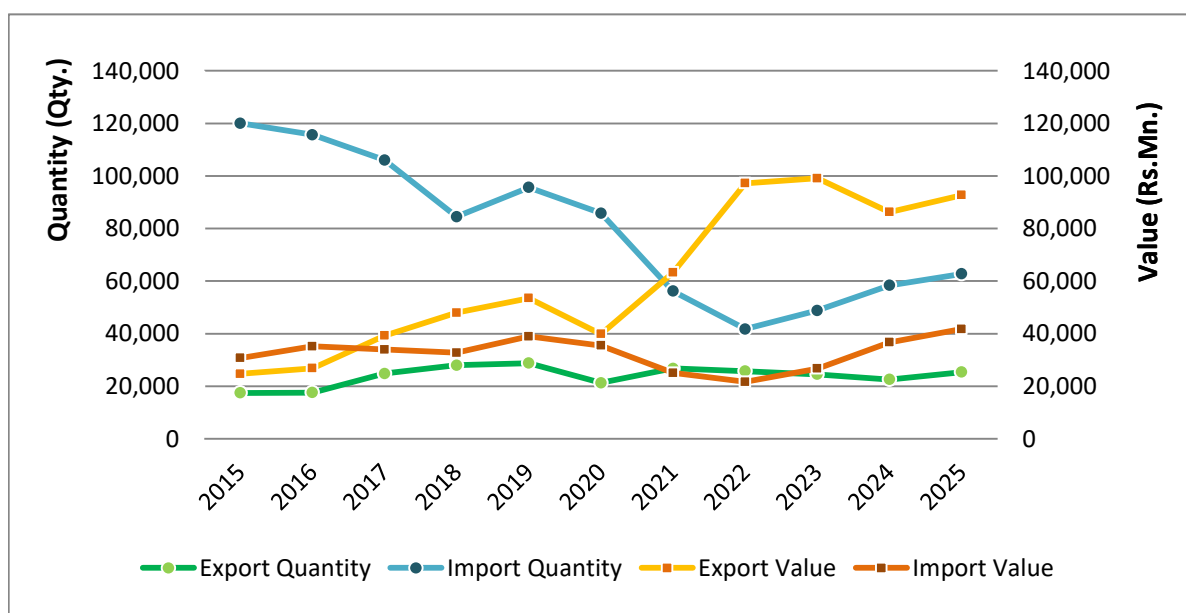


Figure 6.1: Trend in Import and Export of Fish and Fishery Products, 2015-2025

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

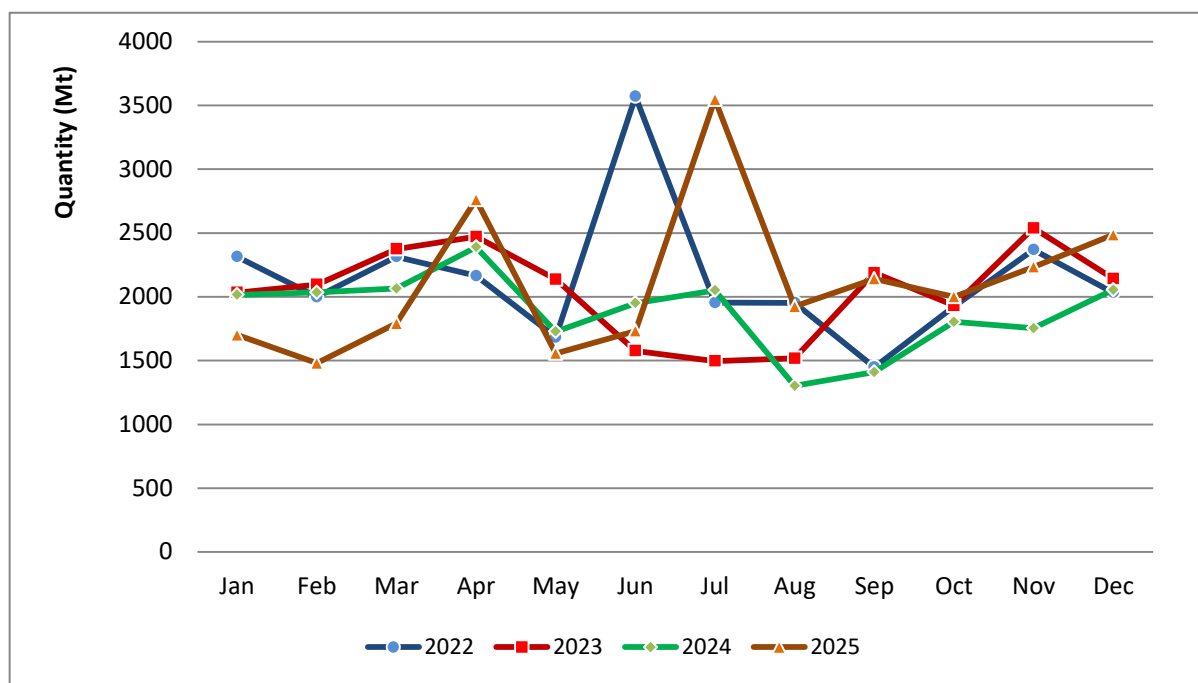


Figure 6.2: Export quantity of fish and fishery products by month, 2022 - 2025

Source: Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

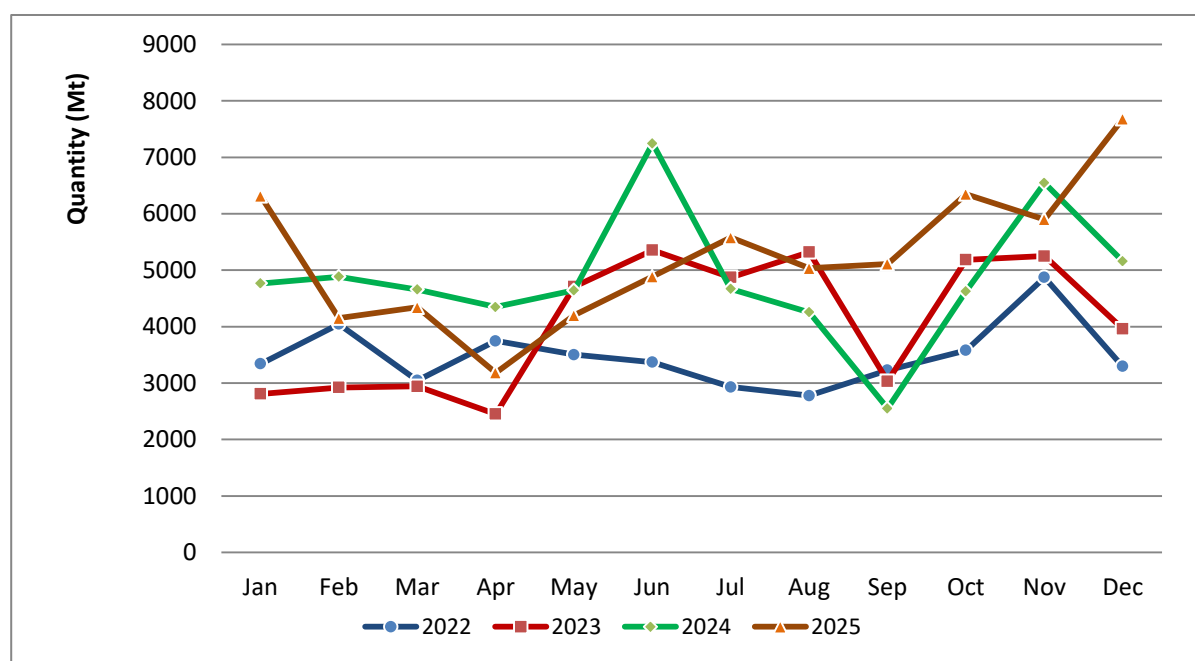


Figure 6.3: Import quantity of fish and fishery products by Month, 2022 -2025

Source: Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 6.2 : Export Quantity of Fish and Fishery Products (Mt), 1990 - 2025

Exported Item	1990	1995	2000	2005	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Shrimps	1,855	2,781	4,855	1,800	1,341	1,781	4,747	5,486	4,020	3,432	3,646
Lobsters	165	283	164	183	204	99	196	114	127	82	109
Crabs	na	898	554	1,012	1,710	1,360	1,662	1,850	1,678	2,187	1,675
Beche de Mer	36	248	87	258	169	326	336	418	401	252	310
Ornamental Fish	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Chank & Shells	na	746	698	546	289	221	306	271	269	465	232
Shark Fins	51	127	119	74	39	55	95	79	100	100	62
Molluscs	1	51	15	300	1,371	1,477	2,168	2,088	3,115	2,211	2,697
Fish Maws	na	1	1	1	2	2	4	7	7	10	9
Food Fish	821	1,978	11,873	10,960	11,807	13,858	16,130	14,959	14,380	13,451	16,177
Others	-	12	188	851	529	2,119	1,105	458	407	367	441
Export Quantity	2,931	7,126	18,554	15,985	17,461	21,298	26,749	25,730	24,504	22,556	25,356

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Note : Ornamental fish or live fish are exported in water containers. Hence their quantity not estimated

Table 6.3: Export Value of Fish and Fishery Products (Rs.Mn.), 1990- 2025

Exported Item	1990	1995	2000	2005	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Shrimps	486	2,153	5,042	1,769	1,971	3,235	8,462	13,175	10,393	8,921	10,496
Lobsters	50	260	157	267	777	352	879	1,061	1,437	790	994
Crabs	na	181	154	363	2,050	3,068	6,113	7,797	7,878	9,056	9,043
Beche de Mer	27	148	143	333	482	1,581	1,967	3,806	4,897	3,202	3,147
Ornamental Fish	68	273	593	756	2,392	2,409	4,193	7,143	8,641	7,392	6,803
Chank & Shells	na	41	90	124	109	141	201	228	255	234	202
Shark Fins	35	163	305	165	171	341	680	922	1,314	1,175	499
Molluscs	13	16	14	98	739	1,410	2,228	3,882	6,084	4,367	5,302
Fish Maws	na	2	1	1	6	34	76	156	238	290	213
Food Fish	175	413	3,782	6,335	15,528	25,498	37,199	57,528	56,704	49,731	54,940
Others	-	4	47	484	491	1,805	1,224	1,546	1,277	1,082	1,097
Export Value	854	3,655	10,328	10,695	24,716	39,874	63,222	97,243	99,118	86,241	92,736

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 6.4: Imported Quantity of Fish and Fishery Products (Mt), 1990-2025

Imported Item	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Maldivian Fish	1,615	3,371	4,317	5,542	2,871	2,216	2,545	2,188	1,538	1,715	1,943	2,305
Dried Fish	24,115	44,799	50,550	44,608	45,781	33,053	42,746	32,585	29,922	29,536	35,192	31,944
Canned Fish	3,684	20,169	21,894	20,229	16,705	49,016	26,044	8,758	3,431	7,904	4,476	601
Food Fish*	26	4	467	4,912	13,635	33,867	12,801	10,166	3,822	5,983	11,697	19,161
Others	4	4	111	1,293	1,022	1,894	1,674	2,480	3,024	3,670	4,827	8,507
Total	29,444	68,347	77,339	76,584	80,013	120,046	85,810	56,177	41,737	48,808	58,135	62,519

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 6.5: Value of Imported Fish and Fishery Products (Rs. Mn.), 1990-2025

Imported Item	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Maldivian Fish	92	413	656	832	1,301	1,658	1,924	1,453	926	926	1,422	1,603
Dried Fish	587	1,739	2,979	2,916	6,287	9,510	17,280	13,990	13,426	12,522	19,941	17,986
Canned Fish	223	1,215	1,470	2,304	3,772	11,919	10,764	4,891	2,672	6,173	3,318	1,019
Food Fish	42		19	694	2,507	6,764	4,659	3,401	2,108	2,744	5,186	8,610
Others	-	3	8	353	295	878	878	1,345	2,533	4,370	6,806	12,546
Total	945	3,370	5,132	7,099	14,162	30,729	35,505	25,080	21,664	26,735	36,673	41,764

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 6.6: Quantity of Exported Fish and Fishery Products by Country (Mt), 2015–2025

Year	Total Quantity (Mt)	Country									
		European Union		Other European		U. S. A.		Japan		Other Non European	
		Quantity (Mt)	%	Quantity (Mt)	%	Quantity (Mt)	%	Quantity (Mt)	%	Quantity (Mt)	%
2015	17,461	2,065	11.8	673	3.9	4,392	25.2	2,289	13.1	8,043	46.1
2016	17,593	2,542	14.4	613	3.5	4,719	26.8	2,052	11.7	7,667	43.6
2017	24,827	5,725	23.1	856	3.4	4,408	17.8	2,030	8.2	11,808	47.6
2018	27,998	7,597	27.1	849	3.0	4,193	15.0	2,185	7.8	13,175	47.1
2019	28,771	8,980	31.2	1,034	3.6	3,499	12.2	1,733	6.0	13,526	47.0
2020	21,298	6,750	31.7	2,015	9.5	1,719	8.1	1,462	6.9	9,352	43.9
2021	26,749	8,527	31.9	3,108	11.6	2,141	8.0	2,142	8.0	10,832	40.5
2022	25,730	8,211	31.9	2,982	11.6	2,173	8.4	2,046	8.0	10,318	40.1
2023	24,503	7,492	30.6	2,861	11.7	2,704	11.0	1,492	6.1	9,954	40.6
2024	22,556	6,618	29.3	3,109	13.8	3,438	15.2	909	4.0	8,483	37.6
2025	25,356	8,015	31.6	3,556	14.0	3,347	13.2	780	3.1	9,658	38.1

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 6.7: Value of Exported Fish and Fishery Products by Country (Rs.Mn.), 2015–2025

Year	Value (Mn)	Country									
		European Union		Other European		U. S. A.		Japan		Other Non European	
		Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%
2015	24,716	4,774	19.3	1,096	4.4	7,551	30.6	2,712	11.0	8,583	34.7
2016	26,802	5,239	19.5	1,091	4.1	8,777	32.7	2,757	10.3	8,938	33.4
2017	39,230	11,052	28.2	1,458	3.7	10,140	25.8	3,190	8.1	13,390	34.1
2018	47,949	16,024	33.4	1,496	3.1	11,239	23.4	3,783	7.9	15,407	32.1
2019	53,483	20,300	38.0	1,898	3.5	10,181	19.0	2,877	5.4	18,227	34.1
2020	39,874	16,118	40.4	4,005	10.0	5,203	13.0	2,596	6.5	11,951	30.0
2021	63,222	24,654	39.0	7,148	11.3	8,864	14.0	4,503	7.1	18,054	28.6
2022	97,243	37,906	39.0	10,448	10.7	12,830	13.2	6,607	6.8	29,453	30.3
2023	99,118	34,157	34.5	10,508	10.6	17,691	17.8	4,670	4.7	32,091	32.4
2024	86,241	30,460	35.3	10,636	12.3	17,895	20.7	3,076	3.6	24,174	28.0
2025	92,739	34,376	37.1	12,203	13.2	17,011	18.3	2,301	2.5	26,848	29.0

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

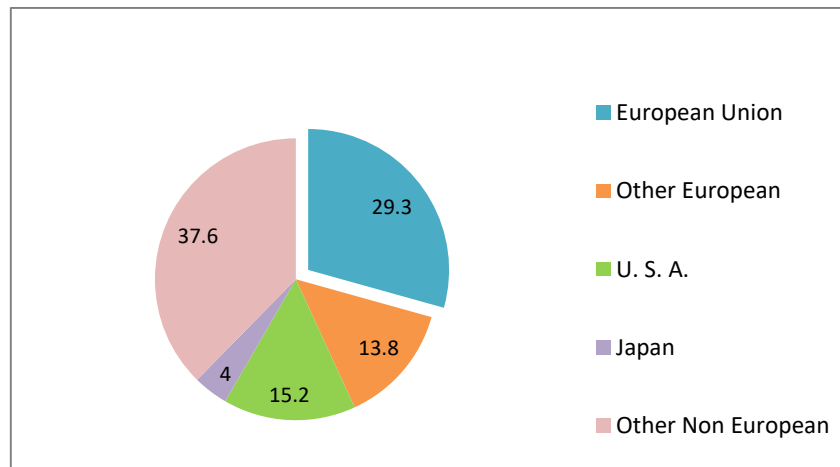


Figure 6.4: Quantity of Exported Fish and Fishery Products by Country, 2025

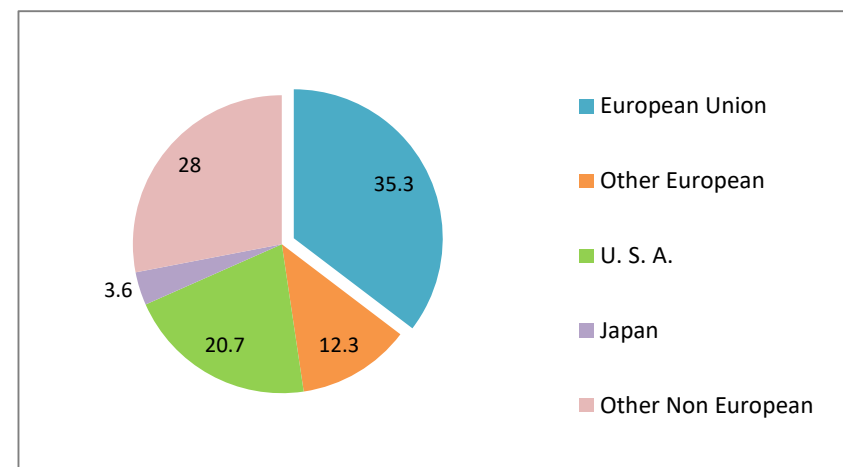


Figure 6.5: Value of Exported Fish and Fishery Products by Country, 2025

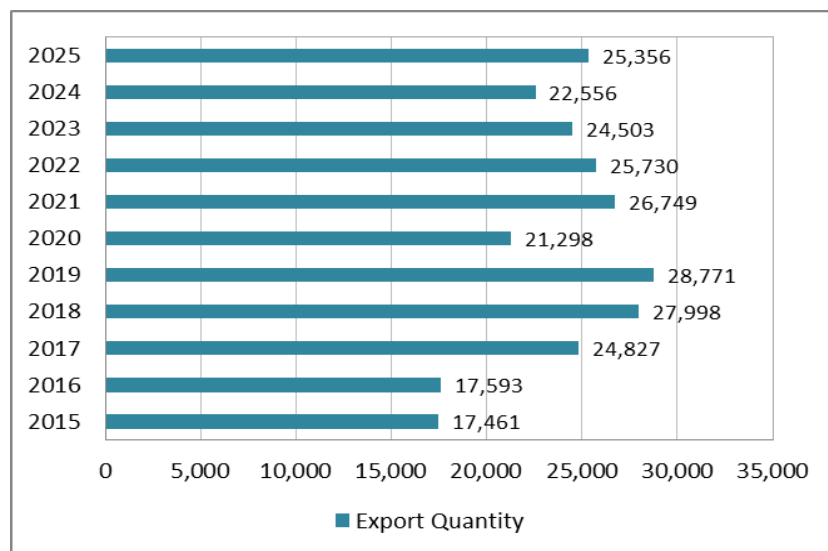


Figure 6.6. Export Quantity of Fish and Fishery Products (Mt), 2015–2025

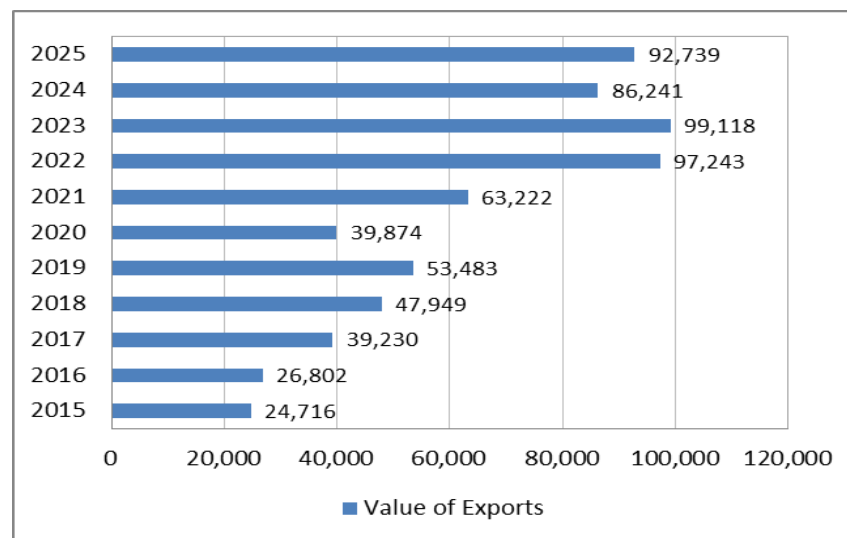


Figure 6.7. Export Value of Fish and Fishery Products (Rs.Mn.), 2015–2025

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 6.8: Quantity of Tuna Exported by Country, 2010-2025

Year/ Month	Total Quantity (Mt)	Exported Quantity by Countries									
		European Union		Other European		U. S. A.		Japan		Other Non European	
		Quantity (Mt)	%	Quantity (Mt)	%	Quantity (Mt)	%	Quantity (Mt)	%	Quantity (Mt)	%
2010	4,856	3,138	64.6	160	3.3	286	5.9	788	16.2	484	10.0
2015	9,845	1,491	15.1	517	5.2	3,027	30.7	908	9.2	3,902	39.6
2020	8,992	3,576	39.8	1,317	14.6	864	9.6	164	1.8	3,071	34.2
2021	9,936	4,601	46.3	1,912	19.2	457	4.6	2	0.0	2,963	29.8
2022	9,317	4,159	44.6	1,832	19.7	646	6.9	-	-	2,681	28.8
2023	8,006	3,115	38.9	1,431	17.9	1,135	14.2	4	-	2,321	29.0
2024	4,813	1,824	37.9	698	14.5	803	16.7	-	-	1,488	30.9
2025	6,100	2,150	35.2	951	15.6	410	6.7	78	1.3	2,511	41.2

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 6.9: Value of Tuna Exported by Country, 2010-2025

Year/ Month	Total Value (Rs.Mn)	Value of Exports by Countries									
		European Union		Other European		U. S. A.		Japan		Other Non European	
		Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%
2010	5,260	4,339	82.5	208	4.0	278	5.3	241	4.6	194	3.7
2015	13,688	3,018	22.0	855	6.2	4,969	36.3	808	5.9	4,038	29.5
2020	17,003	8,597	50.6	2,502	14.7	2,163	12.7	185	1.1	3,556	20.9
2021	24,816	13,867	55.9	4,286	17.3	1,517	6.1	3	0.0	5,144	20.7
2022	37,731	20,338	53.9	6,226	16.5	3,247	8.6	-	-	7,920	21.0
2023	34,624	15,963	46.1	5,366	15.5	6,164	17.8	6	-	7,125	20.6
2024	19,777	9,217	46.6	2,490	12.6	4,113	20.8	-	-	3,958	20.0
2025	20,982	10,118	48.2	3,121	14.9	2,060	9.8	29	0.1	5,654	26.9

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 6.10 Estimated Supply of Dried Fish (Mt), 1995-2025

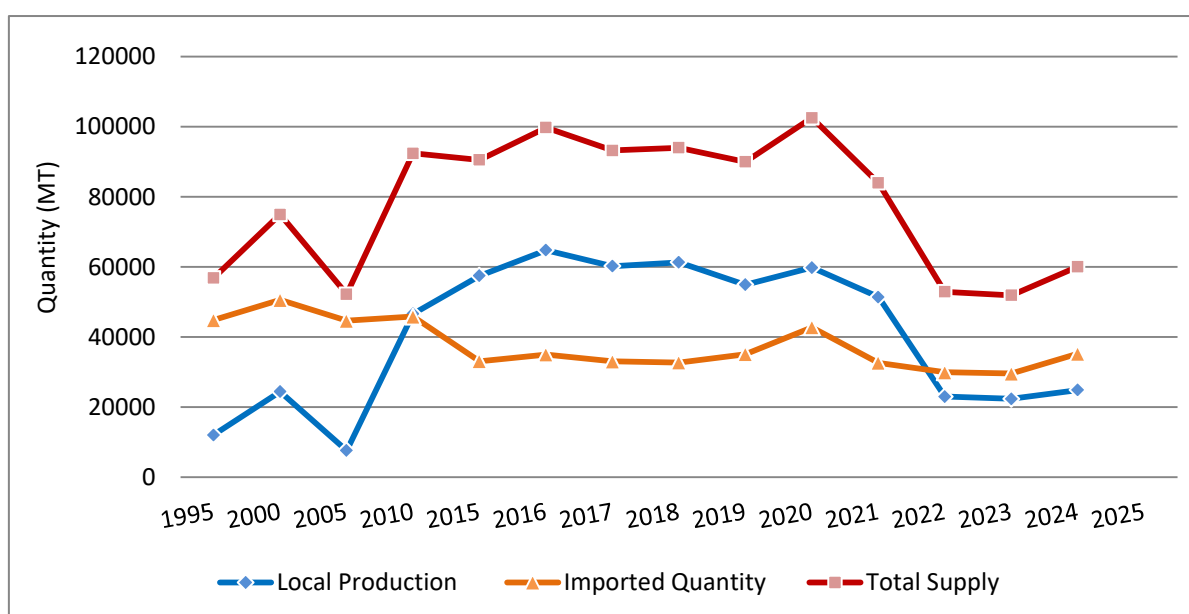
Year	Local Production ⁽¹⁾	Imported ⁽²⁾			Total Dried Fish Supply
		Sprats	Other	Total	
1995	12,000	14,676	30,123	44,799	56,799
2000	24,360	19,133	31,417	50,550	74,910
2005	7,560	21,516	23,092	44,607	52,167
2010	46,570	27,304	18,477	45,781	92,351
2011	52,230	27,593	19,589	47,182	99,412
2012	61,320	25,181	14,251	39,433	100,753
2013	68,200	23,471	14,138	37,610	105,810
2014	71,810	24,874	10,406	35,280	107,090
2015	57,450	24,607	8,445	33,053	90,503
2016	64,720	24,457	10,521	34,978	99,698
2017	60,190	22,798	10,214	33,012	93,202
2018	61,250	23,198	9,506	32,704	93,954
2019	54,880	24,806	10,254	35,059	89,939
2020	59,760	31,102	11,643	42,746	102,505
2021	51,340	25,071	7,514	32,585	83,925
2022	22,960	23,724	6,198	29,922	52,882
2023	22,340	22,759	6,777	29,536	51,876
2024	24,850	27,363	7,829	35,191	60,041
2025*	24,888	23,685	8,259	31,944	56,832

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

* Provisional

(1) Annual Estimates based on fish production import export quantity and canned fish production

(2) Custom Returns

**Figure 6.8 : Estimated Dried Fish Supply, 1995-2025**

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Section 7

Fish Prices

Table 7.1: Annual Average Retail Prices (Consumer) of Fresh Fish in Colombo Region (Rs/Kg), 1990–2025

Retail	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Salaya/Sardinella	30.00	47.00	64.00	114.00	147.00	223.00	195.00	220.00	249.00	254.00	292.00	310.00	647.00	689.00	640.00	706.00
Hurulla/ Herrings	42.00	75.00	103.00	161.00	290.00	352.00	396.00	409.00	418.00	484.00	533.00	613.00	935.00	1,014.00	1,013.00	1,236.00
Balaya/ Skipjack tuna	62.00	102.00	151.00	242.00	435.00	473.00	540.00	560.00	612.00	699.00	673.00	784.00	1,330.00	1,457.00	1,308.00	1,688.00
Kelawalla/ Yellowfin tuna	61.00	140.00	212.00	316.00	611.00	774.00	834.00	918.00	951.00	1,011.00	1,009.00	1,296.00	2,184.00	2,426.00	2,261.00	2,569.00
Thora/ Seer	96.00	184.00	381.00	529.00	923.00	1,285.00	1,366.00	1,415.00	1,547.00	1,544.00	1,468.00	2,015.00	3,057.00	3,545.00	3,741.00	3,860.00
Para/ Travelly	80.00	165.00	245.00	336.00	560.00	800.00	875.00	958.00	1,003.00	1,052.00	1,136.00	1,343.00	2,231.00	2,506.00	2,404.00	2,513.00
Mora/ Sharks	53.00	97.00	160.00	258.00	428.00	657.00	712.00	724.00	757.00	891.00	841.00	1,043.00	1,666.00	1,870.00	1,887.00	2,022.00
Thalapath/ Sail fish	67.00	121.00	247.00	342.00	697.00	861.00	897.00	1,004.00	1,093.00	1,168.00	1,205.00	1,511.00	2,488.00	2,856.00	2,855.00	2,920.00
Kumbalawa/ Indian mackerel	53.00	96.00	132.00	213.00	356.00	425.00	480.00	456.00	510.00	567.00	604.00	656.00	1,066.00	1,156.00	1,096.00	1,221.00
Gal malu/ Rock fish	54.00	106.00	148.00	245.00	433.00	636.00	626.00	662.00	699.00	801.00	973.00	1,191.00	1,940.00	2,247.00	2,154.00	2,315.00
Issa/ Prawns	140.00	215.00	392.00	na	737.00	878.00	916.00	1,152.00	1,091.00	1,159.00	1,184.00	1,197.00	1,599.00	1,844.00	2,032.00	2,261.00
Theppili/ Tilapia	44.00	55.00	94.00	159.00	242.00	345.00	401.00	na	383.00	483.00	466.00	595.00	841.00	1,036.00	978.00	995.00

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 7.2: Annual Average Wholesale Prices of Fresh Fish at Main Fish Market in Colombo(Rs/Kg), 1990-2025**

Wholesale	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Salaya/Sardinella	15.00	30.00	29.00	62.00	106.00	125.00	145.00	145.00	158.00	193.00	236.00	196.00	452.00	417.00	375.00	419.00
Hurulla/ Herrings	18.00	41.00	64.00	98.00	197.00	260.00	312.00	319.00	298.00	374.00	420.00	447.00	692.00	673.00	719.00	856.00
Balaya/ Skipjack tuna	35.00	43.00	81.00	107.00	215.00	314.00	337.00	314.00	319.00	359.00	341.00	409.00	723.00	825.00	727.00	846.00
Kelawalla/ Yellowfin tuna	40.00	56.00	127.00	156.00	314.00	478.00	508.00	564.00	571.00	613.00	576.00	687.00	1,232.00	1,257.00	1,241.00	1,362.00
Thora/ Seer	65.00	118.00	270.00	366.00	667.00	1035.00	1127.00	1,166.00	1,252.00	1,385.00	1,304.00	1,099.00	1,781.00	1,972.00	1,981.00	2,053.00
Para/ Travelly	45.00	107.00	140.00	187.00	349.00	499.00	565.00	551.00	531.00	574.00	625.00	652.00	1,166.00	1,213.00	1,158.00	1,219.00
Mora/ Sharks	42.00	45.00	100.00	144.00	289.00	431.00	489.00	527.00	556.00	602.00	584.00	628.00	977.00	1,037.00	994.00	1,088.00
Thalapath/ Sail fish	45.00	77.00	181.00	233.00	442.00	601.00	559.00	617.00	615.00	696.00	701.00	970.00	1,608.00	1,731.00	1,744.00	1,771.00
Kumbalawa/ Indian mackerel	35.00	54.00	99.00	155.00	269.00	360.00	409.00	372.00	405.00	474.00	505.00	464.00	802.00	858.00	817.00	961.00
Gal malu/ Rock fish	38.00	72.00	95.00	148.00	287.00	360.00	471.00	517.00	524.00	467.00	610.00	697.00	1,182.00	1,242.00	1,197.00	1,271.00
Issa/ Prawns	88.00	140.00	290.00	na	620.00	722.00	785.00	1,028.00	888.00	923.00	996.00	878.00	1,235.00	1,386.00	1,573.00	1,800.00
Theppili/ Tilapia	24.00	32.00	53.00	69.00	162.00	268.00	286.00	305.00	334.00	355.00	378.00	395.00	507.00	480.00	460.00	510.00

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

US\$/Rs	40.06	51.25	75.78	100.50	113.06	135.94	145.60	152.46	162.54	178.78	185.52	198.88	363.10	327.53	302.12	300.74
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Table 7.3: Monthly Average Wholesale Fish Prices at Main Fish Market in Colombo ,2024**

Species	Annual Average 2022	Annual Average 2023	2024												Annual Average 2024
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Salaya	452.47	417.49	368.36	340.66	305.95	445.24	492.64	485.27	301.76	328.28	326.34	328.33	401.79	372.47	374.76
Hurulla	692.26	672.96	625.00	688.10	634.38	627.41	724.11	838.99	722.92	646.01	734.08	669.20	822.62	890.84	718.64
Balaya	723.50	824.57	683.75	599.70	514.29	685.80	942.84	932.58	714.14	725.90	788.93	718.04	696.73	719.82	726.88
Kelawalla	1,232.21	1,256.61	1,204.82	1,193.90	999.17	1,144.58	1,361.79	1,450.00	1,267.71	1,251.49	1,355.46	1,116.67	1,307.74	1,239.52	1,241.07
Thora	1,780.94	1,971.87	2,068.57	1,833.51	1,799.47	1,791.43	2,058.93	2,355.42	2,471.25	1,882.74	2,034.82	1,859.82	1,741.07	1,880.00	1,981.42
Paraw	1,165.94	1,212.69	1,145.36	1,126.79	1,016.25	1,078.22	1,247.32	1,388.13	1,217.10	1,059.67	1,186.61	1,103.93	1,122.62	1,206.07	1,158.17
Mora	977.10	1,036.77	938.57	895.83	889.20	1,137.92	1,080.21	1,040.48	1,052.50	993.75	1,026.25	933.93	950.63	988.75	994.00
Thalapath	1,607.58	1,731.07	1,782.14	1,734.23	1,500.00	1,558.75	1,822.32	2,016.66	1,771.73	1,627.38	1,951.79	1,697.32	1,721.13	1,747.32	1,744.23
Kumbala	802.48	858.31	743.30	722.06	728.87	859.17	956.88	1,092.82	960.42	816.92	752.98	664.43	692.71	819.46	817.50
Mullet	1,182.20	1,242.49	1,130.36	1,139.59	1,034.46	1,168.66	1,293.93	1,473.01	1,385.42	1,119.64	1,202.92	1,105.36	1,122.50	1,185.00	1,196.74
Prawns	1,235.01	1,386.10	1,436.61	1,467.56	1,596.67	1,692.26	1,527.79	1,470.84	1,513.69	1,591.67	1,588.69	1,559.82	1,613.39	1,818.75	1,573.14
Tilapia (M)	506.60	467.06	425.00	350.00	400.00	491.67	559.38	570.83	527.78	510.00	383.34	429.17	452.78	420.00	459.99

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

** Peliyagoda Central Fish Market

Table 7.4: Monthly Average Wholesale Fish Prices at Main Fish Market in Colombo , 2025**

Species	Annual Average 2023	Annual Average 2024	2025												Annual Average 2025
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Salaya	417.49	374.76	396.84	313.54	411.47	421.55	481.25	732.14	550.83	375.10	328.81	224.73	311.31	480.00	418.96
Hurulla	672.96	718.64	914.17	728.04	848.87	910.36	1,189.58	991.67	892.92	821.43	798.06	627.86	700.63	843.90	855.62
Balaya	824.57	726.88	674.26	517.35	740.03	1,018.69	1,142.56	1,067.71	876.94	866.37	812.05	762.65	870.89	807.68	846.43
Kelawalla	1,256.61	1,241.07	1,255.36	956.25	1,047.47	1,462.74	1,632.89	1,447.26	1,319.35	1,366.96	1,425.88	1,402.08	1,461.61	1,567.71	1,362.13
Thora	1,971.87	1,981.42	1,912.14	1,355.00	1,438.39	1,728.33	2,220.09	3,000.00	2,159.11	2,435.00	2,300.72	2,159.02	1,839.73	2,084.23	2,052.65
Paraw	1,212.69	1,158.17	1,217.50	1,012.14	1,025.00	1,203.13	1,343.75	1,502.92	1,276.19	1,312.56	1,227.44	1,048.27	1,145.95	1,318.30	1,219.43
Mora	1,036.77	994.00	1,044.05	934.38	956.25	1,050.00	1,143.75	1,189.79	1,140.63	1,132.86	1,134.17	1,079.17	1,111.10	1,142.08	1,088.18
Thalapath	1,731.07	1,744.23	1,855.71	1,423.21	1,376.43	1,700.00	1,853.42	2,126.19	1,823.51	1,825.30	1,791.07	1,694.11	1,855.77	1,922.32	1,770.59
Kumbala	858.31	817.50	840.63	764.58	777.98	1,004.82	1,164.58	1,345.12	1,224.38	1,195.24	957.92	657.50	623.13	981.25	961.43
Mullet	1,242.49	1,196.74	1,294.11	1,017.29	1,080.36	1,264.88	1,332.95	1,439.58	1,407.59	1,380.06	1,271.87	1,122.86	1,250.00	1,387.50	1,270.75
Prawns	1,386.10	1,573.14	1,922.14	1,958.93	1,826.43	1,986.76	1,813.10	1,623.21	1,602.32	1,847.14	1,769.64	1,711.01	1,673.21	1,866.52	1,800.03
Tilapia (M)	467.06	459.99	561.11	478.13	450.00	525.00	625.00	566.67	600.00	531.25	408.34	470.00	500.00	400.00	509.62

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

** Peliyagoda Central Fish Market

Table 7.5: Monthly Average Retail Prices of Fish at Colombo Suburb Markets, 2024 (Rs/Kg)

Species	Annual Average 2022	Annual Average 2023	2024												Annual Average 2024
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Salaya	646.76	688.87	578.75	635.75	574.58	651.92	716.04	755.42	677.00	642.42	569.00	577.58	644.63	652.50	639.63
Hurulla	934.90	1,013.57	933.75	971.00	950.50	911.84	1,027.08	1,182.50	1,036.92	929.25	1,090.21	938.75	1,039.00	1,150.42	1,013.43
Balaya	1,329.65	1,457.43	1,318.25	1,219.17	1,101.04	1,259.17	1,511.67	1,765.00	1,362.08	1,277.00	1,330.00	1,198.33	1,174.67	1,175.42	1,307.65
Kelawalla	2,184.49	2,425.74	2,094.75	2,263.17	1,886.67	1,992.67	2,352.83	2,491.67	2,345.00	2,341.50	2,553.83	2,188.83	2,364.00	2,255.00	2,260.83
Thora	3,056.80	3,545.02	3,812.00	3,499.00	3,192.75	3,224.50	3,916.58	3,983.75	4,415.42	3,791.50	3,734.58	3,839.17	3,610.00	3,872.50	3,740.98
Paraw	2,230.85	2,506.15	2,348.75	2,313.00	2,092.75	2,221.67	2,659.42	2,784.58	2,385.67	2,394.00	2,479.17	2,304.00	2,473.59	2,387.34	2,506.15
Mora	1,666.03	1,870.31	1,805.25	1,941.25	1,839.58	1,990.83	1,992.50	2,022.67	2,030.83	1,795.83	1,789.00	1,705.21	1,783.33	1,949.50	1,887.15
Thalapath	2,488.29	2,855.78	2,753.00	2,738.50	2,448.17	2,521.58	2,895.84	3,181.67	3,093.33	2,958.84	3,016.17	2,858.00	2,895.33	2,899.00	2,854.95
Kumbala	1,065.74	1,156.27	1,069.25	1,020.00	973.34	1,103.33	1,256.00	1,357.67	1,226.25	1,147.21	991.25	931.46	1,022.09	1,049.59	1,095.62
Mullet	1,940.33	2,247.35	2,089.75	2,137.33	2,014.17	2,091.67	2,187.50	2,221.66	2,194.17	2,075.42	2,231.25	2,170.00	2,207.50	2,221.67	2,153.51
Prawns	1,598.97	1,843.94	1,884.50	1,908.88	2,063.84	2,231.75	2,136.25	1,962.08	1,973.83	1,994.00	2,017.83	1,967.75	1,972.29	2,268.34	2,031.78
Tilapiya(M)	841.34	1,035.55	930.00	955.00	846.67	1,030.00	1,120.00	1,073.33	990.00	983.33	960.00	933.33	982.50	935.56	978.31

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Note : Retail prices at Maharagama, Kirulapone, Wellampitiya, Dematagoda, Battaramulla and Nugegoda retail markets

Table 7.6: Monthly Average Retail Prices of Fish at Colombo Suburb Markets, 2025 (Rs/Kg)

Species	Annual Average 2023	Annual Average 2024	2025												Annual Average 2025
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Salaya	688.87	639.63	596.25	492.50	597.83	689.88	751.88	999.83	876.25	709.92	641.67	548.33	644.58	922.08	705.92
Hurulla	1,013.57	1,013.43	1,268.33	1,185.00	1,173.34	1,245.17	1,460.83	1,627.78	1,267.33	1,160.04	1,187.17	974.42	1,033.33	1,251.67	1,236.20
Balaya	1,457.43	1,307.65	1,206.67	1,178.54	1,242.42	1,668.33	1,807.33	2,031.25	1,874.58	1,957.08	1,938.75	1,772.50	1,748.34	1,835.42	1,688.43
Kelawalla	2,425.74	2,260.83	2,239.17	2,099.25	2,056.34	2,474.17	2,762.92	2,776.17	2,691.09	2,661.08	2,785.33	2,713.42	2,685.50	2,886.17	2,569.22
Thora	3,545.02	3,740.98	3,984.54	3,006.25	3,076.50	3,522.33	3,766.50	4,568.75	4,140.00	4,074.00	4,469.50	4,028.33	3,613.75	4,071.29	3,860.15
Paraw	2,506.15	2,506.15	2,342.34	2,102.42	2,043.59	2,345.83	2,718.75	2,950.42	2,673.00	2,570.42	2,678.58	2,484.17	2,524.50	2,720.83	2,512.90
Mora	1,870.31	1,887.15	1,998.75	1,982.50	1,970.42	2,025.00	1,965.83	2,058.75	1,997.75	1,960.00	2,033.13	2,031.25	2,117.50	2,120.00	2,021.74
Thalapath	2,855.78	2,854.95	2,868.33	2,512.50	2,522.13	2,759.42	2,954.92	3,254.17	3,078.42	3,030.08	3,002.75	2,900.67	2,985.00	3,175.50	2,920.32
Kumbala	1,156.27	1,095.62	1,074.17	1,026.67	996.67	1,225.50	1,408.33	1,590.00	1,545.00	1,508.75	1,338.13	948.54	898.89	1,091.46	1,221.01
Mullet	2,247.35	2,153.51	2,305.83	2,116.67	2,115.00	2,212.50	2,357.08	2,426.25	2,495.00	2,430.00	2,317.50	2,262.50	2,326.67	2,415.00	2,315.00
Prawns	1,843.94	2,031.78	2,467.67	2,398.17	2,322.08	2,469.04	2,387.79	2,071.25	2,005.00	2,189.79	2,301.67	2,188.50	2,081.33	2,253.75	2,261.34
Tilapiya(M)	1,035.55	978.31	1,001.11	1,010.00	970.00	1,035.00	1,070.00	1,041.67	937.78	962.50	965.00	921.11	1,007.50	1,017.50	994.93

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Note : Retail prices at Maharagama, Kirulapone, Wellampitiya, Dematagoda, Battaramulla and Nugegoda retail markets

Table 7.7 : Wholesale prices of Local Dried Fish at Pettah (Rs/Kg), 2025

Month	Sprats	Kattawa	Thora	Mora	Balaya	Angulawa	Maduwa	Koduwa	Salaya
January	1,160.00	1,680.00	-	1,871.67	845.45	-	1,107.50	-	776.67
February	893.75	-	-	1,812.50	817.27	-	1,135.71	1,000.00	710.00
March	842.50	-	-	1,757.14	887.50	-	1,156.25	1,466.67	746.25
April	1,031.25	2,262.50	-	1,852.50	1,280.83	-	1,121.67	1,320.00	848.00
May	1,421.43	-	-	1,936.00	1,627.00	2,000.00	1,145.71	1,700.00	-
June	1,916.67	2,733.33	-	2,262.50	2,075.00	2,016.67	1,508.33	-	1,233.33
July	1,625.00	2,200.00	-	2,272.22	1,637.50	2,400.00	1,492.50	-	550.00
August	1,900.00	1,900.00	-	2,504.55	1,404.17	-	1,054.17	-	550.00
September	1,587.50	1,800.00	-	2,440.00	1,167.50	-	985.00	-	580.00
October	1,462.50	-	-	2,350.00	1,227.50	2,100.00	1,080.91	2,250.00	425.83
November	1,087.50	-	-	2,367.50	1,218.33	1,822.50	1,068.33	935.00	383.33
December	1,353.75	1,890.00	-	2,456.67	1,215.00	1,987.50	1,112.50	1,050.00	540.83
Average	1,356.82	2,066.55	-	2,156.94	1,283.59	2,054.44	1,164.05	1,388.81	612.02

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 7.8 Wholesale Prices of Imported Dried Fish at Pettah (Rs/Kg), 2025

Month	Sprats	Kattawa	Thora	Mora	Balaya	Angulawa	Maduwa	Koduwa	Salaya
January	798.75	1,257.50	-	1,752.50	-	1,690.91	-	-	-
February	707.92	1,474.17	2,100.00	1,780.83	-	1,558.57	-	-	-
March	695.42	1,717.50	-	1,924.17	-	1,617.50	850.00	-	-
April	687.08	1,812.50	-	2,052.50	-	1,725.00	960.00	-	-
May	718.33	1,813.33	-	2,233.33	-	1,812.50	1,200.00	-	-
June	1,122.50	1,987.50	3,150.00	2,227.50	2,350.00	1,900.83	1,300.00	-	-
July	1,118.75	1,780.83	3,150.00	2,305.83	-	1,936.36	-	-	-
August	1,097.92	1,450.00	-	2,301.67	-	1,812.50	800.00	-	-
September	1,067.08	1,407.50	-	2,252.50	-	1,816.67	770.00	-	-
October	926.25	1,373.33	-	2,127.27	-	1,733.33	710.00	-	-
November	831.25	1,379.17	2,525.00	2,143.75	1,175.00	1,660.00	670.00	-	-
December	850.00	1,526.67	2,762.50	2,175.00	1,050.00	1,680.83	732.50	-	-
Average	885.10	1,581.67	2,737.50	2,106.40	1,525.00	1,745.42	888.06	-	-

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 7.9 Retail Prices of Local Dried Fish at Colombo and Suburbs Markets (Rs/Kg), 2025

Month	Sprats	Kattawa	Thora	Mora	Balaya	Angulawa	Maduwa	Koduwa	Salaya
January	1,900.00	2,950.00	4,162.00	2,469.17	1,987.50	3,000.00	2,387.50	2,720.00	1,687.50
February	1,687.50	2,941.67	4,250.00	2,433.33	2,088.89	3,200.00	2,300.00	2,533.33	1,562.50
March	1,725.00	2,975.00	3,928.57	2,579.17	1,868.75	-	2,187.50	2,650.00	1,550.00
April	1,812.50	2,968.75	4,120.00	2,637.50	2,043.75	3,500.00	2,225.00	2,675.00	1,787.50
May	1,904.17	2,987.50	4,300.00	2,525.00	2,400.00	3,450.00	2,500.00	2,850.00	1,681.25
June	2,290.00	3,312.50	-	2,775.00	2,643.75	-	2,700.00	3,000.00	1,937.50
July	2,500.00	3,333.33	-	3,037.50	3,100.00	-	2,500.00	3,050.00	1,693.75
August	2,242.86	2,975.00	-	3,254.55	2,475.00	2,666.67	2,425.00	2,975.00	1,412.50
September	2,187.50	2,950.00	-	3,266.67	2,450.00	3,100.00	2,475.00	2,950.00	1,237.50
October	2,216.67	2,950.00	-	3,258.33	2,450.00	3,425.00	2,375.00	-	1,437.50
November	2,208.33	2,975.00	-	3,287.50	2,200.00	3,375.00	2,375.00	-	1,362.50
December	2,025.00	2,950.00	-	3,250.00	2,350.00	3,425.00	2,225.00	-	1,375.00
Average	2,058.29	3,022.40	4,152.11	2,897.81	2,338.14	3,237.96	2,389.58	2,822.59	1,560.42

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Table 7.10 Retail Prices of Imported Dried Fish at Colombo and Suburbs Markets (Rs/Kg), 2025

Month	Sprats	Kattawa	Thora	Mora	Balaya	Angulawa	Maduwa	Koduwa	Salaya
January	1,135.42	2,891.67	-	2,500.00	-	2,937.50	-	-	-
February	1,025.00	2,933.33	-	2,568.75	-	3,125.00	-	-	-
March	1,023.75	2,950.00	-	2,606.25	-	2,950.00	-	-	-
April	1,068.75	2,941.67	-	2,637.50	-	2,975.00	-	-	-
May	1,097.92	2,966.67	-	2,675.00	-	2,950.00	-	-	-
June	1,566.67	3,187.50	-	2,775.00	-	3,475.00	-	-	-
July	1,566.67	3,200.00	-	2,900.00	-	3,357.14	-	-	-
August	1,475.00	2,941.67	-	3,250.00	-	2,981.25	-	-	-
September	1,483.33	2,908.33	-	3,262.50	-	2,962.50	2,000.00	-	-
October	1,408.33	2,866.67	-	3,212.50	-	2,975.00	1,966.67	-	-
November	1,291.67	2,804.17	-	3,162.50	-	2,925.00	-	-	-
December	1,206.25	2,841.67	-	3,081.25	-	2,950.00	-	-	-
Average	1,279.06	2,952.78	-	2,885.94	-	3,046.95	1,983.33	-	-

Source : Statistics Unit, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Section 8
Fisheries Contribution
to Economy

Table 8.1: Gross Domestic Product by Industrial Origin at Current (2015) Market Prices (Rs. Mn), 2010–2025

Year	Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	Agriculture Sector	Fishing		Total
			Marine	Inland	
2015	11,566,987	950,452	153,055	15,962	169,017
2016	12,812,975	930,442	165,878	14,923	180,801
2017	14,387,319	1,069,075	165,710	19,795	185,505
2018	15,351,933	1,165,529	158,847	27,913	186,760
2019	15,910,976	1,154,540	176,421	28,170	204,591
2020	15,646,254	1,291,023	140,588	32,018	172,606
2021	17,612,370	1,548,117	154,681	33,327	188,007
2022	24,063,162	2,032,845	222,241	43,291	265,532
2023†	27,539,080	2,215,002	253,898	45,270	299,168
2024†	30,095,825	2,520,119	248,884	40,735	289,619
2025*	32,750,844	2,738,780	274,971	24,616	299,587

Source: National Accounts Reports, Department of Census and Statistics

† Revised National Account Estimates of Sri Lanka 2015 - 2025 (as at 17th March, 2026)

* Provisional National Account Estimates of Sri Lanka 2015 - 2025 (as at 17th March, 2026)

Table 8.2: Gross Domestic Product by Industrial Origin at Constant (2015) Market Prices (Rs. Mn), 2010-2025

Year	Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	Agriculture Sector	Fishing		Total
			Marine	Inland	
2015	11,566,987	950,452	153,055	15,962	169,017
2016	12,151,540	906,100	154,249	17,536	171,785
2017	12,936,612	889,557	151,558	19,417	170,975
2018	13,235,458	945,292	149,782	20,815	170,596
2019	13,206,276	949,582	141,700	21,444	163,143
2020	12,595,550	941,046	111,307	24,166	135,473
2021	13,125,505	950,548	112,814	24,742	137,555
2022	12,160,886	911,252	95,447	27,682	123,128
2023†	11,914,150	911,839	100,099	26,739	126,838
2024†	12,508,954	916,971	104,949	24,290	129,238
2025*	13,128,577	929,668	104,850	13,288	118,137

Source: National Accounts Reports, Department of Census and Statistics

† Revised National Account Estimates of Sri Lanka 2015 - 2025 (as at 17th March, 2026)

* Provisional National Account Estimates of Sri Lanka 2015 - 2025 (as at 17th March, 2026)

Table 8.3 : Average Monthly Household Fish Consumption (grams)

Survey Period	2009/2010		2012/2013		2016		2019	
Household Size	4.0 Persons		3.9 Persons		3.8 Persons		3.7 Persons	
Species	Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%
Balaya/Kelawalla	333.8	9.3	322.1	9.1	306.4	8.3	388.0	10.8
Kelawalla	275.7	7.7	276.8	7.8	280.8	7.6	318.3	8.9
Mora	28.5	0.8	25.7	0.7	19.7	0.5	20.7	0.6
Thalapath	113.7	3.2	137.7	3.9	171.4	4.7	191.7	5.3
Paraw	181.6	5.1	173.4	4.9	181.0	4.9	178.2	5.0
Seer	23.7	0.7	31.8	0.9	24.8	0.7	23.0	0.6
Maduwa							13.5	0.4
Other	487.9	13.6	472.1	13.3	431.0	11.7	300.5	8.4
Large Fish Total	1,445.0	40.3	1,439.6	40.7	1,415.1	38.5	1,433.8	40.0
Sprats	74.6	2.1	62.7	1.8	46.2	1.3	53.1	1.5
Hedella	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.6	0.2
Hurulla	403.4	11.2	354.5	10.0	246.0	6.7	224.4	6.3
Salaya/ Sudaya	409.0	11.4	347.4	9.8	343.1	9.3	342.7	9.6
Karalla/Katuwalla	36.0	1.0	41.0	1.2	25.8	0.7	26.5	0.7
Kumbala	83.7	2.3	79.5	2.2	96.7	2.6	106.9	3.0
Linna					206.7	5.6	225.7	6.3
Others	447.5	12.5	499.4	14.1	437.5	11.9	429.0	12.0
Small Fish Total	1,454.3	40.6	1,384.5	39.1	1,402.0	38.1	1,413.9	39.4
Lula	17.9	0.5	14.4	0.4	27.0	0.7	24.9	0.7
Thilapiya	432.6	12.1	450.8	12.7	589.9	16.0	484.2	13.5
Others	102.5	2.9	105.8	3.0	87.9	2.4	95.4	2.7
Inland Fish Total	553.0	15.4	571.0	16.1	704.9	19.2	604.6	16.9
Prawns	74.3	2.1	83.2	2.4	86.2	2.3	75.8	2.1
Crabs	22.8	0.6	22.9	0.6	30.8	0.8	28.4	0.8
Cuttle & Others	36.7	1.0	35.2	1.0	40.5	1.1	29.8	0.8
Crustacians Total	133.8	3.7	141.3	4.0	157.5	4.3	134.1	3.7
Total	3,586.1	100.0	3,536.4	100.0	3,679.5	100.0	3,586.3	100.0
Grams/Day/Person	29.9		30.2		32.3		32.3	

Source: Household Income and Expenditure Survey Reports, Department of Census & Statistics

Table 8.4 : Average Monthly Household Dried Fish Consumption (grams)

Survey Period	2009/2010		2012/2013		2016		2019	
Household Size	4.0 Persons		3.9 Persons		3.8 Persons		3.7 Persons	
Species	Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%
Sprats	556.4	44.3	502.6	43.1	487.0	43.4	479.3	41.7
Keerameen	69.5	5.5	93.6	8.0	76.4	6.8	92.8	8.1
Salaya	48.5	3.9	48.2	4.1	43.7	3.9	40.1	3.5
Hurulla	34.4	2.7	41.6	3.6	22.9	2.0	22.8	2.0
Thalapath			18.6	1.6	20.7	1.8	21.5	1.9
Seer	5.7	0.5	4.3	0.4	4.1	0.4	3.7	0.3
Katta	78.4	6.2	75.2	6.5	74.8	6.7	80.0	7.0
Koduwa	1.9	0.2	2.6	0.2	1.5	0.1	2.7	0.2
Anjila	0.8	0.1	1.4	0.1	2.5	0.2	2.5	0.2
Balaya	140.2	11.2	111.9	9.6	113.2	10.1	126.9	11.1
Mora/Keelan	93.9	7.5	80.1	6.9	84.2	7.5	90.3	7.9
Paraw	6.6	0.5	6.4	0.5	5.8	0.5	6.5	0.6
Anguluwa	69.5	5.5	54.3	4.7	41.2	3.7	28.9	2.5
Prawns	9.0	0.7	6.7	0.6	9.2	0.8	7.8	0.7
Cuttle fish	1.3	0.1	0.9	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.3	0.0
Freshwater dried fishes	18.0	1.4	17.5	1.5	14.7	1.3	10.8	0.9
Freshwater smoked fishes					5.6	0.5	6.2	0.5
Other dried fishes	120.8	9.6	99.5	8.5	113.6	10.1	125.5	10.9
Total	1,255.0	100.0	1165.4	100.0	1,122.1	100.0	1,148.4	100.0
Grams/Day/Person	10.5		10.0		9.8		10.3	

Source: Household Income and Expenditure Survey Reports, Department of Census & Statistics

Table 8.5 : Per Capita Consumption of Fish, Dried Fish and Canned Fish (kg/year)

Item	1995/96	2002/03	2006/07	2009/10	2012/13	2016	2019
Fresh Fish							
Marine large fish	2.6	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.7
Marine small fish	3.5	3.3	3.4	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.6
Freshwater fish	0.6	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.0
Other	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Total	6.8	8.5	9.1	10.8	10.9	11.6	11.6
Dried Fish							
Marine Dried Fish	3.3	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.3
Freshwater Dried Fish	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Total	3.4	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.3
Canned Fish	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	1.4	0.9

Source: Statistics Division, Ministry of Fisheries

Table 8.6: Monthly Household Expenditure for Fish and Fishery Products & Contribution to Food Basket

Description	1995/96	2002/03	2006/07	2009/10	2012/13	2016	2019
Average Household Size	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7
Avg. Household Expenditure (Rs) ⁽¹⁾	6,525	13,147	22,952	31,331	41,444	54,999	63,130
Avg. Household Expenditure for Food Items (Rs) ⁽¹⁾	3,552	5,848	8,641	13,267	15,651	19,114	22,130
Food Ratio ⁽²⁾ (%)	54.4	44.5	37.6	42.3	37.8	34.8	35.1
Contribution of fish to food basket (%) ⁽³⁾	6.6	6.0	8.6	8.8	9.2	9.5	9.4
Contribution of dried fish to food basket (%)	4.6	3.5	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.0	4.0

Source: Household Income and Expenditure Survey Reports, Department of Census & Statistics

(1) At current price

(2) Proportion of expenditure on food and drink to total household expenditure

(3) Including canned fish

