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Artisanal Fin-fish Production June 2025

Field Observations

During the month of June 2025, a total of 239 site visits were completed; 114 visits on the North Shelf and 125 visits on the South Shelf. The North Shelf's top five observed species were Parrotfishes, Snappers, Barracuda, Dolphin-fish and Jacks; while Snappers, Parrotfishes, Grunts, Mojarras, and Seabream were the most frequently observed on the South Coast. In total, 6,563 kg of finfish was landed across the island. 4,420 kg were landed on the North Coast while 2,143 kg were landed on the South Coast.

Conch in View

Weight(kg) of Queen Conch landed on South-Shelf

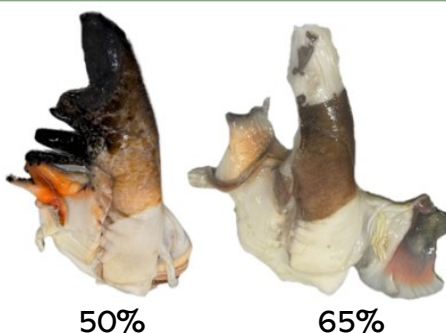
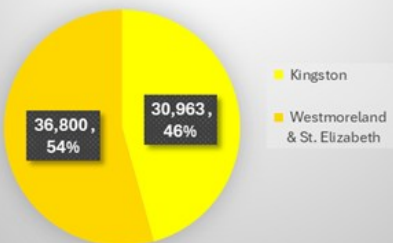


Image showing two different processing grades that Queen conch is processed in to for export and the local market. The processing grade is market driven and ranges from variations of 50 – 65%.

Strombus gigas, also known as Queen conch, is a sea mollusc that is popularly caught and traded for its meat and shell. These animals are currently protected internationally under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) treaty and in Jamaica by the Fisheries Act of 2018. In the month of June, 67,730 kg of Queen conch was industrially harvested on the South Shelf.





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Licensing Stats

Fisherman Licence & IDs - 736			Vessels - 181		
Categories	Renewals	New	Categories	Renewals	New
Artisanal	449	199	Artisanal	148	24
Recreational	25	35	Recreational	2	1
Vendor	4	14	Industrial	3	0
Aquaculture	4	4	Sport Charter	3	0
Sea Moss	0	2	Total	156	25
Total	482	254			

Fisherman's Day Feature



On June 25, 2025, in collaboration with the Alligator Head Foundation and other agencies, the National Fisheries Authority celebrated our fishers for International Fisherman's day. In recognition for their willingness to support the National data sampling programme, five fishers were recognized for their support. - Mr. Jason Thompson, Mr. Everton Malcolm, Mr. Fitzroy Moore, Mr. Omar Dixon and Mr. Troy Jumpp.

Aquaculture Feature Q1 (April—June)



In keeping with NFA's commitment to improving aquaculture practices, a total of 41 individuals were trained in Aquaculture production techniques at the Aquaculture Division and in Lloyd's Pen. Of the 41 individuals 20 were new prospective farmers while the rest were existing farmers. The aim of the training was to enhance local food production and strengthening the national aquaculture industry.

Commonly Sold Ornamental fish & Market Prices

Species	Min price	Max price
1-2" Adult bettas	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
Swordtails	\$ 100	\$ 250
Platys	\$ 50	\$ 250
Mollies	\$ 100	\$ 250
Tetras	\$ 60	\$ 150
Adult Angelfish	\$ 2,000	>\$ 2000
Adult Cichlids	\$ 300	\$ 500
Koi	\$ 1,000	\$ 60,000
Goldfish	\$ 1,000	\$ 60,000

For the period April – June, approximately 110.98 metric tonnes (MT) of tilapia were produced from 107 farms utilizing 581.5 acres of land. The key performing areas for this period were St. Catherine, Clarendon, St. Elizabeth, Westmoreland and Hanover.

