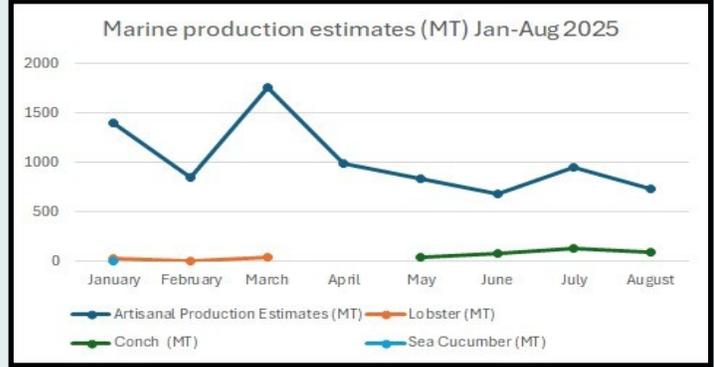


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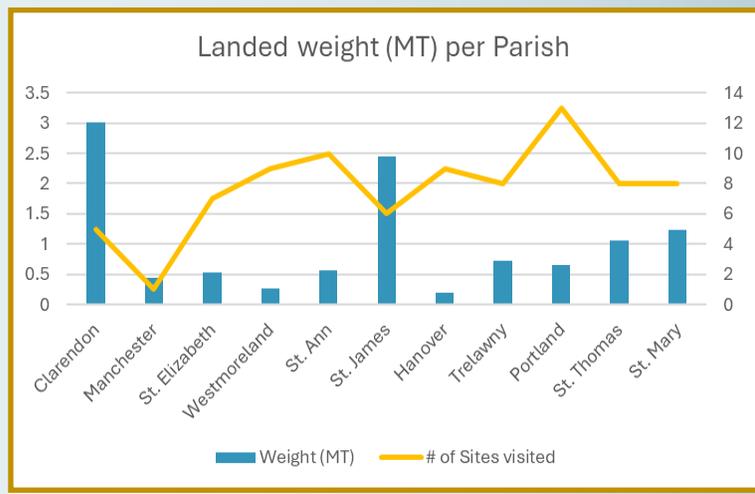
**Field Observation – Finfish Species**

During the month of August, a total of 192 site visits were conducted. Based on these visits, the total weight recorded was 11.14 MT for top species. Clarendon emerged as the leading parish in terms of total landings, recording 3.02 metric tonnes (MT), the highest volume among all parishes for the reporting period.

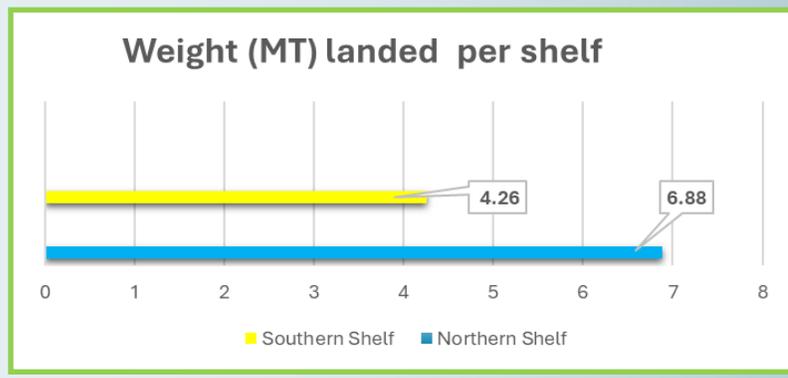
The top species landed were as follows: mixed fish (3.05 MT), representing a variety of fisheries weighed collectively and not segregated for sale; jacks (2.44 MT); snappers (1.63 MT); parrotfish (2.42 MT); lobster (1.25 MT); and doctor fish (0.35 MT).

**In a Conch Shell:** The 2025 conch open season yielded a total landed weight of 354.90 MT valued US \$5,058,727.65

**The estimated marine artisanal production for the month of August was recorded at 736.28 metric tonnes, with an associated value of US\$10,663,395.**



Compliance Statistics, August 2025	
<b>Fishers</b>	
# of fishers inspected	468
# of fishers compliant	372
# of fishers non-compliant	96
Compliance Rate = 79.49 %	
<b>Vessels</b>	
# of vessels inspected	228
# of vessels compliant	139
# of vessels non-compliant	89
Compliance Rate = 60.96 %	
Average compliance rate = 70.23 %	



**NON-FINFISH SPECIES**

Sea Cucumber	No landings
Caribbean Spiny Lobster	No industrial landings
Conch	Close season in effect August 30, 2025.



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## LICENSING STATISTICS

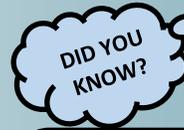
**NFA Strategic Objective:** To increase the compliance rate with licensing requirements to 90% for fish farmers and individuals who engage in fishing by 2027.

### Licensing Statistics, August 2025

Types of Fisher Licence	Licence Renewal	New Licences
Aquaculture	1	1
Artisanal	402	122
Recreational	19	22
Industrial	4	-
Industrial Permit	-	2
Crew Permit	-	9
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>156</b>

Types of Vessel Licence	Licence Renewal	New Licences
Artisanal	115	1
Recreational	5	-
Industrial	2	-
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1</b>



A 'fishery' by law, means one or more stocks of fish. For data classification purposes, it describes a specific group of aquatic organisms within a defined area.

### FOUR (4) COMMON FISHERIES IN JAMAICA

**COASTAL PELAGIC:**

Fish species that inhabits the water near the coast and above the continental shelf.



**CORAL REEF FINFISH:**

Fish species that live in and around coral reefs. This is the largest catch by fishery type in Jamaica.



**DEEP SLOPE:**

These species of fish utilize the deep water away from the reefs (e.g. Queen Snapper).



**OFFSHORE PELAGIC:**

These are fast, migratory, open ocean fish that inhabit the water column and not the bottom or shore (e.g. tuna, mahi-mahi, wahoo)



## August in Focus

**Conch Season Closure:** Min. Floyd Green, MP. announced a conch close season from August 30, 2025, to February 28, 2026. Holders of legally obtained conch were required to submit written declarations to the National Fisheries Authority by September 20, 2025.

**Prawn Sales:** Prawn became available to the public on August 26 at Twickenham Park, priced at \$8 per post larva.

**Boat Distribution:** On August 13, five boats with engines were handed over to fishers in Westmoreland and St. Elizabeth. A total of 20 boats will be distributed island wide under a Ministry-led initiative.

**Denbigh Show:** Held August 1–3 at Denbigh showgrounds, the event was a success.

