

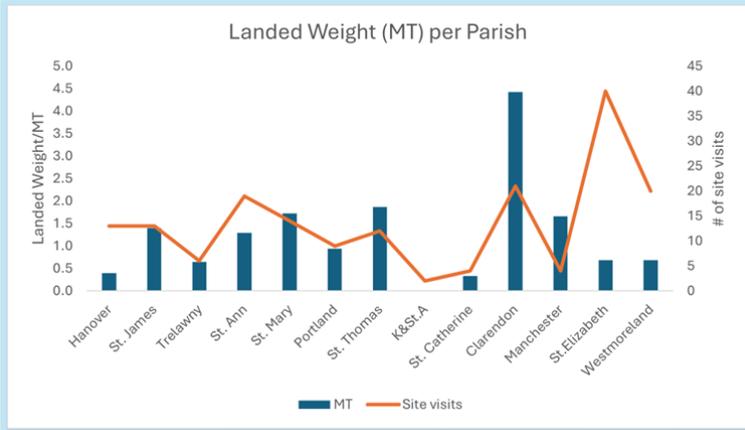
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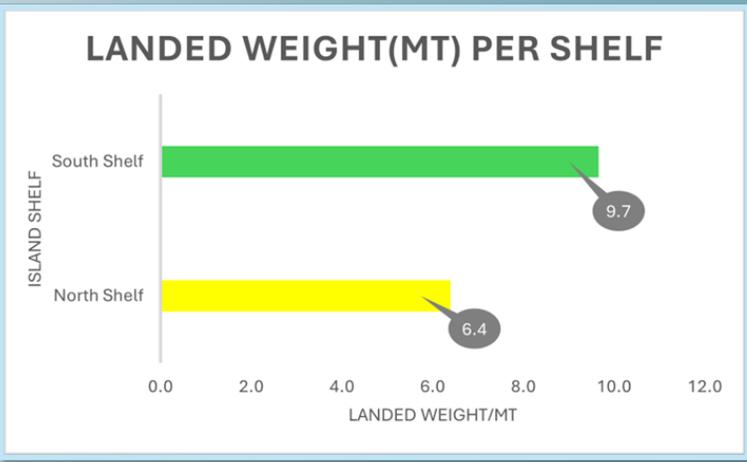
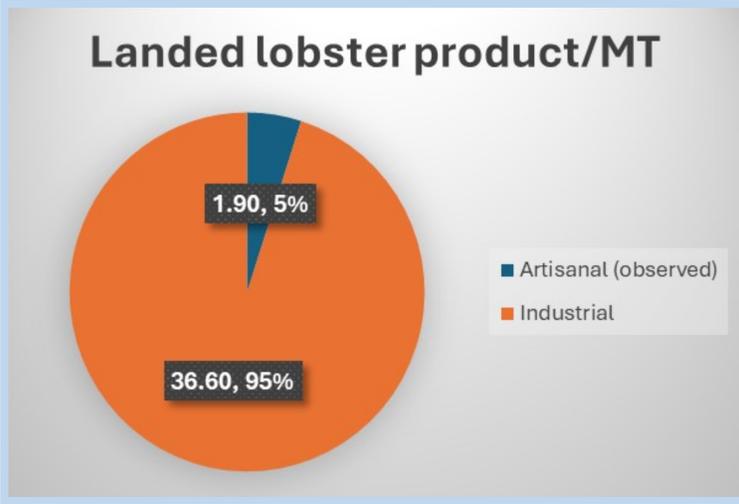
The Marine artisanal production for the month of September was estimated at 1072.7 MT valued at US \$15,535,158.8.

Field Observation – Finfish Species

During the month of September, a total of 177 site visits were conducted with 74 being completed on the North Shelf and 103 completed on the South Shelf.

During these visits, the total observed weight recorded was 16.1 metric tonnes (MT) across all parishes. 6.4 MT was landed on the North Shelf, while 9.7 MT was landed on the South Shelf. Clarendon emerged as the leading parish in terms of total observed landed weight, recording 4.4(MT), the highest volume among all parishes for the period. St. Elizabeth emerged as the parish where the most site visits were conducted, however, the low landed weight was due to poor weather conditions and unusual movement of fish during the period leading to less fishers going out and unusually poor catch.

During the reporting period, the top five species that emerged were: Mixed fish (3.11 MT), a variety of fish species that could not be separated by weight; Parrotfishes (2.31 MT); Snappers 1.86 (MT); Caribbean Spiny Lobster (1.82 MT); and Jacks (1.57 MT).



Non-Fin Fish Species	
Sea Cucumber	No landings
Caribbean Spiny Lobster	Eight (8) landings, 36.6 MT
Queen Conch	No landings, Close Season

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LICENSING STATISTICS

Fisher Licence & IDs = 825

Categories	Renewals	New
Artisanal	403	147
Recreational	98	79
Industrial	5	32
lobster permit	0	27
Vendor	1	1
Aquaculture	7	10
Sea Moss	0	2
Temporary Permit (Tournament)	0	13
Total	514	311

Vessel Licences= 129

Categories	Renewals	New
Artisanal	110	4
Recreational	8	0
Industrial	7	0
Total	125	4

COMPLIANCE STATISTICS

Fishers

# of Fishers Inspected	1276
# of Fishers Compliant	1001
# of Fishers Non-Compliant	275

Compliance rate = 78%

Vessels

# of Vessels Inspected	583
# of Vessels Compliant	385
# of Vessels Non-Compliant	198

Compliance rate = 66%

CAGE CULTURE OF RED SNAPPERS

The National Fisheries Authority, through funding from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), recently launched a new marine cage culture project at Bowden Harbour in St. Thomas.

The project will focus on the cultivation of Red Snapper (*Lutjanus purpureus*) through marine cage culture utilizing a recirculating system. The vision of this pilot programme is to further expand production to the point where this can support our local fish production and reduce our food import bill.



Imaging showing Red Snapper (*Lutjanus purpureus*)