

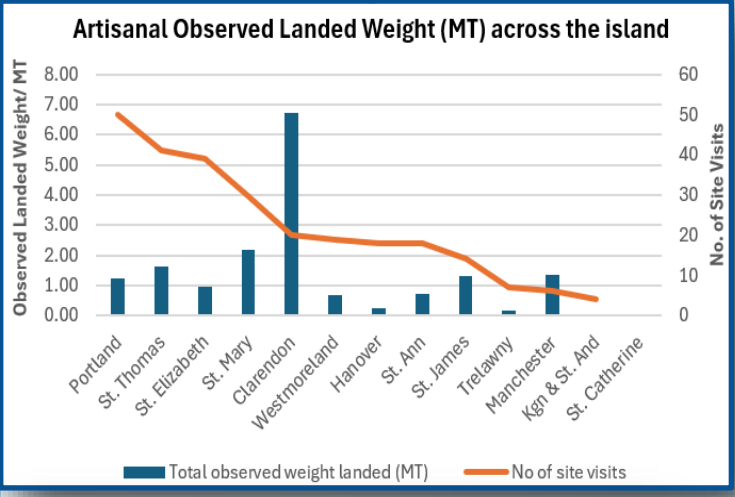
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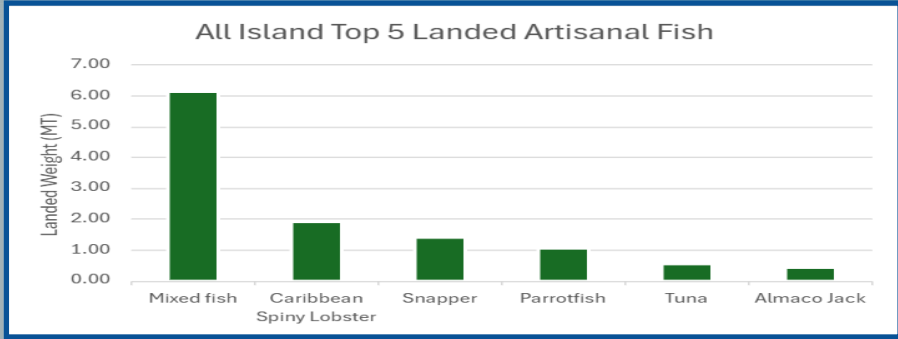
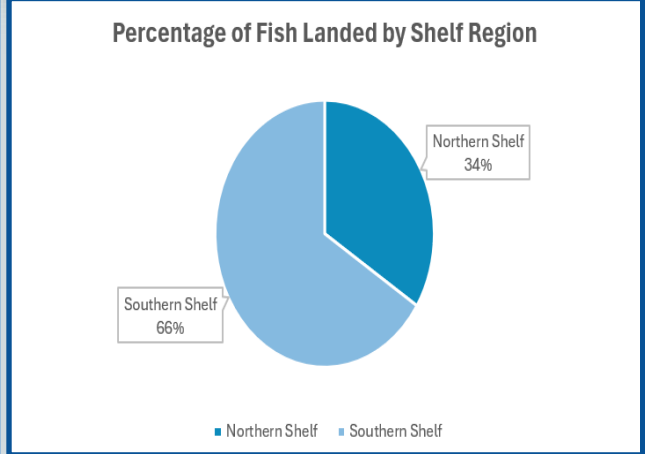
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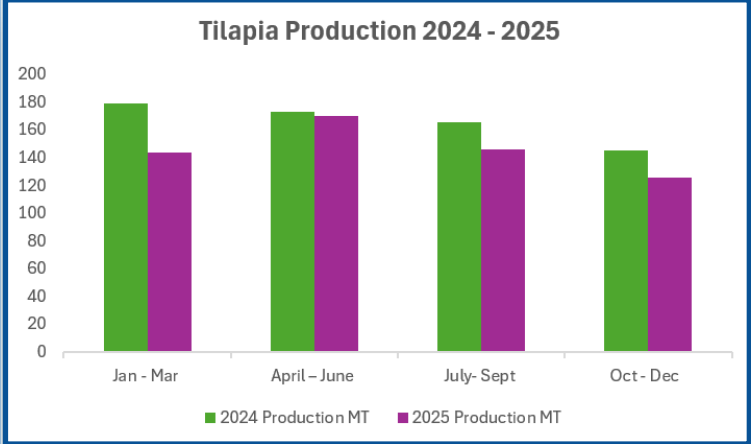


### Field Observation – Finfish Species

During January, 246 site visits were conducted, with 137 on the North Shelf and 129 on the South Shelf. Total observed landings reached **17.25 MT**, including **5.88 MT** from the North Shelf and **11.37 MT** from the South Shelf. **Clarendon** recorded the highest landed weight at **6.74 MT**. Western parishes had low catches as fishers continued recovering from Hurricane Melissa and sought alternative income. Portland and St. Thomas showed reduced landings due to adverse weather. The January Cold Front brought colder air, strong winds, increased rainfall, and rough seas, further limiting fishing activity in these eastern parishes.



Mixed fish represents the combined variety of fish (snapper, doctors, grunts, parrotfishes) the weight of which cannot be disaggregated.



**Tilapia Production:**  
**2024:** 662.86 MT valued at \$693.9M JMD  
**2025:** 585.59 MT valued at \$705.1M JMD

**Freshwater Prawn Production Oct - Dec 2025**  
*(Macrobrachium rosenbergii)*  
**0.5 MT valued at \$1.43M**

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## LICENSING STATISTICS

### January 2026 Statistics for Licensing & Registration Unit

#### Fisher Licence & IDs

Categories	Renewals	New	Total
Artisanal	673	195	<b>868</b>
Recreational	22	20	<b>42</b>
Industrial	0	1	<b>1</b>
Temporary Permit	0	28	<b>28</b>
Vendor	3	3	<b>6</b>
Aquaculture	1	5	<b>6</b>
Sea Moss	0	0	<b>0</b>
Cay Permit	2	60	<b>62</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>1013</b>

#### Vessels

Categories	Renewals	New	Total
Artisanal	110	18	<b>128</b>
Recreational	24	4	<b>28</b>
Industrial	4	0	<b>4</b>
Cay Boat Licence	0	0	<b>0</b>
Sport Charter	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>160</b>

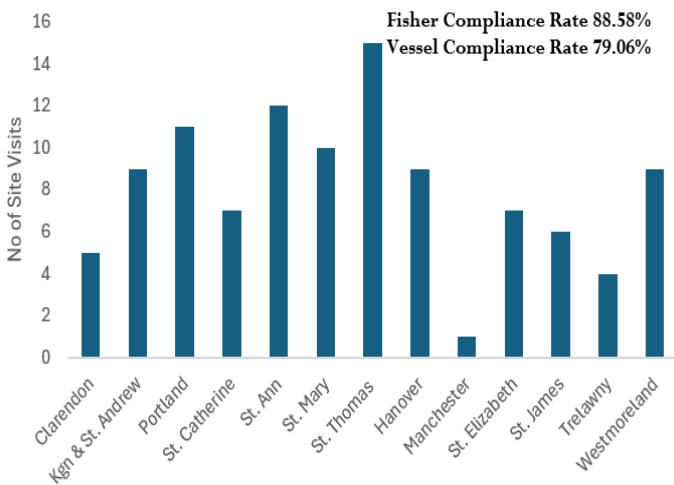
## Data Collection Training

On January 28, 2026, a Data Collection Workshop was held at James Bond Beach, St. Mary through the partnership of the National Fisheries Authority (NFA) and two Fishers Co-operatives; namely, Oracabessa and Rio Nuevo/Stewart Town). Twenty-seven participants attended. Presentations addressed fisheries management, marine ecosystems, fisheries data collection history in Jamaica, as well as the role of data collection in making informed policy decisions for sustainable fisheries. Fishers were trained on how to complete the Catch and Effort logbook through a practical exercise, after which eleven fishers took a book to use for their personal catch record-keeping.



Fishers and members of the Statistics and Data Management Unit in the Data Collection Workshop recently held in James Bond Beach.

## COMPLIANCE STATS



## Aid to Data Collection: Log Books



Data Collection Officer for St. Thomas Miss Marcella Miller showing a log book to fisher Marlon Hall of the New Forum Fishing Village.

The National Fisheries Authority Log Books support data collection efforts by allowing fishers to record the species in their catch, along with their weights, prices, and any environmental conditions observed at sea. This information strengthens sampling activities and offers a clear snapshot of the contribution of artisanal fisheries to the wider fishing industry.

