

Table 8.6: FISH CATCH BY FISHING METHODS, 1985 - 2015 (In metric tons)

		1985								
		Fishing methods								
Type of fish	Total	Pole and Line	Trolling	Long Line	Hand Line	Fixed Gillnets	EEZ	Miscellaneous		
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,925</b>	<b>53,649</b>	<b>7,262</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>562</b>		
Skipjack	42,602	42,006	528	29	34	5	N/A	-		
Yellowfin tuna	6,066	5,657	350	32	26	1	N/A	-		
Other tuna related species	5,060	2,934	1,996	30	92	8	N/A	-		
Other marine fishes	8,197	3,052	4,388	8	77	110	N/A	562		
<b>1986</b>										
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,281</b>	<b>54,157</b>	<b>4,492</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>416</b>		
Skipjack	45,445	45,031	382	30	1	1	N/A	0		
Yellowfin tuna	5,321	5,132	177	12	0	0	N/A	0		
Other tuna	2,895	1,796	1,080	11	6	2	N/A	0		
Other marine fish	5,620	2,198	2,853	16	50	87	N/A	416		
<b>1987</b>										
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,992</b>	<b>52,255</b>	<b>4,188</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>396</b>		
Skipjack	42,112	41,723	386	2	-	1	N/A	-		
Yellowfin tuna	6,670	6,472	197	-	1	-	N/A	-		
Other tuna	3,204	2,033	1,150	7	14	-	N/A	-		
Other marine fish	5,006	2,027	2,455	35	57	36	N/A	396		
<b>1988</b>										
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,483</b>	<b>68,394</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>199</b>		
Skipjack	58,546	58,216	312	12	2	4	N/A	-		
Yellowfin tuna	6,535	6,256	270	5	3	0	N/A	-		
Other tuna	2,970	2,065	880	9	10	6	N/A	-		
Other marine fish	3,432	1,856	1,328	21	20	7	N/A	199		
<b>1989</b>										
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,247</b>	<b>67,998</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>529</b>		
Skipjack	58,145	57,808	323	11	2	0	N/A	0		
Yellowfin tuna	6,082	5,831	245	5	1	0	N/A	0		
Other tuna	3,576	2,541	995	19	18	2	N/A	1		
Other marine fish	3,444	1,818	1,011	59	23	4	N/A	528		
<b>1990</b>										
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,373</b>	<b>72,148</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>320</b>		
Skipjack	59,899	59,191	703	0	4	0	N/A	0		
Yellowfin tuna	5,279	5,065	213	0	0	1	N/A	0		
Other tuna	5,185	3,808	1,362	2	0	3	N/A	10		
Other marine fish	6,011	4,084	1,599	13	0	5	N/A	310		
<b>1991</b>										
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,713</b>	<b>75,614</b>	<b>4,922</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>138</b>		
Skipjack	58,898	58,326	566	0	0	6	N/A	1		
Yellowfin tuna	7,711	7,512	198	0	0	0	N/A	1		
Other tuna	4,493	3,199	1,262	0	4	6	N/A	21		
Other marine fish	9,612	6,577	2,896	3	3	17	N/A	115		
<b>1992</b>										
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,035</b>	<b>76,124</b>	<b>5,442</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>263</b>		
Skipjack	58,577	57,609	953	4	0	11	N/A	0		
Yellowfin tuna	8,697	8,417	278	2	0	0	N/A	0		
Other tuna	6,177	4,601	1,544	3	12	10	N/A	6		
Other marine fish	8,584	5,497	2,667	53	15	94	N/A	257		
<b>1993</b>										
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,941</b>	<b>79,957</b>	<b>9,574</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>222</b>		
Skipjack	58,740	57,978	754	6	0	3	N/A	0		
Yellowfin tuna	10,110	9,780	325	1	0	2	N/A	0		
Other tuna	9,652	6,858	2,738	44	4	8	N/A	0		
Other marine fish	11,438	5,341	5,757	39	2	77	N/A	222		
<b>1994</b>										
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,046</b>	<b>96,842</b>	<b>6,666</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>302</b>		
Skipjack	69,411	68,732	453	0	0	3	N/A	223.00		
Yellowfin tuna	13,126	12,889	220	0	1	1	N/A	16.00		
Other tuna related species	7,062	5,645	1,355	31	8	0	N/A	23.00		
Other marine fish	14,446	9,576	4,638	117	48	27	N/A	39.90		
<b>1995</b>										
		Fishing methods								
Type of fish	Total	Pole and Line	Trolling	Long Line	Hand Line	Fixed Gillnets	EEZ	Miscellaneous		
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,566</b>	<b>97,491</b>	<b>6,997</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
Skipjack	70,372	69,897	475	0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A		
Yellowfin tuna	12,504	12,241	263	0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A		
Dogtooth tuna	439	81	357	0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A		
Little tuna	2,694	1,715	976	3	N/A	0	N/A	N/A		
Frigate tuna	3,938	3,667	270	1	N/A	0	N/A	N/A		
Other marine fish	14,619	9,890	4,656	72	N/A	1	N/A	N/A		
<b>1996</b>										
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,413</b>	<b>97,780</b>	<b>6,577</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>2</b>		
Skipjack	66,502	66,174	299	14	13	2	N/A	0		
Yellowfin tuna	12,440	12,130	264	19	27	1	N/A	0		
Dogtooth tuna	624	185	398	2	39	1	N/A	0		
Little tuna	3,789	2,596	1,028	115	48	2	N/A	0		
Frigate tuna	6,485	6,073	351	40	19	1	N/A	0		

Other marine fish	15,574	10,623	4,237	149	357	206	N/A	2
<b>1997</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>107,358</b>	<b>94,591</b>	<b>6,295</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>5,590</b>	<b>0</b>
Skipjack	69,015	68,090	920	4	1	0	N/A	0
Yellowfin tuna	18,619	12,707	316	2	2	2	5,590	0
Dogtooth tuna	490	257	229	0	1	2	N/A	0
Little tuna	2,089	1,478	585	12	8	6	N/A	0
Frigate tuna	2,488	2,301	177	5	2	4	N/A	0
Other marine fish	14,658	9,758	4,069	99	51	682	N/A	0
<b>1998</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,115</b>	<b>107,512</b>	<b>5,943</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>2,994</b>	<b>65</b>
Skipjack	78,409	77,787	506	11	102	3	N/A	1
Yellowfin tuna	17,164	13,599	533	5	31	2	2,994	1
Dogtooth tuna	470	309	148	0	13	0	N/A	-
Little tuna	3,624	2,223	961	10	426	4	N/A	0
Frigate tuna	4,217	3,829	298	1	78	4	N/A	8
Other marine fish	14,230	9,765	3,497	85	539	288	N/A	56
<b>1999</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>124,109</b>	<b>116,421</b>	<b>6,353</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>20</b>
Skipjack	92,888	92,297	583	-	7	-	-	1
Yellowfin tuna	15,079	13,564	697	-	7	-	811	0
Dogtooth tuna	426	159	265	-	2	0	-	0
Little tuna	1,692	1,234	401	0	56	0	-	1
Frigate tuna	3,402	3,117	252	0	29	3	-	0
Other marine fish	10,622	6,050	4,155	1	202	196	-	18
<b>2000</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,963</b>	<b>106,338</b>	<b>8,164</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>3,521</b>	<b>16</b>
Skipjack	79,683	78,773	902	0	2	5	-	0
Yellowfin tuna	15,706	10,591	1,582	1	10	0	3,521	0
Dogtooth tuna	451	158	291	0	2	0	-	0
Little tuna	1,898	1,378	453	1	65	0	-	0
Frigate tuna	3,990	3,683	275	0	25	8	-	0
Other marine fish	17,236	11,754	4,662	46	177	580	-	16
<b>2001</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,184</b>	<b>114,799</b>	<b>9,221</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>33</b>
Skipjack	88,044	86,806	1,227	1	3	6	-	-
Yellowfin tuna	15,247	12,029	2,359	81	109	1	668	-
Dogtooth tuna	647	409	236	0	1	0	-	0
Little tuna	2,149	1,731	340	2	71	4	-	2
Frigate tuna	3,982	3,673	269	1	25	13	-	1
Other marine fish	17,115	10,151	4,789	122	160	319	1,545	30
<b>2002</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>163,388</b>	<b>148,634</b>	<b>6,838</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>3,139</b>	<b>35</b>
Skipjack	115,322	113,855	1,266	13	14	173	1	-
Yellowfin tuna	24,525	17,466	1,357	95	2,790	22	2,796	-
Dogtooth tuna	789	694	93	1	1	-	-	-
Little tuna	2,242	1,808	368	1	52	10	-	2
Frigate tuna	4,187	3,887	263	0	11	25	-	1
Other marine fish	16,322	10,925	3,491	85	811	636	342	32
<b>2003</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,415</b>	<b>143,327</b>	<b>3,839</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>3,620</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>3,165</b>	<b>104</b>
Skipjack	108,329	107,503	289	4	8	506	0	19
Yellowfin tuna	22,914	17,182	1,004	31	1,486	231	2,978	2
Dogtooth tuna	746	692	33	0	21	0	0	0
Little tuna	2,406	1,931	340	0	132	3	0	0
Frigate tuna	4,356	4,132	160	0	32	31	0	2
Other marine fish	16,664	11,887	2,013	113	1,942	442	187	81
<b>2004</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,577</b>	<b>137,364</b>	<b>16,028</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>2,546</b>	<b>34</b>
Skipjack	109,750	104,542	5,124	8	28	47	1	0
Yellowfin tuna	24,818	15,438	6,488	308	191	159	2,234	0
Dogtooth tuna	615	435	145	2	9	24	0	0
Little tuna	2,290	1,801	411	2	43	33	0	0
Frigate tuna	3,638	3,285	302	2	15	34	0	0
Other marine fish	17,466	11,863	3,558	123	513	1,064	311	34
<b>2005</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,980</b>	<b>164,822</b>	<b>8,114</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>7,171</b>	<b>2,256</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>247</b>
Skipjack	132,060	130,379	1,083	2	425	138	0	34
Yellowfin tuna	24,571	16,037	1,744	196	3,580	124	2,860	29
Dogtooth tuna	542	192	156	1	118	76	0	0
Little tuna	2,703	1,996	387	1	153	85	0	80
Frigate tuna	5,057	4,542	249	1	141	55	0	69
Other marine fish	21,047	11,677	4,496	158	2,754	1,778	150	34
<b>2006</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>184,158</b>	<b>164,837</b>	<b>2,966</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>12,712</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>8</b>
Skipjack	138,458	137,535	232	9	617	60	0	5
Yellowfin tuna	22,954	13,586	840	36	5,389	17	3,083	1
Dogtooth tuna	512	36	81	0	395	0	0	0
Little tuna	1,674	1,238	121	1	313	0	0	0
Frigate tuna	3,532	3,197	83	0	252	0	0	0
Other marine fish	17,029	9,244	1,608	159	5,746	176	93	1



## 2015

Type of fish	Fishing methods								
	Total	Pole and Line	Trolling	Long Line	Hand Line	Hand line (Grouper)	Hand line (Reef)	Miscellaneous	Fixed Net
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,352</b>	<b>85,904</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>38,112</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>
Skipjack	69,244	67,953	248	0	1,043	0	0	0	0
Yellowfin tuna	51,472	15,578	227	112	35,551	0	4	0	0
Bigeye tuna	1,828	182	2	231	1,413	0	0	0	0
Albacore	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dogtooth tuna	46	7	12	0	2	0	25	0	0
Little tuna	226	177	23	0	19	0	1	0	6
Frigate tuna	116	94	14	0	8	0	0	0	0
Other marine fish	4,417	1,914	106	139	76	1,708	458	16	0
Other tuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture

Note: Data have been taken from the past publications of the Statistical Yearbook of Maldives