

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	
Total	61,925	53,649	7,262	99	229	124	N/A	562	
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	
		1986							
Total	59,281	54,157	4,492	69	57	90	N/A	416	
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	
		1987							
Total	56,992	52,255	4,188	44	72	37	N/A	396	
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	
		1988							
Total	71,483	68,394	2,790	47	36	18	N/A	199	
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	
		1989							
Total	71,247	67,998	2,575	93	45	7	N/A	529	
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	
		1990							
Total	76,373	72,148	3,877	15	4	9	N/A	320	
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	
		1991							
Total	80,713	75,614	4,922	4	7	29	N/A	138	
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	
		1992							
Total	82,035	76,124	5,442	63	27	115	N/A	263	
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	
		1993							
Total	89,941	79,957	9,574	90	7	90	N/A	222	
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	
		1994							
Total	104,046	96,842	6,666	148	57	31	N/A	302	
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	
		1995							
		Fishing methods							
Type of fish	Total	Pole and Line	Trolling	Long Line	Hand Line	Fixed Gillnets	EEZ	Miscellaneous	
Total	104,566	97,491	6,997	77	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	
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	
		1996							
Total	105,413	97,780	6,577	339	502	212	N/A	2	
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
1997								
Total	107,358	94,591	6,295	122	64	695	5,590	0
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
1998								
Total	118,115	107,512	5,943	113	1,188	301	2,994	65
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
1999								
Total	124,109	116,421	6,353	1	304	199	811	20
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
2000								
Total	118,963	106,338	8,164	48	282	594	3,521	16
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
2001								
Total	127,184	114,799	9,221	206	368	344	2,213	33
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
2002								
Total	163,388	148,634	6,838	196	3,679	866	3,139	35
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
2003								
Total	155,415	143,327	3,839	148	3,620	1,213	3,165	104
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
2004								
Total	158,577	137,364	16,028	445	799	1,361	2,546	34
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
2005								
Total	185,980	164,822	8,114	359	7,171	2,256	3,010	247
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
2006								
Total	184,158	164,837	2,966	206	12,712	253	3,177	8
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

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Type of fish	Fishing methods								
	Total	Pole and Line	Trolling	Long Line	Hand Line	Hand line (Grouper)	Hand line (Reef)	Miscellaneous	Fixed Net
Total	127,352	85,904	632	484	38,112	1,708	488	16	6
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