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1 Introduction

IFReDI, with technical assistance from FAO CAPFISH project under EU budget support, is currently piloting scientific catch assessment using a monthly household recall survey for 900 households, covering all provinces in Cambodia. The aim is to obtain better information on catch and effort by small-scale household fisheries in Cambodia, and to develop a sustainable catch monitoring methodology for implementation by provincial fisheries administrations, supported by IFReDI. The randomly selected household coverage of survey is gradually expanding since the start of catch assessment survey in June 2021. The current statistical report provides preliminary analysis based on the available data and focuses on the main indicators that are covered by the catch assessment survey. Therefore, the results do not represent final estimates and may be changed in future updates.

A description of the methodology can be found in:

Fisheries Administration (FiA). 2021. Manual for Scientific Catch Assessment by Recall survey of Inland Fisheries in Cambodia. Inland Fisheries Research and Development Institute of the Fisheries Administration, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. 47 pages.

2 Methodology of data collection and analysis

The total estimated catch in this report is calculated using the proportion of fishing households found by the random household selection under the Household Selection Interview survey. This is taken to be representative for the proportion of fishing households for each fishing area and this is combined with the total number of rural households by fishing area from the NIS 2019 population census to estimate the total number of fishing households. The Fishing Activity Coefficient is estimated from proportion of households reporting fishing activities in the Household Catch Interview.

Estimates for CPUE, the average (mean) daily household catch and the mean monthly household catch used for extrapolating the total catch, come with a value for the standard error (ϵ). This is used to indicate the accuracy of the estimate for the mean catch. To better evaluate the accuracy of the mean value, the *relative* standard error is included, calculated by dividing the standard error by the mean catch. If this is higher than 30% this indicates a high inaccuracy¹, due to high variation or low sample size and the resulting total estimate should be used with extreme caution.

In tables with the proportion of reported catch obtained by habitat and fishing gear, the average daily catch by habitat or gear (CPUE) isn't included. This is a basic characteristic of Cambodian inland fisheries; the available data displays too much variation and the accuracy is too low for it to be statistically accurate and representative for the real CPUE.

3 Statistical tables and results

The coverage for data collection during August 2021 is included in Table 1, overall, 48.2% of the target household sample was covered in August, this included oversampling for villages in the plateau fishing area.

¹ For national statistical reports a rule of thumb exists that if the *relative* standard error is higher than 30%, the average should not be reported. The current report includes all estimated values to indicate the availability of data, with the accuracy indicated by the relative standard error.

Table 1.Number of random selected households covered by the survey and proportion of target
household by fishing area for August 2021.

Fishing Area	Villagos	Household			
FISHING Area	Count		Target	Proportion	
Coastal	-	-	60	0.0%	
Floodplain	12	168	315	53.3%	
Mountainous	1	12	105	11.4%	
Plateau	6	126	105	120.0%	
Tonle Sap	11	128	315	40.6%	
Total	30	434	900	48.2%	

For some villages more households were interviewed, than necessary, this was corrected for subsequent months

 Table 2.
 Mean daily household catch (CPUE), with standard deviation, confidence limits, relative standard error.

Fishing Area	Active HH	Daily HH catch (Kg)	SD	CL	٤%
Coastal	-	-	-	-	-
Floodplain	32	1.81	1.53	0.47	14.9%
Mountainous	3	0.53	0.21	0.93	22.5%
Plateau	68	1.75	2.05	0.42	14.2%
Tonle Sap	62	3.17	3.86	0.83	15.5%

Mean daily catch calculated based on the reported 5-day catch and fishing days, with SD is Standard Deviation; CL is Confidence Limits; ɛ% is relative Standard Error

Table 3.	Mean monthly household catch with standard deviation, confidence limits, relative standard
	error and total estimated catch by fishing area.

Fishing Area	Active HH	Monthly HH catch (Kg)	SD	CL	8%	Total (MT)
Coastal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Floodplain	32	42.61	35.11	10.70	14.6%	4,995.70
Mountainous	3	3.26	1.78	7.95	31.6%	97.28
Plateau	69	41.29	47.02	9.51	13.7%	2,205.24
Tonle Sap	61	73.75	114.16	24.63	19.8%	13,275.96
Total estimated catch (MT)						

SD is Standard Deviation; CL is Confidence Limits; ϵ % is relative Standard Error

Table 4.Proportion of fishing days on which male and female adults and
children are reporting fishing activities.

	Adult		(Child
Fishing Area	Female	Male	Female	Male
Coastal				
Floodplain	19.0%	96.0%	5.0%	10.0%
Mountainous				
Plateau	19.0%	94.9%	0.0%	4.6%
Tonle Sap	9.0%	90.0%	1.0%	0.0%
Total	16.5%	93.9%	1.5%	4.8%

The maximum involvement of each gender and age group is 100% for each fishing area, if they are fishing on all reported fishing days.

Table 5.Reported catch (Kg) with proportion caught by main boat type by fishing area.

Fishing Area	Catch (Kg)	No boat	Motorised	Non- motorised
Coastal	0			
Floodplain	216.6	32.7%	19.2%	48.2%
Mountainous	1.6	100.0%		
Plateau	433.3	27.2%	57.3%	15.5%
Tonle Sap	650.7	37.5%	39.5%	23.0%
Overall	1302.2	33.4%	42.0%	24.7%

Overall proportion based on weighted average catch by main boat type and fishing area, not reported total catch²



Figure 1. Overall contribution of the main boat types to total reported catch.

Fishing habitats	Floodplain	Mountainous	Plateau	Tonle Sap	Overall
Floodplain: lakes and ponds	65.6%	-	13.5%	56.9%	43.4%
Mekong Mainstream	14.9%	-	61.4%	-	23.9%
Floodplain: rice fields (rain)	-	-	1.0%	12.0%	6.0%
Stream	15.0%	43.8%	-	5.6%	5.4%
Sub-Stream	2.0%		14.0%	0.3%	5.4%
Tributaries to Tonle Sap	-	-	-	10.9%	5.2%
Irrigation canals	2.5%	-	9.4%	3.0%	5.1%
Reservoir	-	18.8%	0.1%	4.7%	2.3%

 $^{^{2}}$ This is the standard way to calculate, but isn't done for habitat and gear catch, as this is complicated by fishing days where the reported catch is from multiple habitats or caught by multiple gears

Floodplain: rice fields (flooded)	-	37.5%	-	3.3%	1.6%
Permanent swamps	-	-	-	0.8%	0.4%
Floodplain: flooded forest	-	-	0.6%	-	0.2%
Other habitats	-	-	-	2.4%	1.1%
Total catch single habitat days	210.0	1.6	400.7	546.4	1,158.7

Only catch for fishing days that report fishing in a single habitat is included



Figure 2. Overall contribution of the habitats to total reported catch, with proportion of catch for floodplain habitats.

Table 7.	Reported	catch by	gear for	single gea	r days, b	y fishing area.
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Fishing gears	Floodplain	Mountaino us	Plateau	Tonle Sap	Overall
Stationary gillnet	50.5%	3-	46.7%	23.5%	36.1%
Cast net	18.7%	7-	4.1%	17.5%	13.0%
Horizontal cylinder trap	6.3%	-	8.7%	14.0%	10.9%
Drifting gillnet	-	-	19.6%	3.1%	8.4%
Hand capture	1.4%	-	-	6.3%	3.3%
Hook and line	-	-	4.9%	1.0%	2.2%
Hook long line	9.0%	-	0.6%	-	1.7%
Pole and line	2.7%	-	3.2%	-	1.6%
Seine nets	-	-	-	2.7%	1.3%
Push nets	7.9%	-	-	-	1.3%
Bamboo vertical cylinder trap	1.8%	-	-	-	0.3%
Vertical hanging vase trap	1.8%	-	-	-	0.3%
Other gears	-	-	12.2%	31.9%	19.8%
Total catch single gear days	165.6	1.0	360.6	494.1	1,021.3

Only catch for fishing days that report fishing with a single gear is included



Figure 3. Overall contribution of the gears to total reported catch.

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	Sold		Consumed		Other	
Fishing Area	Kg	%	Kg	%	Kg	%
Floodplain	125.9	58.1%	86.9	40.1%	3.8	1.8%
Mountainous	0.8	52.6%	0.8	47.4%	0.0	0.0%
Plateau	124.9	28.9%	206.4	47.8%	100.6	23.3%
Tonle Sap	487.9	75.0%	153.6	23.6%	9.1	1.4%
Overall	739.5	56.9%	447.7	34.4%	113.6	8.7%



Figure 4. Catch contribution for fish and other aquatic animals.

Table 9.Top 10 reported species and species groups by weight in reported household catch, with
reported weight and proportion of catch by individual species and species groups.

	Scientific name	catch	Catch contribution	
	Scientific name	(kg)	Proportion	Cumulative
1	Channa striata	122.0	9.4%	9.4%
2	Oxyeleotris marmorata	91.9	7.1%	16.4%
3	Clarias batrachus	80.9	6.2%	22.7%
4	Anabas testudineus	73.6	5.7%	28.3%
5	Henicorhynchus siamensis	65.5	5.0%	33.3%
6	Other fish nei	65.2	5.0%	38.4%
7	Puntioplites proctozysron	46.4	3.6%	41.9%
8	Henicorhynchus lobatus	43.0	3.3%	45.2%
9	Paralaubuca typus	43.0	3.3%	48.5%
10	Other species	669.3	51.5%	100.0%
	Total reported catch	1300.8		

Table 10. Top 10 reported species **by value** (1000 Riel) in reported catch, with reported value, proportion of value by individual species and species groups.

	Scientific name	Value	Value Contribution	
	Scientific name	(1000 Riel)	Proportion	Cumulative
1	Channa striata	1476.2	12.5%	12.5%
2	Clarias batrachus	764.9	6.5%	19.0%
3	Oxyeleotris marmorata	742.9	6.3%	25.4%
4	Other fish nei	660.4	5.6%	31.0%
5	Anabas testudineus	591.9	5.0%	36.0%
6	Henicorhynchus siamensis	439.8	3.7%	39.7%
7	Hemibagrus spilopterus	398.1	3.4%	43.1%
8	Puntioplites falcifer	353.0	3.0%	46.1%
9	Paralaubuca typus	307.5	2.6%	48.7%
10	Other species	6032.9	51.3%	100.0%
	Total reported value	11767.6		