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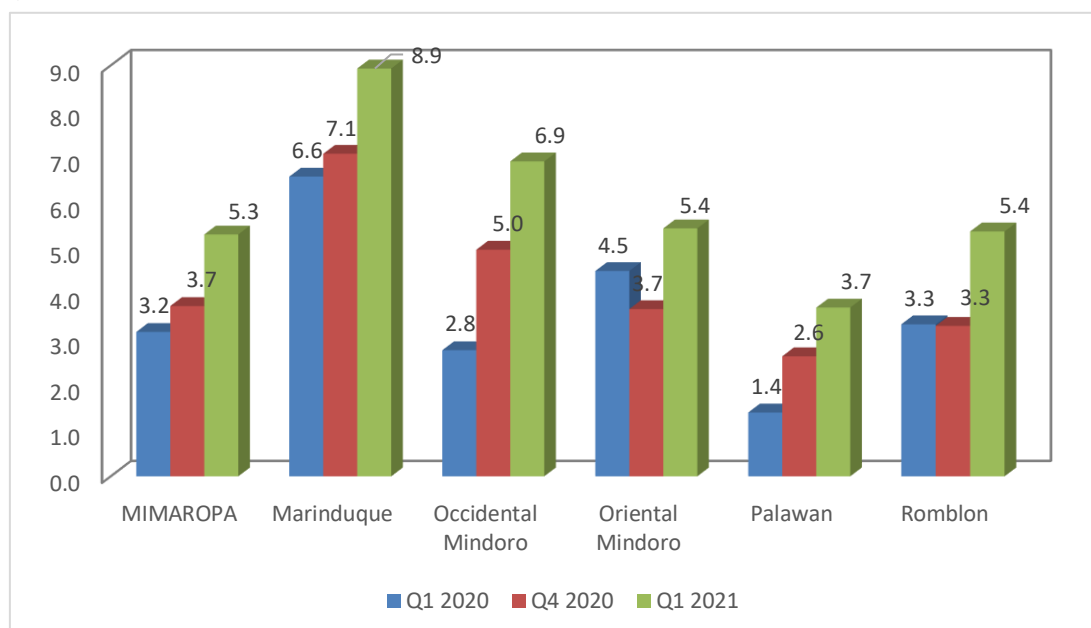
I. Macroeconomy

A. Prices, CPI, and Inflation Rate

MIMAROPA's average inflation rate increased to 5.3 percent in January to March 2021 from previous year's 3.2 percent of same period. This was also higher than the previous quarter's 3.7 percent. All provinces registered higher inflation rates. Marinduque registered the highest inflation rate with 8.9 percent. This was followed by Occidental Mindoro with 6.9 percent and Oriental Mindoro and Romblon both with 5.4 percent. Palawan recorded the lowest inflation rate with 3.7 percent (refer to Figure 1).

For three consecutive months, increases in monthly inflation rates were recorded: 5.0 percent in January; 5.2 percent in February; and 5.7 percent in March. These were higher than the inflation rates registered in 2020 at 3.2 percent in January and February; and 3.1 percent in March. This may be attributed to the higher cost of fuel and food items, particularly corn, meat, and food products (not elsewhere classified).

Figure 1. Inflation Rate by Quarter and Province, MIMAROPA, 2020-2021



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) MIMAROPA

All commodity groups registered upward price movements compared to previous year's index levels, which contributed to the region's 5.3 percent average inflation rate in January-March 2021 (refer to Table 1). Alcoholic beverages and tobacco's index rose 15.6 percent in January-March 2021 compared to that of the previous year. It also recorded the highest CPI of 263.4. Increase in the indices of transport at 10.0 percent, clothing and footwear at 6.4 percent, and food and non-alcoholic beverages at 5.0 percent also contributed to the January-March 2021 inflation. On the other hand, communication registered the lowest CPI of 104.1, which is the same as that of the previous quarter.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index, Inflation Rate, and Purchasing Power of Peso, MIMAROPA, 2020-2021

Item	Period			Percent Change (2021/2020)
	2020		2021	
	Q1	Q4	Q1	
Average Consumer Price Index (All Items)	125.1	128.4	131.7	5.27
Food	129.4	130.7	136.0	5.13
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	130.0	131.4	136.5	5.00
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	228.0	250.3	263.4	15.52
Non- Food	116.7	121.1	122.4	4.83
Clothing and Footwear	116.6	122.8	124.1	6.43
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	118.6	122.5	123.0	3.68
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	118.4	122.1	122.5	3.46
Health	119.4	123.5	124.8	4.49
Transport	111.2	118.5	122.3	9.95
Communication	102.6	104.1	104.1	1.49
Recreation and Culture	115.7	116.1	117.3	1.32
Education	118.0	121.6	121.6	3.05
Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	119.8	123.7	125.2	4.51
Average Inflation Rate (%)	3.2	3.7	5.3	2.13
Average Purchasing Power of Peso	0.80	0.78	0.76	(5.00)

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority MIMAROPA

In terms of selected food items, corn recorded the highest increase in index at 18.5 percent in January-March 2021. This was followed by increase in indices of meat and food products (not elsewhere classified) with 12.5 percent and 11.9 percent, respectively. The increase in meat prices was mainly attributed to the outbreaks of African Swine Fever in the country. Increase in pork demand from Metro Manila and Central Luzon resulted in higher farm gate prices of hogs and temporary increase in retail prices of pork in the local market. Price

indices of all selected food items increased except corn, milk, cheese, egg, and fruits, where indices increased at slower pace.

The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the region decreased from last year's 0.80 to 0.76, the lowest recorded PPP in the region.

B. Labor and Employment

Table 2. Labor and Employment Statistics, MIMAROPA, 2020-2021

ITEM	January 2020	October 2020	January 2021	Percent Change/ Difference (2021/2020)
Population 15 years old & above (in '000)	2,041	2,055	2,069	1.4
LF Participation Rate (%)	58.8	62.0	60.7	1.9
Employment Rate (%)	96.4	92.1	90.7	-5.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	7.9	9.3	5.7
Underemployment Rate (%)	23.4	22.2	25.4	2.0

The region's working age population increased by 1.4 percent from 2,041,000 in January 2020 to 2,069,000 in January 2021. Labor force participation rate increased by 1.9 percentage points from 58.8 percent in January 2020 to 60.7 percent in January 2021.

Employment rate decreased by 5.7 percentage points from 96.4 percent in January 2020 to 90.7 percent in January 2021. The region's employment rate was lower by 0.6 percentage point compared to the national average employment rate of 91.3 percent.

The region's unemployment rate of 9.3 percent was higher by 5.7 percentage points compared to January 2020's 3.6 percent. This was also higher by 0.6 percentage point compared to the national average unemployment rate of 8.7 percent.

Underemployment rate increased by 2.0 percentage points from 23.4 in January 2020 to 25.4 percent in January 2021. This was also higher by 9.4 percentage points compared to the national average underemployment rate of 16.0 percent.

II. Agriculture and Fisheries

The total agriculture production increased by 3.44 percent from 499,514.05 metric tons (MT) outputs during the first quarter of 2020 to 516,383.06 MT in the same quarter of 2021. MIMAROPA recorded an increase in the production of cereals, livestock, and fishery subsectors during the period.

The crops subsector registered a 2.09 percent increase in outputs during the quarter. It remains the biggest contributor to the agriculture sector sharing 86.54 percent to the region's total agriculture production. Notable increases were recorded in the production of palay, banana, cassava, onion, and cashew.

The livestock and poultry subsectors recorded a 19.23 percent increased outputs during the first quarter of 2021. It contributed 5.79

percent to the region's total agricultural outputs during the quarter. Notable increases were recorded in the production of cattle, hogs, duck, and duck eggs.

The fisheries subsector production also recorded an increase of 6.49 percent. The subsector contributed 8.55 percent to the total agricultural production during the quarter. All of the components of the subsector recorded increased outputs for the period.

A. Cereals

Palay production in MIMAROPA in January to March 2021 increased by 2.26 percent from previous year's 270,179.76 metric tons (MT) to 276,280.00 MT. All provinces recorded an increase in palay production except Oriental Mindoro that recorded a decrease of 6.09 percent. However, Oriental Mindoro and Palawan were still the highest contributors to the region's palay production with shares of 30.37 percent and 42.70 percent, respectively.

Table 3. Palay production in MIMAROPA by province, 1st quarter 2020-2021

Province	1Q 2020 (MT)	1Q 2021 (MT)	Percent Change
Marinduque	7,536.00	8,031.00	6.57
Occidental Mindoro	45,365.00	50,945.00	12.30
Oriental Mindoro	89,353.76	83,908.00	-6.09
Palawan	112,293.00	116,098.00	3.39
Romblon	15,632.00	17,298.00	10.66
Total	270,179.76	276,280.00	2.26

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) MIMAROPA

Corn production slightly decreased by 0.57 percent from 47,224.90 MT produced in the first quarter of 2020 to 46,956.23 MT produced during same period in 2021. All the provinces of MIMAROPA recorded an increase in corn production except for the provinces of Occidental Mindoro and Romblon that registered a decrease of 1.14 percent and 10.16 percent, respectively.

Table 4. Corn production in MIMAROPA by province, 1Q 2020-2021

Province	1Q 2020 (MT)	1Q 2021 (MT)	Percent Change
Marinduque	101.00	158.00	56.44
Occidental Mindoro	41,289.00	40,820.00	-1.14
Oriental Mindoro	319.90	245.78	23.17
Palawan	5,387.00	5,617.00	4.27
Romblon	128.00	115.00	-10.16
Total	47,224.90	46,956.23	-0.57

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) MIMAROPA

B. Major Crops

Banana production increased by 16.92 percent from 14,964.65 MT produced during the first quarter of 2020 to 17,496.00 MT during same period in 2021. Saba remains the dominant variety of banana being produced in the region with a 62.28 percent share of the total banana production.

Calamansi production significantly dropped by 48.41 percent, from 1,151.34 MT produced during the first quarter of 2020 to 594.00 MT produced in the same quarter of 2021.

Garlic production also significantly decreased by 76.66 percent from 1,011.16 MT produced in 2020 to 236.00 MT produced in 2021.

Coconut production slightly increased by 4.97 percent from 96,784.32 MT in 2020 to 101,590.00 MT in 2021.

The region's onion production increased by 29.86 percent from 2,153.78 MT produced during the first quarter of 2020 to 2,797.00 MT produced during same period in 2021.

During the first quarter of 2021, arrowroot and cashew production increased by 9.88 percent and 17.99 percent, respectively. The region remains as the top producer of arrowroot with a share of 95.19 percent to the country's total production.

Table 5. Major crops production in MIMAROPA by province, 1Q 2020-2021

Province	1Q 2020 (MT)	1Q 2021 (MT)	Percent Change
Banana	14,964.65	17,496.00	16.92
Calamansi	1,151.34	594.00	-48.41
Coconut	96,784.32	101,590.00	4.97
Onion	2,153.78	2,797.00	29.86
Garlic	1,011.16	236.00	-76.66
Cashew	16.95	20.00	17.99
Arrowroot	847.27	931.00	9.88

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, January to March 2020, Crops Production Survey (CrPS)

C. Livestock

The outputs of the livestock subsector increased by 26.23 percent during the first quarter of 2021. Hog production increased by 36.03 percent from 15,899.44 MT produced during the first quarter of 2020 to 21,627.87 MT produced during the same period in 2021. Cattle production also increased by 8.49 percent from 2,373.34 MT to 2,574.93 MT.

On the other hand, carabao production decreased by 26.13 percent from 1,486.31 MT to 1,098.00 MT in first quarter of 2021. Also, goat production suffered a double-digit decrease of 38.91 percent from 551.00 MT to 336.59 MT.

Table 6. Livestock production in MIMAROPA by province, 1Q 2020-2021

Livestock	1Q 2020 (MT)	1Q 2021 (MT)	Percent Change
Carabao (live wt.)	1,486.31	1,098.00	-26.13
Cattle (live wt.)	2,373.34	2,574.93	8.49
Hog (live wt.)	15,899.44	21,627.87	36.03
Goat (live wt.)	551.00	336.59	-38.91

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) MIMAROPA

D. Poultry

Chicken production decreased by 11.07 percent from 2,701.79 MT produced in first quarter of 2021 to 2,402.57 MT produced during the same period in 2021. Chicken eggs also decreased by 14.69 percent from 1,867.86 MT produced in 2020 to 1,593.50 MT produced in first quarter of 2021.

On the other hand, duck production significantly increased by 58.01 percent from 80.00 MT produced during the first quarter of 2021 to 126.41 MT produced during the same period in 2021. Duck egg production also increased by 19.87 percent from 112.00 MT produced in 2020 to 134.25 MT produced during the first quarter of 2021.

Table 7. Poultry production in MIMAROPA by province, 1Q 2020-2021

Poultry	1Q 2020 (MT)	1Q 2021 (MT)	Percent Change
Chicken (live wt.)	2,701.79	2,402.57	-11.07
Chicken Eggs	1,867.86	1,593.50	-14.69
Duck (live wt.)	80.00	126.41	58.01
Duck Eggs	112.00	134.25	19.87

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) MIMAROPA

E. Commercial Fishery

Commercial fisheries increased by 6.84 percent from 5,810.76 MT produced during the first quarter of 2020 to 6,208.44 MT produced during the same period in 2021. All provinces recorded increases in commercial fisheries production except Romblon that registered a significant decrease of 57.12 percent. The province of Palawan was the top producer of commercial fisheries contributing 71.50 percent share to the total commercial fisheries production in MIMAROPA.

Table 8. Commercial fisheries in MIMAROPA by province, 1Q 2020-2021

Province	1Q 2020 (MT)	1Q 2021 (MT)	Percent Change
Marinduque	77.19	107.67	39.49
Occidental Mindoro	1,252.77	1,388.72	10.85
Oriental Mindoro	153.08	198.00	29.34
Palawan	4,152.59	4,438.95	6.90
Romblon	175.13	75.10	-57.12
Total	5,810.76	6,208.44	6.84

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) MIMAROPA

Municipal Marine/ Inland Fishery

Municipal marine fisheries recorded an increase of 7.02 percent from 25,037.18 MT produced during the first quarter of 2020 to 26,795.56 MT produced during the same period in 2021. Palawan was the highest contributor of municipal marine fisheries during the reference period contributing 74.43 percent share to the total municipal marine fisheries production.

Production of inland marine fisheries significantly increased by 72.03 percent. All the provinces in the region, except Oriental Mindoro,

recorded an increase in inland marine fisheries production. Occidental Mindoro recorded notable increase of 1,631.22 percent from 21.23 MT produced during the first quarter of 2020 to 367.54 MT produced during the same period in 2021. Moreover, Occidental Mindoro was the highest contributor of inland marine fisheries during the reference period contributing a 53.40 percent share to the total production in MIMAROPA.

Table 9. Municipal fishery production in MIMAROPA by province, 1Q 2020-2021

Province	1Q 2020 (MT)		1Q 2021 (MT)		Percent Change	
	Marine	Inland	Marine	Inland	Marine	Inland
Marinduque	1,906.96	5.08	1,967.46	8.57	3.17	68.70
Occidental Mindoro	1,764.21	21.23	2,052.40	367.54	16.34	1,631.22
Oriental Mindoro	1,005.19	251.01	965.85	222.17	-3.91	-11.49
Palawan	18,587.95	122.10	19,945.12	87.90	7.30	28.01
Romblon	1,772.87	0.76	1,864.73	2.23	5.18	193.42
Total	25,037.18	400.18	26,795.56	688.41	7.02	72.03

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) MIMAROPA

Aquaculture

Aquaculture fisheries produced in the first quarter of 2021 was 10,453.03 MT. This was 2.41 percent higher than the production during the same period in 2020. All MIMAROPA provinces recorded decreases in aquaculture fisheries production except Palawan, which remains the top producer and contributes 98.41 percent to the total aquaculture fisheries production in the region.

Table 10. Aquaculture fishery production in MIMAROPA by province, 1Q 2020-2021

Province	1Q 2020 (MT)	1Q 2021 (MT)	Percent Change
Marinduque	52.59	38.41	-26.96
Occidental Mindoro	38.74	26.75	-30.95
Oriental Mindoro	128.90	94.52	-26.67
Palawan	9,968.25	10,287.10	3.20
Romblon	18.73	6.24	-66.68
Total	10,207.21	10,453.03	2.41

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) MIMAROPA

III. Investments and Industry

A. Investments

Business Names Registration

A total of 10,652 business names were registered in the region in the first quarter of 2021. This was 38.37 percent higher compared to the 7,698 business names registered in the same quarter last year. The province of Palawan recorded the highest number of business names registered and the highest percentage increase during the period. The province of Occidental Mindoro recorded the least percentage increase with 16.81 percent.

Table 11. Business Name Registration, MIMAROPA, 2020-2021

Region/ Province	1st Quarter 2020	1st Quarter 2021	Percent Change
MIMAROPA	7,698	10,652	38.37
Marinduque	926	1,379	48.92
Occidental Mindoro	934	1,091	16.81
Oriental Mindoro	1,602	2,183	36.27
Palawan	3,108	4,678	50.51
Romblon	1,128	1,321	17.11

Source: Department of Trade and Industry-MIMAROPA

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

The total number of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) assisted in the region slightly increased from 7,455 MSMEs in the first quarter of 2020 to 7,518 MSMEs assisted in the same quarter in 2021. This includes 4,889 registered new MSMEs, 2,083 registered existing MSMEs, and 546 unregistered new MSMEs.

The provinces of Oriental Mindoro and Marinduque recorded the highest number of MSMEs assisted with 2,054 and 1,499, respectively. Only the provinces of Oriental Mindoro and Palawan recorded decreases in the number of assisted MSMEs with 8.51 percent and 56.04 percent, respectively.

Table 12. MSMEs Assisted in MIMAROPA, 2020-2021

Region/ Province	1st Quarter 2020	1st Quarter 2021	Percent Change
MIMAROPA	7,455	7,518	0.85
Marinduque	796	1,499	88.32
Occidental Mindoro	623	1,469	135.79
Oriental Mindoro	2,245	2,054	(8.51)
Palawan	2,939	1,292	(56.04)
Romblon	852	1,204	41.31

Source: Department of Trade and Industry-MIMAROPA

Assistance provided to MSMEs include consultancy/business counseling, enforcement of Fair Trade Laws (FTLs), trainings/seminars/webinars, financing fora/clients loan servicing, product development and assistance to e-Commerce.

Technology Interventions

For the first quarter of 2021, the total number of assisted customers under the Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST) and the Grants-in-Aid (GIA) programs of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) increased by 14.75 percent compared to the first quarter of the previous year. On the other hand, the number of assisted customers under the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) decreased by 36.11 percent during the quarter.

The total number of technology interventions provided under DOST's SETUP, GIA, and CEST increased by 70.24 percent during the first quarter of 2021 compared to the same period last year.

Table 13. Number of Customers Assisted and Technology Interventions Provided, 2020-2021

Indicators	1st quarter 2020	1st quarter 2021	Percent change
Number of Customers Assisted	61	70	14.75%
Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP)	36	23	-36.11%
Grants-In-Aid (GIA)	16	17	6.25%
Community Empowerment thru Science and technology (CEST)	0	7	N/A
Trainings	9	23	155.56%
No. of Technology Interventions Provided	84	143	70.24%
Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP)	36	23	-36.11%
Grants-In-Aid (GIA)	17	31	82.35%
Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST)	0	4	N/A
Trainings	31	85	174.19%

Source: DOST MIMAROPA

B. Mining and Quarrying

The total value of mineral production in the region increased during the first quarter of 2021. Value of production for metallic minerals reached ₱5.17 billion, while the value of non-metallic minerals produced was recorded at ₱221.22 million.

Table 14. Volume and Value of Mineral Production in MIMAROPA, 1st Quarter 2020 vs. 1st Quarter 2021

Mineral Commodity	1st Quarter 2020		1st Quarter 2021		Percent Change	
	Volume	Value (₱)	Volume	Value (₱)	Volume	Value
Metallic Minerals						
Nickel Direct Shipping Ore (DMT)	567,003.55	1,113,628,437.92	929,740.40	2,411,566,812.84	64	117
Mixed Sulfide (DMT)	8,912.00	2,862,358,000.00	8,695.00	2,758,594,000.00	(2)	(4)
Total		3,975,986,437.92		5,170,160,812.84		30
Non-Metallic Minerals						
Limestone (MT)	69,680.00	60,098,790.00	59,665.00	51,460,884.00	(14)	(14)
Milk of Lime (MT)	30,395.69	37,751,446.98	31,076.05	165,659,007.88	2	339
Hydrated Lime (MT)	6,341.67	4,236,235.56	5,118.06	1,969,975.80	(19)	(53)
Sand and Gravel (CUM)	22,136.00	5,560,075.00	6,894.00	2,130,910.00	(69)	(62)
Total		107,646,547.54		221,220,777.68		106

Source: Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) MIMAROPA Region

The volume and value of the production of nickel direct shipping ore increased by 64 percent and 117 percent, respectively. Generally, the COVID-19 pandemic did not affect the mining operations. The

significant increase in the value of production was associated to the higher global market prices and high demand of nickel used in the production of stainless steel in China.

The volume and value of production of mixed sulfide decreased by 2 percent and 4 percent, respectively. The slight decrease was due to lower ore tonnage processed and low metal content of feed ore.

The volume and value of production for limestone fell by 14 percent during the reference period. On the other hand, the volume of milk of lime produced by the processing plant of Graymont Philippines, Inc. increased by 2 percent with a recorded value P165.66 million. The increase in production was due to the increased demand from Coral Bay Nickel Corporation (CBNC). Moreover, the volume and value of hydrated lime declined by 19 percent and 53 percent, respectively.

The recorded volume and value of sand and gravel production significantly decreased during the quarter. The negative performance was affected by the non-submission of reports from the permit holders and operators in the provinces of Oriental Mindoro and Romblon and the incomplete data provided by the operators from Palawan and Occidental Mindoro. No permit holders in Marinduque were recorded for the quarter.

IV. Services

A. Transportation

1. Air Transportation

The air statistics data record showed the continuous effect of travel restrictions due to COVID-19 to air transportation for the first quarter of 2021. All of the recorded air statistics data decreased compared to previous year's data.

Table 15. Airport statistics, MIMAROPA, 2020-2021

	1st Quarter 2020	1st Quarter 2021	Percent Change
Aircraft	6,438	1,440	-77.63%
Passenger Traffic	612,190	42,984	-92.98%
Air Cargoes	5,294,271	3,336,087	-36.99%

Source: Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines

Aircraft movement during the first quarter of CY 2021 was recorded at 1,440 flights. This was 77.63 percent lower than the recorded 6,438 aircraft movement during the same period of 2020.

Passenger traffic during the first quarter of 2021 was recorded at 42,984. This was 92.98 percent lower than the recorded 612,190 passenger traffic in the first quarter of 2020.

Air cargoes data for the first quarter of 2021 was recorded at 3,336,087 kilograms. This was 36.99 percent lower than the recorded 5,294,271 kilograms during the same period of the previous year.

The Marinduque Airport, Romblon Airport, and Cuyo Airport registered no flight during the first quarter of CY 2021.

No report was provided for the general aviation.

The Busuanga Airport recorded 566 flights on aircraft traffic, 13,158 on passenger traffic, and 354,368 kilograms on air cargoes for the first quarter of 2021, which is 79.12 percent, 92.01 percent, and 71.88 percent lower compared to the same period in 2020, respectively.

Puerto Princesa International Airport recorded 803 flights on aircraft traffic, 27,076 on passenger traffic, and 2,981,577 kilograms on air cargoes for domestic flight only for the first quarter of 2021, which is 74.76 percent, 93.37 percent, and 24.93 percent lower compared to the same period in 2020, respectively. No international flight was recorded in the first quarter of 2021 compared to 21,747 flights in the same quarter of 2020.

The decrease in air transportation statistics reflected the continuous effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and the restricted air travel movement of people, in adherence to health and safety protocols in public transportation being implemented throughout the country.

2. Water Transportation

Shipcalls decreased by 38.52 percent from 12,704 in the first quarter of 2020 to 7,811 vessels in the first quarter of 2021. The number of domestic shipcalls decreased by 38.79 percent while foreign shipcalls increased by 6.58 percent.

Total container port traffic decreased by 4.75 percent, from 23,244.5 twenty-foot equivalent units (teu) in the first quarter of 2020 to 22,140 teu in the first quarter of 2021.

Total cargo volume discharged and loaded at the ports in the region increased by 26.77 percent from 2.494 million metric tons (mmt) in the first quarter of 2020 to 3.162 mmt in the first quarter of 2021. The increase in cargo volume is attributed to the 51.70 percent increase in foreign cargo. Total cargo volume for the first quarter of 2021 is comprised of 68.94 percent (2.180 mmt) foreign cargoes and 31.06 percent (0.982 mmt) domestic cargoes.

Total passenger traffic decreased by 75.64 percent from 1,988,274 passengers in the first quarter of 2020 to 486,778 passengers in the first quarter of 2021. Meanwhile, the RORO traffic increased by 19.82 percent from 205,062 vehicles in first quarter of 2020 to 245,707 vehicles in the first quarter of 2021.

Due to the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon since March 16, 2020, the water transportation operations were still affected negatively on the number of shipcalls, container port traffic, and passenger traffic.

Table 16. Water transport statistics, MIMAROPA, 2020-2021

Particulars	2020	2021	Percent Change
Shipcalls	2,704	7,811	-38.52%
Domestic	12,628	7,730	-38.79%
Foreign	76	81	6.58%
Container Port Traffic (TEU's)	23,244.5	22,140	-4.75%
Domestic	23,244.5	22,140	-4.75%
Foreign	0	0	
Cargo Throughput (mt)	2,494,973.03	3,162,847.71	26.67%
Domestic	1,057,542.033	982,300.99	-7.11%
Foreign	1,437,430.998	2,180,546.72	51.70%
Passenger Traffic	1,998,274	486,778	-75.64%
Disembarked	1,002,601	252,150	-74.85%
Embarked	988,742	234,628	-75.27%
Cruise Ships	6,931	0	-100%
RORO Traffic	205,062	245,707	19.82%
Inbound	99,996	176,995	77%
Outbound	105,066	44,046	-58.08%

Source: Philippine Ports Authority

3. Land Transportation

The number of motor vehicles registered in MIMAROPA increased by 24.63 percent from 55,840 motor vehicles in January-March 2020 to 69,594 motor vehicles in January-March 2021 (refer to Table 17). This was also 34.54 percent higher than the 51,726 motor vehicles registered in October-December 2020.

Of the total number of registered motor vehicles, 23.65 percent or 16,461 motor vehicles were newly registered, while the remaining 53,133 motor vehicles were registered for renewals.

Table 17. Motor Vehicles Registration, MIMAROPA, 2020-2021

Region/Province	2020		2021	Percent Change (2021/2020)
	Q1	Q4	Q1	
MIMAROPA	55,840	51,726	69,594	24.63%
New Registration	15,267	15,757	16,461	7.82%
Marinduque	2,373	5,387	6,149	159.12%
Occidental Mindoro	5,650	4,168	7,256	28.42%
Oriental Mindoro	18,897	16,434	21,633	14.48%
Palawan	11,571	8,695	15,123	30.70%
Romblon	2,082	1,285	2,972	42.75%

Source: Land Transportation Office (LTO) MIMAROPA

Among the MIMAROPA provinces, Oriental Mindoro recorded the highest number of registered motor vehicles with 21,633 motor vehicles. This was followed by Palawan with 15,123 registered motor vehicles, Occidental Mindoro with 7,256 registered motor vehicles, and Marinduque with 6,149 registered motor vehicles. Romblon recorded the lowest number of registered motor vehicles with 2,972 motor vehicles.

B. Tourism

Table 18. Tourist Arrivals, MIMAROPA, First Quarter, 2020-2021

Region/Province	1st Quarter 2020	1st Quarter 2021 (Partial)	Percentage Change (2021/2020)
Total Tourist Arrival	323,407	14,063	(95.65%)
Domestic			
MIMAROPA	184,718	14,063	(92.39%)
Marinduque	5,600	53	(99.05%)
Occidental Mindoro	7,923	12	(99.85%)
Oriental Mindoro	25,531	9,363	(63.33%)
Palawan	145,185	4,635	(96.81%)
Romblon	479	0	N/A
Foreign			
MIMAROPA	138,689	0	N/A
Marinduque	191	0	N/A
Occidental Mindoro	914	0	N/A
Oriental Mindoro	3,883	0	N/A
Palawan	133,213	0	N/A
Romblon	488	0	N/A

Source: Department of Tourism-MIMAROPA Partial Data as of May 20, 2021

Table 19. Tourist Receipts, MIMAROPA, First Quarter, 2020-2021

Region/Province	1st Quarter 2020 Estimated Tourist Receipts (₱)	1st Quarter 2021 Estimated Tourist Receipts (₱)
MIMAROPA	3,402,262,500.00	147,661,500
Marinduque	60,805,500.00	556,500
Occidental Mindoro	99,015,000	126,000
Oriental Mindoro	308,847,000.00	98,311,500
Palawan	2,923,441,500.00	48,667,500
Romblon	10,153,500.00	0

Source: Department of Tourism-MIMAROPA Partial Data as of May 20, 2021

Tourist arrivals in the region decreased by 95.65 percent from 323,407 in the first quarter of 2020 to 14,063 in the same period this year. This was based from the partial data provided by the Department of Tourism. The huge decline in tourist arrivals resulted to a 95.66 percent decrease in tourist receipts from P3.4 billion in the first quarter of 2020 to P147 million in the same period of 2021.

Majority or 66.58 percent of the recorded tourist arrivals was in Oriental Mindoro. About 9,363 visitors travelled in Oriental Mindoro during the quarter generating an estimated amount of P98 million tourist receipts. Other provinces also recorded notable declines in tourist arrivals. This may be attributed to the imposition of community quarantines and travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no recorded foreign tourists during the first quarter of 2021.

Currently, tourist destinations under the travel bubble include Puerto Galera in Oriental Mindoro and El Nido, Coron, and San Vicente in Palawan.

C. Foreign Trade

1. Exports

The revenue from exports in January and February 2021 reached US\$67.71 million, an increase of 9.4 percent from the US\$61.89 million total export generated in same months in 2020.

The aggregate volume of the region's exported products increased by 18 percent, from 849.34 million kilograms in January-February 2020 to 1 billion kilograms in the same period in 2021.

Table 20. Export Earnings in MIMAROPA, January to February, 2020-2021

Month	Value of Export (US\$)		Volume of Export (kg)	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
January	20,853,735.00	26,653,874.00	508,698,000	440,364,126
February	41,040,500.00	41,055,613.00	340,643,000	561,888,726
Total	61,894,235.00	67,709,487.00	849,341,000	1,002,252,852

Source: Philippines Statistics Authority-MIMAROPA as of May 20, 2021

China recorded the highest destination of exports valuing at US\$28.92 million for the period of January-February 2021. Other major export trading partners were Brunei with export value of US\$15.30 million and Japan with US\$11.23 million.

Nickel ores and concentrates were the region's primary export commodities contributing 59.21 percent to the region's total exported goods. Other export commodities include condensates and coconut milk which all originated from Palawan.

2. Imports

The value of imports in the region for the months of January to February 2021 significantly increased by 116.81 percent from US\$8.27 million during the same period in 2020 to US\$17.93 million in 2021. The increase in imports may be attributed to the increase in the import of industrial machinery and transport equipment.

The volume of the region's import also increased by 65.02 percent from 98.04 million kilograms in January to February to 161.78 million kilograms in the same period of 2021.

Table 21. Value of imports, MIMAROPA, January to February, 2020 -2021

Month	Value of Import (US\$)		Volume of Import (kg)	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
January	3,846,685.00	7,074,769.00	45,442,968	71,977,336
February	4,421,331.00	10,850,748.00	52,597,610	89,806,822
Total	8,268,016.00	17,925,517.00	98,040,578	161,784,157

Source: Philippines Statistics Authority-MIMAROPA as May 20, 2021

Japan was the country's biggest supplier of imported goods with 48 percent share to the total imports for the months of January-February. Import values from Japan amounted to US\$6.99 million. This was followed by Indonesia with US\$3.52 million, or 24.18 percent. Other major import trading partners were China, Vietnam, and Korea.

Among the region's imported goods, coal accounted for the largest share, with US\$ 3.13 million or 21.49 percent. This was followed by dumpers, with US\$ 2.15 million or 14.78 percent, and sulphuric acid with US\$ 2.07 million or 14.22 percent.

The region posted a foreign trade surplus of US\$ 53.15 million in the first two months of 2021.

There was no available data on exports and imports for the month of March as of May 20, 2021.

V. Peace and order

The total crime volume in MIMAROPA decreased by 16.79 percent from previous year's 1,406 incidents to 1,170 incidents in January to March 2021 (refer to Table 22).

Table 22. Crime Statistics, MIMAROPA, 2020-2021

Indicators	2020	2021		Percent Change/ Difference (2020/2021)
	Q1	Q4	Q1	
Crime Volume	1,406	1,303	1,170	-16.79
Crime Cleared	1,391	1,277	1,156	-16.89
Crime Solved	1,158	929	846	-26.94
Average Monthly Crime Rate	14.52	13.46	12.09	-2.43

Source: CIRAS 5-3-21, Philippine National Police MIMAROPA

Cleared and solved crimes decreased from last year by 16.89 percent and 26.94 percent, respectively. These were also lower than the recorded cleared and solved crimes in October to December 2020.

The region's average monthly crime rate in January to March 2021 decreased by 2.43 percentage points from last year's 14.52 percent to 12.09 percent.

VI. Natural Disasters and other Calamities

Typhoons

Updates on the MIMAROPA Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan (RRP) for Typhoons Quinta, Rolly, and Ulysses

The MIMAROPA RRP for Areas Affected by Typhoons Quinta, Rolly, and Ulysses was presented during the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) meeting with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), and Build Back Better Task Force (BBBTF) Secretariat. The RRP was used as basis in the distribution/allocation of the ₱6.5 billion NDRRMF to the five affected regions.

During the 2nd Quarter Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) Meeting held on April 23 virtually through Zoom, it was agreed that the reprioritization of PPAs shall be

conducted by the agencies using the prioritization criteria provided by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) MIMAROPA.

The FY 2021 NDRRMF allocation for MIMAROPA Region amounts to ₱325,299,000.00 which was only about 5 percent of the total recovery needs under the RRP.

Weather condition

In January and February, the region experienced above normal amount of rainfall. While near normal to above normal amount of rainfall was experienced in March.

On April 06, the PAGASA issued La Niña Advisory No. 07 stating that La Niña is now weakening across the tropical Pacific Ocean. Majority of the climate models predict a transition from La Niña to El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO)-neutral condition during the second quarter of this year.

The region will likely experience a below to near normal rainfall conditions in April, above normal rainfall condition in May, and generally near normal rainfall condition in June.

The temperature is forecasted to be on a slightly below average to above average range. One to four tropical cyclones may enter or develop in the PAR. The onset of the rainy season associated with the Southwest monsoon is expected from second half of May to first half of June.