

# FISHERIES AT A GLANCE

Fisheries has been identified as one of the sectors that can contribute to the diversification of the Brunei economy away from the reliance on the oil and gas industry, and thus the development of the fisheries sector is actively pursued. It is estimated that the fisheries resources is worth at least \$373 million, arising from the three main sectors of the industry, namely capture fisheries, aquaculture and Seafood processing.

Seafood has been one of the principal sources of protein for the people of Brunei Darussalam. The per capita fish consumption in Brunei Darussalam is one of the highest in the region which is about 47 kilograms per person, with population of 406,200 in 2013.

Self sufficiency of fresh fish is more than 80%. To ensure maximum economic gains and at the same time to ensure the sustainability of fishes, the exploitation of the capture fisheries is only up to the “maximum economic yield” (MEY). Marine capture fisheries is developing rapidly especially after the declaration of the 200 nautical mile of Brunei Fishery Limits in 1982, with estimated value of \$112 million annually at sustainable level.

Aquaculture is another fast developing sector in the fisheries industry, estimated to worth \$200 million annually by the year 2023. Potential areas for aquaculture development have been identified and these areas would be developed with the provision of essential basic infrastructure and amenities such as access road, electricity, potable water and sea water supply.

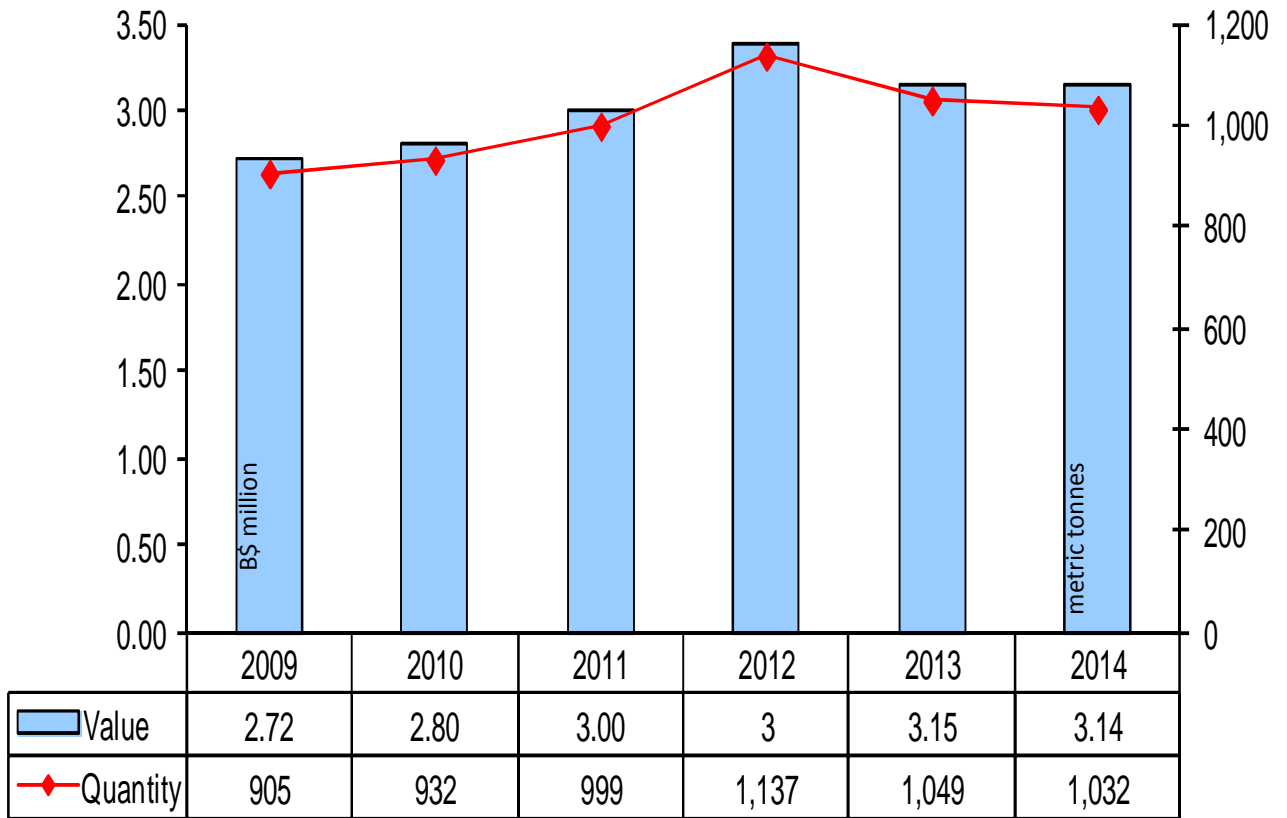
Seafood processing sector is estimated to worth \$61 million annually by 2023. The seafood processing industry has been developing steadily, and with the attainment of HACCP Certification, processed seafood products such as frozen shrimp have been able to penetrate export market such as Japan, USA, Korea, Singapore, China to name a few. It is anticipated that with the increase in population, demand for fisheries products will increase and with the current liberalization of trade, opportunities for export are always available. Department of Fisheries is currently pursuing to fulfill the requirement as the Competent Authority for exporting seafood product to the European Union and the rest of the World.

# DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES IN BRIEF

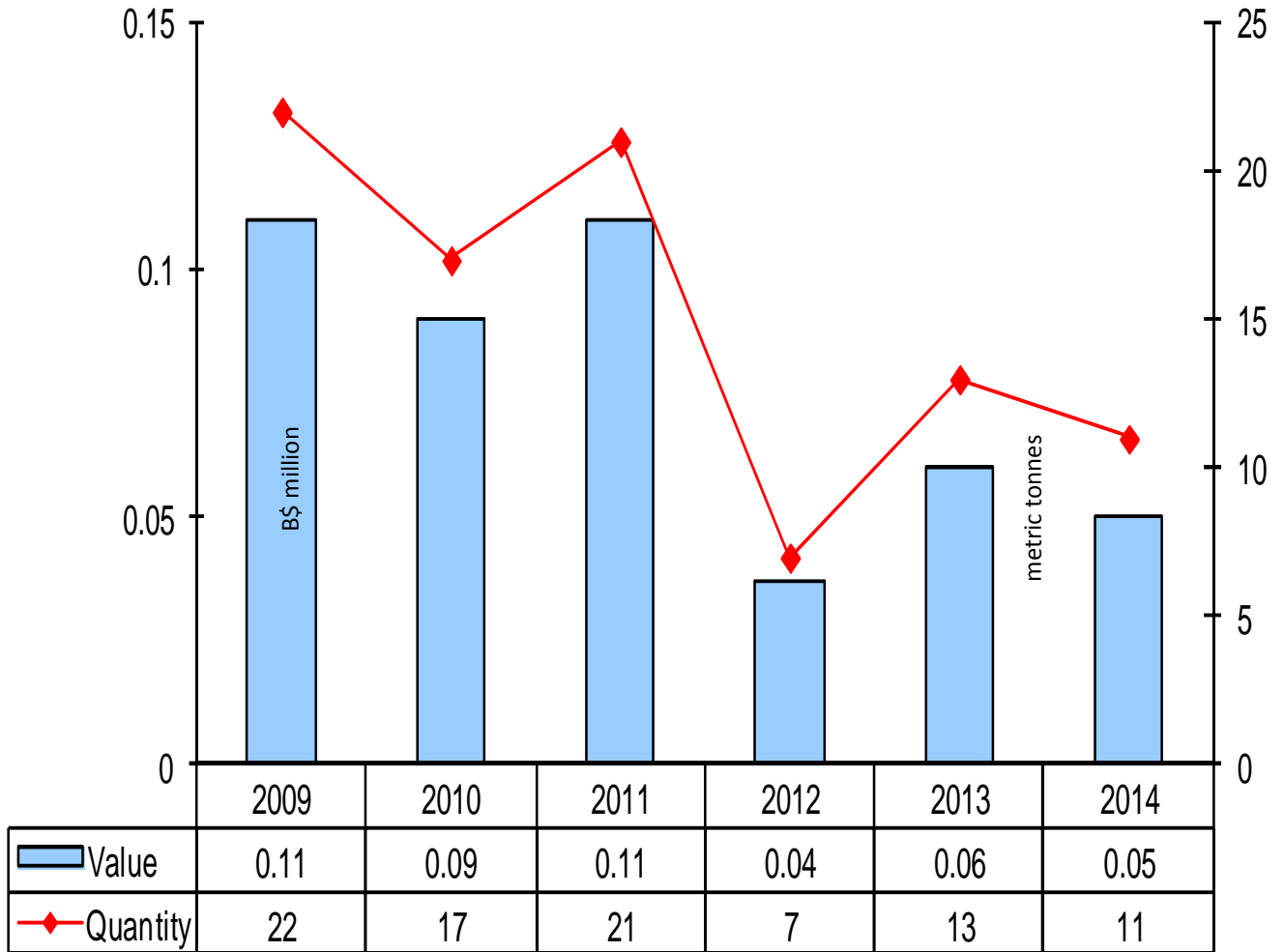
The Department of Fisheries was established in 1966. At present, the Department has a total of 184 officers and staffs, which have branching unit in all districts. The Department's Head Quarters is located at Muara Fisheries Complex at Jalan Peranginan Pantai Serasa, Serasa. Other main stations of Department of Fisheries are at Fish Landing Complex located at Serasa, Department of Fisheries Belait, Department of Fisheries Temburong and Department of Fisheries Tutong.

The Department is structured to reflect and emphasize the thrust of accelerating development of the fisheries industry in line with the aspiration of the country to diversify the economy, as well as to fulfill the mandated roles and functions and to be dynamic and responsive poised to face continuing challenges.

## PRODUCTION BY PURSE-SEINERS



# PRODUCTION BY LONG-LINERS



## NUMBER OF SMALL SCALE FISHERMEN

