

ABSTRACT

This study determined the present value chain analysis and management of scallops at Gigantes Island, Carles Iloilo. Descriptive research utilizing qualitative method was used on the data obtained using the researcher made interview guide questions. Purposive sampling method to select the ten participants composed of fisherfolks, processors, traders, exporters were interviewed. Respondents were predominantly male. Scallops were gathered using nets, lead, panirip or googles, crowbar and boat together by his linemen whose task is to safeguard the hose of the air compressors from folding and to prevent water from entering the boat. Harvesting of scallops is seasonal. The highest volume of scallops caught occurred during November to February. Divers spent 4 to 5 hours in 10 to 15 meters deep in harvesting of scallops. This kind of livelihood is not stable, if the weather is rough, it is very hard for them to go for a dive. The process involves separating different part of scallops to make different types of products and washing and cleaning. Fisherfolks were paid Php30 per kilo and linemen Php16 per kilo. Php15 for the processor for half shell, Php20 for pugot-ulo and Php20 for whole meat. The sales generated for one kilogram of half shell was Php20, Php75 for pugot-ulo and Php110 for whole meat. The value added is 60 pesos for half shell, 35 pesos for pugot-ulo and 55 pesos for whole meat when sold. When trader sells his product to exporters in Estancia Port, the shell is Php80, pugot-ulo is Php110 and whole meat is Php165. There should have a food safety of processing in different product of scallops to protect consumer of food products to food consumption. The owner, buyers and workers build an association that can support their business and provide its members and resources and local government unit should pass an ordinance providing penalties for the traders without permit to buy and sell the product including their boat. There should also be a tariff so that there should be a price control.

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