

GUAM FISHING

Seasonality Chart

Why Buy Local?

Flavor and freshness

Fish caught and prepared closer to home, when handled properly, will be at maximum freshness, giving them exceptional flavor and higher nutrient content.

Support local fishers

Buying locally helps to build and maintain relationships with the local fishers, and ultimately, the whole community. With your support, fishers can help grow our economy.

Less environmental impact


Catching fish locally helps reduce the oil used for international transportation, high power costs due to refrigeration, and pollution emissions. Resource use reduction makes for a greener, cleaner island!

Guam Seasonality Chart*

| COMMON NAME | CHAMORU NAME | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
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| REEF ANIMALS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Octopus | Gamson | | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | |
| SHALLOW TO DEEPWATER BOTTOMFISHES | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black Jack | Tarakiton Áttelong | | | | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Emperor, Longnose | Lililok | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Emperor, Redgill | Mafute' | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Emperor, Stout | Mátan Haggan | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Emperor, Thumbprint | Mafute' | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Grouper, Black-Tipped | Gádao | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Grouper, Lyretail | Gádao Mattingan | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Grouper, Spotted | Gádao Pento | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Grouper, Tomato | Gádao | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Grouper, White-Margined Lyretail | Gádao Mattingan | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Jobfish; Uku | Gogunafon; Gásgasnafom | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Snapper, Bluelined | Funai | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Snapper, Red | Tagáfi | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Tuna, Dogtooth | White Tuna | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Trevally, Yellow Spotted | Tarakitu | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| DEEPWATER FISHES | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amberjack | Opakao | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Bream, Deepwater | Buninas | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Ehu | Buninas Agaga' | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Gindai | Buninas Rayo Amariyu | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Gindai, Blueline | Buninas | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Grouper, Eight-Banded | Gádao | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Grouper, Seven Banded | Gádao | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Grouper, Yellow Banded | Gádao | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Kali, Yellowtail | Buninas | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Opakaopaka | Buninas | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Opakaopaka, Pink | Buninas | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Silvermouth; Lehi | Lehi | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| OCEANIC FISHES | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barracuda, Blackfin | Alu | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Barracuda, Great | Alu | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Kawakawa | Kawakawa | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Leatherjacket | Lehi | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Mackerel, Double-Lined | | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Mahimahi; Dolphinfish | Botague | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Martin, Pacific Blue | Bátto' | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Rainbow Runner | Achechon (small); Buri' | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Sailfish | Guihan láyak | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Scad, Bigeye | Atulai | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Tuna, Skipjack | Bunita | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Tuna, Yellowfin | | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Wahoo | Toson | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |

■ Indicates PEAK availability ■ Indicates MODERATE availability □ Indicates NO availability

*Availability could vary from year-to-year depending on weather conditions.

Fish with this symbol:  are more prone to be ciguatoxic. Care should be taken when eating these species, especially large individuals. Availability of deep bottom fish is affected by weather. Generally, deepwater fish are more available when calm weather allows fishers to reach the offshore banks. This is usually the summer months.



Octopus



Thumbprint Emperor



Grouper, Spotted



Snapper, Bluelined



Barracuda, Great



Tuna, Yellowfin

