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## Food Matters: Fish, Income & Food Supply

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The current presentation has been prepared in support of AwF as an information paper to show the importance of fish & fishery products in human nutrition & global food supply



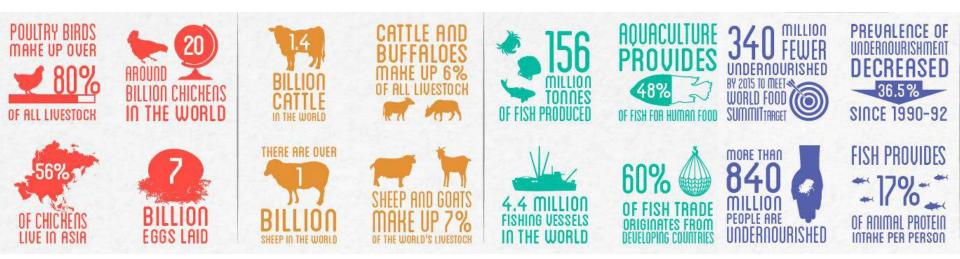
Aquaculture without Frontiers is a registered charity whose mission is to: Promote & support responsible & sustainable aquaculture to alleviate poverty & malnutrition & to enhance food security for disadvantaged people This presentation aims to compare the role played by fish & seafood (capture & farmed) in the diet of the world's poorest & richest nations using data from latest FAO Food Balance sheets & provide suggested dietary changes for the improved heath & well-being





Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations





## **Why Food Matters:**

Hunger & food insecurity remain as one of the most devastating problems facing the world's poor, and continues to dominate the health & socio-economic development of the world's poorest nations & peoples



Not surprising since 12.7% of the world's population live at or below the international poverty line of \$1.90/day (896 million in 2012) & growing income inequality which obscures the true economic hardship of the low-income segment of the population: especially women & children

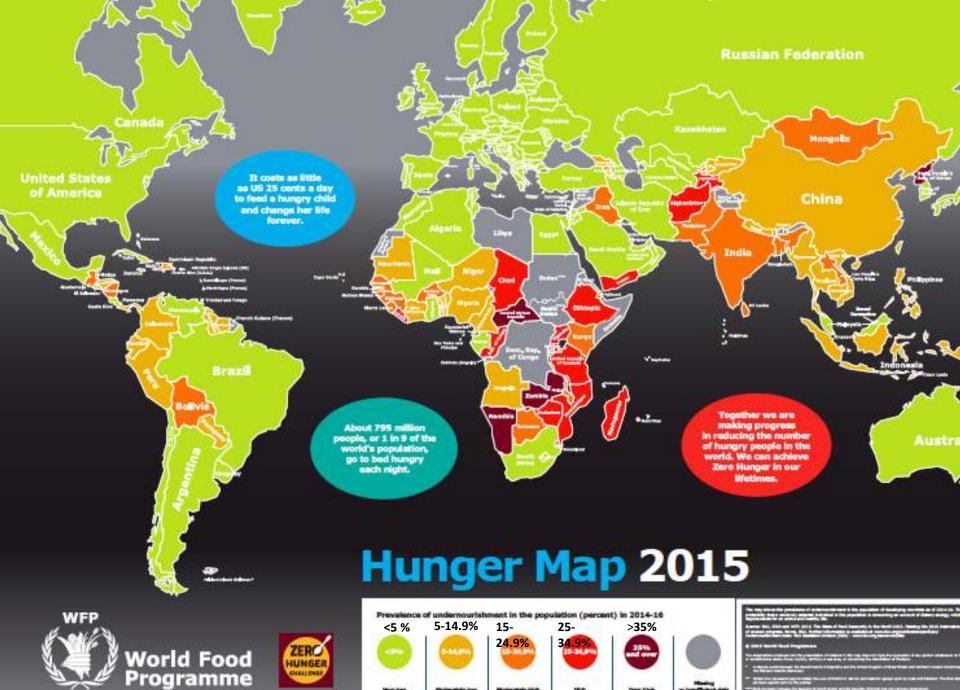


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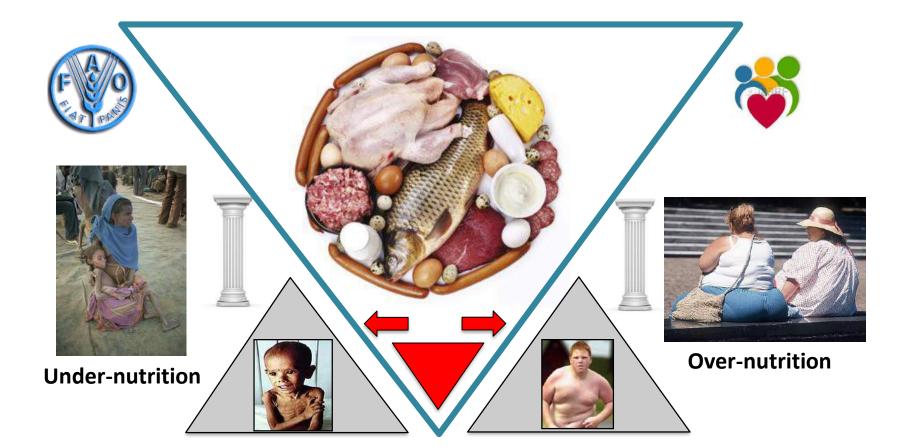
Meeting the 2015 international hunger targets: taking stock of uneven progress According to the FAO about 795 million people in the world are undernourished and do not have enough food to lead a healthy & active life or about 1 in 9 people on earth.





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## Nutrition & Food Supply is the cornerstone that dictates the health & wellbeing of ALL people: both RICH & POOR



## HUNGER & MALNUTRITION Is the # 1 killer & cause of suffering on earth

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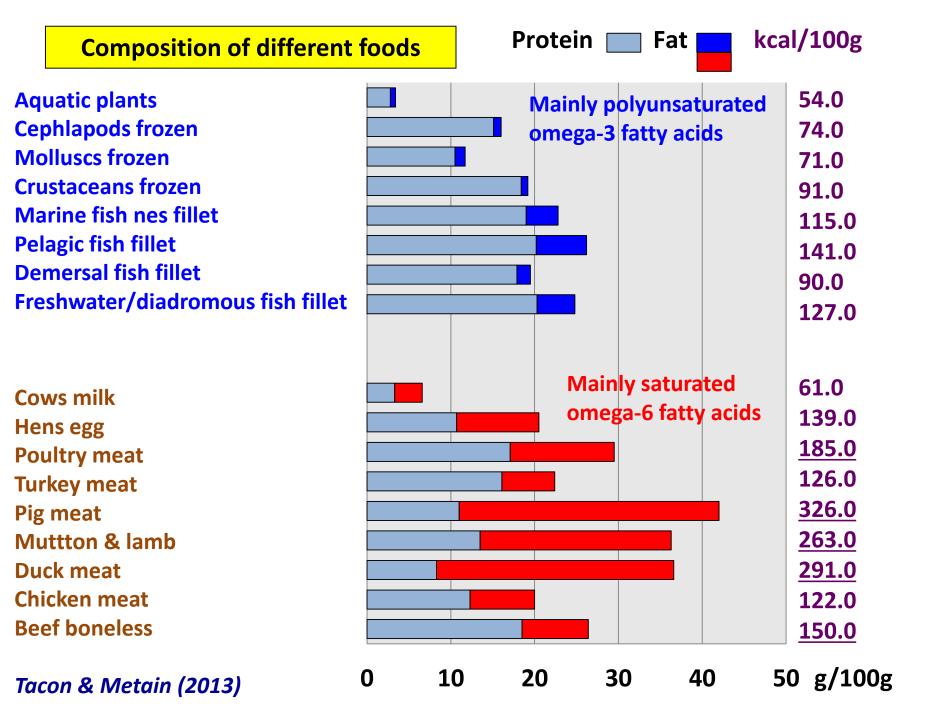
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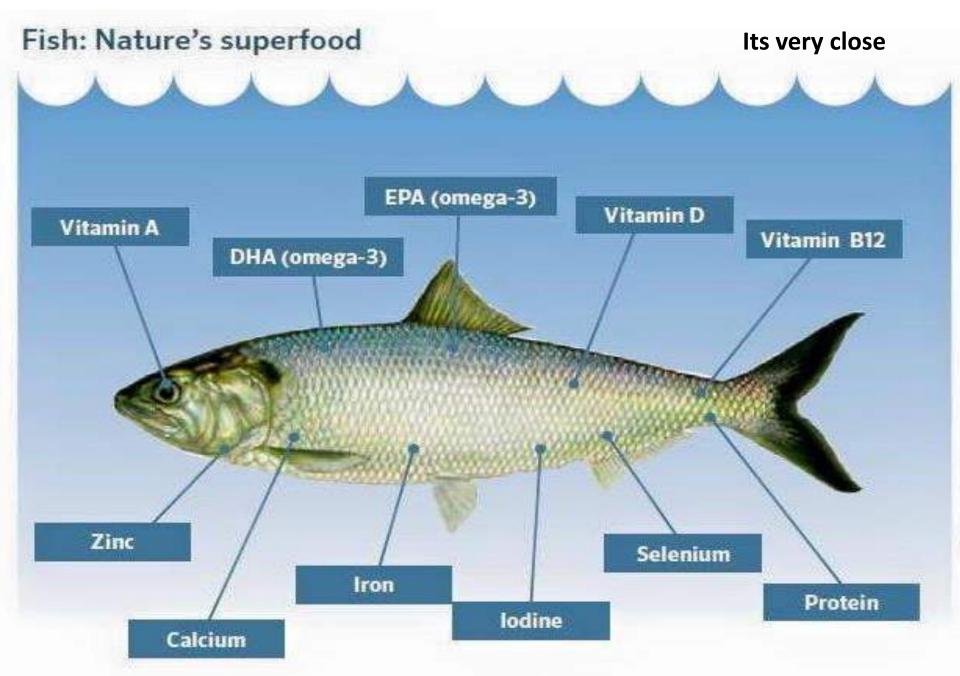
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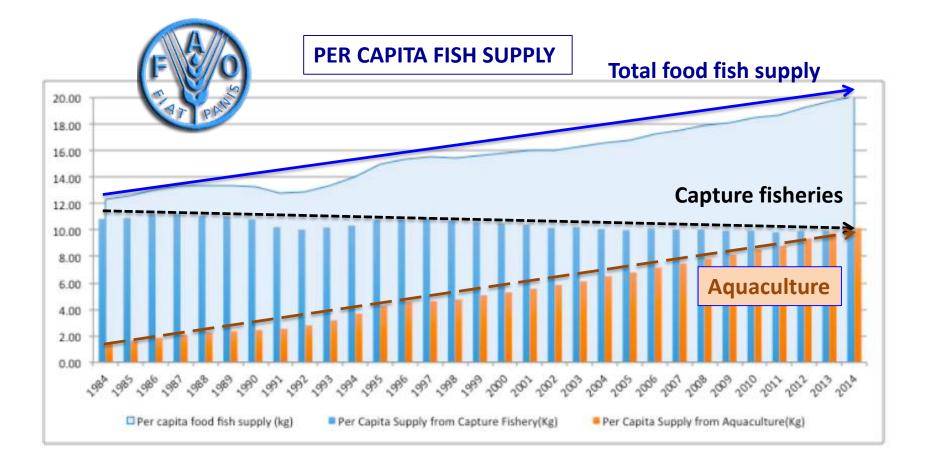


# In many developing countries fish is one of cheapest & richest sources of animal protein & essential nutrients

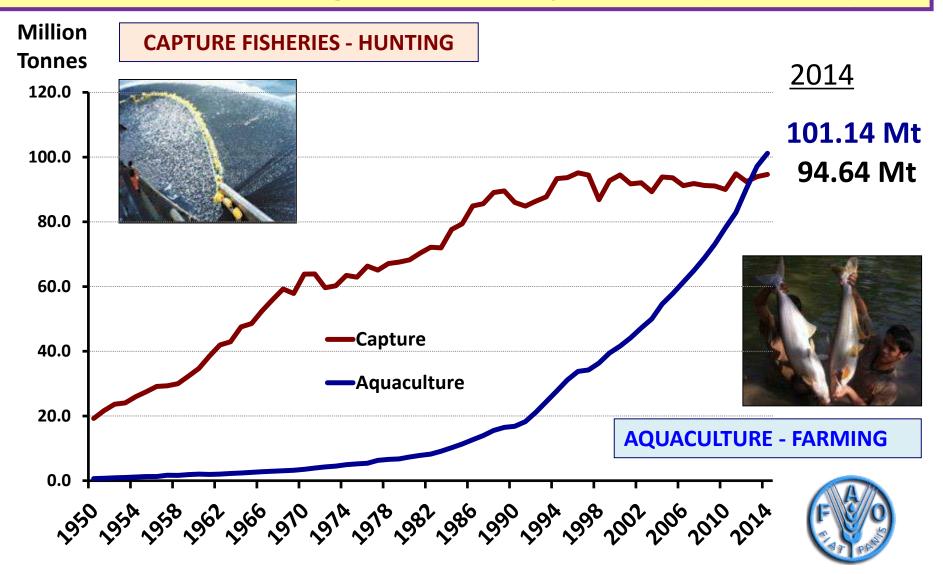


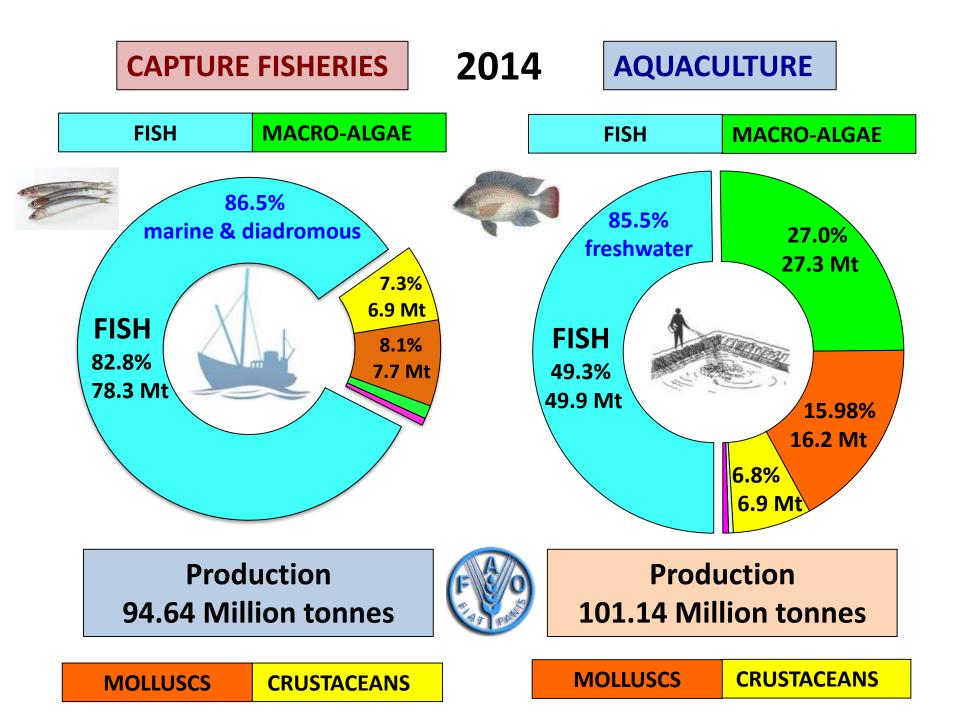


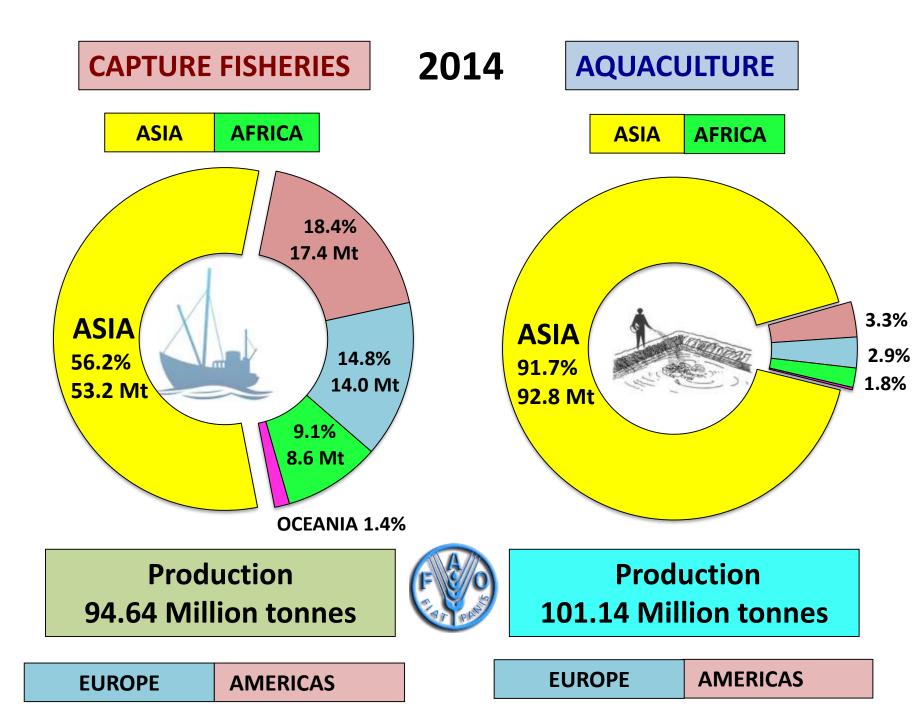
.. Phosphorus, Magnesium, Manganese, Fluorine, Folic acid, Choline & Vitamin E...



Although fish has been an integral part of the human diet since mankind first roamed earth, increasing fishing pressure & increasing market demand for aquatic food products has been such that per capita food fish supply from capture fisheries landings has not been able to keep pace with population growth since the mid-80s, with reported total fisheries landings stagnating at between 90-95 million tonnes since then. Aquaculture has been fastest growing food sector for over 30 years, with an APR of 8.0%/year, compared with 0.6% for capture fisheries and 2.6% for total agricultural meat production (FAO, 2016)



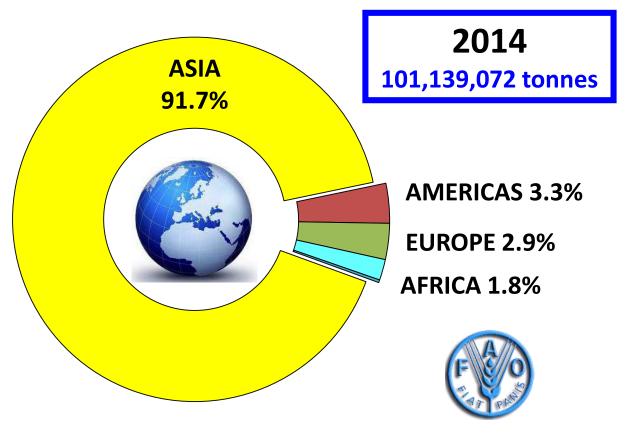




#### **Total aquaculture production by region & economic class** (For 2014; values given in metric tonnes; FAO, 2016)

ASIA (mt)	92,763,147
AMERICAS	3,365,210
EUROPE	2,933,146
AFRICA	1,861,271
OCEANIA	216,297

ASIA (APR)	6.6
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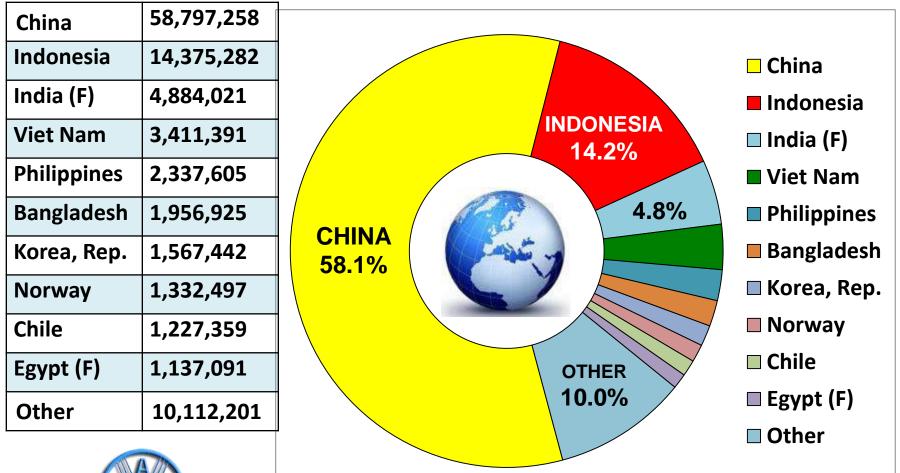


<b>DEVELOPING COUNTRIES</b>	96,374,378 (95.3%)	APR 6.9%
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All APRs calculated from 2000 to 2014

## **Total aquaculture production by country in 2014**

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#### Fish Production by Gross National Income in 2015 (World Bank, 2016)

#### 80 High-income economies: GNI > \$12,476

Including Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Korea Rep., Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, USA & most European countries

#### 55 Upper middle-income economies: GNI \$4,036 < \$12,475

Including Brazil, China, Ecuador, Iran, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Russian Federation, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey

#### **52** Lower middle-income economies: GNI \$1,026 < \$4,035

Including Bangladesh, Cambodia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Philippines, Vietnam

#### **31** Low-income economies: GNI < \$1,025

Including Afghanistan, Haiti, Korea DPR, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nepal, Uganda & a total of 27 African countries



#### Fish Production by Economic Country Grouping (FAO, 2016)

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	GNI Groupi	ng	2014	2000	1984	APR		GNI Groupi	ing	2014	2000	1984	APR
China	Upper-middle	0	17.35	14.82	3.94	0.5	China	Upper-middle	0	58.80	28.46	28,46	5.3
Indonesia	Lower-middle	0	6.51	4.16	1.98	1.3	Indonesia	Lower-middle	0	14.37	0.99	0.99	21.0
USA	High-Income	0	4.98	4.76	4.72	0.1	India	Lower-middle	•	4.88	1.94	1.94	6.8
India	Lower-middle	$\circ$	4.72	3.73	2.30	0.7	Viet Nam	Lower-middle	0	3.41	0.51	0.51	14.5
Russian Fed	Upper-middle	$\circ$	4.23	4.03	-	0.1	Philippines	Upper-middle	$\circ$	2.34	1.10	1.10	5.5
Myanmar	Lower-middle	$\circ$	4.08	1.09	0.61	4.0	Bangladesh	Lower-middle	•	1.96	0.66	0.66	8.1
Japan	High-Income	$\circ$	3.75	5.19	11.59	-0.9	Korea Rep.	High-Income	0	1.57	0.67	0.67	6.8
Peru	Upper-middle	$\circ$	3.60	10.61	3.32	-3.1	Norway	High-income	0	1.33	0.49	0.49	7.4
Viet Nam	Lower-middle	$\circ$	2.92	1.63	0.66	1.7	Chile	High-income	0	1.23	0.42	0.42	7.9
Chile	High-Income	$\circ$	2.59	4.55	4.66	-1.6	Egypt	Lower-middle	0	1.14	0.34	0.34	9.0
Norway	High-Income	$\circ$	2.45	2.89	2.58	-0.5	Japan	High-income	0	1.02	1.29	1.29	-1.7
Philippines	Lower-middle	$\circ$	2.35	1.90	1.60	0.6	Myanmar	Lower-middle	$\circ$	0.96	0.10	0.10	17.7
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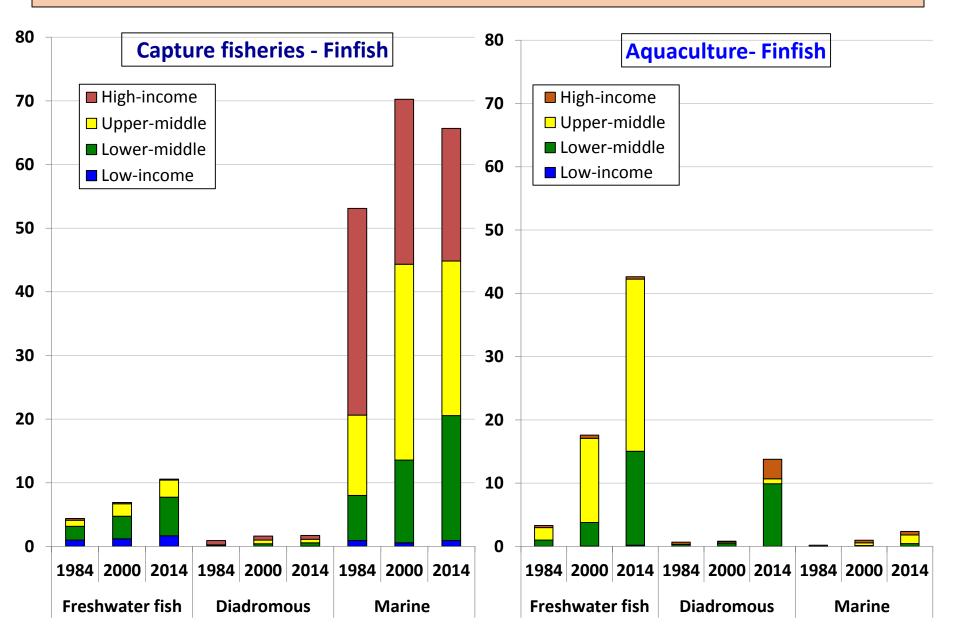
China & Indonesia had the highest total reported production from aquaculture (58.8 & 14.4 Mt) and from capture fisheries landings (17.4 & 6.5 Mt) in 2014, respectively

Aquaculture production in 2014 exceeded capture fisheries landings in China (by 239%), Indonesia (by 121%), India (by 3%), Vietnam (by 17%), Bangladesh (by 26%) & Egypt (by 235%)

Total capture fisheries landings in 2014 exceeded aquaculture production in the USA (by 1,086%), the Russian Federation (by 2,544%), Myanmar (by 325%), Japan (by 268%), Peru (by 2,900%), Chile (by 110% & Norway (by 84%)



# Finfish production by Gross National Income groupings for 1984, 2000 and 2014 from capture fisheries and aquaculture (FAO, 2016; World Bank, 2016)



#### Role of fish & fishery products in the national food balance sheets

Global per capita fish supply	<u>19.7 kg</u>	<b>2013</b> (FAO, 2016)
Central America Africa South America Northern America Europe Asia Oceania	9.1 kg 9.9 kg 10.0 kg 21.7 kg 21.9 kg 23.1 kg 24.8 kg	
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Low-income countries Lower-middle income countries Upper-middle income countries High-income countries 7.9 kg (mean of 31 countries)
16.5 kg (mean of 51 countries)
18.7 kg (mean of 55 countries)
30.3 kg (mean 69 countries)



#### Role of fish & fishery products in the national food balance sheets

**Contribution of fish to animal protein supply 2013** (F

**2013** (FAO, 2016)

<u>Global</u>	<b>16.8 %</b>
Africa	
South America	6.7 %
Central America	7.3 %
Northern America	7.5 %
Europe	11.4 %
Asia	22.9 %
Oceania	10.4 %

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Despite the low per capita consumption of fish within the African region, fish represents a major source of animal protein & other essential nutrients within many low-income and lower-middle income African countries, including:

Sierra Leone 65.0%, Ghana 49.8%, São Tomé & Principe 48.8%, Senegal 42.5%, Comoros 41.3%, Mozambique 38.7%, Nigeria 38.2%, Congo Democratic Republic 37.8%, Togo 36.9%, Congo Republic 36.7%, Côte d'Ivoire 34.7%, Cameroon 33.8%, Uganda 31.7%, Burundi 28.1%, Guinea 26.8%, Benin 24.6%, Malawi 24.4%, Egypt 24.0%, Rwanda 22.6%, and Morocco 22.2%

Source: FAO (2016)



Moreover, despite the high per capita supply of fish within most European & North American higher-income countries, including: Belgium 25.1 kg, Canada 22.6 kg, Denmark 23.2 kg, France 33.5 kg, Greece 19.3 kg, Ireland 22.0 kg, Israel 23.2 kg, Italy 25.5 kg, Luxembourg 33.9 kg, Netherlands 22.3 kg, Sweden 30.7 kg, UK 20.8 kg and USA 21.5 kg;

Fish represents a minor source of animal protein in these countries including: Belgium 11.2%, Canada 10.4%, Denmark 12.7%, France 13.1%, Greece 8.9%, Ireland 8.0%, Israel 8.5%, Italy 11.9%, Luxembourg 11.5%, Netherlands 9.8%, Sweden 11.7%, UK 9.5% and USA/Mexico 7.3%

Source: FAO (2016)





#### Role of fish & fishery products in the national food balance sheets

Top fish consumers within the European region included Iceland 92.0 kg, Portugal 53.8 kg, Norway 52.1 kg, Lithuania 43.9 kg, Spain 42.4 kg and Finland 36.4 kg, France 33.5 kg & Sweden 30.7 kg, with fish playing an important to total animal protein supply in Iceland 27.8%, Norway 22.2%, Portugal 20.2%, Lithuania 22.5% & Spain 19.8%, Finland 14.2%, France 13.1%, Sweden 11.7%

Lowest fish consumers were within the Latin America & Caribbean region, including Guatemala 1.3 kg, Bolivia 2.2 kg, Paraguay 3.7 kg, Honduras 4.0 kg, Haiti/Nicaragua 4.8 kg, Cuba 5.5 kg, Colombia 6.5 kg, Uruguay 7.5 kg, Venezuela RB 7.8 kg, Ecuador 8.2 kg, Dominican Republic 8.1 kg, Mexico 9.1 kg, Brazil/Belize 9.7 kg, Costa Rica 12.9 kg, Panama 13.0 kg, Chile 13.2 kg, Suriname 16.5 kg, Peru 22.0 kg & Guyana 31.1 kg;



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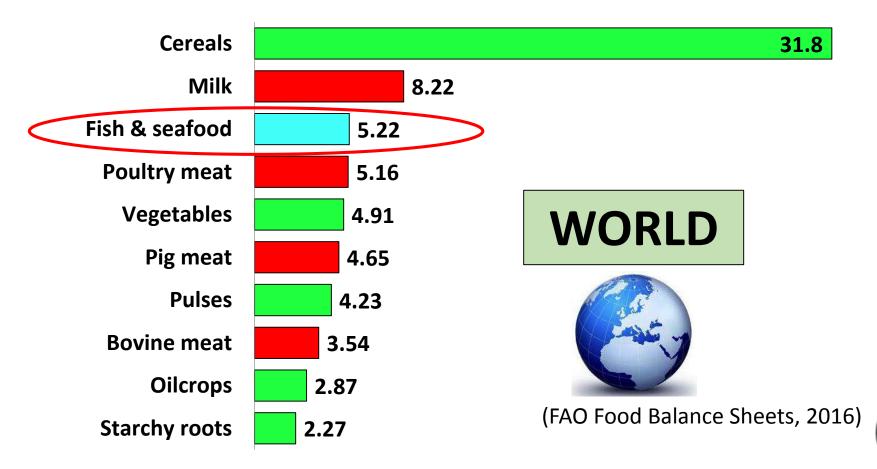
Fish consumption was generally highest within the Asian region, including: Myanmar 60.7 kg, Malaysia 54.0 kg, Korea Rep. 53.5 kg, Japan 48.9 kg, Brunei Darussalam 47.0 kg, Cambodia 41.4 kg, China 37.9 kg, Vietnam 34.8 kg, Indonesia 31.8 kg, Philippines 30.2 kg, Sri Lanka 30.1 kg, Bangladesh 21.2 kg, Lao DPR 19.8 kg; With fish also generally representing the major source of animal

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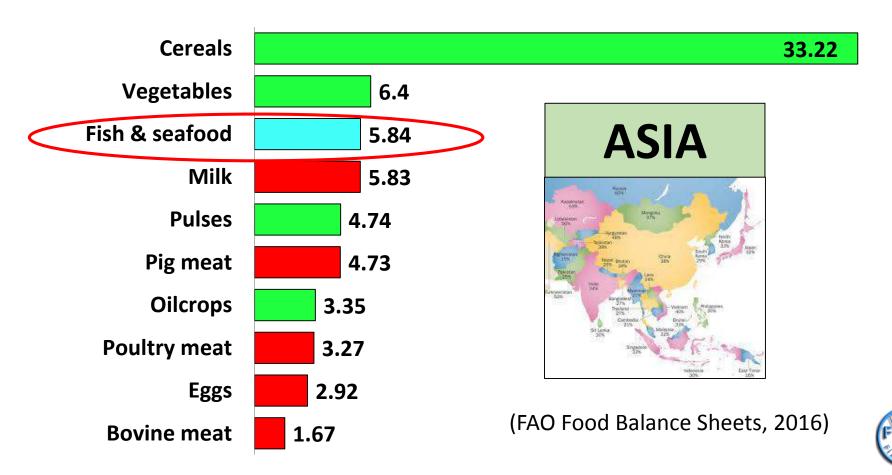
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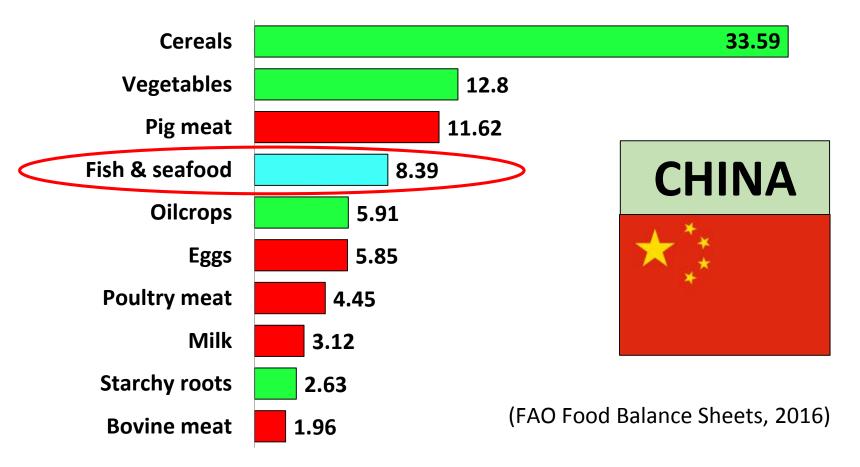




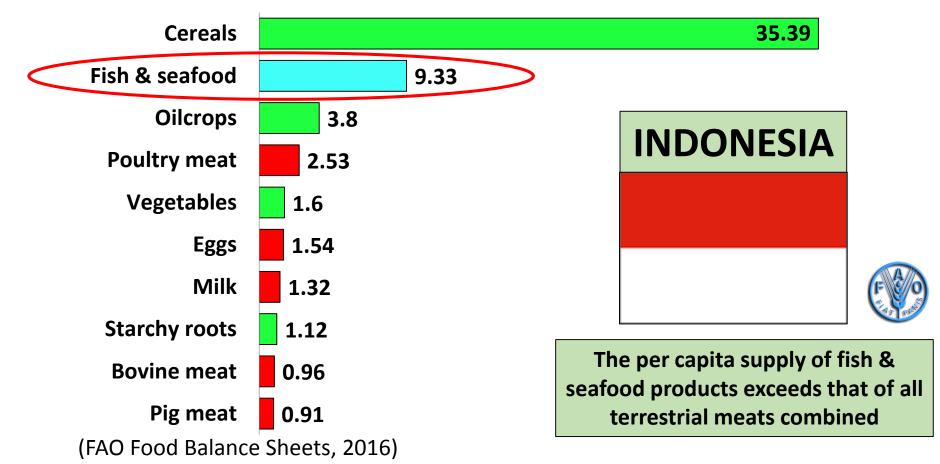




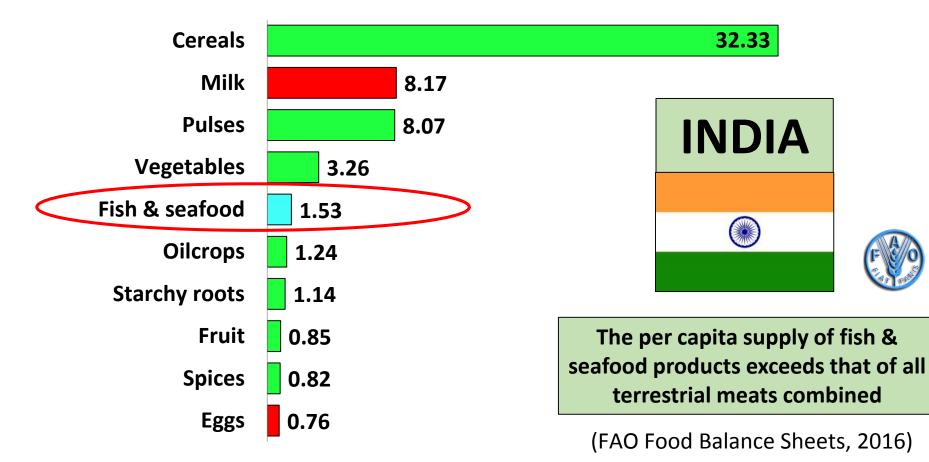




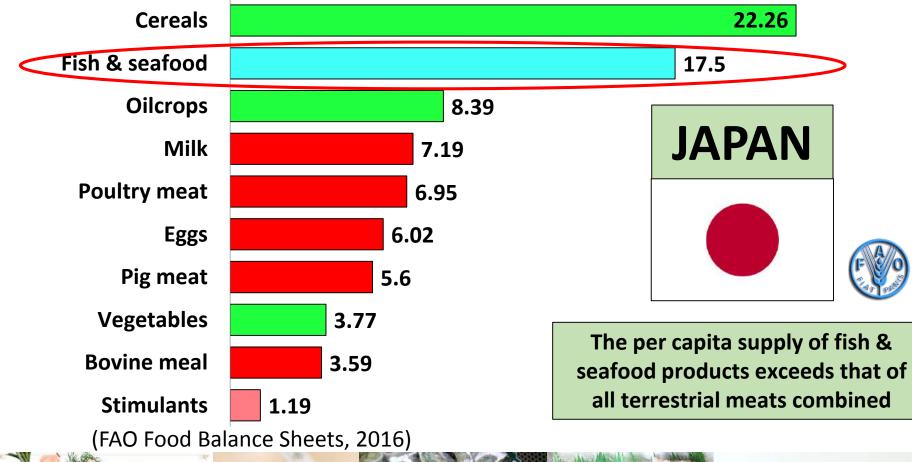




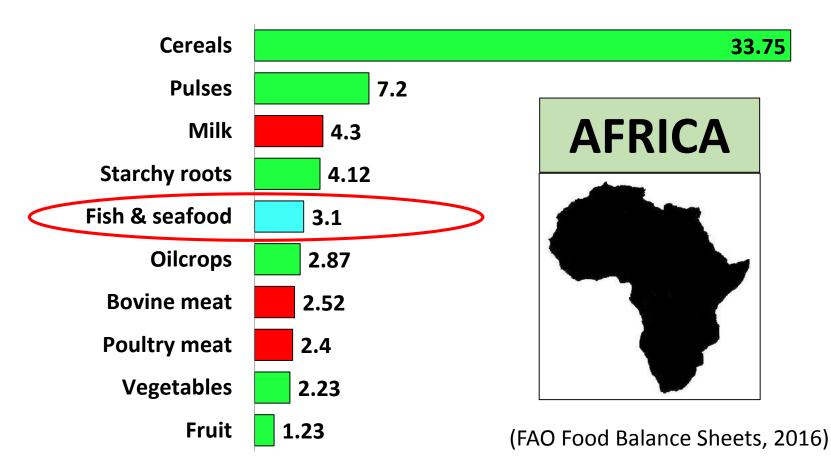






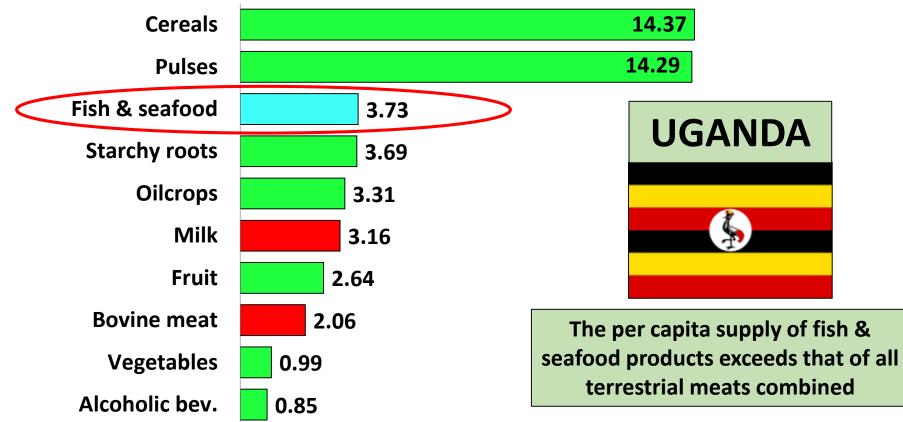






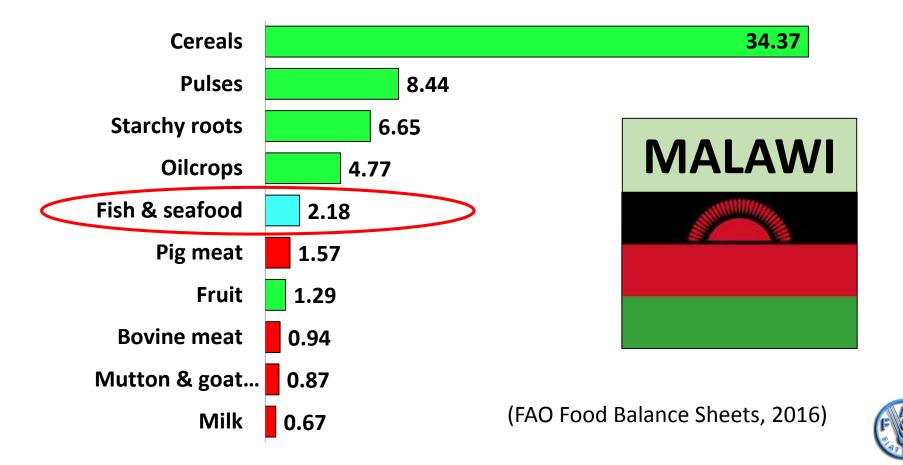




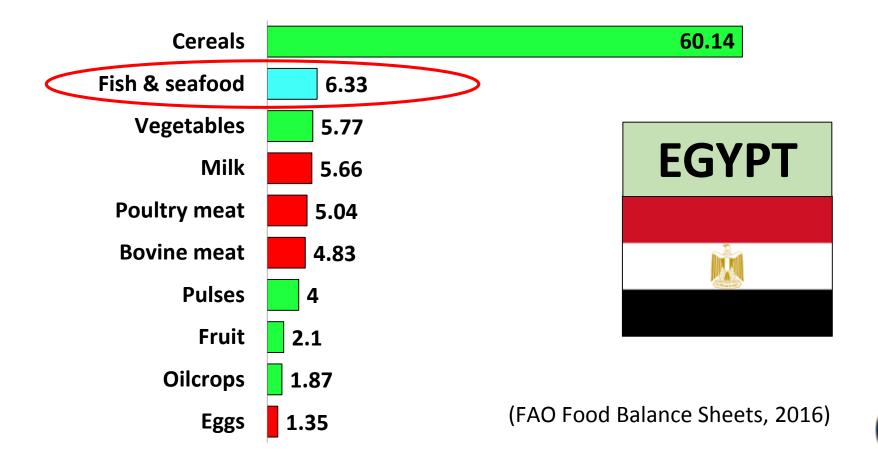


(FAO Food Balance Sheets, 2016)

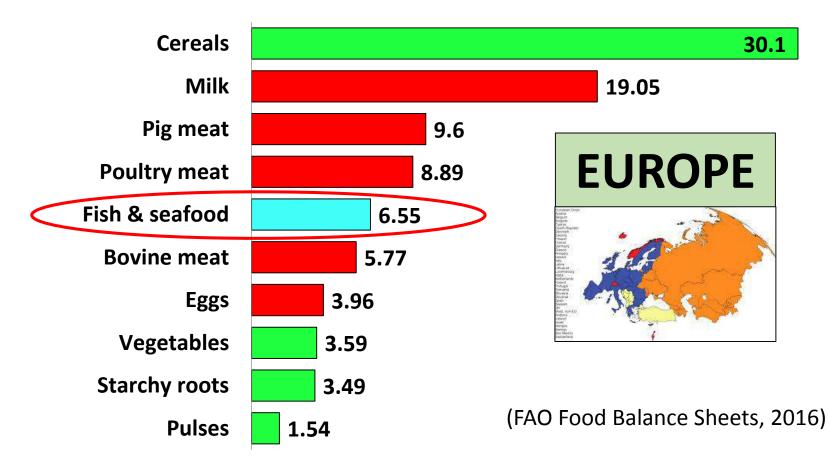






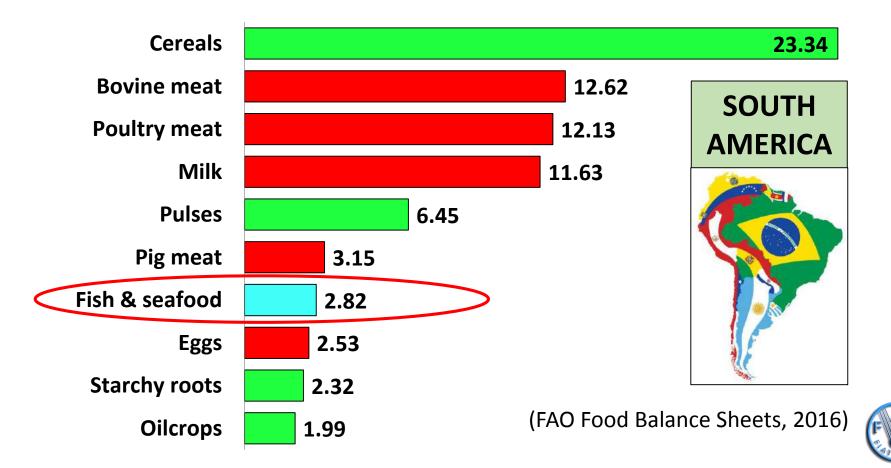




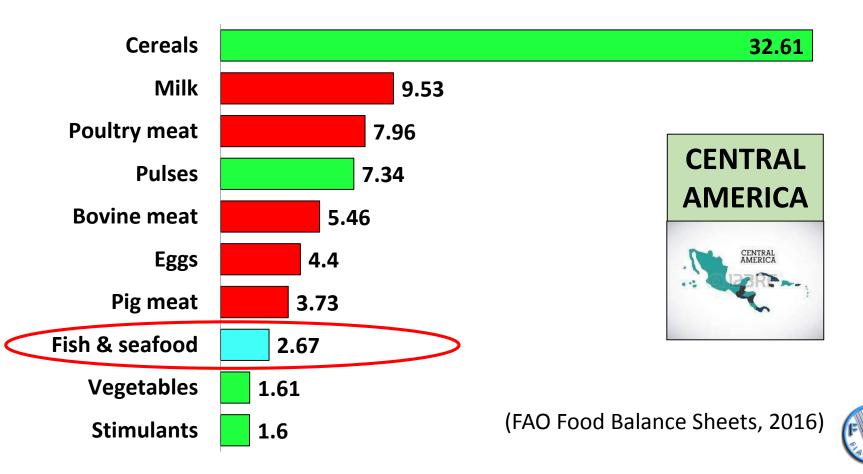




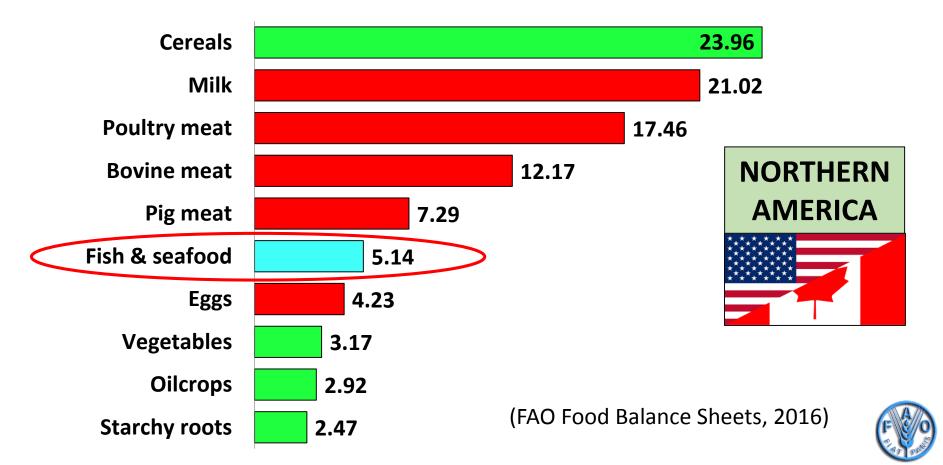




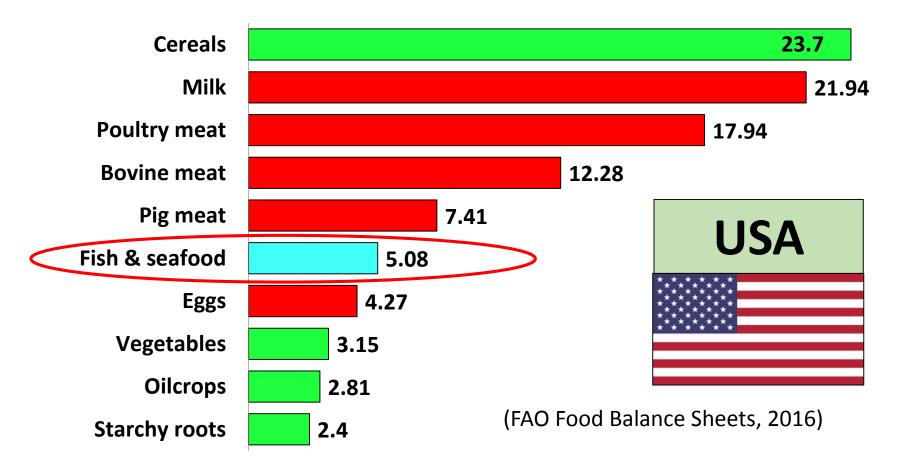














## **Why Fish Matters**

Fish & seafood products represent an important component of the human diet, providing about 3.1 billion people with almost 20% of their average daily animal protein intake, and providing the only natural source of long-chain omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids for direct human consumption (including EPA & DHA)





### **Concluding remarks**



The data clearly show that fish & seafood produce, whether derived from wild capture fisheries or produced through aquaculture, plays a major role as a source of dietary protein & other essential dietary nutrients. On a global basis fish & seafood products constitute the third major source of dietary protein consumed by humans after cereals and milk, representing 6.5% of total protein supply or 16.4% of total animal protein supply.

Moreover, it is also clear that fish & seafood plays a greater role in the nutrition of low-income countries within the African continent (primarily derived from capture fisheries) and within the Asian region in general (primarily derived from aquaculture).



### **Concluding remarks**

Plant & vegetable produce comprise over 90% of the total dietary energy supply within most low-income & lower-income countries, including Nigeria 96.2%, Malawi 94.1%, Indonesia 93.4%, Africa 91.8%, LIFDCs 91.5%, Uganda 91.4%, Egypt 90.6%, India 90.4%;

Sugars & sweeteners contribute over 10% of total dietary energy supply in most high-income countries & regions, including USA 16.3% (63.76 kg per cap per annum), North America 15.9% (62.22 kg), Central America 15.4% (47.7 kg), Oceania 12.4% (46.34 kg), South America 13.5% (42.14 kg), Europe 11.5% (41.75 kg) & Japan 9.3% (27.08 kg).





### **Concluding remarks**

With increasing income there has been shift away from the traditional high-fiber staple food based diet to a Western style diet with increased consumption of cheaper processed & refined foods, animal meats, dairy produce, eggs & refined vegetable oils & sugars;

From a health perspective, it is clear that the excess consumption of these products, in combination with a more sedentary lifestyle, can have a negative effect on human health & an increased risk of coronary heart disease, stroke & diabetes;

However, as in the case of Japan, the high consumption of fish & seafood products in combination with meat products in moderation, coupled with a restricted calorie intake, can have a beneficial effect on health and longevity;



## Per capita food supply in Japan, USA & Brazil in 2013

(FAO Food Balance Sheets, 2016)

	JAPAN	USA	BRAZIL	WORLD
Calories (kcal/day)	2,726	3,682 +++	3,263 ++	2,884
Animal protein (g/day)	48.46	69.78 +++	52.59	32.13
Animal fats (g/day)	33.52	67.67 +++	58.2 ++	37.55
Terrestrial meat (kg/year)	49.45	115.13 +++	97.58 ++	43.22
Fish & seafood (kg/year)	48.9 +++	21.5	10.87	19.7
Aquatic animal fat (g/day)	5.93 +++	1.35	0.55	1.18
Aquatic plants (kg/year)	0.92 +++	0	0	2.04
Fish/seafood (g protein/d)	17.5	5.08	2.88	5.22
Fish/Animal protein (%)	36.3	7.3	5.5	16.2

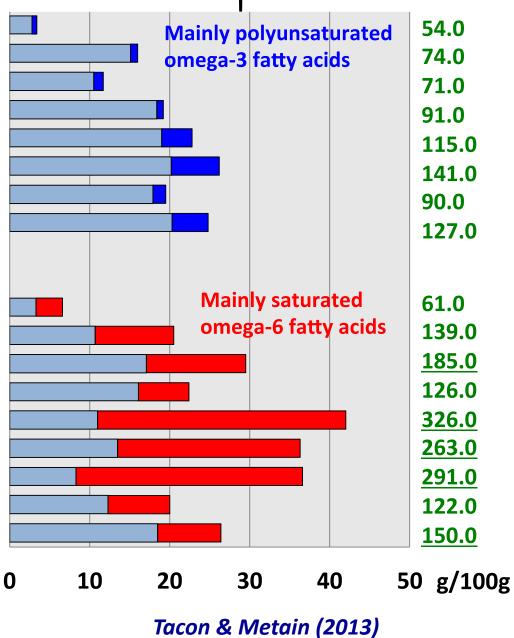








# DIET MATTERS







At present most aquaculture existing certification principles, standards & criteria have focused on management & development of BPs, rather than on increasing overall domestic seafood supply & availability, or addressing food security & poverty alleviation.

For example, Article 2.f CCRF states one of the major objectives of the Code as being `promote the contribution of fisheries to food security & food quality, giving priority to the nutritional needs of local communities'.

Specifically under 9.1.3 & Article 9.1.4 - `States should ensure that the livelihoods of local communities, and their access to fishing grounds, are not negatively affected by aquaculture developments';







## Climate change

Food security & food supply impacts
Aquatic ecosystem impacts
Fisheries & aquaculture impacts

· Poverty, food insecurity & food supply

· Role of fish in global food supply

Impact direction

#### Food security

Fisheries & • Fishing for feed or fishing for food • High trophic level aquaculture

Hunger & malnutrition

aquaculture · Low trophic level aquaculture

### Life Matters: Sustaining our food supply through responsible farming practices



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