

THE ROLE OF SEAFOOD IN THE FIGHT FOR OUR WORLD

Food (including seafood) production contributes to almost 60% of global biodiversity loss and at least 30% of greenhouse gas emissions. Sustainable seafood can play a role in overcoming these challenges.



CO₂

Oceans as a **Climate Change Mitigator** absorb CO₂ and heat generated by human activities.

Healthy Marine Ecosystems which include abundant large marine species such as tuna and whales, means a better potential for **Carbon Storage**.

4 SEAFOOD PRODUCTION IMPACTS

1 Biologically sustainable levels of **Stocks are Reducing**.



Fuel Consumption of Vessels determines the carbon emissions of wild capture fisheries.



2 Annually 20 million animals of endangered marine species are **Impacted as Bycatch and Discards**.

3 Mobile bottom fishing gear **Impacts Organisms, Sediment and Habitats** and reduces their ability to store carbon.



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Negative Impacts of Aquaculture (e.g. fish and shrimp farms) can include pollution, habitat conversion, disease spread and harvesting wild fish to produce feed, if poorly managed.

Amount and Type of Feed determine the carbon emissions of fish farms.

FISH FARM

Aquaculture has become more important for **Global Seafood Production** compared to wild capture fisheries.

1980

Total: 58 million tonnes
Aquaculture 5.2 million tonnes

9%

2030

Total: 204 million tonnes
Aquaculture 109 million tonnes

53%

● Wild capture ● Aquaculture

Compared with some terrestrial animal protein, **Seafood has Relatively Lower Greenhouse Gas Emissions**.



Women make up at least 50% of the Workforce, from fishing and processing to marketing - this work is a vital source of income.



PROCESSING

SUPERMARKET



Allowing fish stocks to recover can bring higher catches which will **Benefit Fishers Through Increased Income**.

DID YOU KNOW THAT GLOBALLY...

3.3 BILLION

people rely on fish as a source of animal protein.

800 MILLION

people depend on fish for food and income.



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