

# 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.

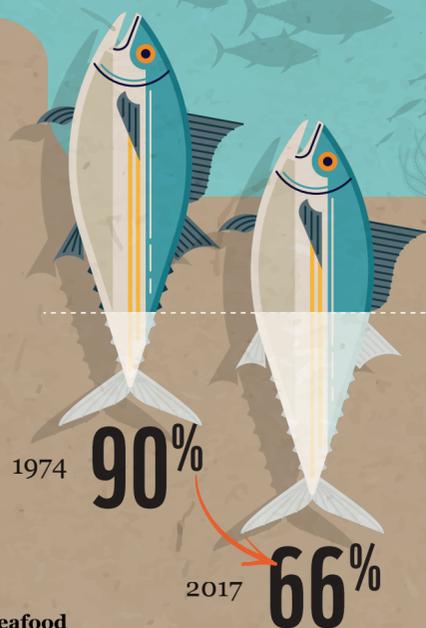


**Oceans as a Climate Change Mitigator** absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and heat generated by human activities.

**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.



**4**

**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.



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



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.



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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