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Unlocking the potential
of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture
in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific

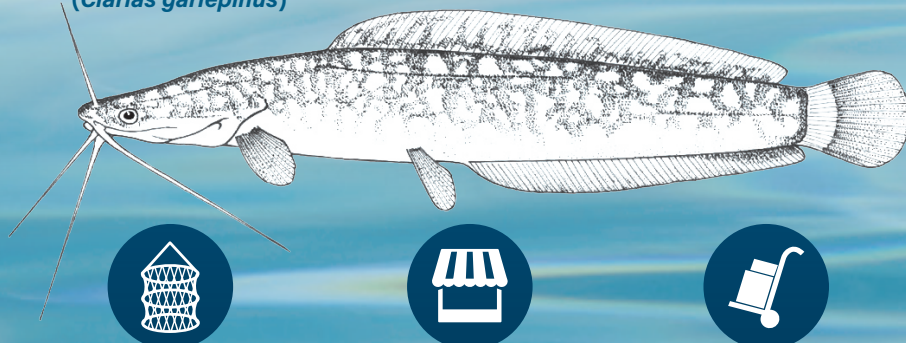
Nigeria

FISH4ACP supports Nigeria's efforts to boost the catfish sector because of its potential to create jobs and business opportunities, in particular for women and youth. FISH4ACP aims to improve access to key export markets, enhance productivity and increase competitiveness.

VALUE CHAIN AT A GLANCE

African catfish

(*Clarias gariepinus*)



PRODUCTION METHOD

farmed
(intensive and
semi-intensive)

VOLUMES *

265 000
tonnes

VALUE *

USD 625
million (est.)

* Primary production

WHAT WE **focus** on

- ➔ **Value chain analysis** to help the catfish sector increase production and improve self-sufficiency.
- ➔ **Create business and employment opportunities**, in particular for women and youth.
- ➔ **Improve training opportunities and working conditions** along the catfish value chain.
- ➔ Make catfish farming **more environmentally sustainable** by reducing its carbon footprint.
- ➔ Help businesses to access **additional sources of finance and investment**.





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Facts & figures

Nigeria's aquaculture production has grown from **22 000** tonnes in 1999 to over **300 000** in 2017.

Catfish represents an estimated **90 percent** of Nigeria's fish farming activities.

Fish makes up over **40%** of Nigeria's protein intake, with per capita fish consumption at **13.3 kg** per year.

The catfish sector supports an estimated **one million** direct and indirect jobs throughout the value chain.

Nigeria is the world's largest producer of African catfish, one of the most commercially important freshwater fish species in Africa. Catfish is the most popular fish on the local market. There is also substantial trade in smoked fish to neighboring countries and to the Nigerian diaspora in the United States, Europe and the Middle East.

Nigeria wants to become more self-sufficient in fish production, as demand for fish significantly exceeds domestic production. It strives to produce safe and certified fish and fishery products for local consumption and international markets.

Nigeria prioritizes aquaculture, because of its potential to create jobs and business opportunities, in particular for women and youth. There's also an increasing awareness of the health benefits of eating fish, actively supported by government through school feeding and entrepreneurship development.

FISH4ACP aims to stimulate Nigeria's catfish sector by supporting initiatives driven by the government and the private sector. Initiatives are aimed at enhancing productivity, increasing domestic production of high-quality feed and seed as well as improving access to exports markets.

Increasing competitiveness, through marketing and product diversification, is also high on the agenda, while special attention will be given to make farming practices more environmentally sustainable.



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