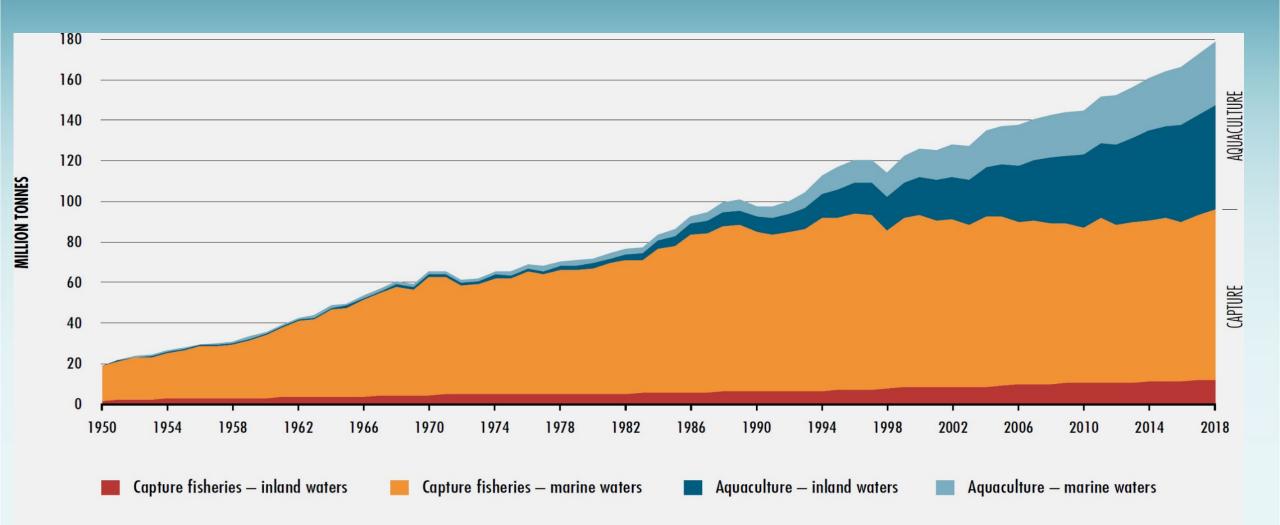


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#### Aquatic Biosecurity A pillar of sustainable aquaculture development

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#### Fish production: hunting and farming



NOTE: Excludes aquatic mammals, crocodiles, alligators and caimans, seaweeds and other aquatic plants. SOURCE: FAO.

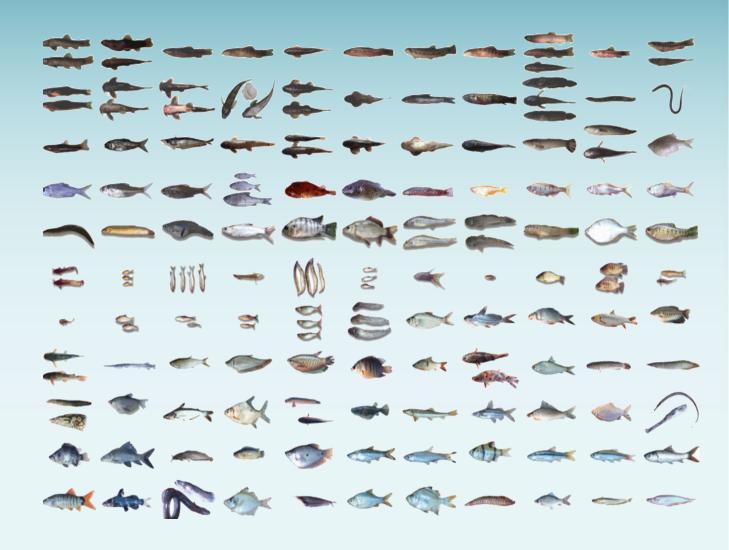
#### **Diversity of aquaculture**

 622 species items listed in FAO Fish Stats

 250 <u>additional</u> species listed through *The State* of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources process







### Projection: expected supply-demand gap

- Demand for fish as food is expected to continue to increase in all regions of the world, as is production, consumption and trade
- Aquaculture production is anticipated to fill the supply-demand gap
- This calls for more research and development efforts to be directed at aquaculture





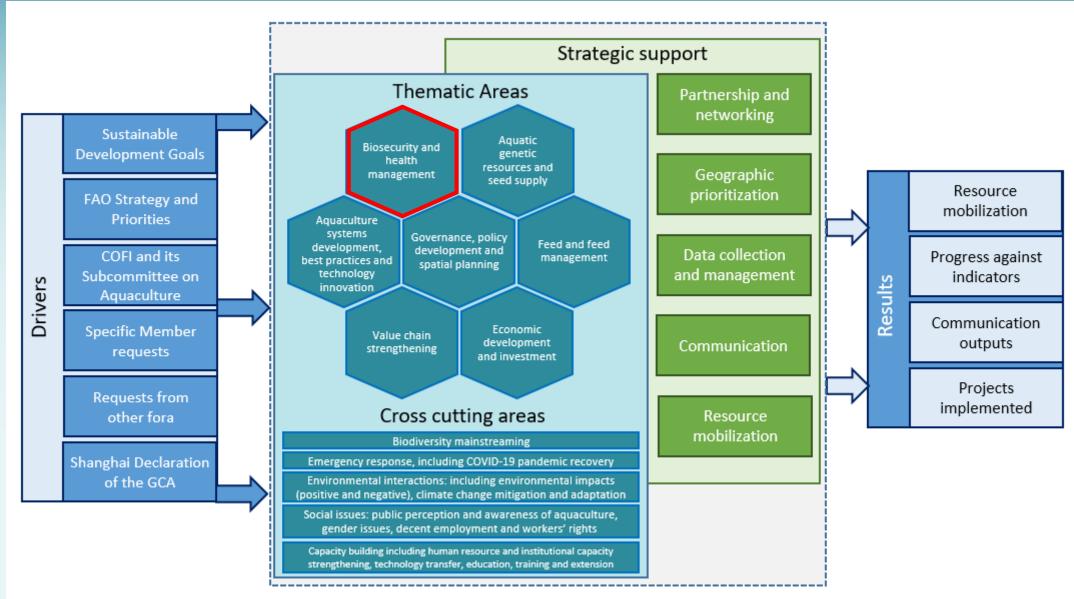
### **COFI** initiatives raising aquaculture profile

- establish a COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture - 2001
- change the name of FAO's "Fisheries Department" into "Fisheries and Aquaculture Department" - 2007
- convene major Global Conferences on Aquaculture with NACA - 2000, 2010 and 2020
- call by Members for a Global Integrated Sustainable Aquaculture Programme (GISAP)





#### Global Integrated Sustainable Aquaculture Programme (GISAP)



## Aquatic biosecurity high on COFI agenda

- The COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture "welcomed the work on the Progressive Management Pathway for Aquaculture Biosecurity"
- explicit call for resource mobilization towards this component of the GISAP
- specific request for the formation of an FAO Technical Working Group
- Scope: Aquatic animals and plants





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Understanding diseases and control in seaweed farming in Zanzibar



- Aquaculture projected to fill supply-demand gap for aquatic products
- COFI Members calling for a Global Integrated Sustainable Aquaculture Programme (GISAP)
- Aquatic Biosecurity will be a pillar of GISAP

# Thank you!