

# Turning the Tide: Impacts of Environmental Change on Aquatic Food Security and Nutrition

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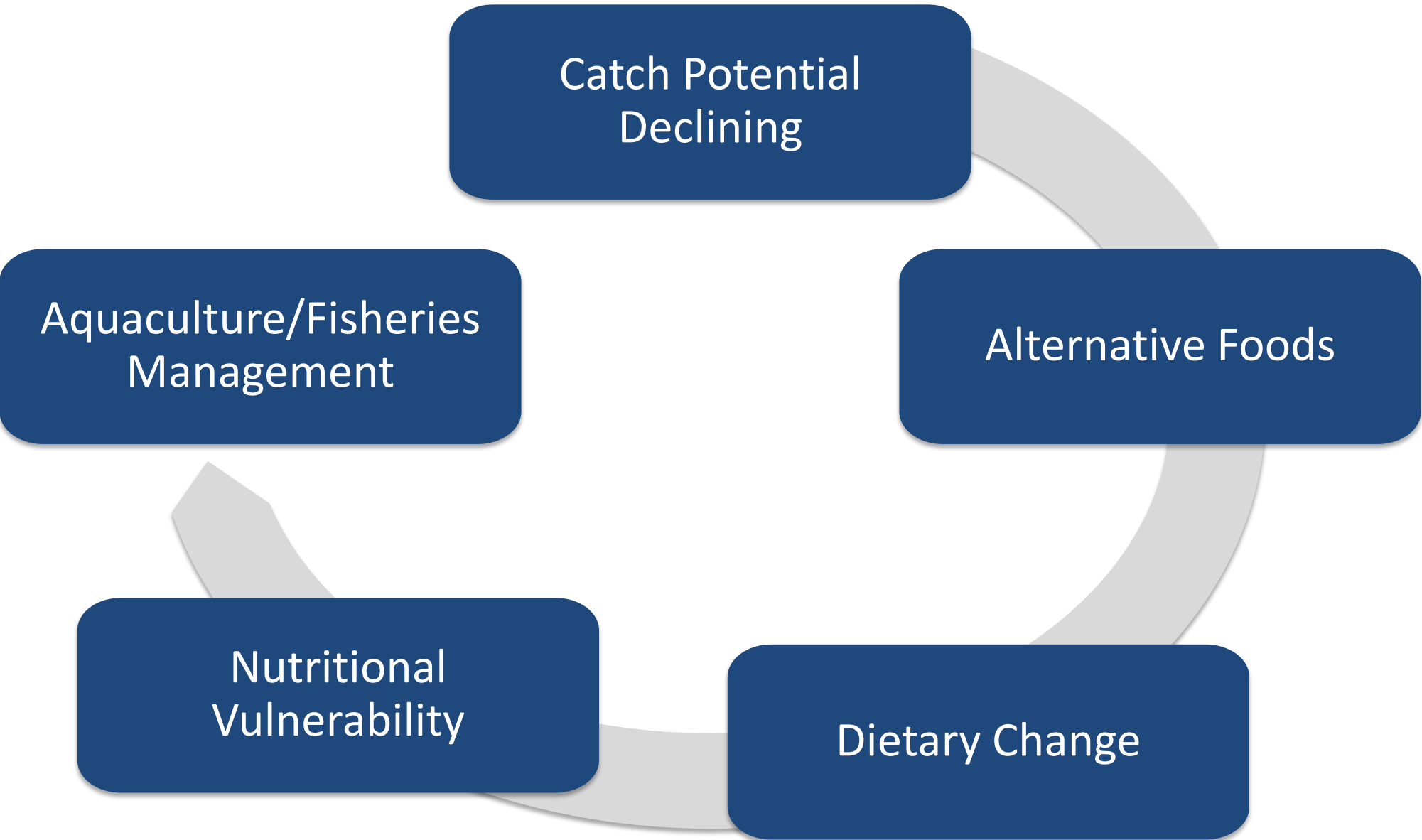

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# ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AS PUBLIC HEALTH RISK







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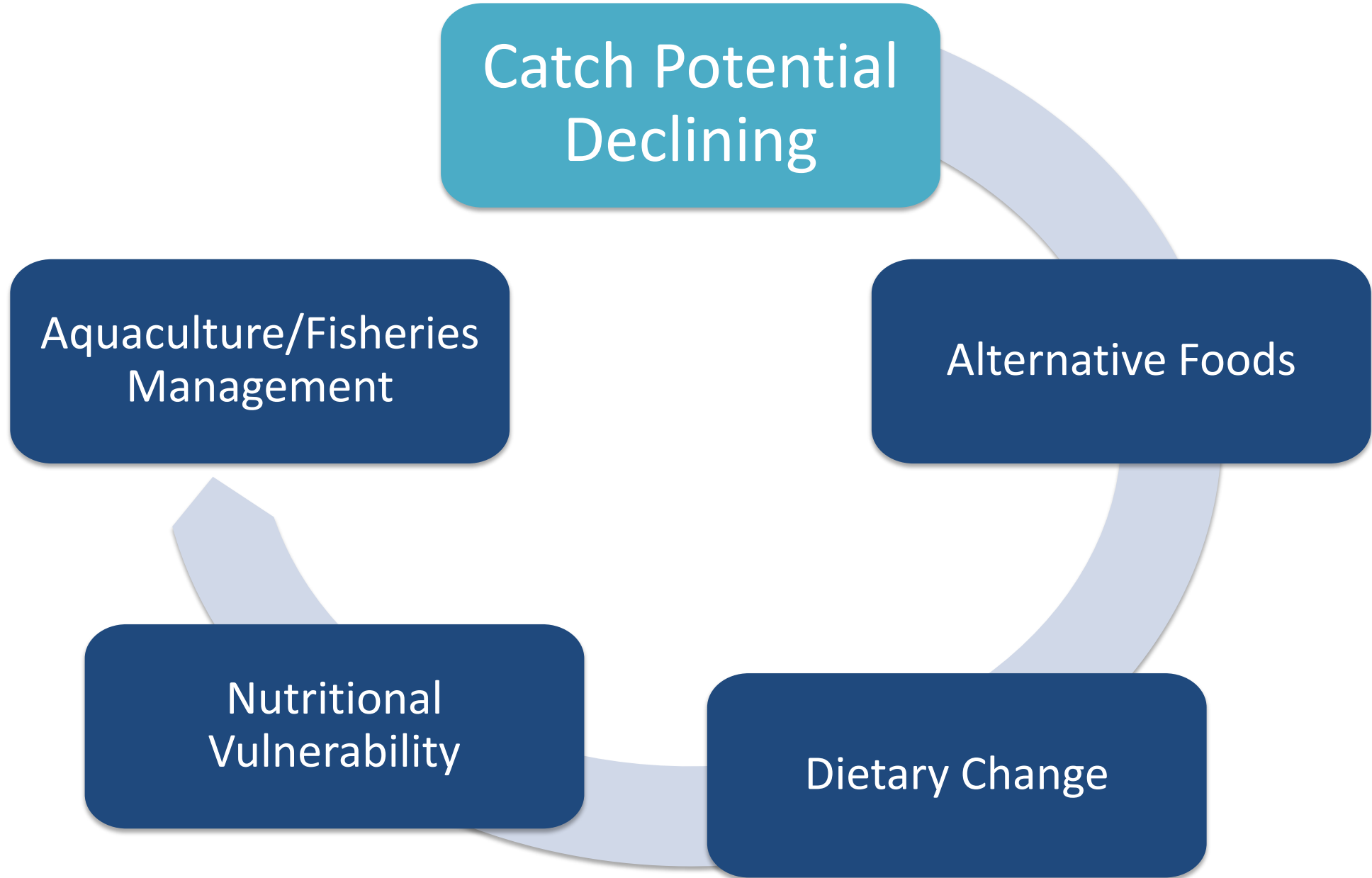
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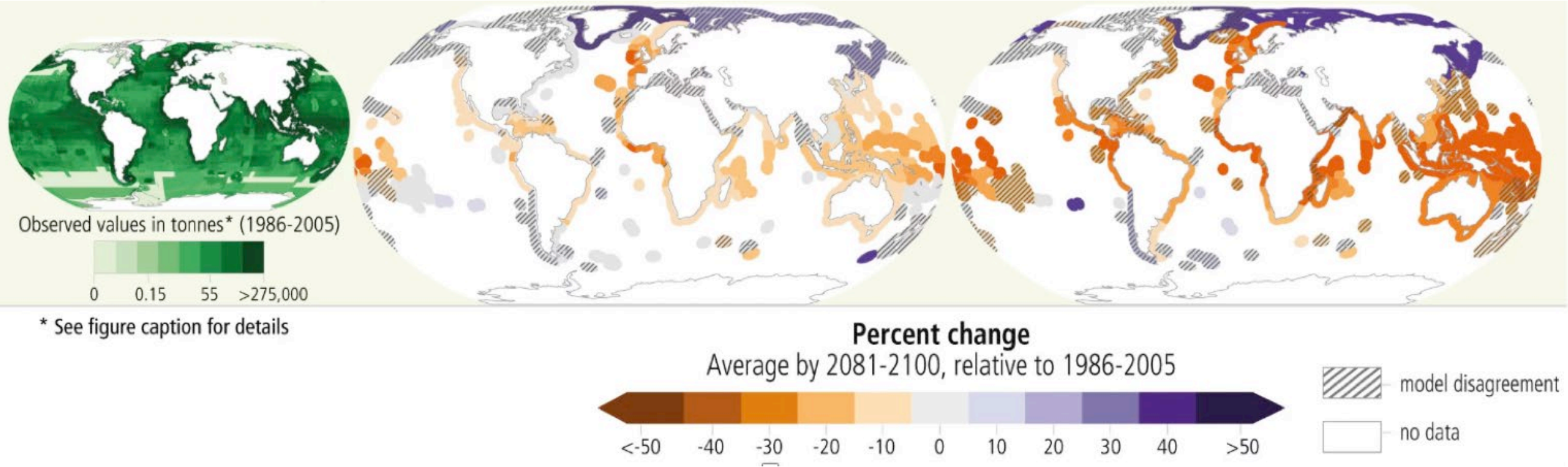
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# PROJECTED CHANGES IN MAXIMUM FISHERIES CATCH POTENTIAL



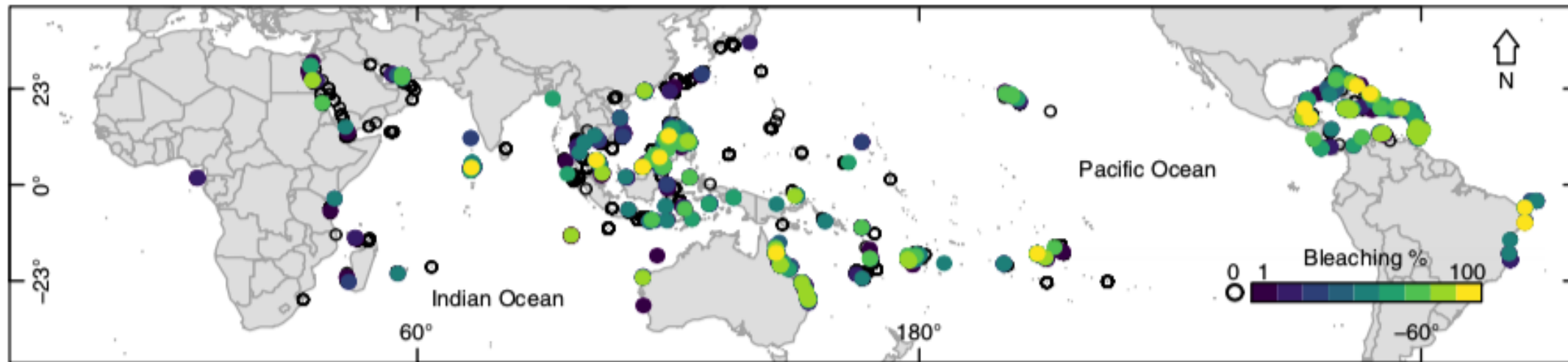
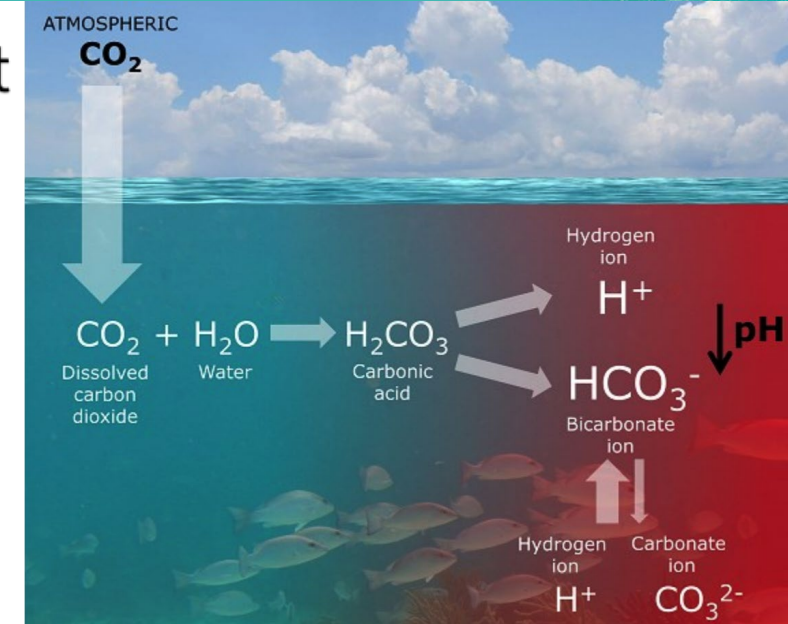


# OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS TO FISHERY PRODUCTION AND CATCH



## A global analysis of coral bleaching over the past two decades

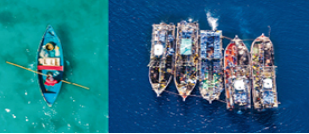
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**Fig. 1** Coral bleaching distribution. Prevalence of coral bleaching presented as a percentage of the coral assemblage that bleached at survey, measured at 3351 sites in 81 countries, from 1998 to 2017. White circles indicate no bleaching. Colored circles indicate 1% bleaching (blue) through 100% bleaching (yellow)

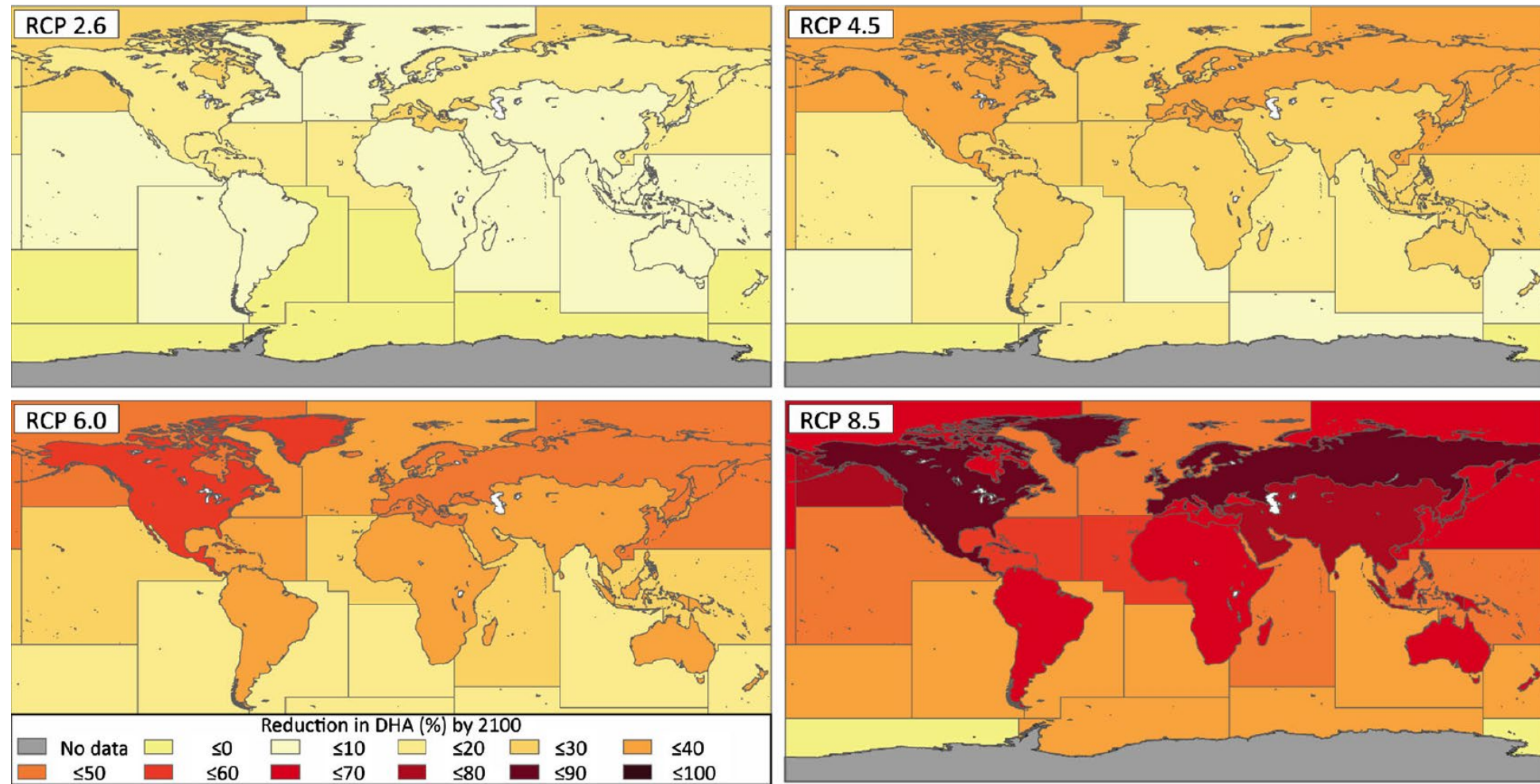


# OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS TO FISHERY PRODUCTION AND CATCH



## Projected declines in global DHA availability for human consumption as a result of global warming

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# WHY IS FISH NUTRITIONALLY IMPORTANT?

## KEY NUTRIENTS IN SEAFOOD:



### **Long chain omega-3 fats**

Mainly found in fish and seafood, these fatty acids are essential for optimal brain development.



### **Iodine**

Seafood is in practice the only natural source of this crucial nutrient. Iodine serves several purposes like aiding thyroid function. It is also essential for neurodevelopment.



### **Vitamin D**

Another nutrient crucial for mental development, this vitamin also regulates the immune system function and is essential for bone health.



### **Iron**

During pregnancy, iron intake is crucial so that the mother can produce additional blood for herself and the baby.



### **Calcium, zinc, other minerals**

Diets without dairy products often lack calcium, and zinc deficiency slows a child's development.





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# THREE TYPOLOGIES OF NUTRITIONAL IMPACTS



Unaffected  
wealthy nations



Increasing  
undernutrition



Acceleration of  
nutrition transition

# Nutritional Vulnerability

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# HOTSPOTS OF NUTRITIONAL VULNERABILITY

## Nutrition: Fall in fish catch threatens human health

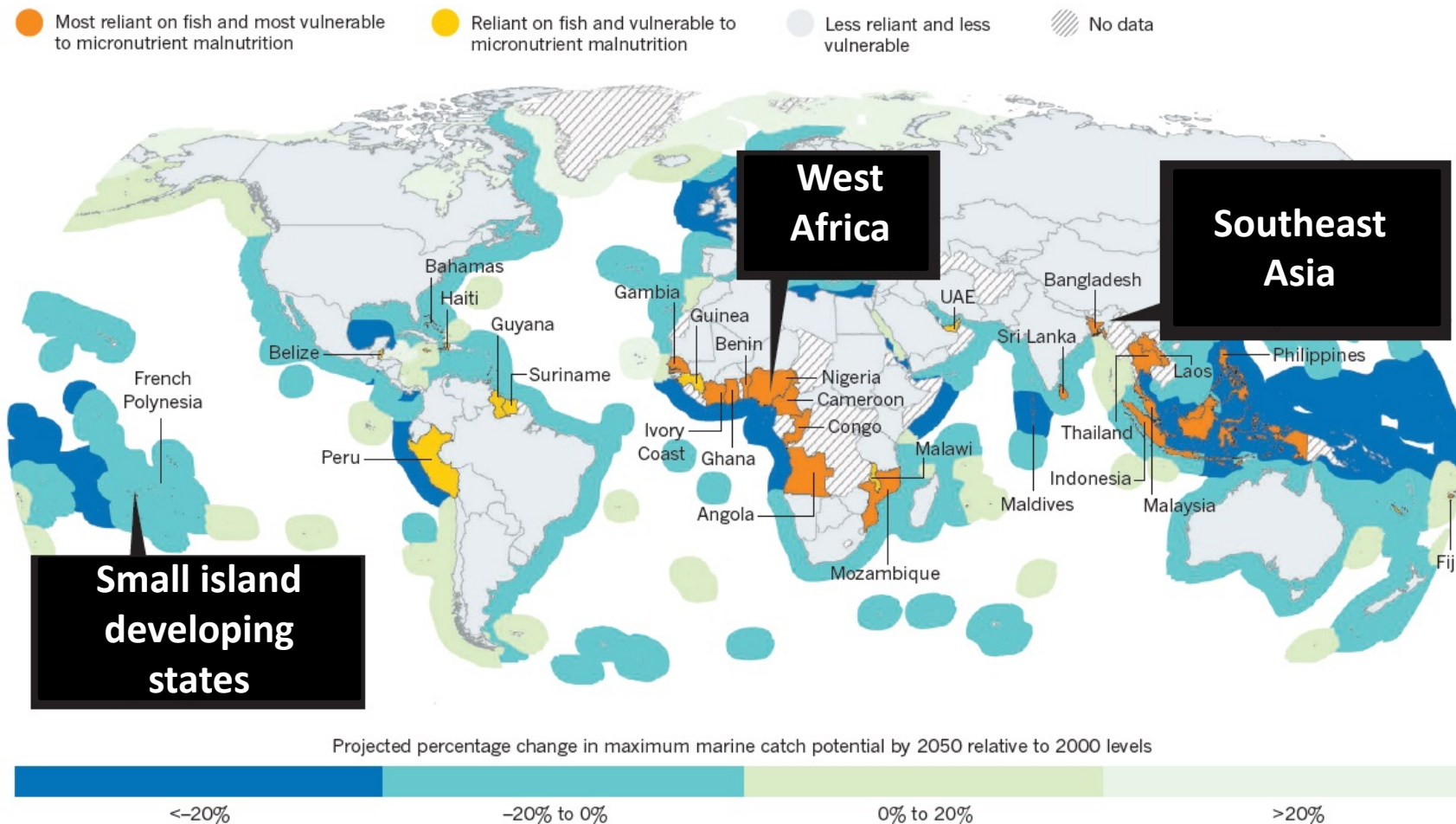
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### TROUBLED WATERS

In the low-latitude developing nations, human nutrition is most dependent on wild fish, and fisheries are most at risk from illegal fishing, weak governance, poor knowledge of stock status, population pressures and climate change. These countries urgently need effective strategies for marine conservation and fisheries management to rebuild stocks for nutritional security.





# Aquaculture/ Fisheries Management

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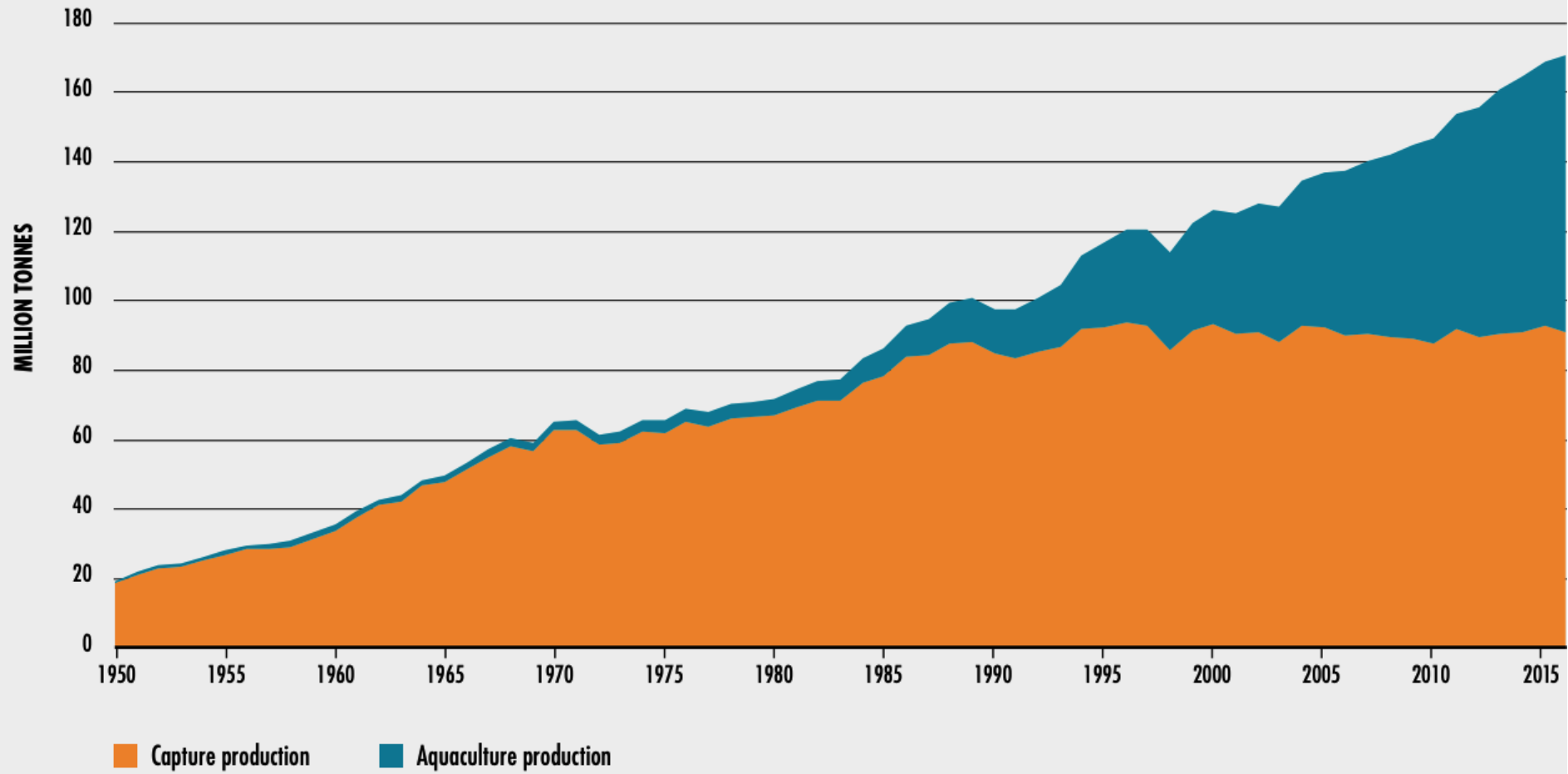
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# MARINE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT FOR NUTRITION



## WORLD CAPTURE FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION



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

# TRENDS IN GLOBAL SEAFOOD CONSUMPTION

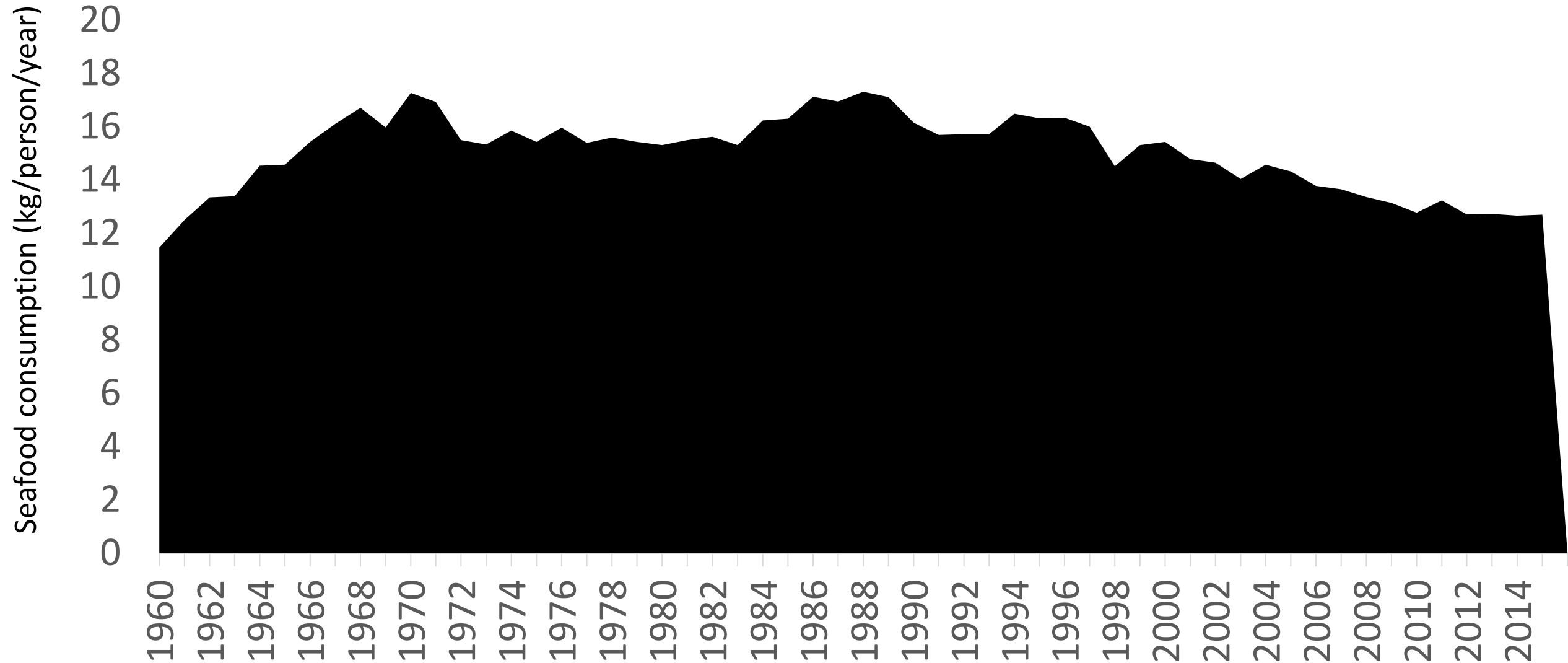




# WITHOUT AQUACULTURE, CONSUMPTION IS DECLINING



Global per capita capture seafood consumption



# NUTRITION-SENSITIVE AQUACULTURE IS NEEDED



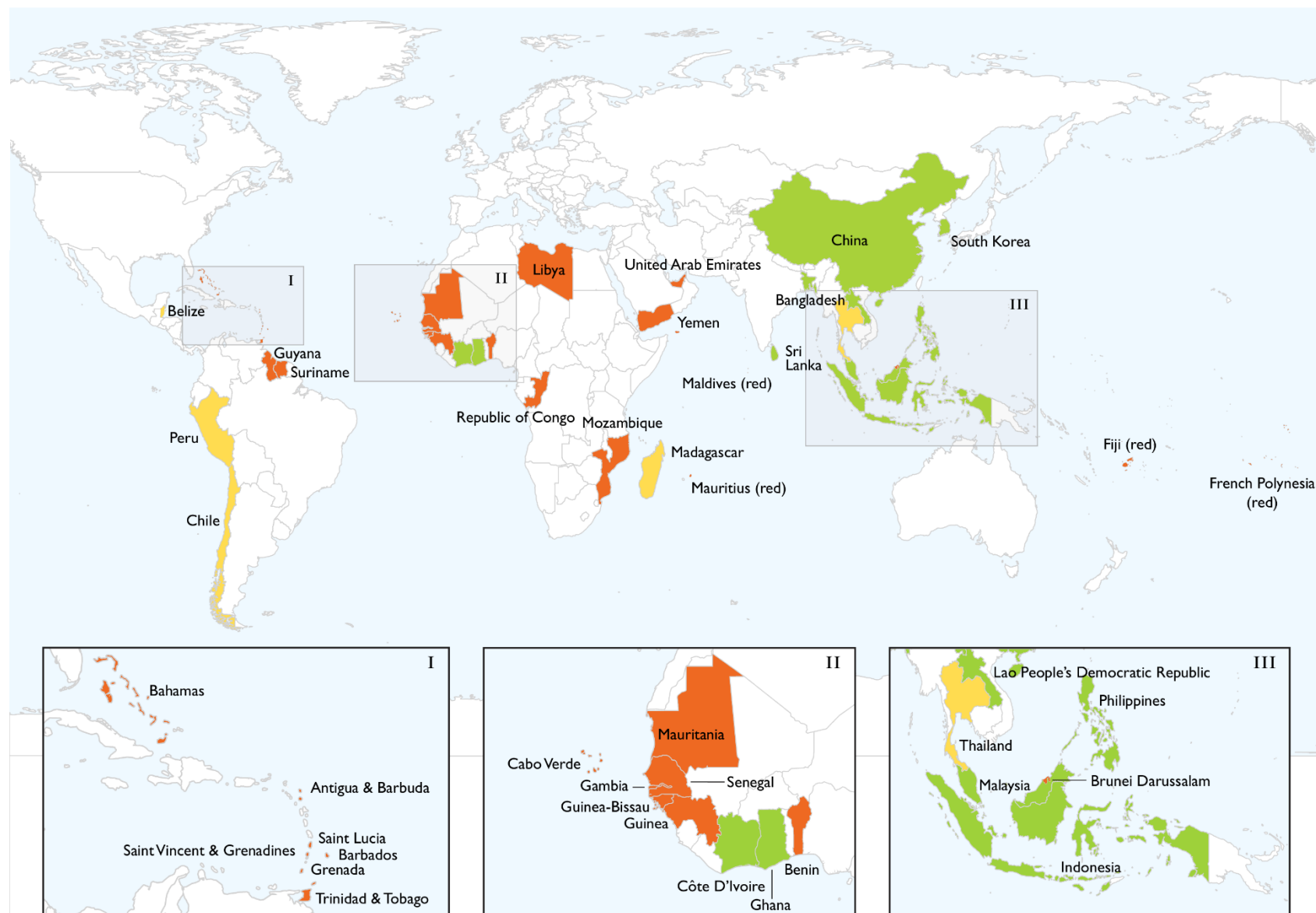
## Does Aquaculture Support the Needs of Nutritionally Vulnerable Nations?

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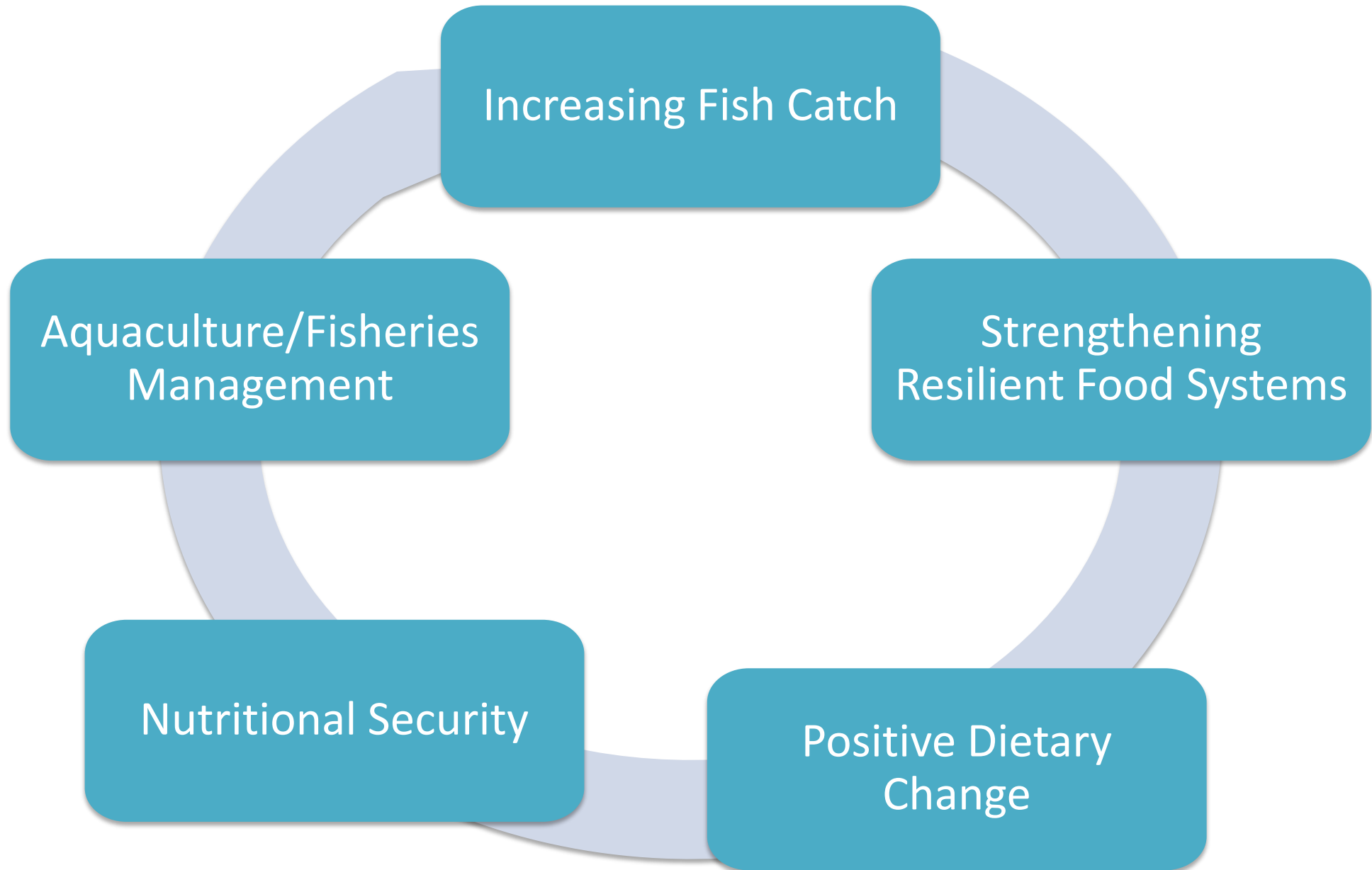
Type: Produce little or no aquaculture  
Likelihood to benefit nutrition: Most unlikely

Type: Export-oriented aquaculture  
Likelihood to benefit nutrition: Unlikely

Type: Domestic-oriented aquaculture  
Likelihood to benefit nutrition: Possible



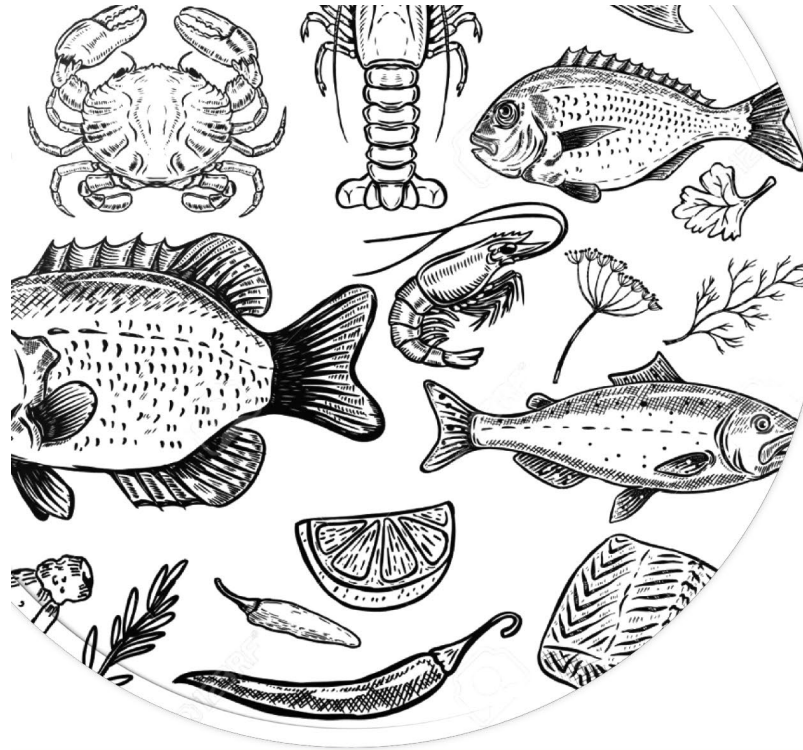






## Food in the Anthropocene: the EAT-Lancet Commission on healthy diets from sustainable food systems

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## The Blue Food Assessment

- Putting aquatic production at the heart of global food systems



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