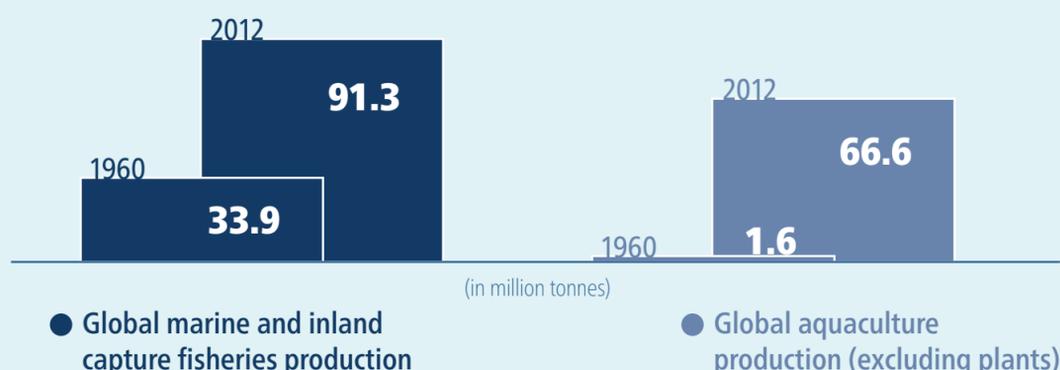


THE STATE OF WORLD FISHERIES and AQUACULTURE

People have never consumed so much fish or depended so greatly on the sector for their well-being as they do today

PRODUCTION

World fisheries produced 158 million tonnes of fish in 2012

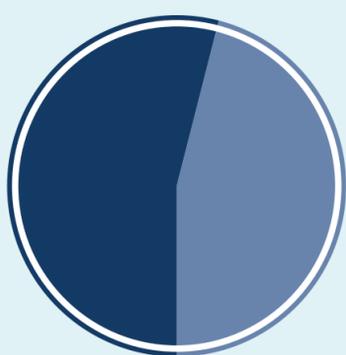


TRADE

Fish is among the world's most traded food commodities

Worth almost US\$130 billion (2012)

Developing economies account for **54%** of total fishery exports by value



Developed economies account for **46%** of total fishery exports by value

FISH STOCKS

71% of the commercially important marine fish stocks monitored by FAO are fished within biologically sustainable levels (2011)



CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION

The amount of fish that people are eating continues to rise.

Fish makes up **17%** of the global population's intake of **animal protein**, and provides **essential nutrients, vitamins and omega-3 fatty acids**.



FISH BY-PRODUCTS

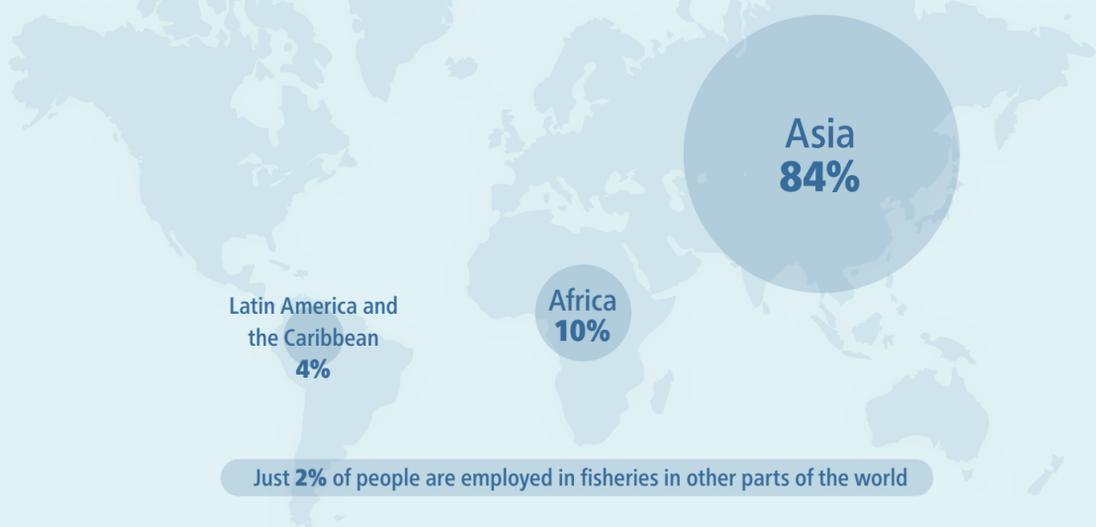
Just some of their many uses



LIVELIHOODS

10-12% of the world's population depends on fisheries and aquaculture for their livelihoods

Regional breakdown of employment in the sector



The total number of fishing vessels in the world was estimated to be about **4.7 million** in 2012



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