

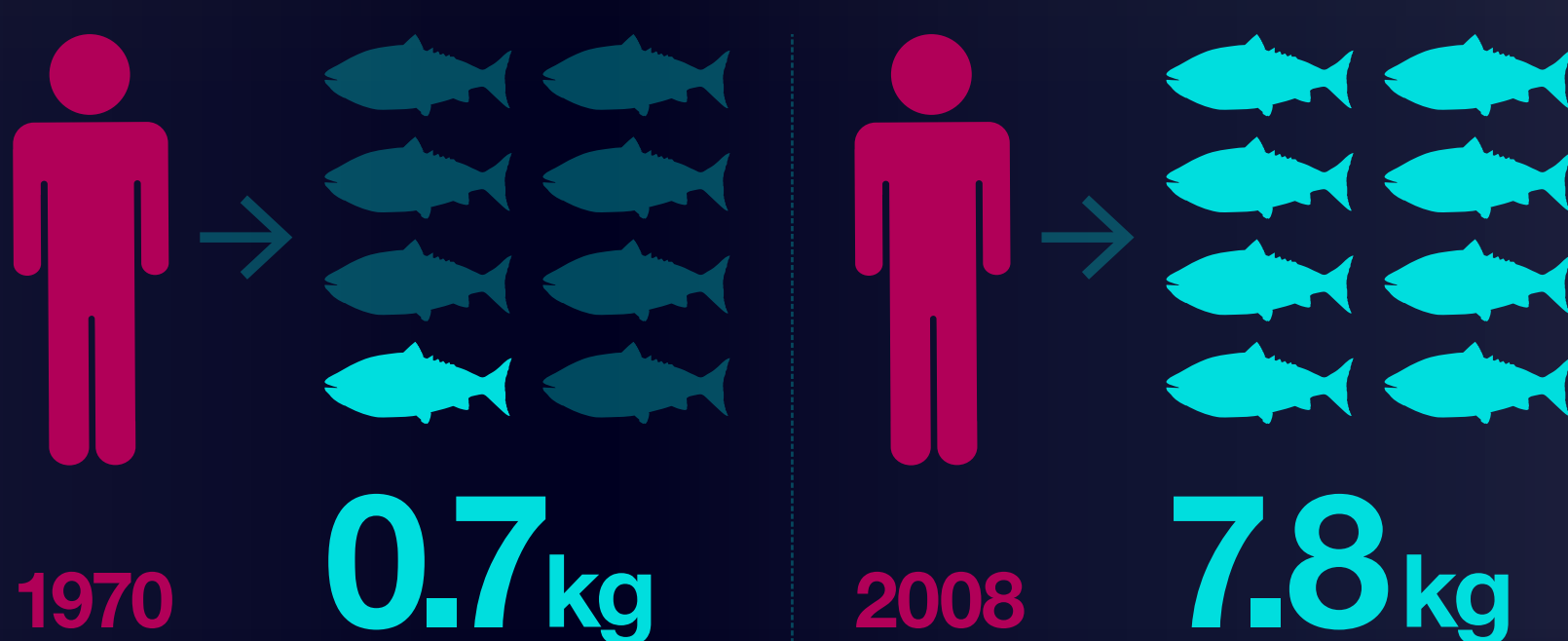
# Why is Mariculture Becoming Increasingly Important?

Although aquaculture is the fastest-growing animal-food production sector in the world, only 17% of the global yield comes from the ocean (mariculture).

Currently, over 1 billion people are dependent upon fish as their daily source of protein. As the population continues to grow, it becomes increasingly important to implement sustainable mariculture.

## Fish and Seafood Farming is the Fastest Growing Animal-Food Production Sector

The per-capita supply of fish and seafood increased from less than 1kg in 1970 to almost 8kg in 2008.



## 1 in 7 People

Over a Billion People Rely on Fish or Seafood as a Daily Source of Protein

Approximately Half of All Farm-Raised Fish and Seafood For Direct Consumption by People Comes from Mariculture

## 46%

of All Fish and Seafood for Direct Human Consumption is Farm-Raised

## 17%

is Provided by Mariculture

## A Small Number of Countries Are Responsible for Almost All Mariculture Production

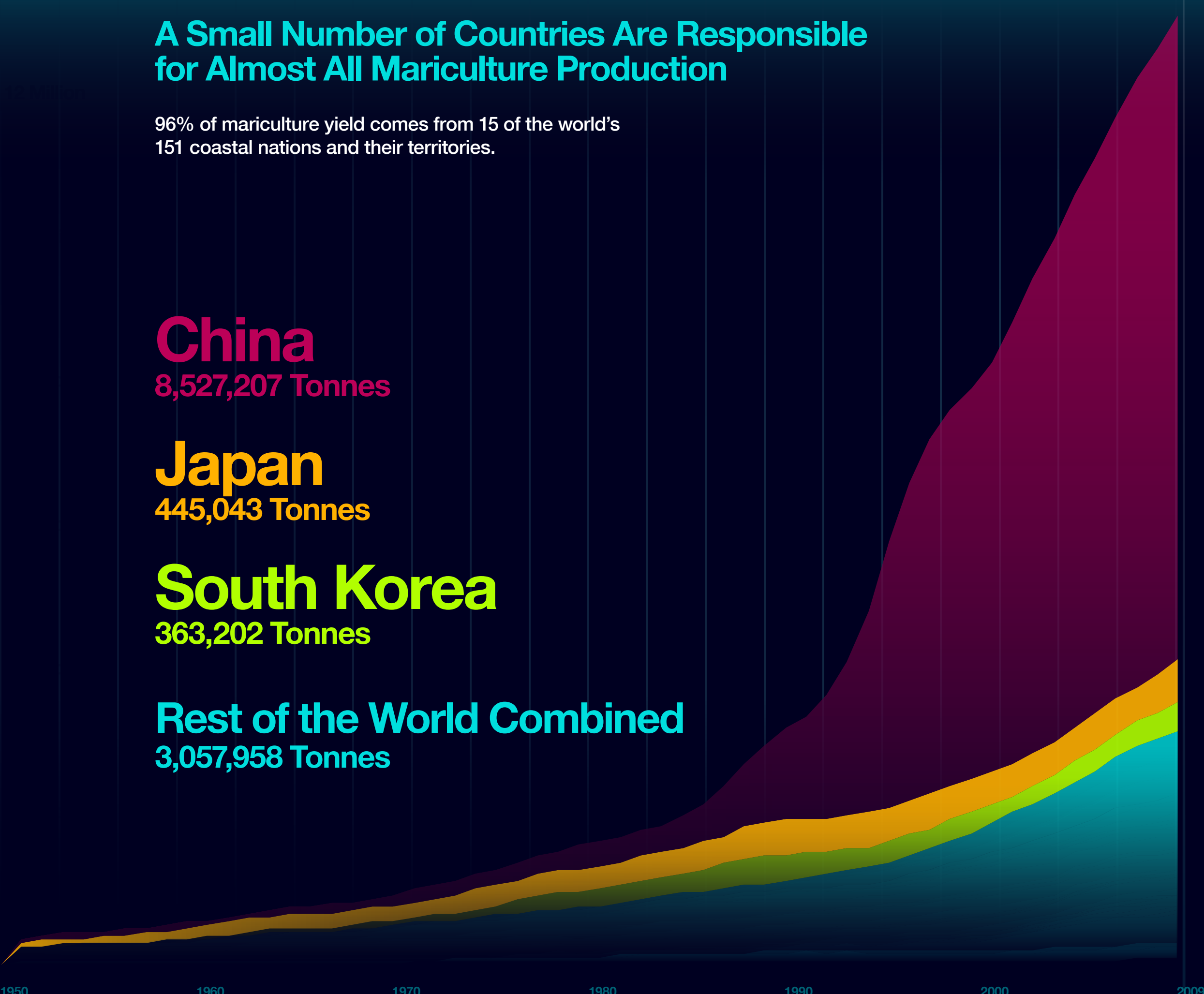
96% of mariculture yield comes from 15 of the world's 151 coastal nations and their territories.

**China**  
8,527,207 Tonnes

**Japan**  
445,043 Tonnes

**South Korea**  
363,202 Tonnes

**Rest of the World Combined**  
3,057,958 Tonnes



SOURCE:

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