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

The per-capita supply of fish and seafood increased from 0.7 kg in 1970 to 7.8 kg in 2008.

Why is Mariculture Becoming Increasingly Important?

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 181 coastal nations and their territories.

China
8,227,207 Tonnes

Japan
445,043 Tonnes

South Korea
363,202 Tonnes

Rest of the World Combined
3,057,958 Tonnes

Although aquaculture is the fastest growing animal-food-related sector in a very rapidly growing global food production system, the relative importance of farmed fish and seafood is still modest compared with wild-harvested fish.

Currently, over 1 billion people are dependent upon fish as their daily source of protein, and this number is expected to continue to grow. Mariculture has a significant role to play in ensuring sustainable production.