



AQUACULTURE BREEDING AND ETHICS


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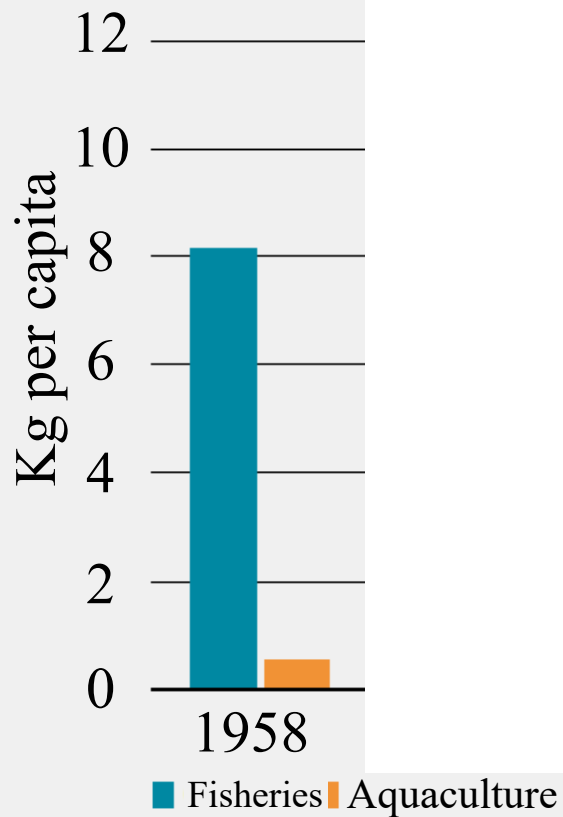
Common carp aquaculture in Neolithic China dates back 8,000 years

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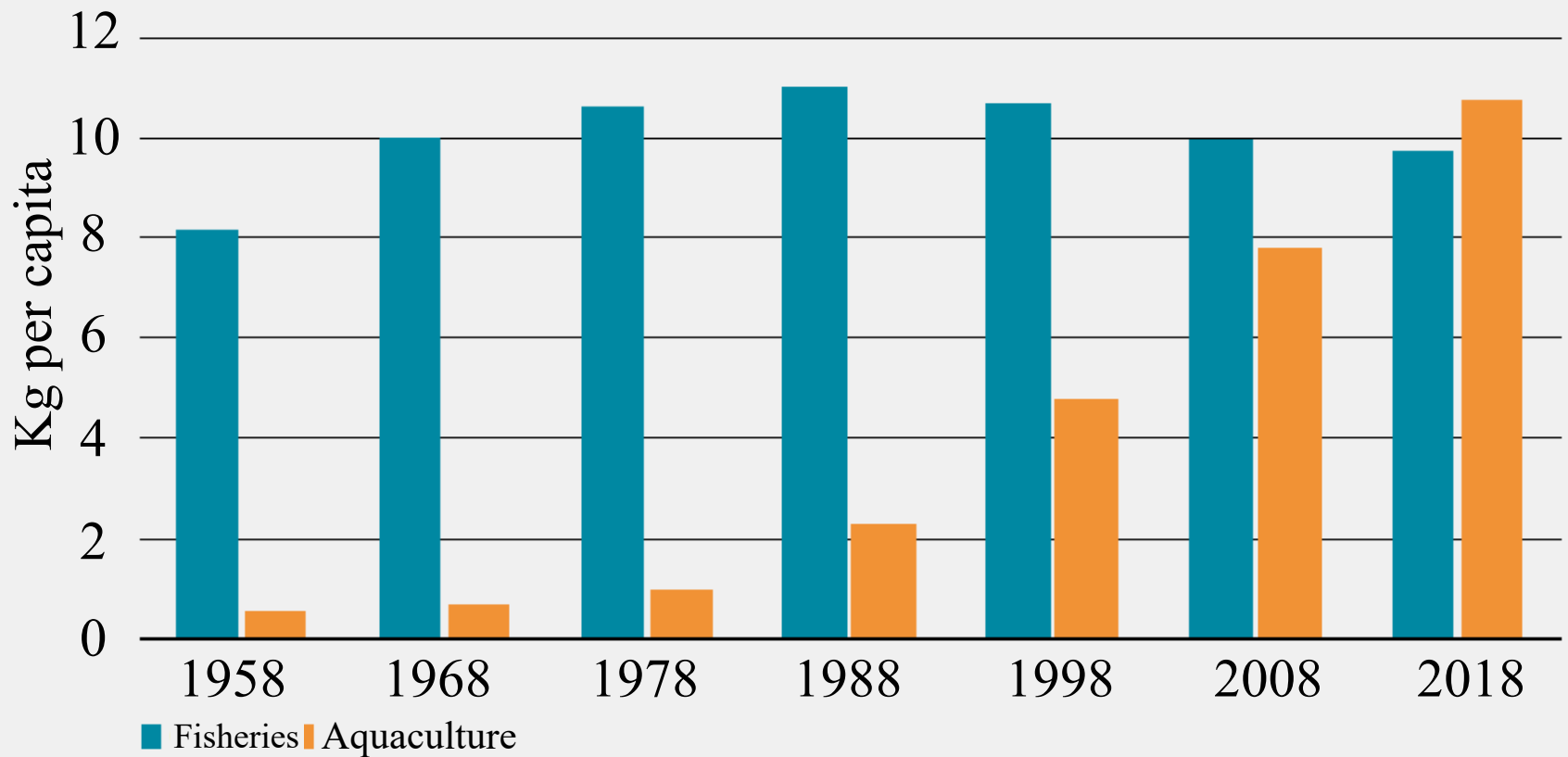
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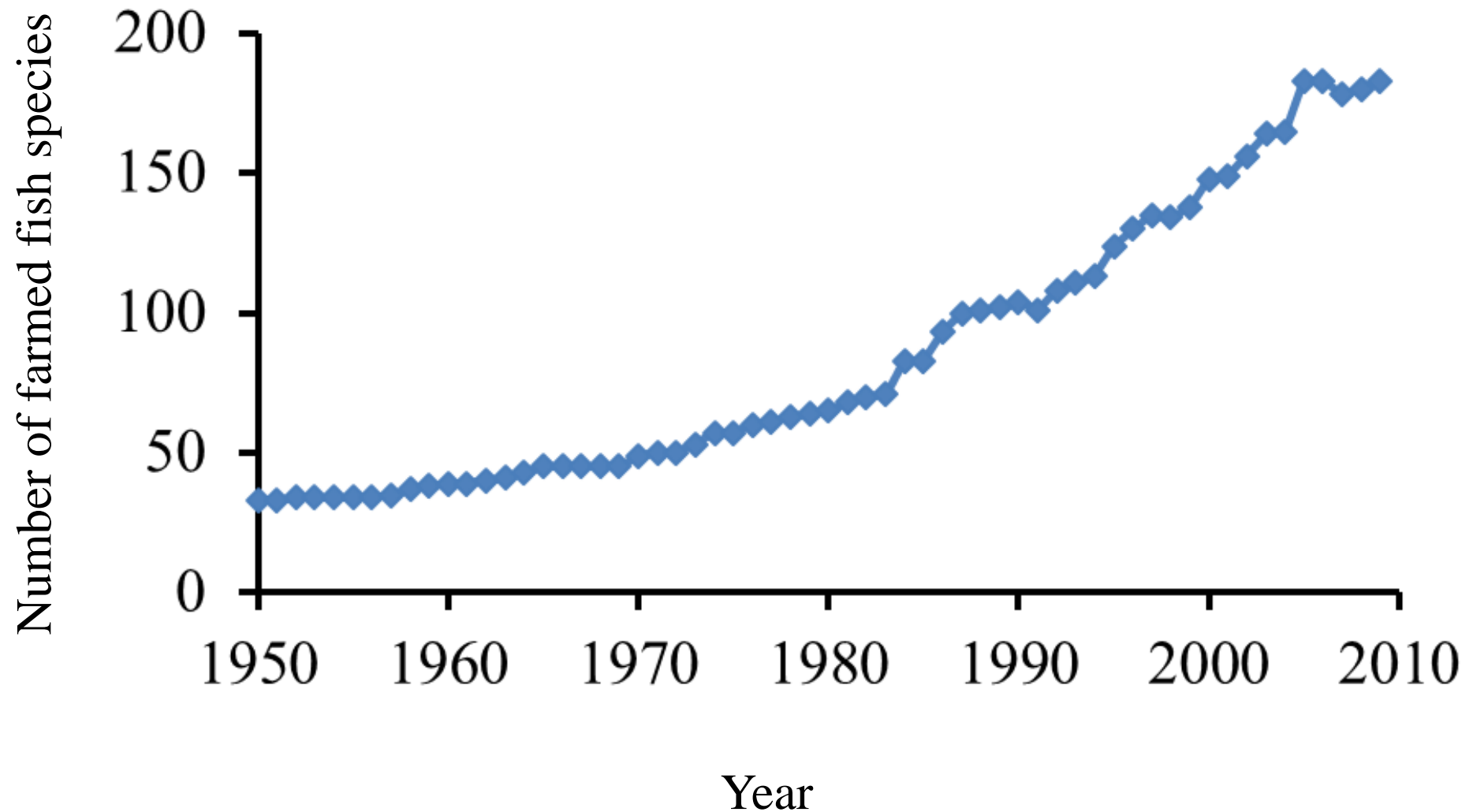
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Introduction



Fisheries vs Aquaculture ?

FISHERIES



WILD

AQUACULTURE



DOMESTICATED

Fisheries vs Aquaculture ?

FISHERIES



WILD

AQUACULTURE



Authors	Number
Balon (2004)	2
Duarte et al. (2007)	251
Bilio (2008)	42

A continuum...

FISHERIES

AQUACULTURE



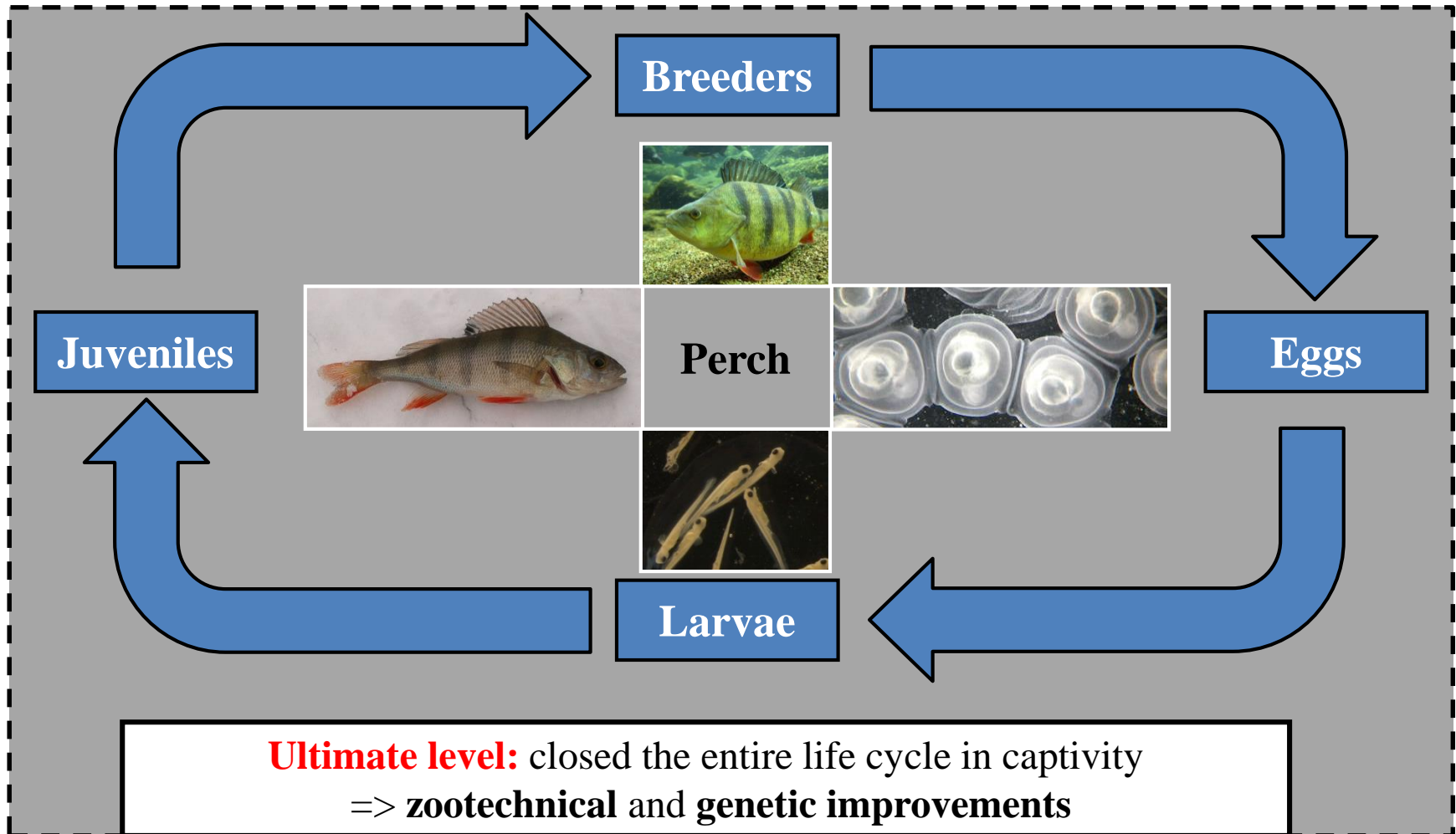
Strong diversity of production modes
Continuum FISHERIES => AQUACULTURE

« **Wild** » and « **domesticated** » represent the extremes of a process and not a simple dichotomy

... so different domestication levels

Not speak about domesticated fish but level of domestication

1. Independence from wild supplies
2. Control over the entire life cycle



Five levels of domestication

Level	Description
0	Capture fisheries

L0 => Capture of wild fish / No control over the life cycle



Five levels of domestication

Level	Description
1	First trials of acclimatization to the culture environment
0	Capture fisheries

L1 => Few information in the literature / < 5 continuous years of farming in the FAO database

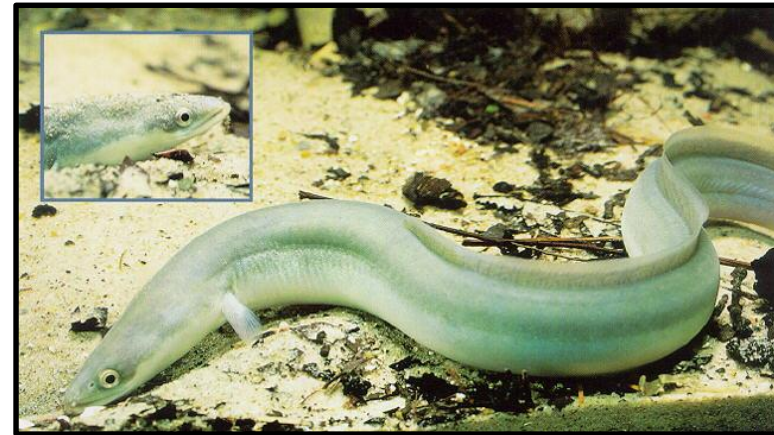
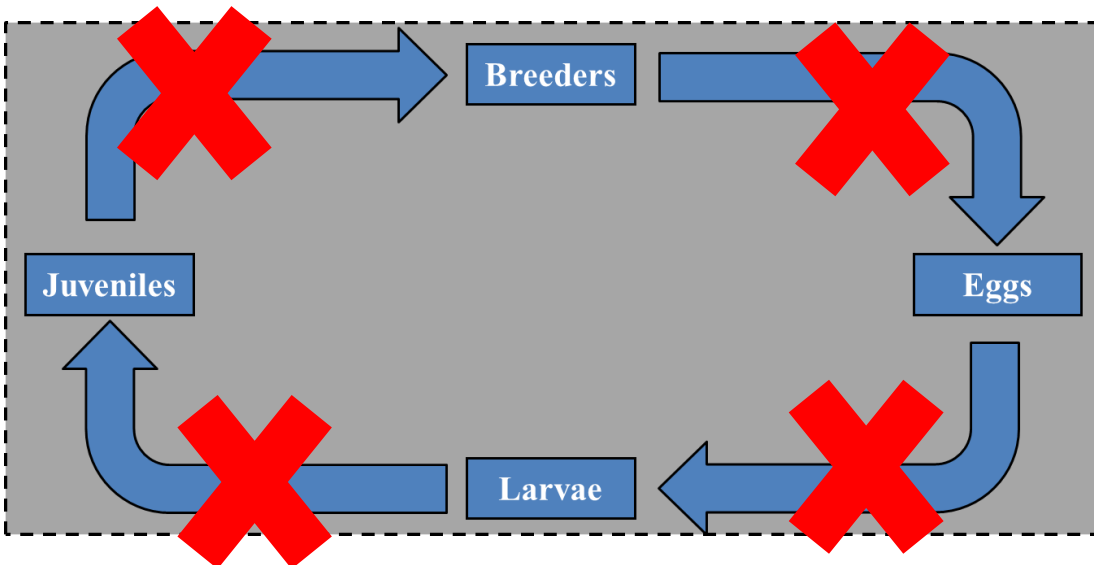


Silver bream (*Blicca bjoerkna*)

Five levels of domestication

Level	Description
2	Part of the life cycle closed in captivity: several key bottlenecks
1	First trials of acclimatization to the culture environment
0	Capture fisheries

L2 => Only part of the life cycle is controlled / « *Capture-based aquaculture* »

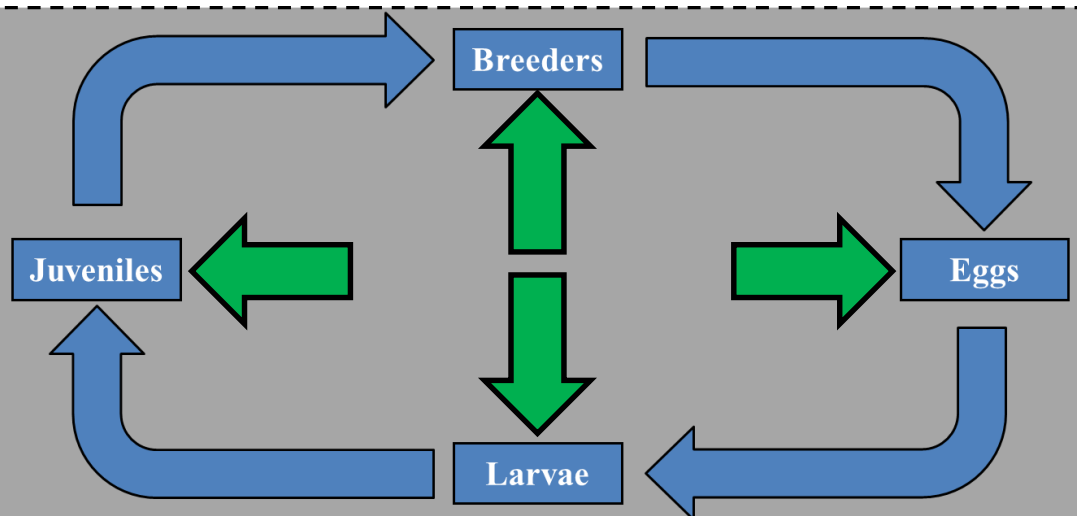


European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*)

Five levels of domestication

Level	Description
3	Entire life cycle closed in captivity with wild inputs
2	Part of the life cycle closed in captivity: several key bottlenecks
1	First trials of acclimatization to the culture environment
0	Capture fisheries

L3 => Maintain the genetic diversity / Conservation biology - aquariology

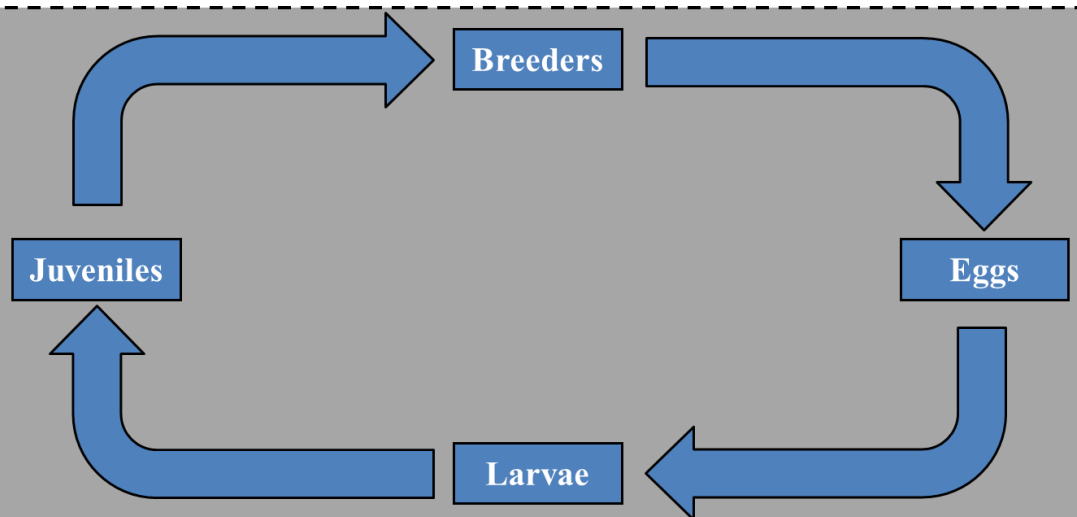


Roach (*Rutilus rutilus*)

Five levels of domestication

Level	Description
4	Entire life cycle closed in captivity without wild inputs but no selective breeding program
3	Entire life cycle closed in captivity with wild inputs
2	Part of the life cycle closed in captivity: several key bottlenecks
1	First trials of acclimatization to the culture environment
0	Capture fisheries

L4 => Changes due to domestication / no active selection



Eurasian perch (*Perca fluviatilis*)

Five levels of domestication

Level	Description
5	Selective breeding programs focusing on specific goals (growth rate, fillet yield...)
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L5 => Active selection focusing on specific goals / Not the entire production at level 5



Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*)

Five levels of domestication

In Europe => inland aquaculture

Common carp
(*Cyprinus carpio*)



Rainbow trout
(*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)



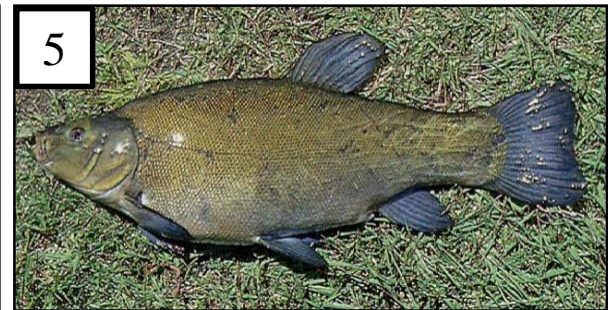
Eurasian perch
(*Perca fluviatilis*)



Pikeperch
(*Sander lucioperca*)



Tench
(*Tinca tinca*)



Current production

Developing production

Five levels of domestication

In Europe => marine aquaculture

Atlantic salmon

(*Salmo salar*)



Sea bass

(*Dicentrarchus labrax*)



Gilthead seabream

(*Sparus aurata*)



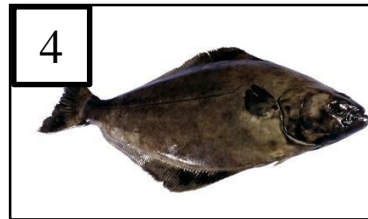
Atlantic cod

(*Gadus morhua*)



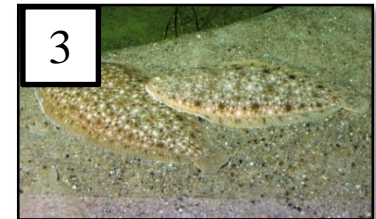
Atlantic halibut

(*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*)



Soles

(*Solea solea* / *senegalensis*)



Meagre

(*Argyrosomus regius*)



Sparids

(*Diplodus puntazzo*)



Atlantic bluefin tuna

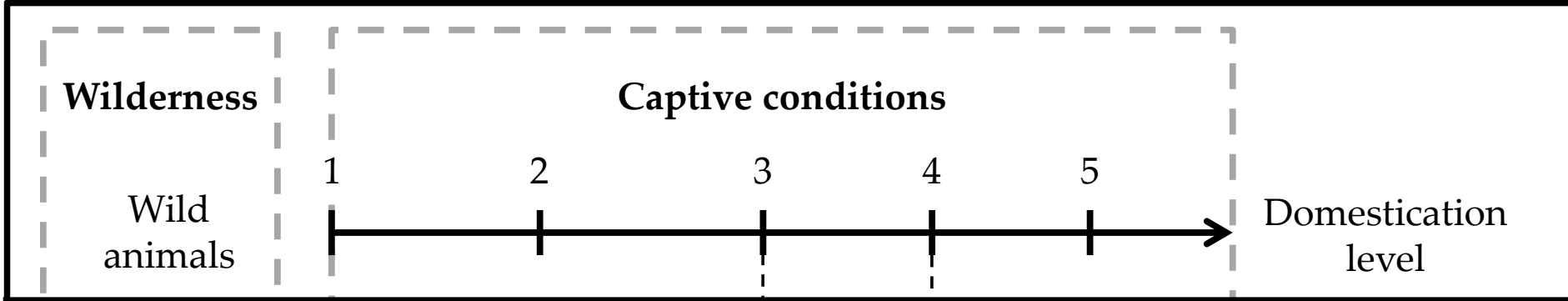
(*Thunnus thynnus*)



Current production

Developing production

Five genetic processes



Inbreeding and genetic drift (uncontrolled)

Due to the limited size of the population and produce random changes in gene frequencies

Natural selection in captivity (partially controlled)

Selection imposed on captive populations that cannot be ascribed to active selection

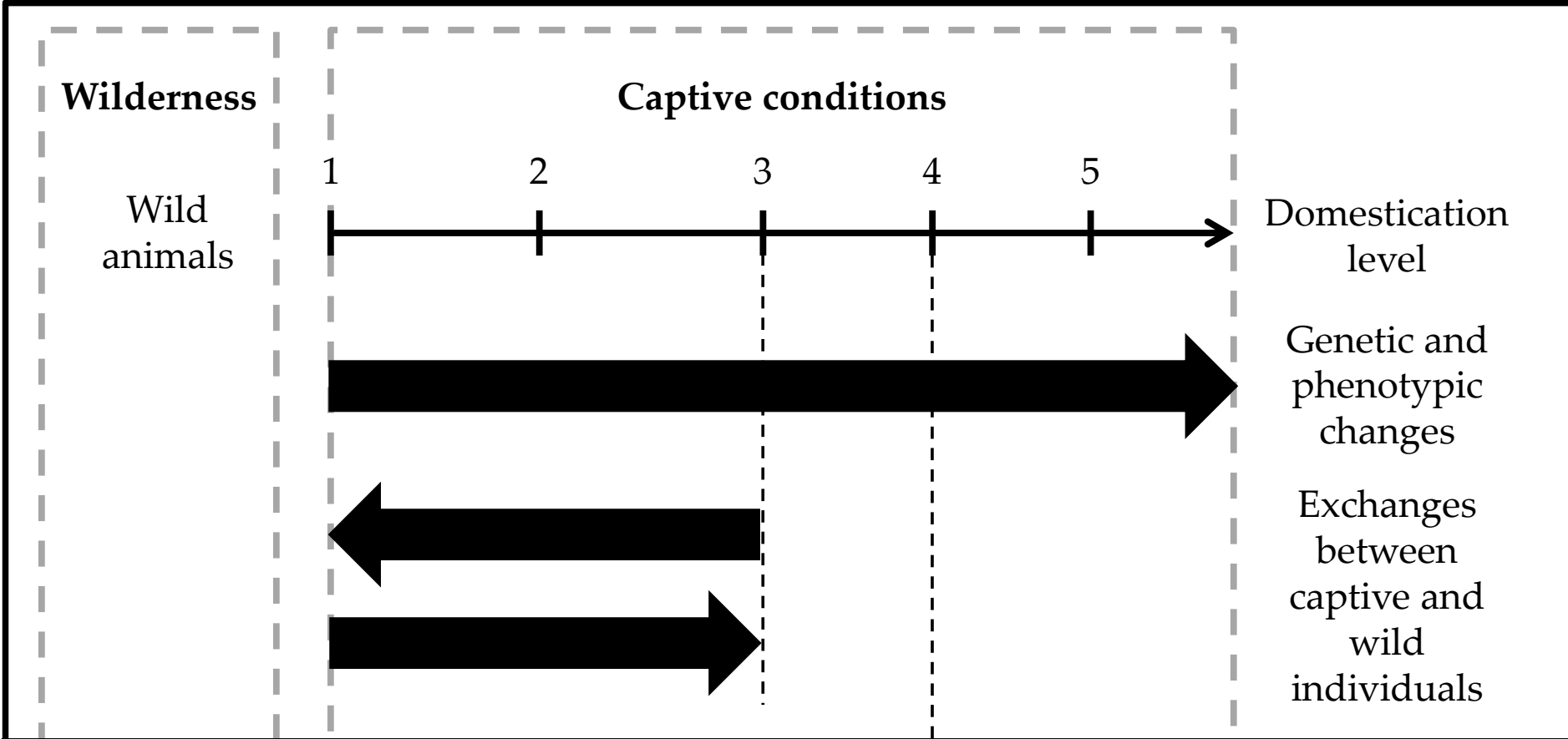
Relaxation of natural selection (partially controlled)

Can be expected to accompany the transition from wild to captive conditions

Active selection (controlled)

Changes that are directional

Five genetic processes



Number of generations (levels 4 & 5)

Which traits were improved?



Growth rate

**Feed conversion
efficiency**

**Product-quality-
related traits**

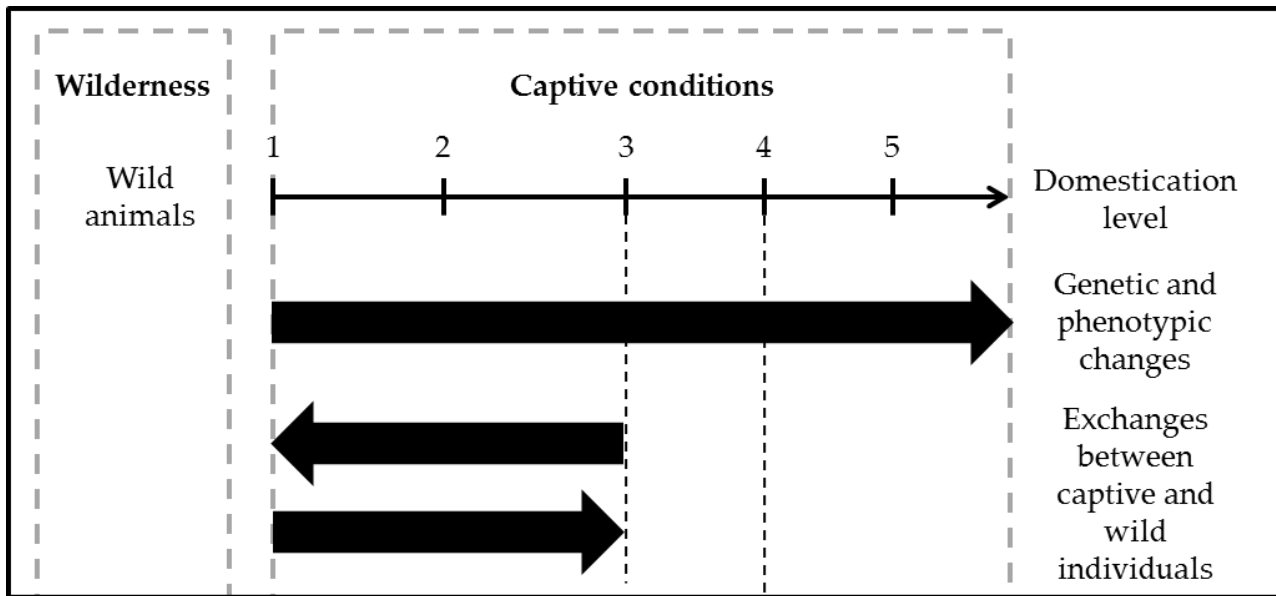
Reproduction

**Resistance to
diseases**

10-15% of world aquaculture production (*Salmo salar* ~ 100%)

Should we slow down fish domestication?

Thousands years => huge genetic variability (*breeds*)

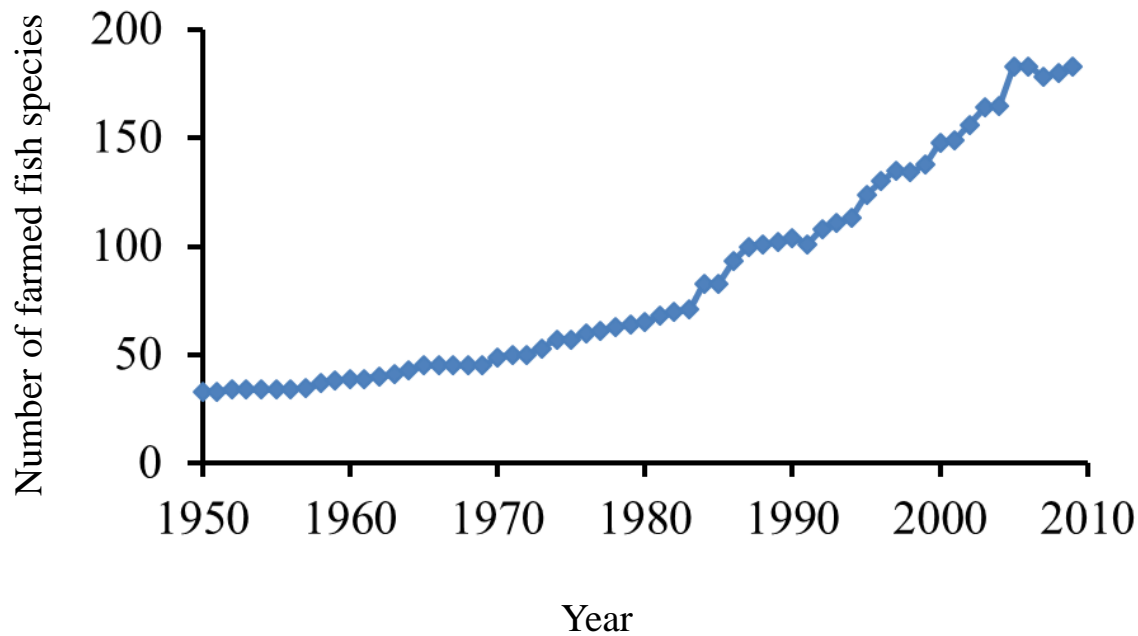


Few decades => from level 1 to 5 (12th generation)

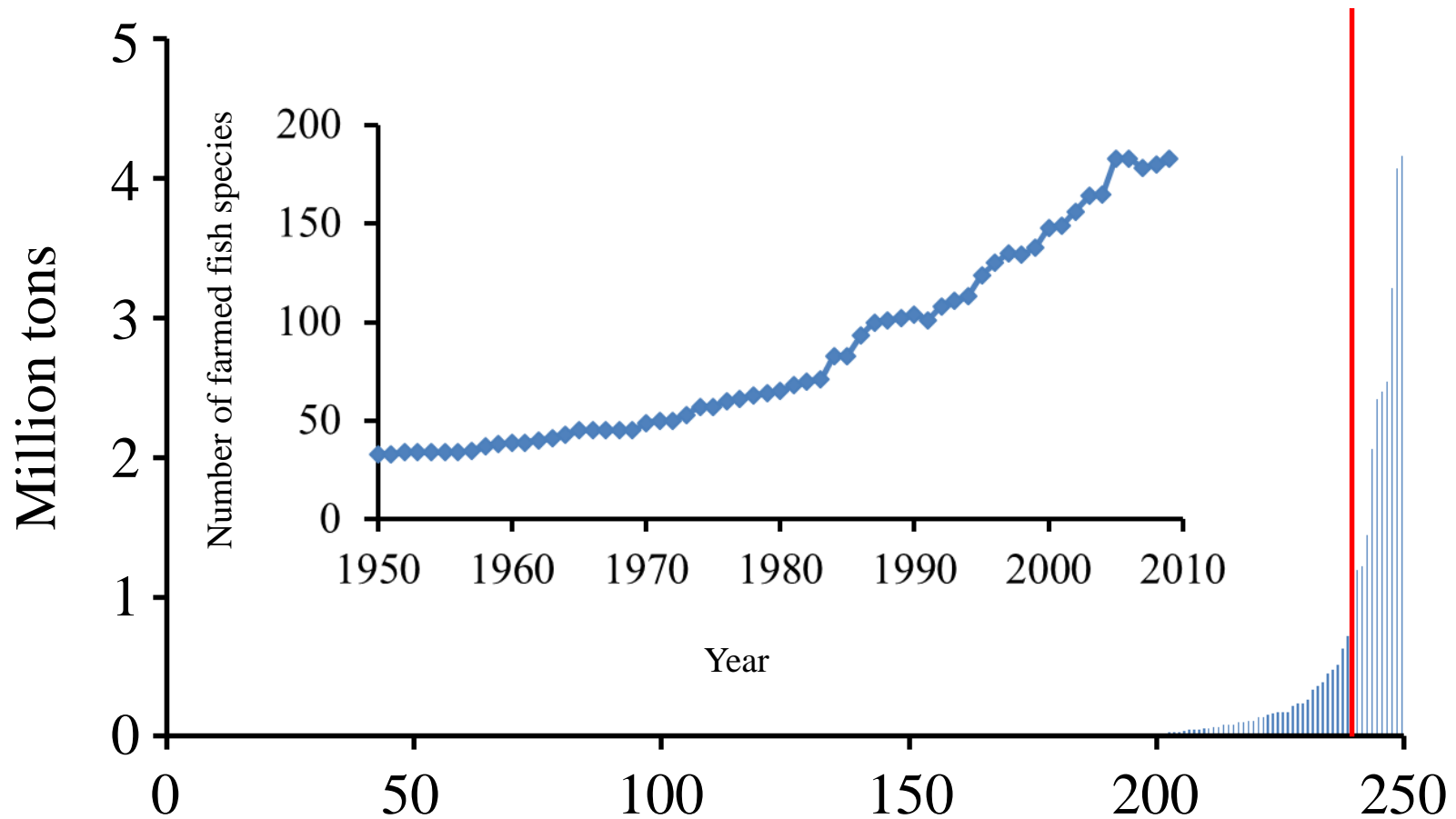
Climate change, Ocean acidification, Pollution, Ethics



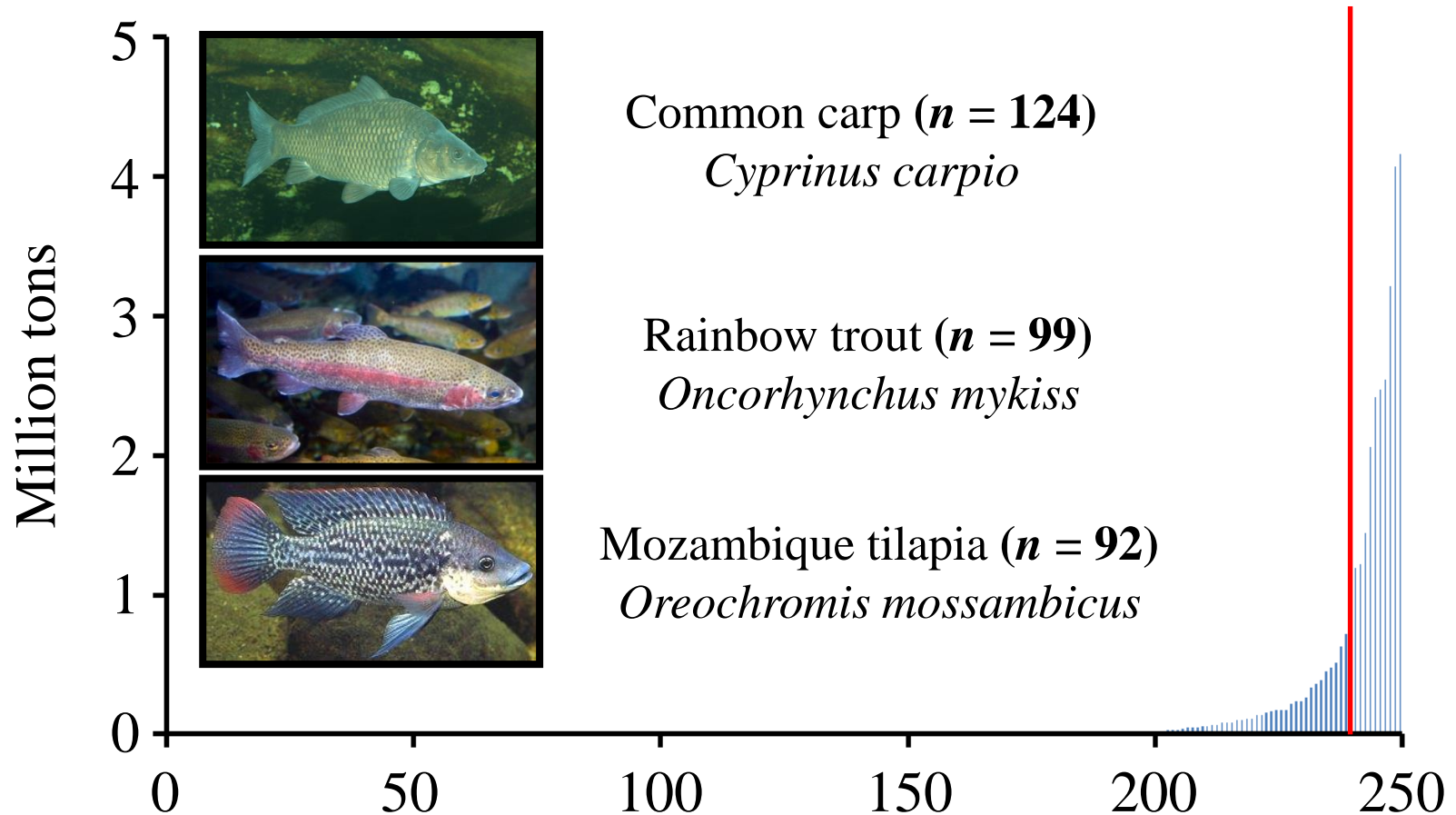
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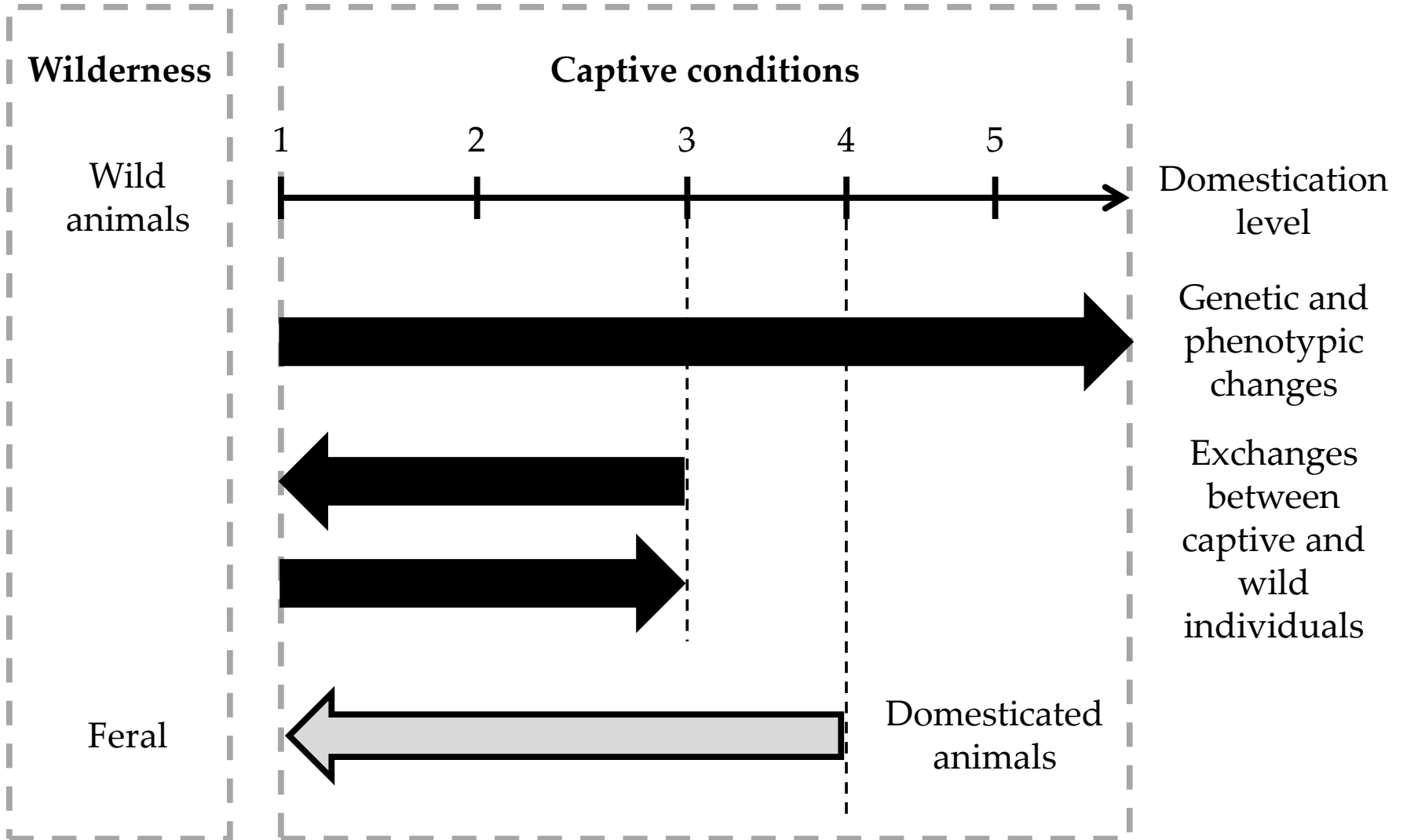
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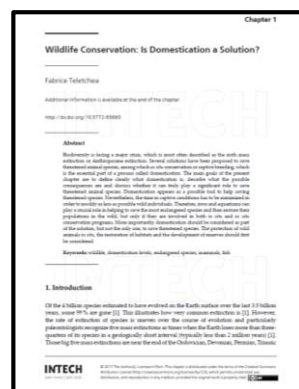
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Perspectives

Fish domestication in aquaculture: 10 unanswered questions

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