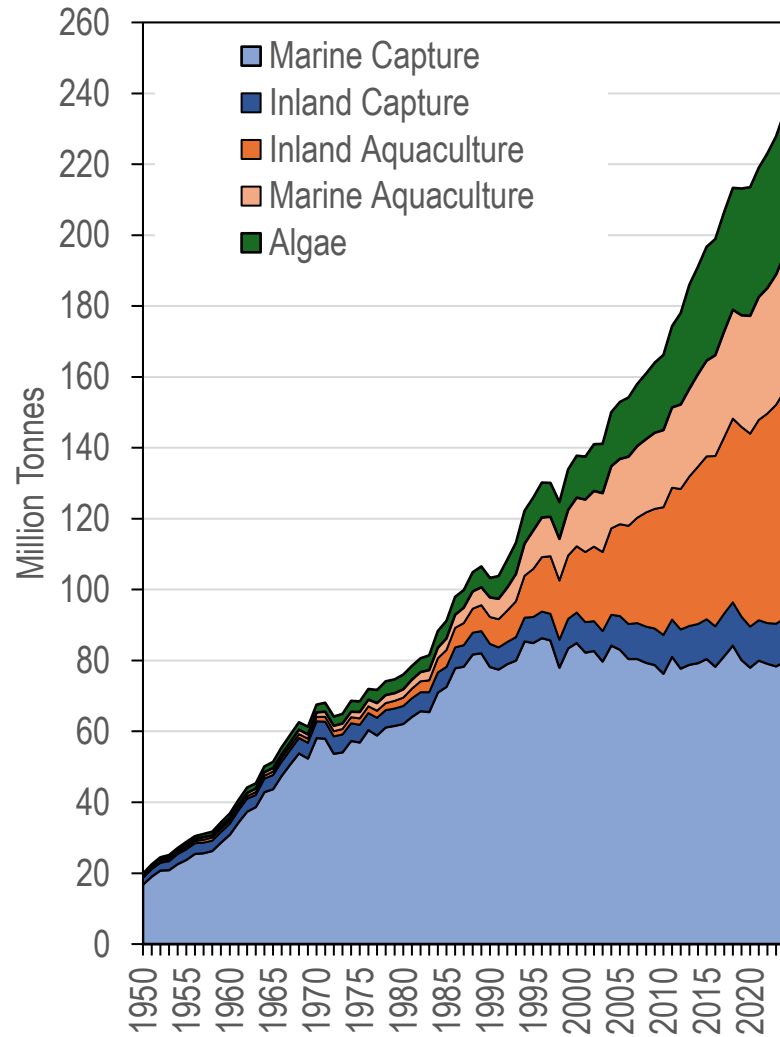


Views on global policy developments on aquaculture and on the markets of fishery and aquaculture products

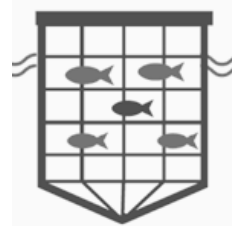
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AQUATIC PRODUCTION



Aquatic Animal Growth Rate



+4.9%APR
2000-2024

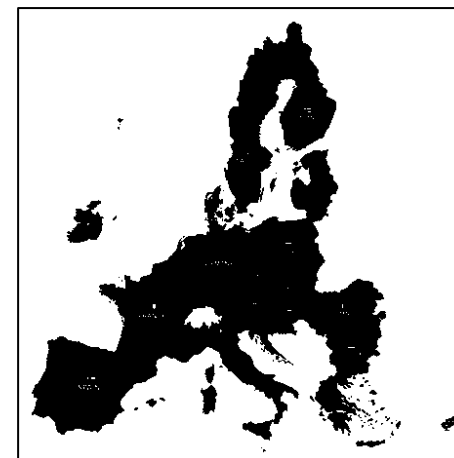


-0.1%APR
2000-2024



PUTTING THE EU(27) PRODUCTION IN CONTEXT

Production Growth (Aquatic Animals)
2000-2024 APR



Fisheries
Aquaculture

-0.1% (Global)
+5.0% (Global)

PUTTING THE EU(27) IN CONTEXT



34%

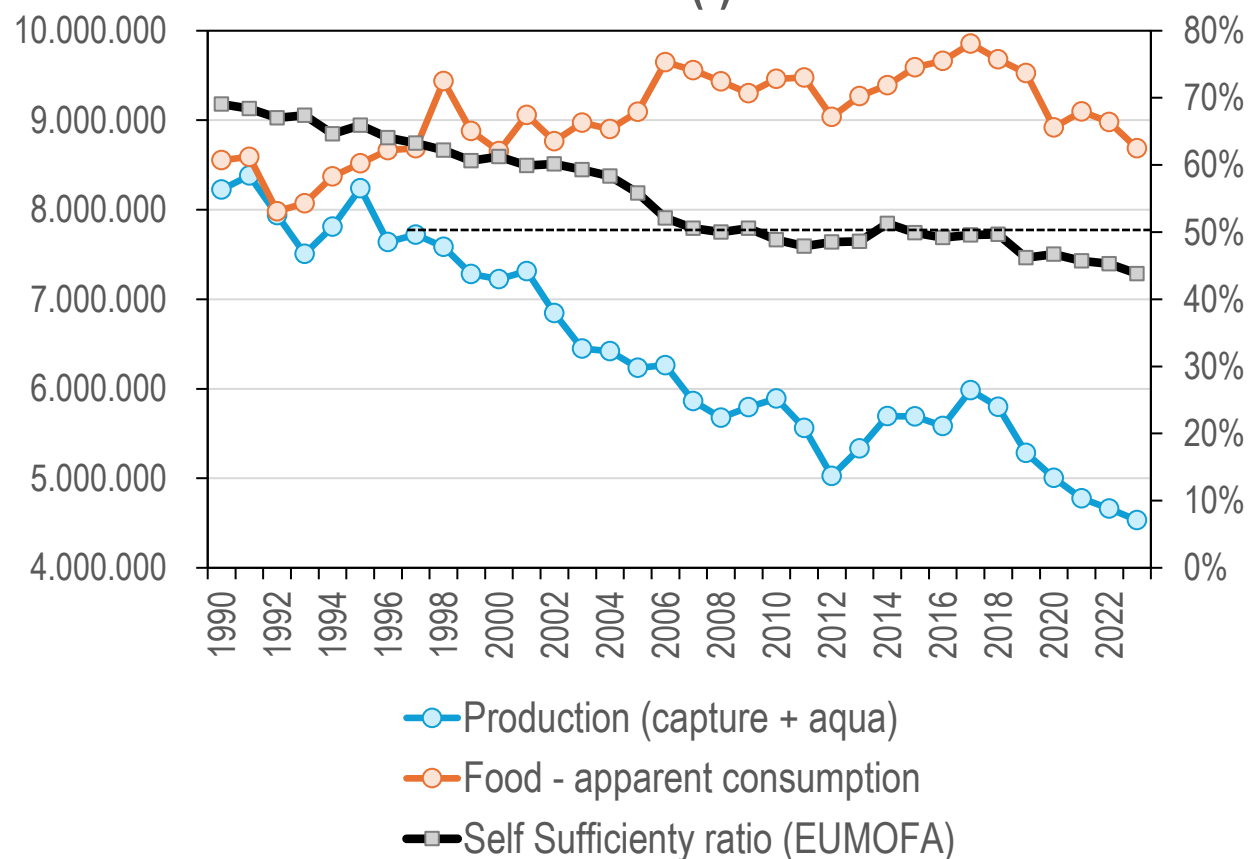
of global imports

largest single importing region

USD22 b

Trade deficit (2023)
growing at 4.8%/year since
2000

EU27 Aquatic Animal Production / Consumption (t)



-2.2% expected decline in per capita consumption in 2034 compared to 2022-24



Aquaculture – Driving global sectoral growth





AQUACULTURE DRIVING GROWTH

PRODUCTION (MT) AND GROWTH 2000-2024 (% APR)



103 Mt
4.9 % APR

770 Species farmed



5.0 Mt
5.4% APR



91.5 Mt
5.0% APR



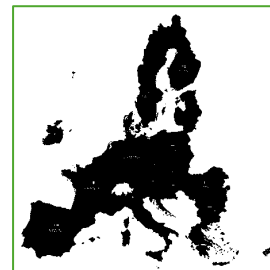
3.5 Mt
2.2% APR



2.4 Mt
7.8% APR



0.2 Mt
2.5% APR



1.0 Mt
-0.9% APR

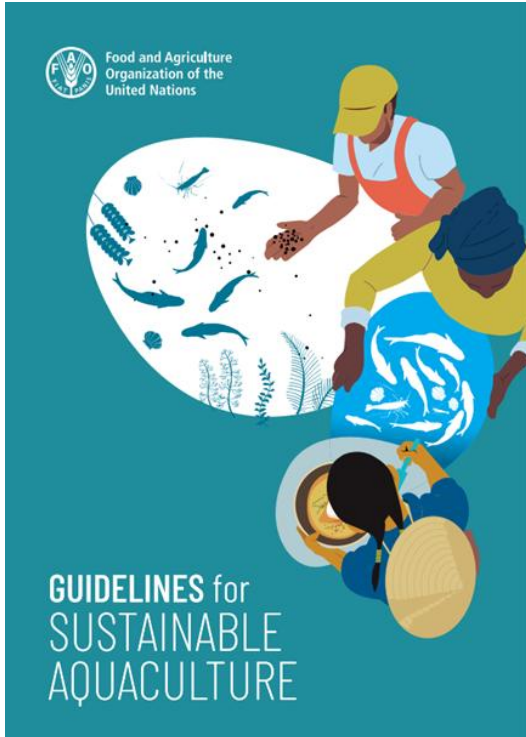
AAC / MAC Issues

- ❖ Regulatory frameworks
- ❖ Spatial Planning
- ❖ Sustainability narratives
- ❖ Environmental impacts
- ❖ Consumer awareness



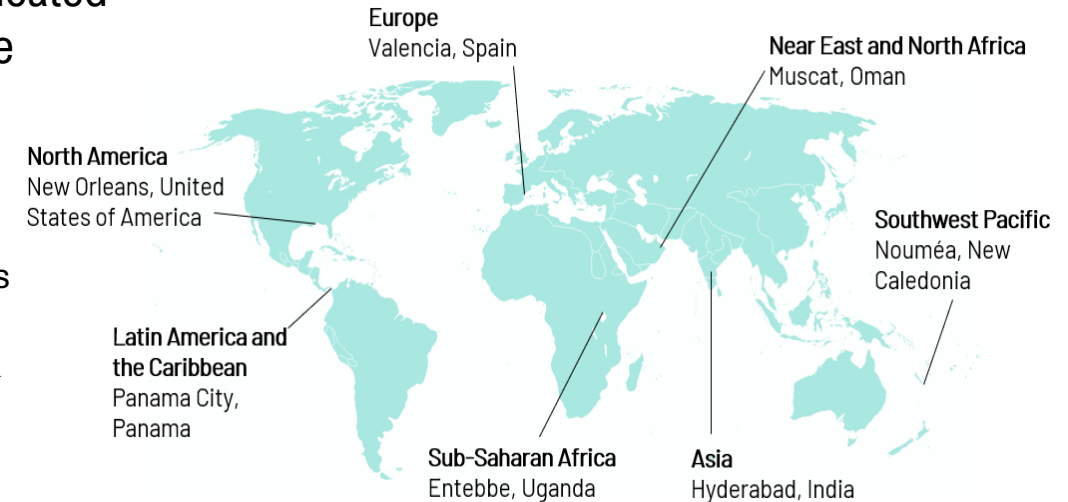
AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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- Adopted by COFI 36 in July 2024
- First international instrument dedicated entirely to sustainable aquaculture
- Sets principles of...
 - ✓ Environmental sustainability
 - ✓ Social responsibility & equity
 - ✓ Economic viability & inclusiveness
 - ✓ Consultation & participation
 - ✓ Good governance, transparency & accountability
 - ✓ Innovation & resilience

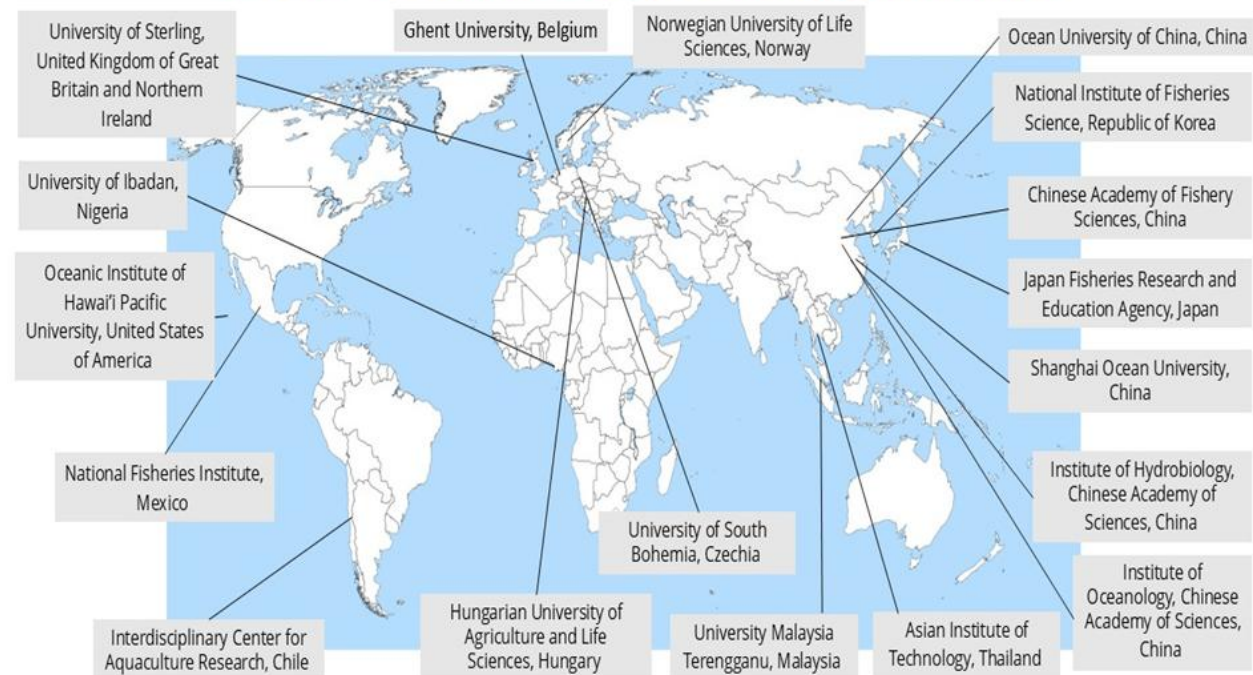
GSA Regional Workshops



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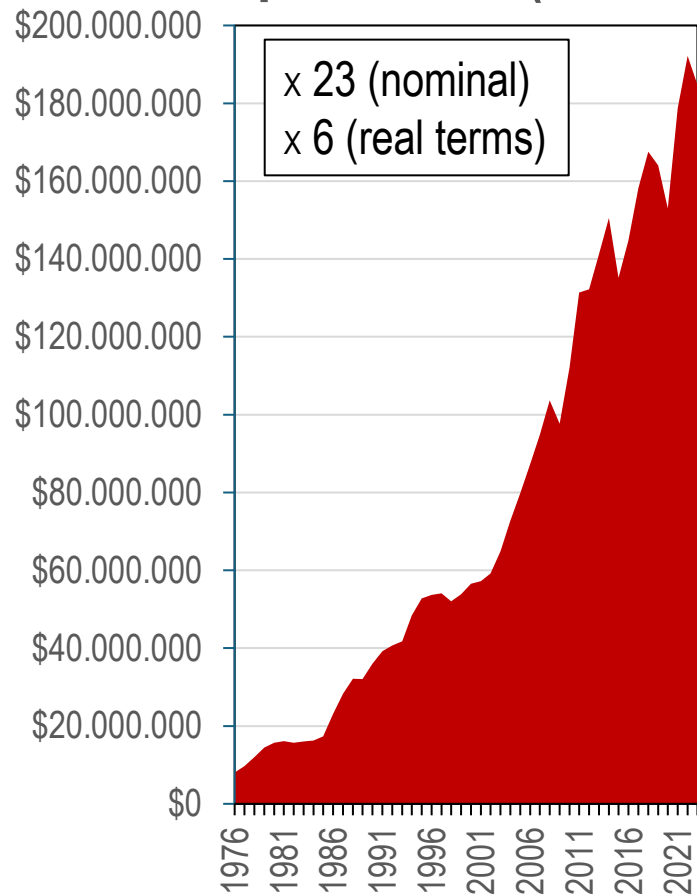


GSAAP Technical Group: Founding Members



SECTOR INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN CONTRIBUTING TO LOCAL ECONOMIES

Export Value (Global)



Similar to value of terrestrial meats trade



EU IS A MARKET SHAPER

34%

of global imports
largest single importing region

1/5

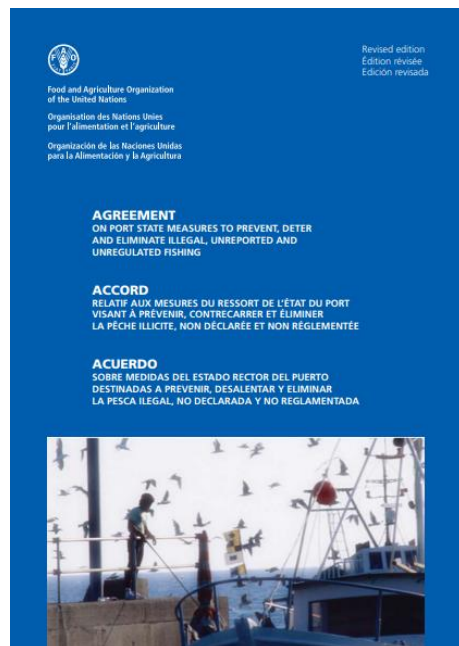
of global market
When removing intra-EU trade

USD22 b

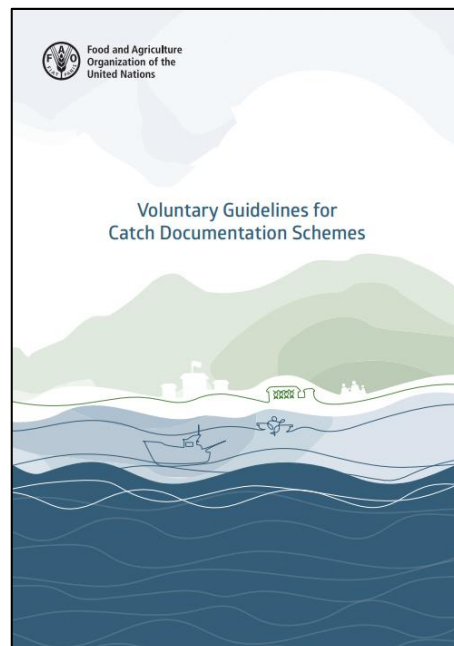
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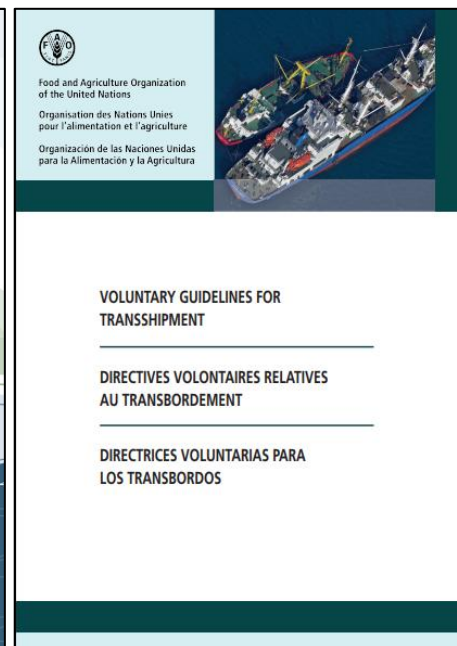
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2016



2017



2023

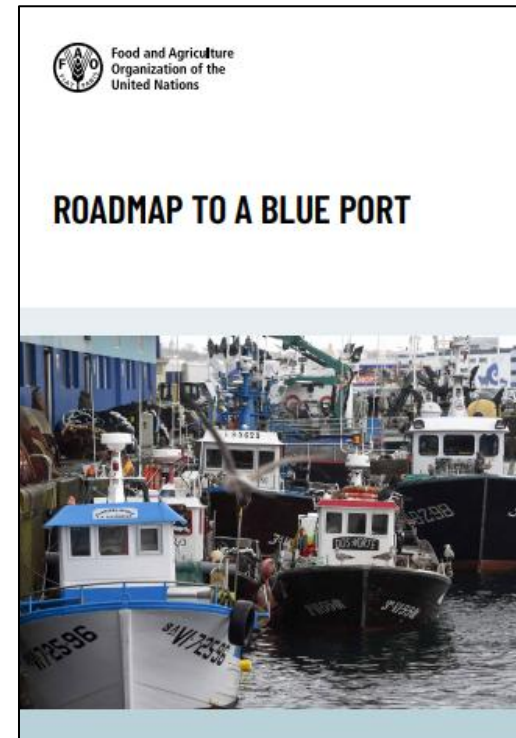


FAO – EU COLLABORATIONS

EU-FUNDED FISH4ACP/ NAVAC VALUE CHAINS APPROACH



BLUE PORTS INITIATIVE GLOBAL GATEWAY CORRIDORS?



A DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE:

- PORT REHABILITATION
- COLD CHAIN DEVELOPMENT
- FOOD SAFETY
- DIGITIZATION
- TRAINING
- SERVICES
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AfDB SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
FAO INDIA, ARGENTINA TCP



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WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies

Applies to marine capture fisheries. Addresses only the sustainability aspects of fisheries subsidies (IUU, Overfished Stocks and Unregulated areas of the high seas)

- FAO granted **permanent observer status WTO Committee** on Fisheries Subsidies
- Core partner of the **WTO Fish Fund**
- **Technical support** to developing countries for the implementation of the Agreement
- Advisory support to countries for **Fish Fund proposals**
- FAO as implementing agency of approved **Fish Fund grants**



A vision of Blue Transformation

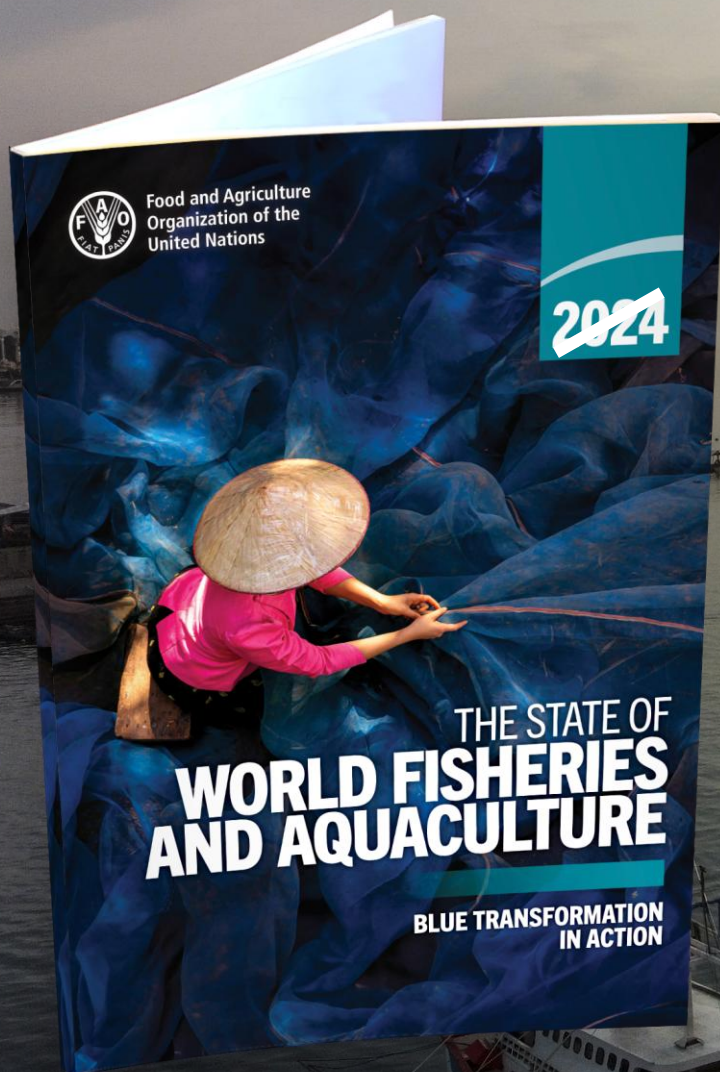




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**Thank you
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