

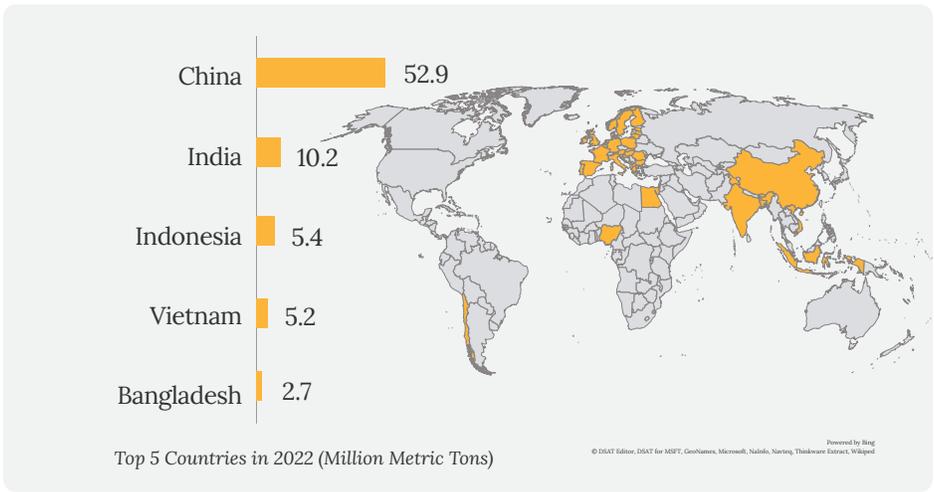
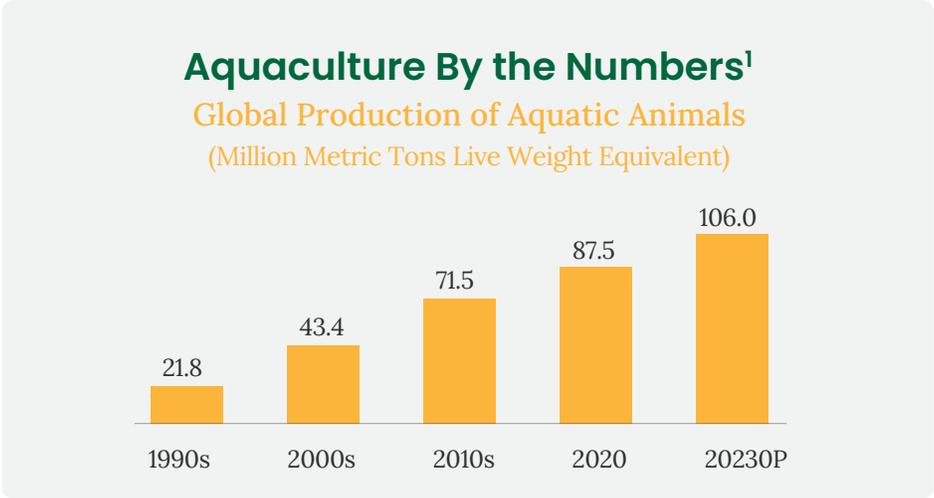


AQUACULTURE FACT SHEET

Global aquaculture production surpassed global fisheries production for the first time with a record of 130.9 million metric tons (MT) produced in 2022, with a total value of **\$312.8 billion**¹. Aquatic animals accounted for **94.4 million MT** and algae comprised 36.5 million MT. Total production of aquatic animals is projected to reach **106 million MT in 2030**¹.

Global aquaculture production has been growing over the last three decades, driven by expansion everywhere, particularly in Chile, China, and Norway. **Asia** dominates world aquaculture, producing **91.4%** of the total¹.

Global consumption of aquatic foods, including fish and seafood but excluding algae, has **increased at an average annual rate of 3.0% since 1961**¹. Aquatic foods provide an important source of global animal protein. Rising incomes, improved management practices, and changing dietary trends are projected to result in a **6% increase in aquatic food consumption by 2030**, or 21.4 kg per capita on average¹.



Soy is an excellent source of protein, key amino acids, unsaturated fats, and phospholipids for the aquaculture and aquafeed industries worldwide. Its use in aquaculture is well understood and accepted. Soybean meal, soy protein concentrates, and other soy products can help reduce or remove fishmeal requirements in feeds for many species. This reduces dependence on wild-caught fish used for fishmeal, which generally comes in fixed volumes that are more expensive than soy.

Soy product inclusion in aquaculture diets is ideal due to its protein content, balanced amino acid profile and high level of digestibility for most cultured fish and shrimp species.

Aquaculture By the Numbers¹

Per capita consumption was 20.6 kg in 2021, double the amount 50 years ago. Aquatic animal proteins accounted for 15% of the total global animal protein supply in 2021. China, Indonesia, and India are the top 3 aquatic animal protein consuming countries and account for 51% of total global consumption.¹



In 2022, finfish represented 65.2% of the total aquatic animals production¹.

Benefits of Using Soybean Meal in Aqua Diets

Balanced Amino Acids



Higher Digestibility

Lower Costs



Better Value

¹FAO. 2024. The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2024. Blue Transformation in Action. Rome, FAO. <https://doi.org/10.4060/cd0683en>

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