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## Aquaculture



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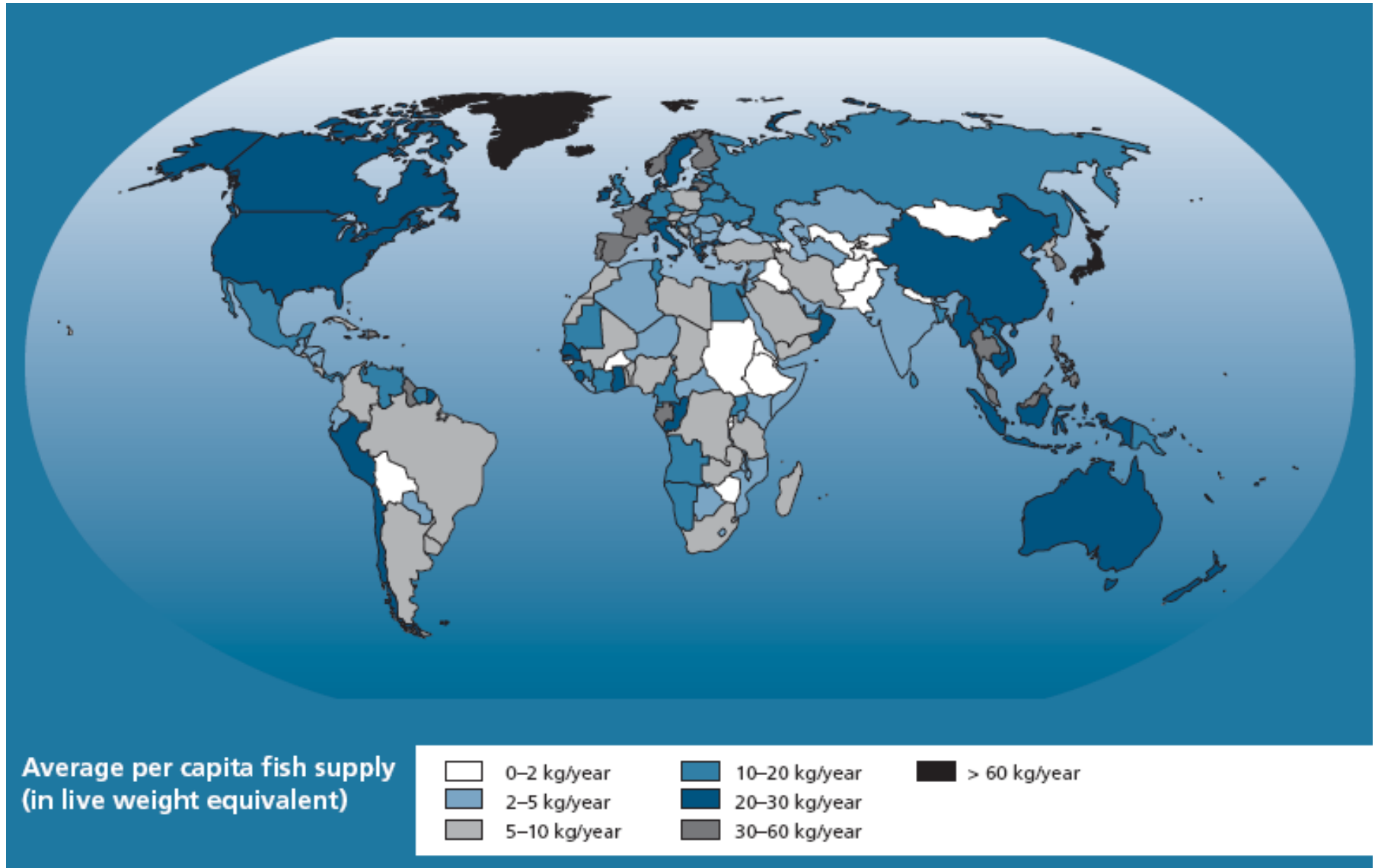
# Aquaculture and fisheries

## Lecture topics

- World supply and demand
- Species, nations, and trade
- Aquaculture, the blue revolution?
- Carrying capacity and site selection
- Co-use and offshore aquaculture
- Summary

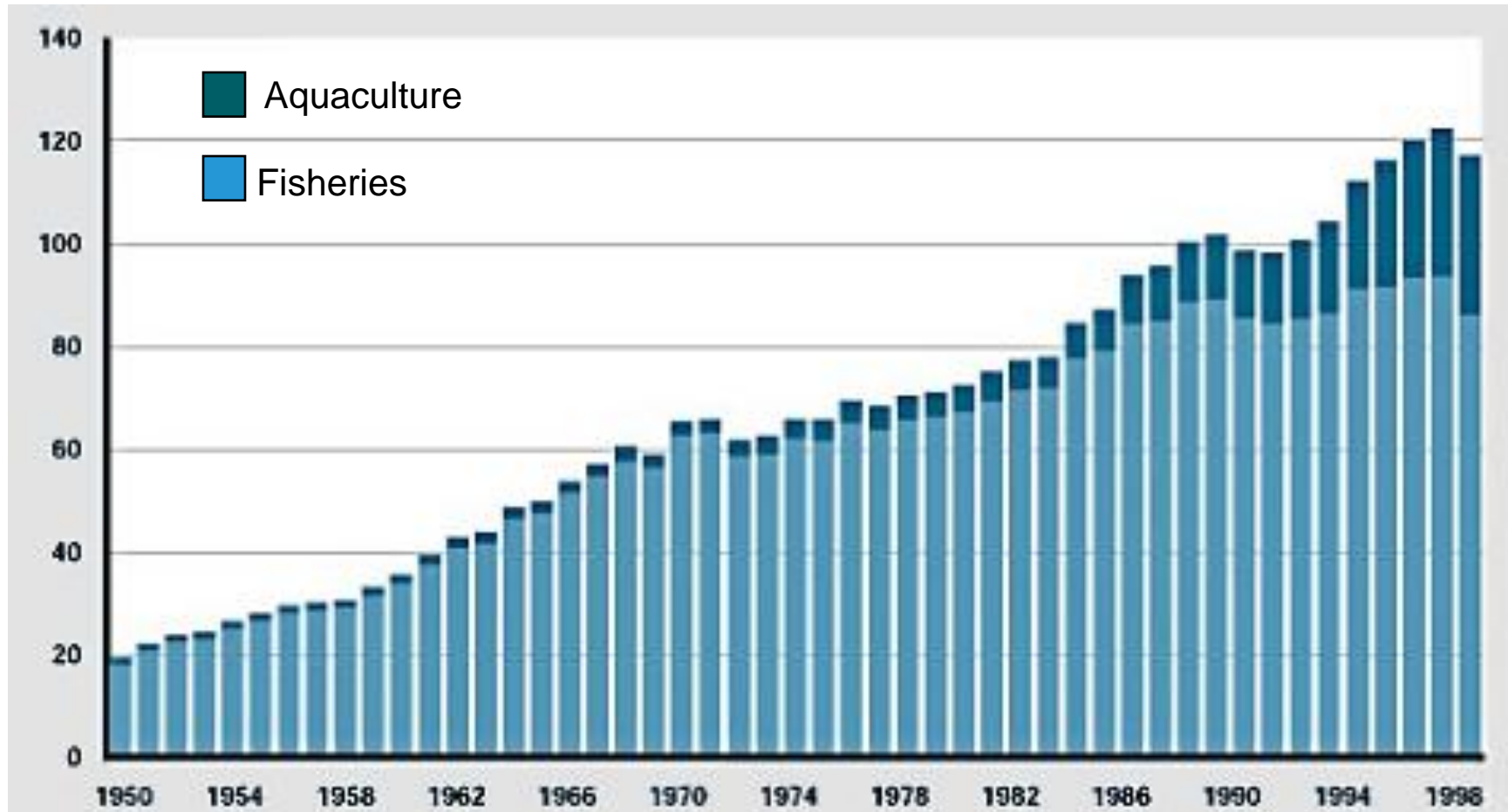
# Fish as a food

World per capita supply (average 2003-2005)



# The state of world fisheries and aquaculture SOFIA 2000 (FAO)

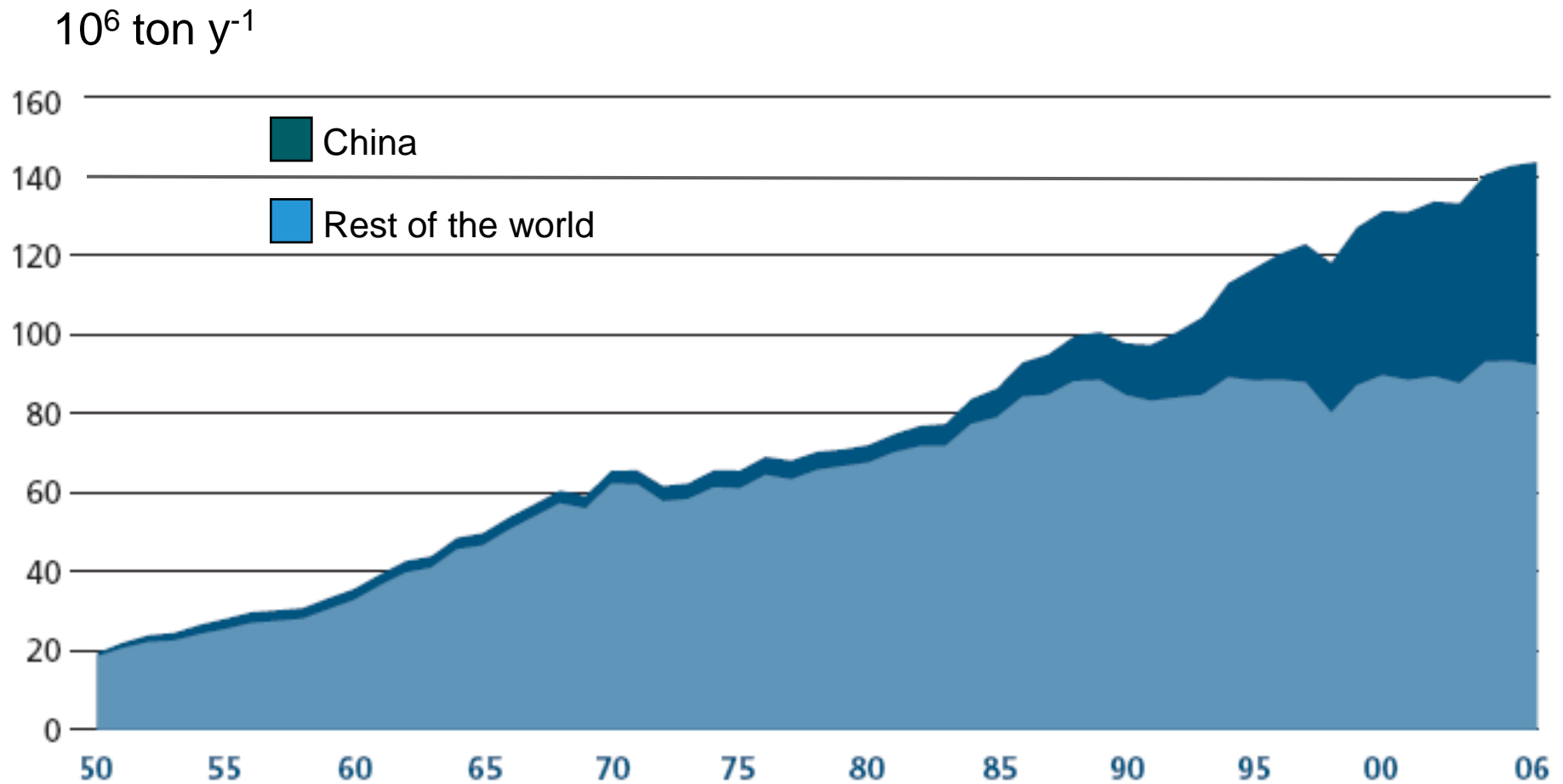
$10^6 \text{ ton y}^{-1}$



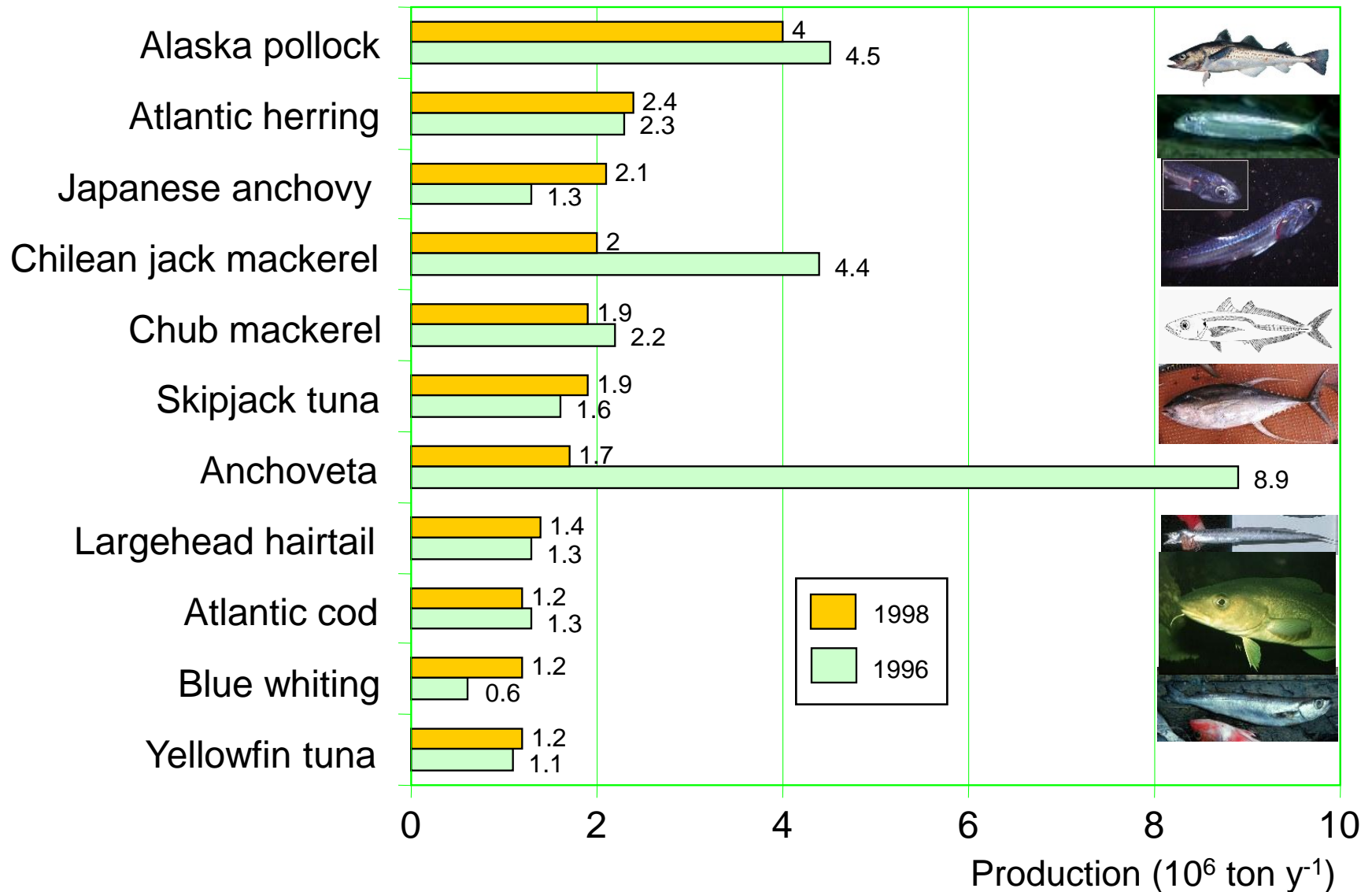
# World capture fisheries and aquaculture

WORLD PRODUCTION	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	<i>(million tonnes)</i>				
INLAND					
Capture	8.7	9.0	8.9	9.7	10.1
Aquaculture	24.0	25.5	27.8	29.6	31.6
Total inland	32.7	34.4	36.7	39.3	41.7
MARINE					
Capture	84.5	81.5	85.7	84.5	81.9
Aquaculture	16.4	17.2	18.1	18.9	20.1
Total marine	100.9	98.7	103.8	103.4	102.0
TOTAL CAPTURE	93.2	90.5	94.6	94.2	92.0
TOTAL AQUACULTURE	40.4	42.7	45.9	48.5	51.7
TOTAL WORLD FISHERIES	133.6	133.2	140.5	142.7	143.6
UTILIZATION					
Human consumption	100.7	103.4	104.5	107.1	110.4
Non-food uses	32.9	29.8	36.0	35.6	33.3
Population (billions)	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.6
Per capita food fish supply (kg)	16.0	16.3	16.2	16.4	16.7

# The state of world fisheries and aquaculture SOFIA 2010 (FAO)

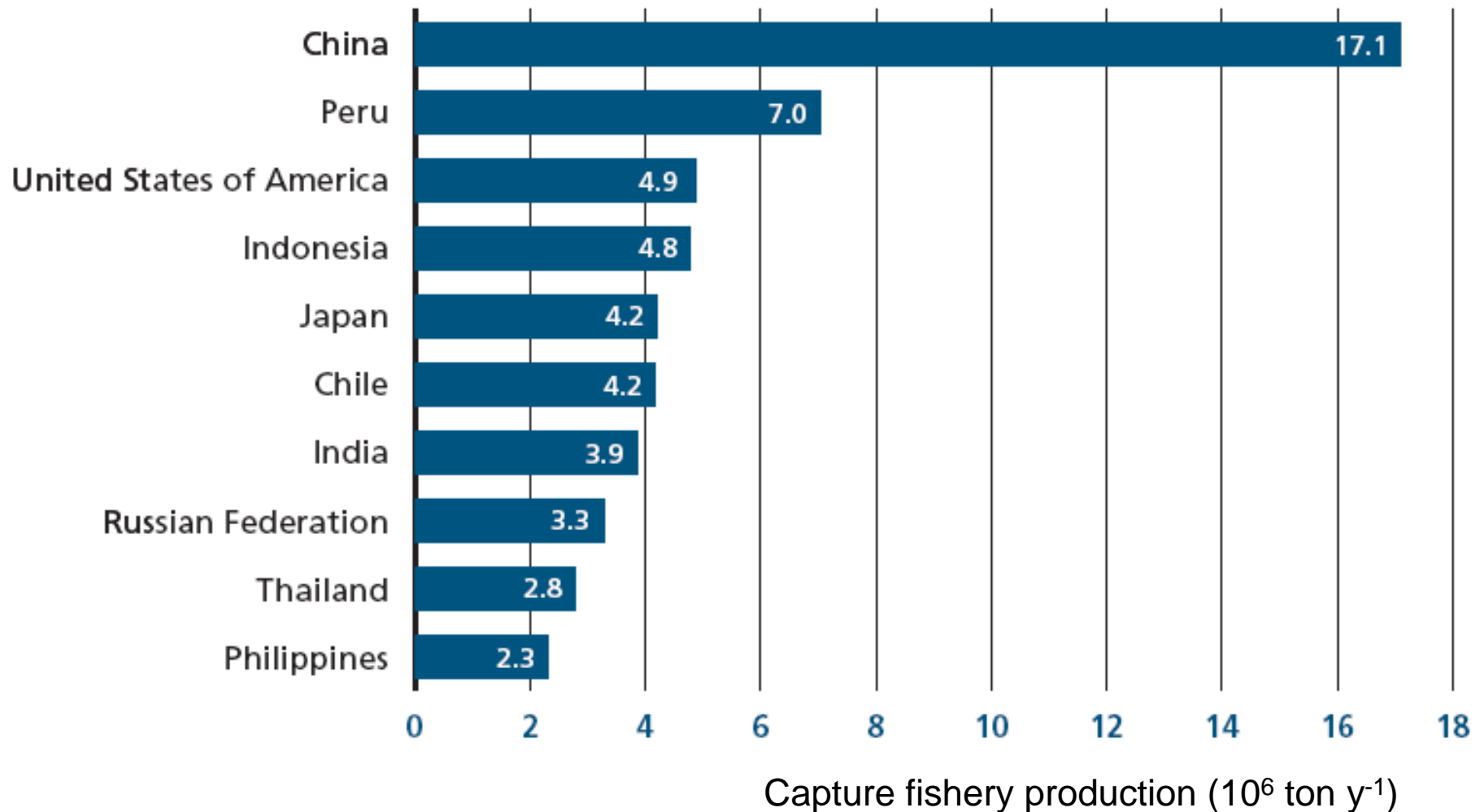


# Distribution of production among major fish species



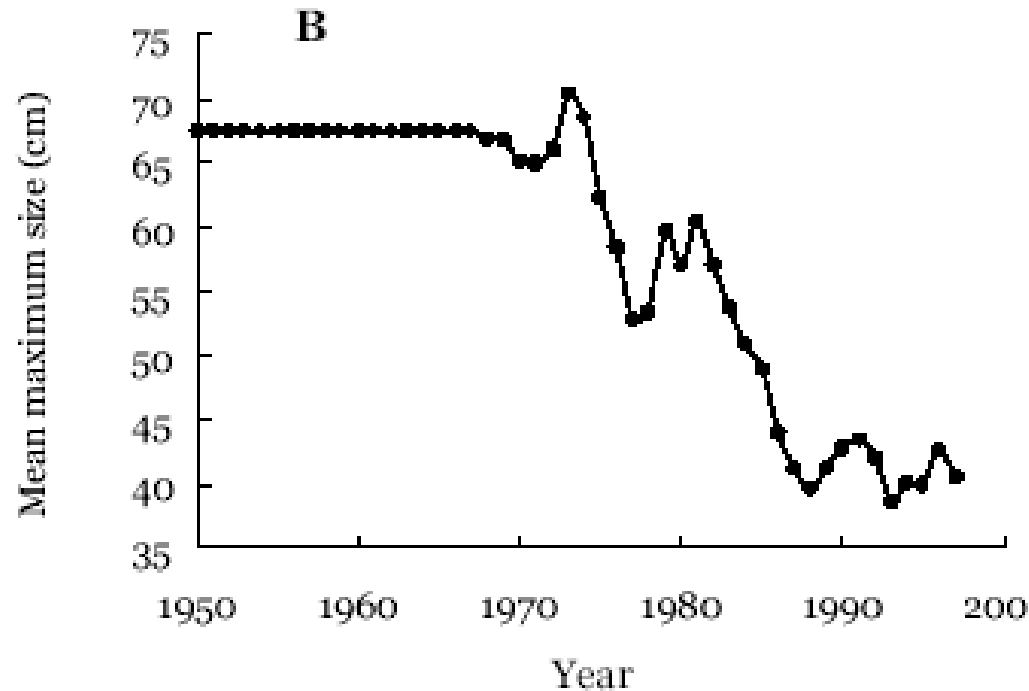
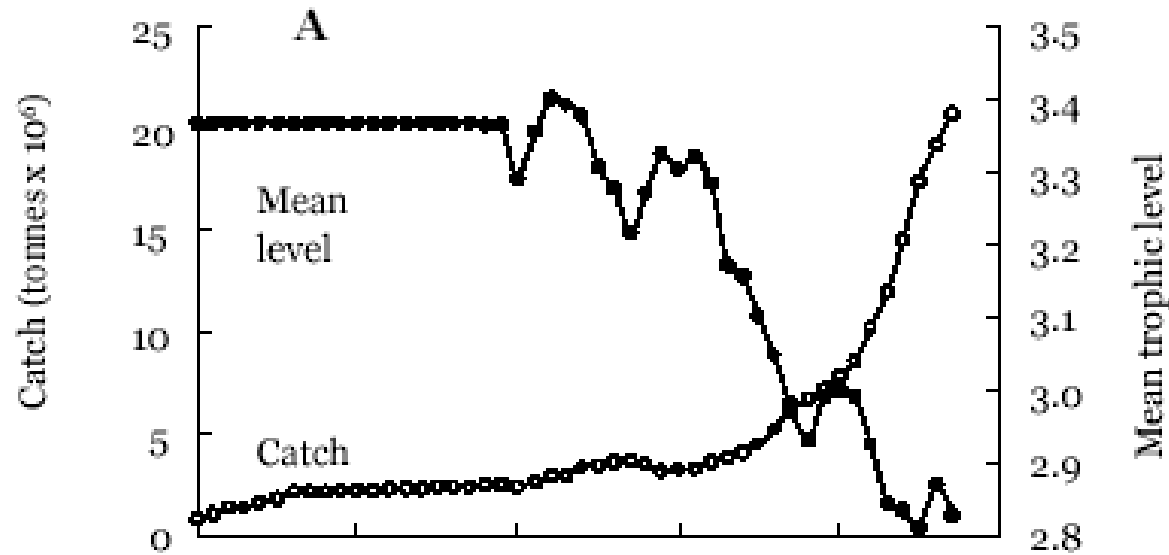
# Capture fishery production by country

## SOFIA 2008 (FAO)





# Chinese fishery data



Watson, R., Pang, L., Pauly, D., 2001.  
The Marine Fisheries of China:  
Development and Reported Catches.  
Fisheries Centre Research Report  
9(2). Univ. British Columbia, Canada.

# European Union capture fisheries and aquaculture

	1986	1990	1994	1998
Aquaculture production				
Inland production ('000 tonnes)	171	221	241	249
Percentage of world total	3.0	2.7	2.0	1.3
Marine production ('000 tonnes)	699	717	796	1 085
Percentage of world total	20.6	14.5	9.2	8.9
Fisheries production				
Inland production ('000 tonnes)	113	107	104	120
Percentage of world total	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5
Marine production ('000 tonnes)	6 774	6 067	6 737	6 419
Percentage of world total	8.6	7.7	8.0	8.2
Fisheries and aquaculture production				
Combined total ('000 tonnes)	7 757	7 114	7 878	7 873
Percentage of world total	8.3	7.2	7.0	6.7

FAO, 2009. The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA). Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N.

# Relevance of world aquaculture

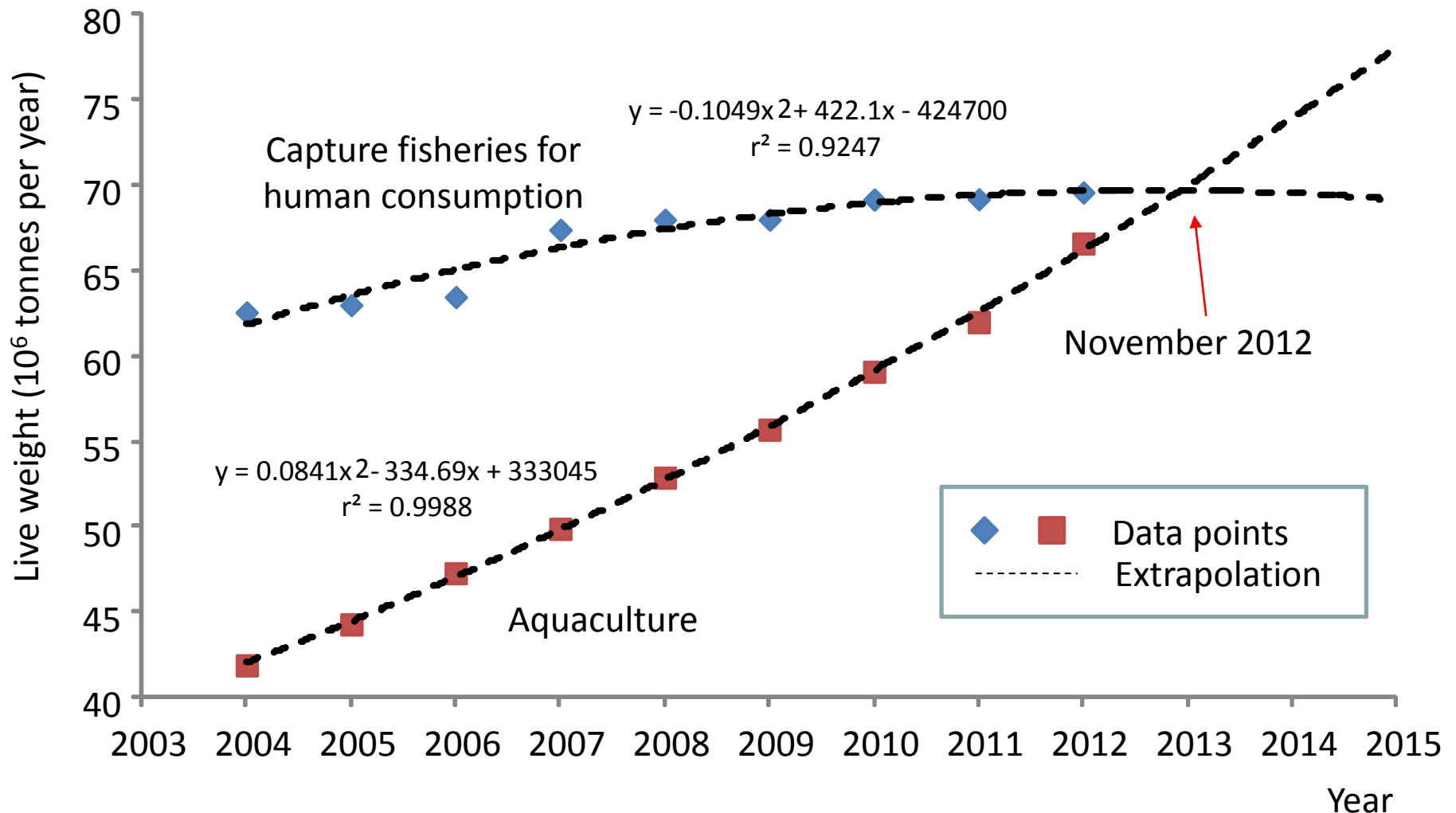
## Volume and value

### FAO Global Aquaculture Conference 2010

- 50% of aquatic products originate from aquaculture (SOFIA, 2010)
- 90% of the 68 million tonnes of aquaculture products (105 billion USD) originate from Asia (Sorgeloos, 2010)
- Production of striped catfish *Pangasius* in the Mekong delta is  $>1 \text{ Mt y}^{-1}$ , highest yields in the world, 350-400 tonnes  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  per crop (Sena da Silva, 2010)
- 30  $\text{Mt y}^{-1}$  of extra aquatic products required to feed the planet by 2050 (Swaminathan, 2010)
- US predicted expansion from 0.5 to 1.5  $\text{Mt y}^{-1}$  (Olin, 2010)
- Europe: production is 4.2% by volume, 9.1% by value (Sorgeloos, 2010)

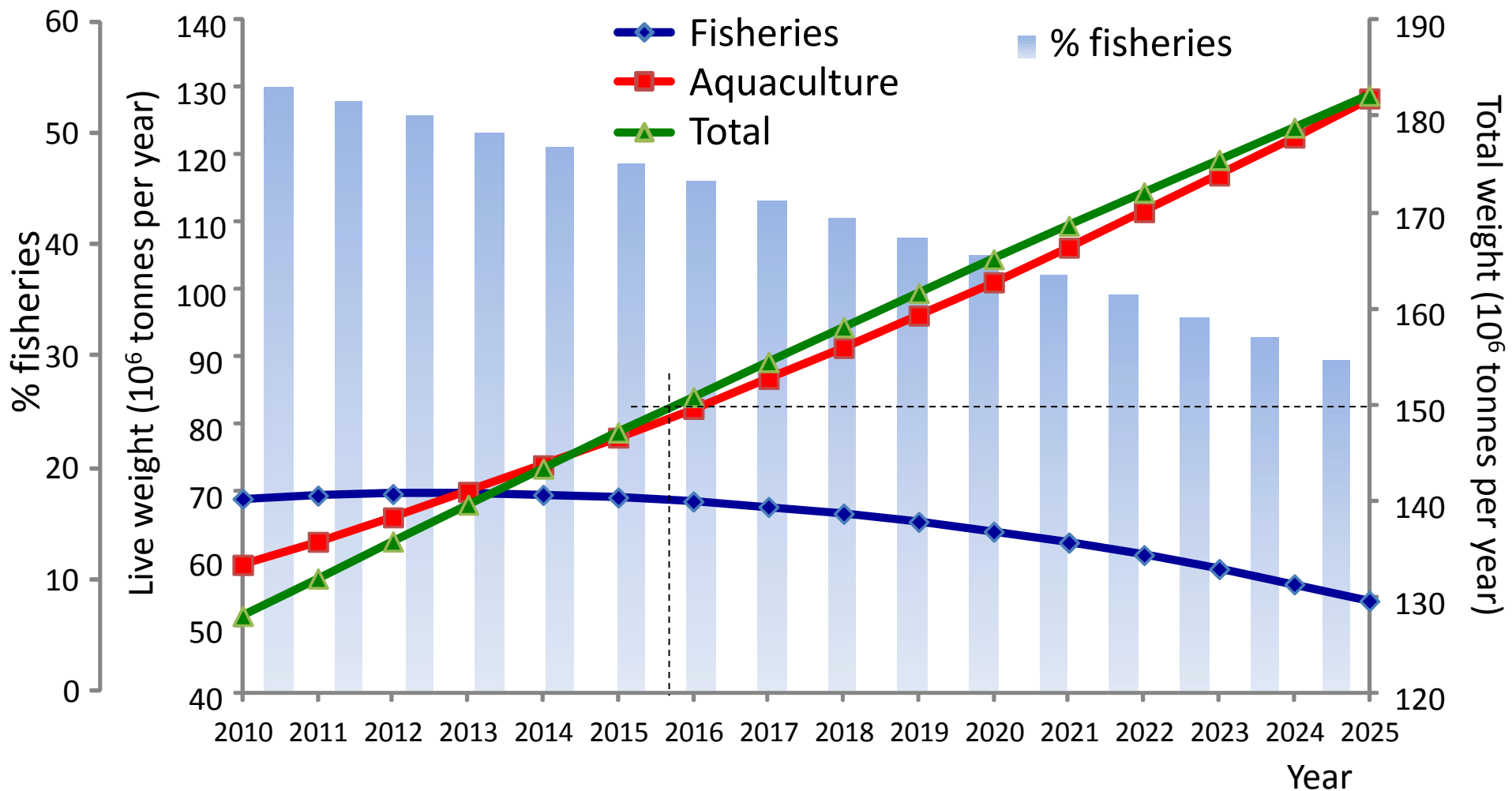
**Growth of both population and aquaculture will take place in developing nations**

# Trends in fisheries and aquaculture



Equivalent to the emergence of agriculture 10,000 years ago in the Neolithic period.

# Trends in fisheries and aquaculture : 2010-2025



For projected APR growth in aquaculture and fisheries, 150 million tonnes in Sept 2015.

# Aquaculture in Europe

## Sustainability and legislation

### Environmental, legal, and social pressures

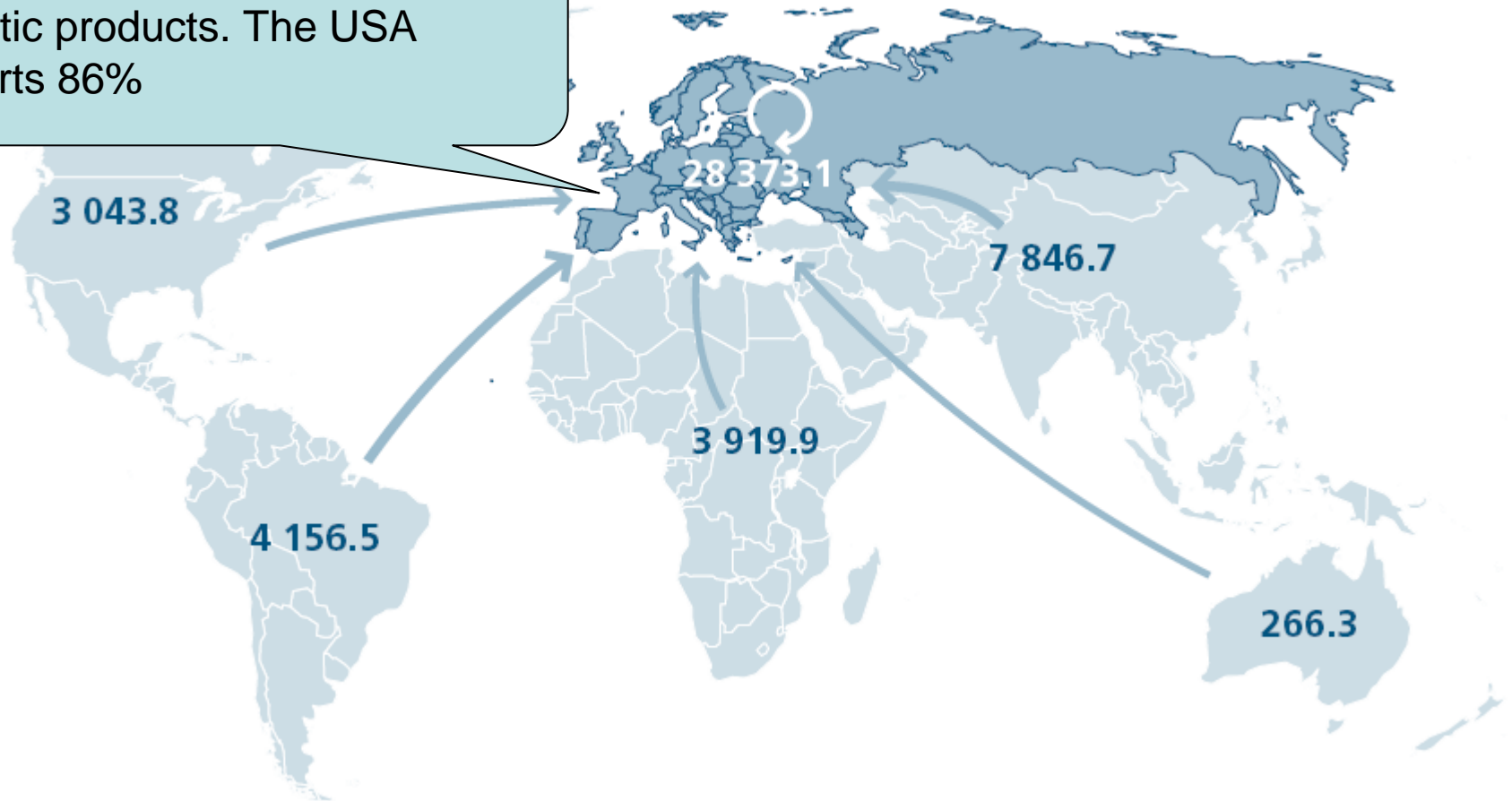
- Aquaculture is the most heavily regulated food production sector in Europe (Varadi, 2010)
- Competition for space, access to capital, availability of special services, limited authorised veterinary products (Varadi, 2010)
- Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) – no reference to aquaculture. Benthic biodiversity, fish (in transitional waters); Good Ecological Status in Europe by 2015
- Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC) – Fish and Shellfish Quality Descriptor (QD3). Aquaculture is seen only as a pressure. Good Environmental Status by 2020
- Many other parts of the world don't come close to the EU regulatory panorama

**In all likelihood Europe will add value over volume.**

# Imports to Europe

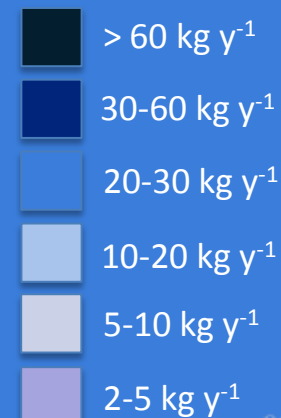
All numbers in millions of USD (SOFIA 2012)

Europe imports 74% of its aquatic products. The USA imports 86%

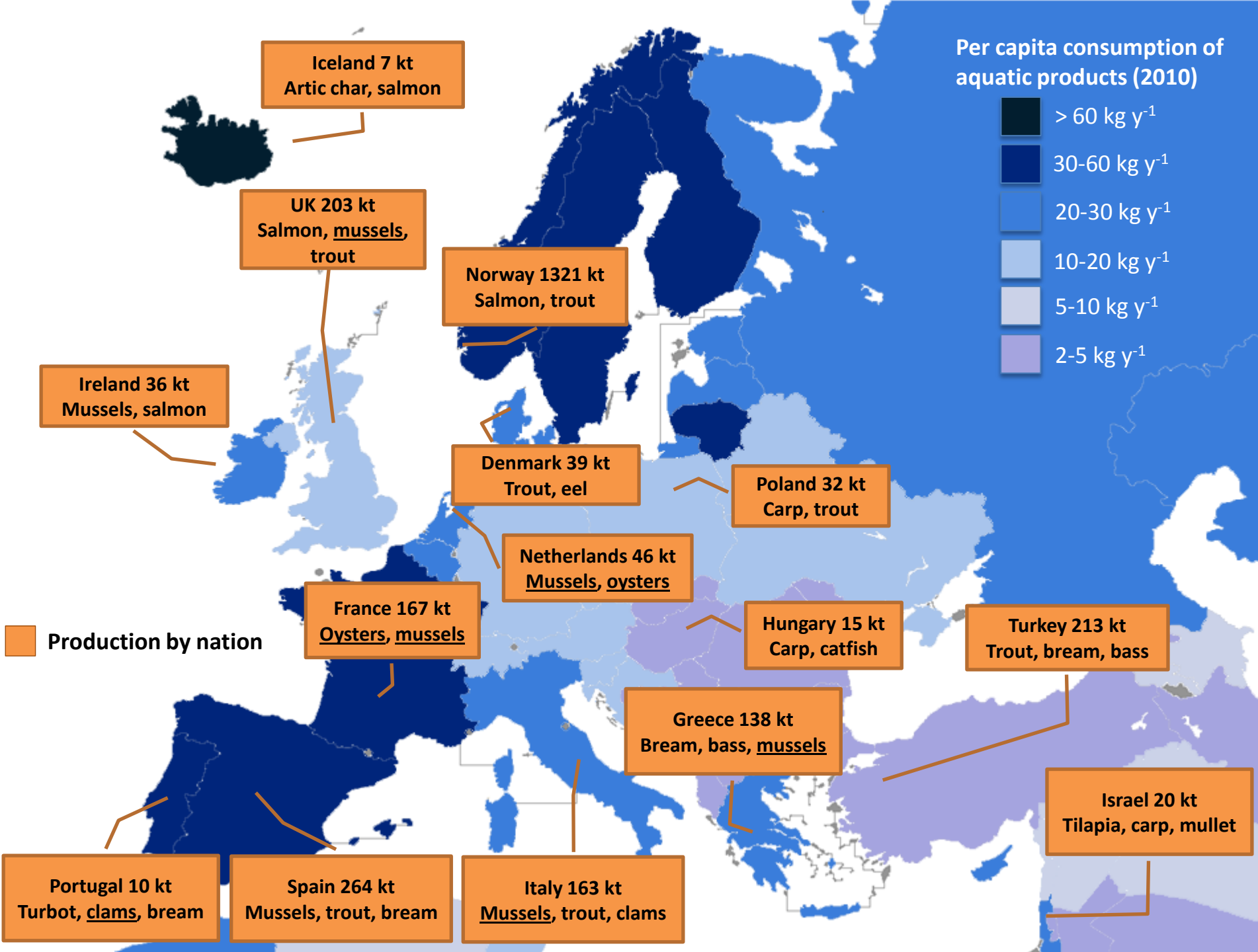


If European consumption was at the level of Portugal (57.4 kg y<sup>-1</sup> per capita) an extra 27 million tonnes of fish products would be required annually.

# Per capita consumption of aquatic products (2010)



 Production by nation

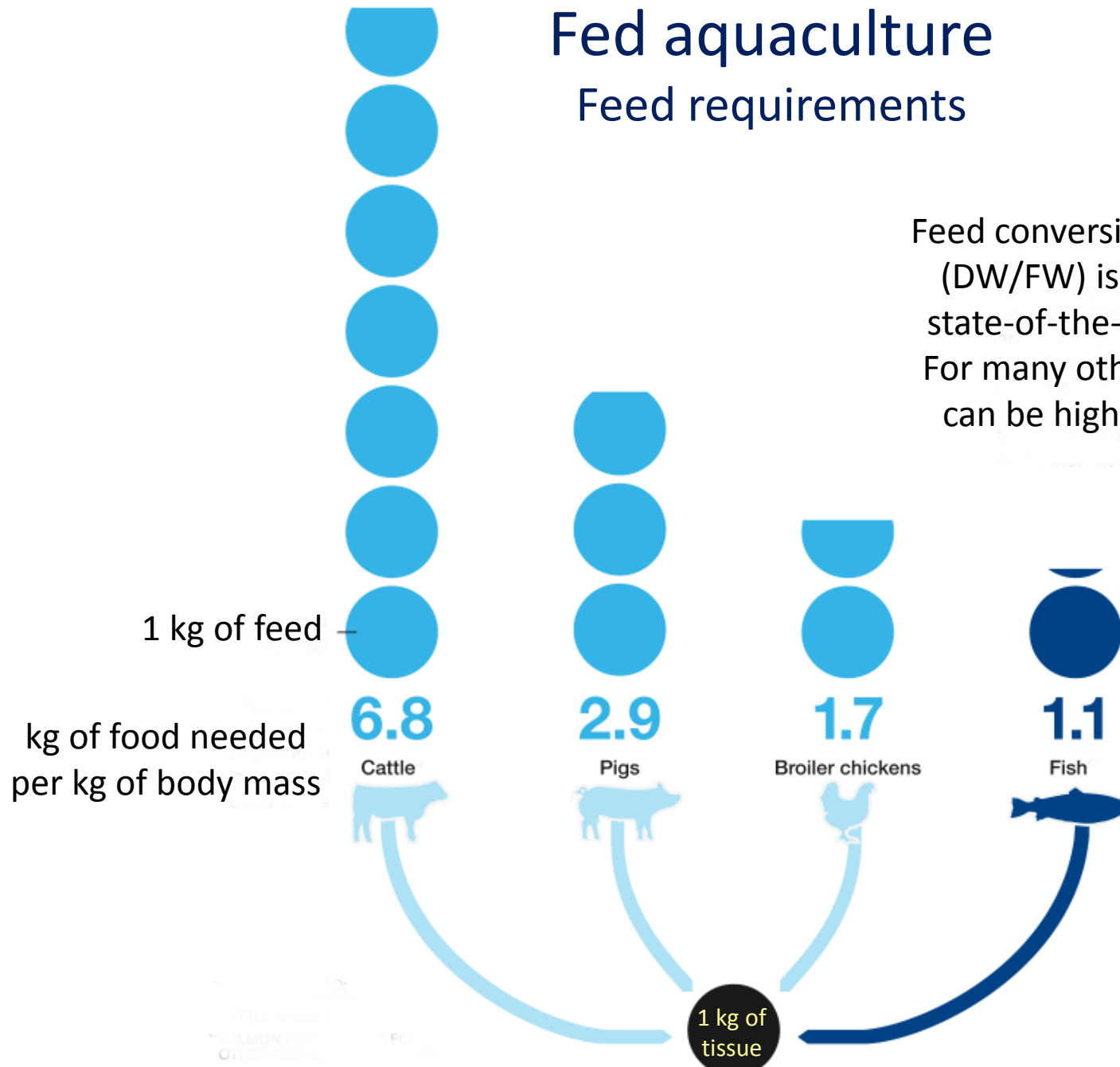




# Fed aquaculture

## Feed requirements

Feed conversion ratio (FCR) of 1.1 (DW/FW) is a typical value for state-of-the-art salmon culture. For many other species, the FCR can be higher, up to about 2.



**Finfish aquaculture has the best efficiency in the animal production industry.**



# Chiangrai pond culture, Thailand

*Tilapia, Oreochromis niloticus*





# Nori in Fujian, China - *Porphyra yezoensis*



Worldwide production of 600,000 tonnes, feeds demand for Sushi.



# Tilapia cage culture

## Laguna de Bay, Philippines



Overstocking and slow water turnover can lead to excess organic material.





**Black sea bream, *Acanthopagrus schlegeli***



**Black rockfish, *Sebastes schlegeli***



**Olive flounder, *Paralichthys olivaceus***



**Mountain trout, *Oncorhynchus masou***

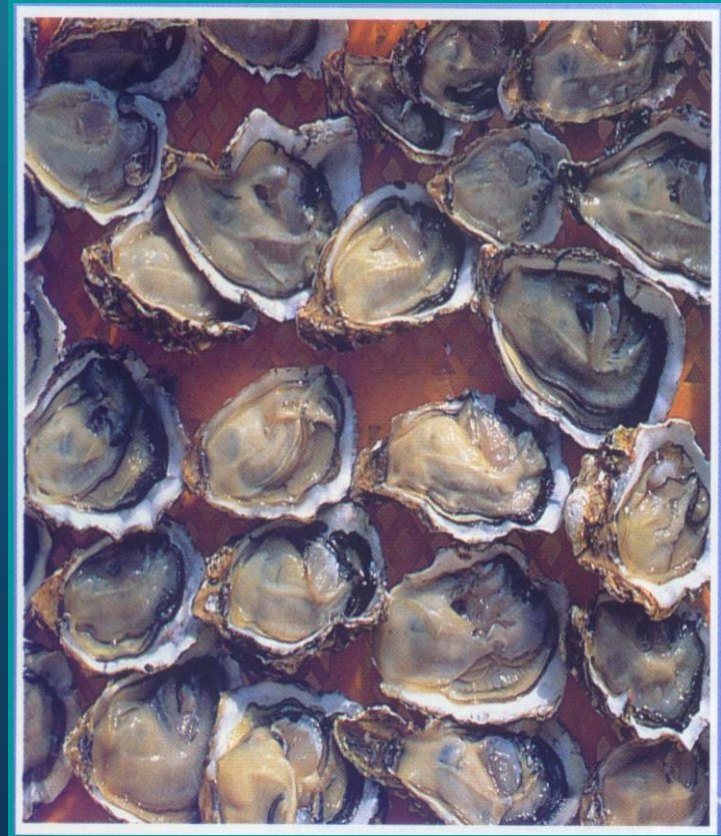




Abalone, *Haliotis discus hannai*



Chinese scallop,



Pacific oyster, *Crassostrea gigas*



# 养殖生态类型

- 网箱养殖Cage Culture: 美国红鱼、真鲷、





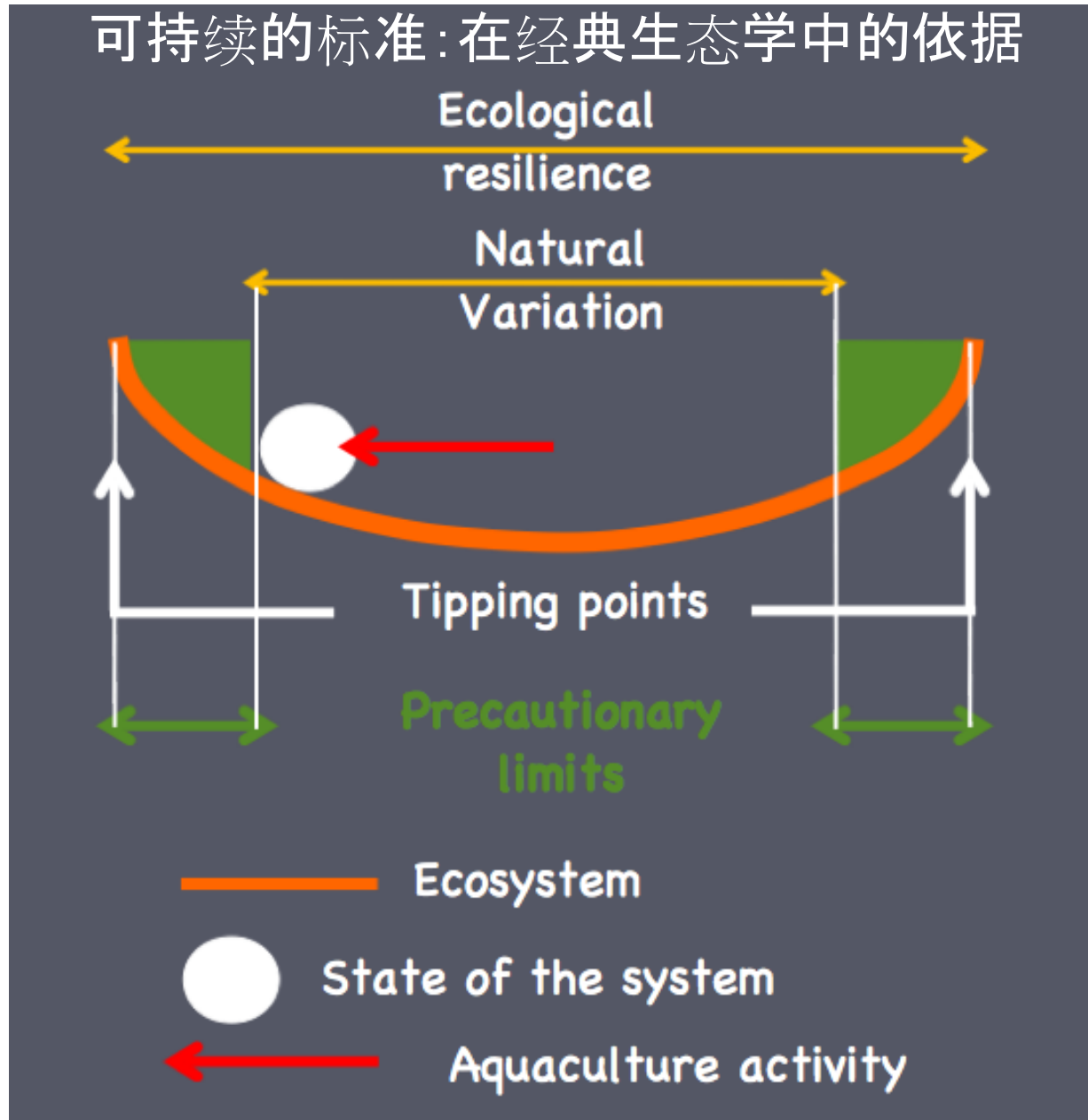




# 2005年6月8日工作人员正在进行扇贝的增殖放流行动 (scallop enhancement)



# Sustainability criteria: foundation in classical ecology



# Over carrying capacity farming



Zhu, 2010

# Rapid overstocking...

- Yellow croaker cage farming was started in Sandu Bay in 1995, **1000** fish cages in Qingshan, 1996.
- **50,000** fish cages in Qingshan, (**260, 000** fish cages in the whole Sandu Bay,) 2005
- Carrying capacity research indicated 40% of the cages should be removed in 2005, but things remain unchanged.



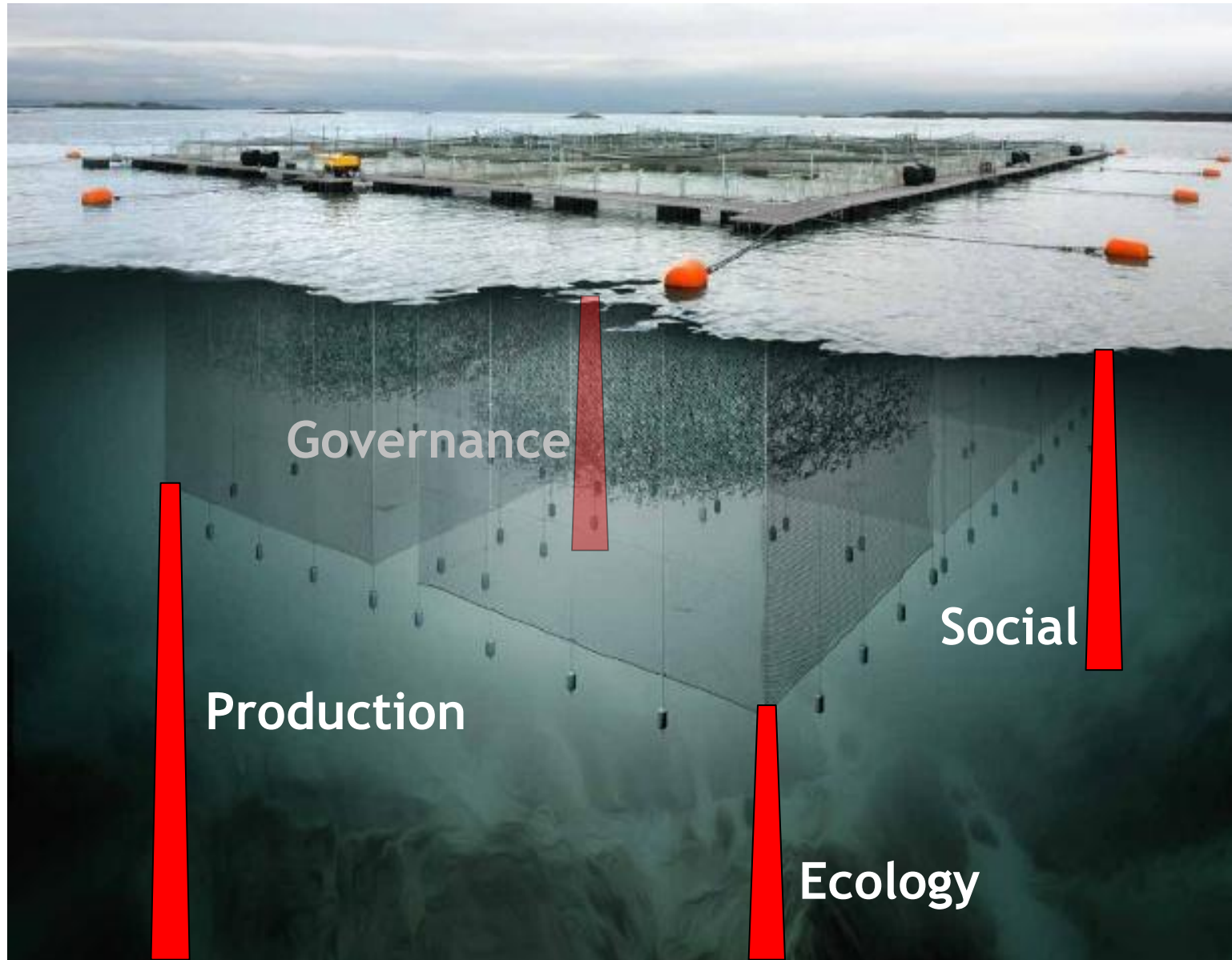


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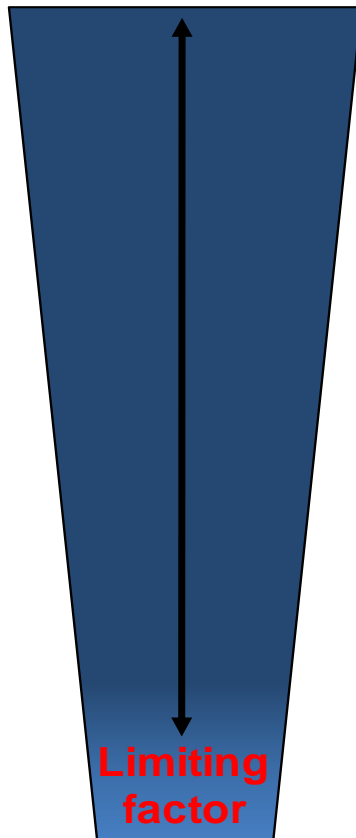
# Carrying Capacity – a Multidimensional Problem



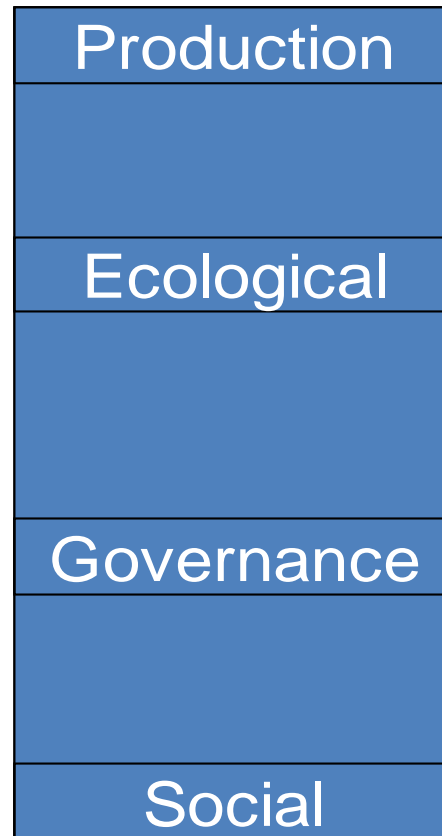
Four pillars for sustainable aquaculture. In the West, the social pillar is limiting.

# Different types of carrying capacity for aquaculture

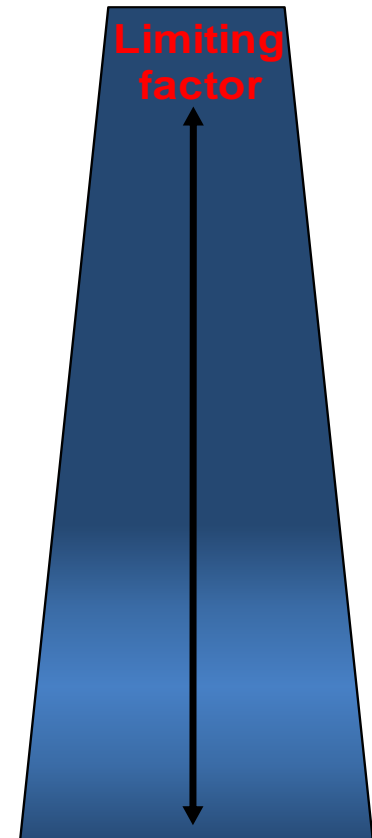
**US, Europe,  
Canada**



**Types of carrying  
capacity**



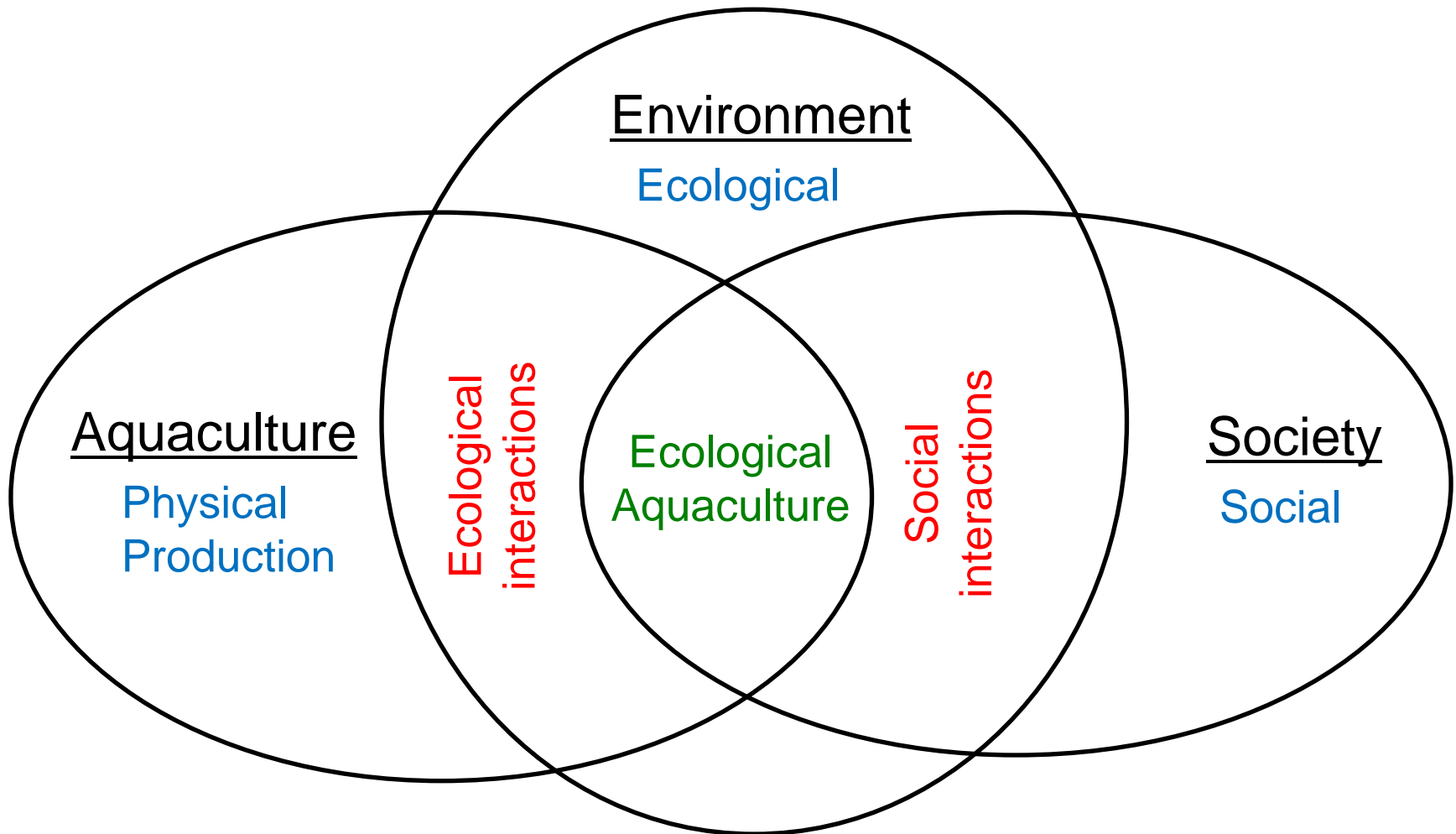
**Southeast Asia,  
China**



Different parts of the world see carrying capacity in very different ways.



# Carrying Capacity Framework for Aquaculture





# Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture (FAO)

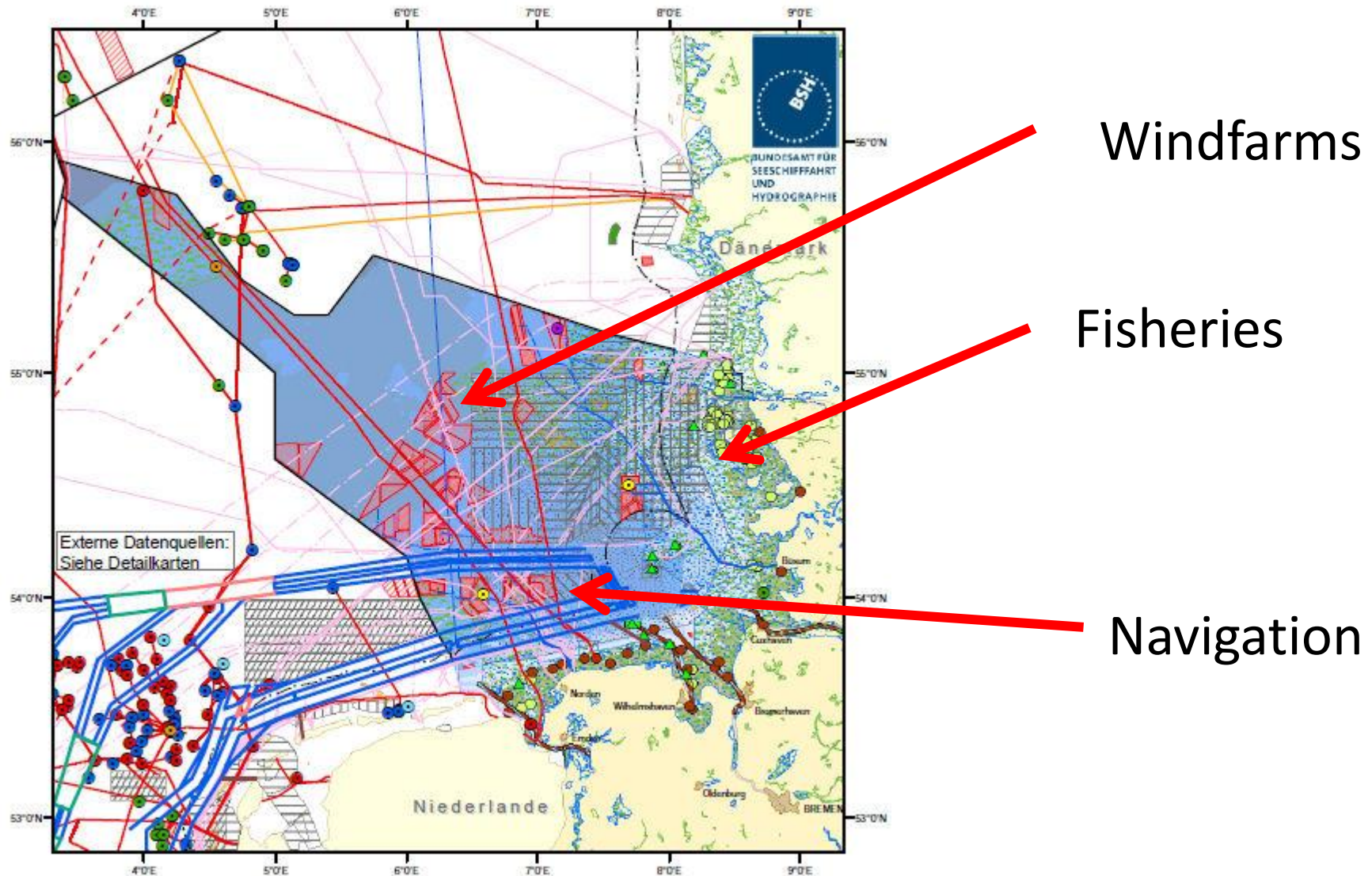
## Three principles

- Aquaculture should be developed in the context of ecosystem functions and services (including biodiversity) with no degradation of these beyond their resilience;
- Aquaculture should improve human-well being and equity for all relevant stakeholders;
- Aquaculture should be developed in the context of other sectors, policies and goals.

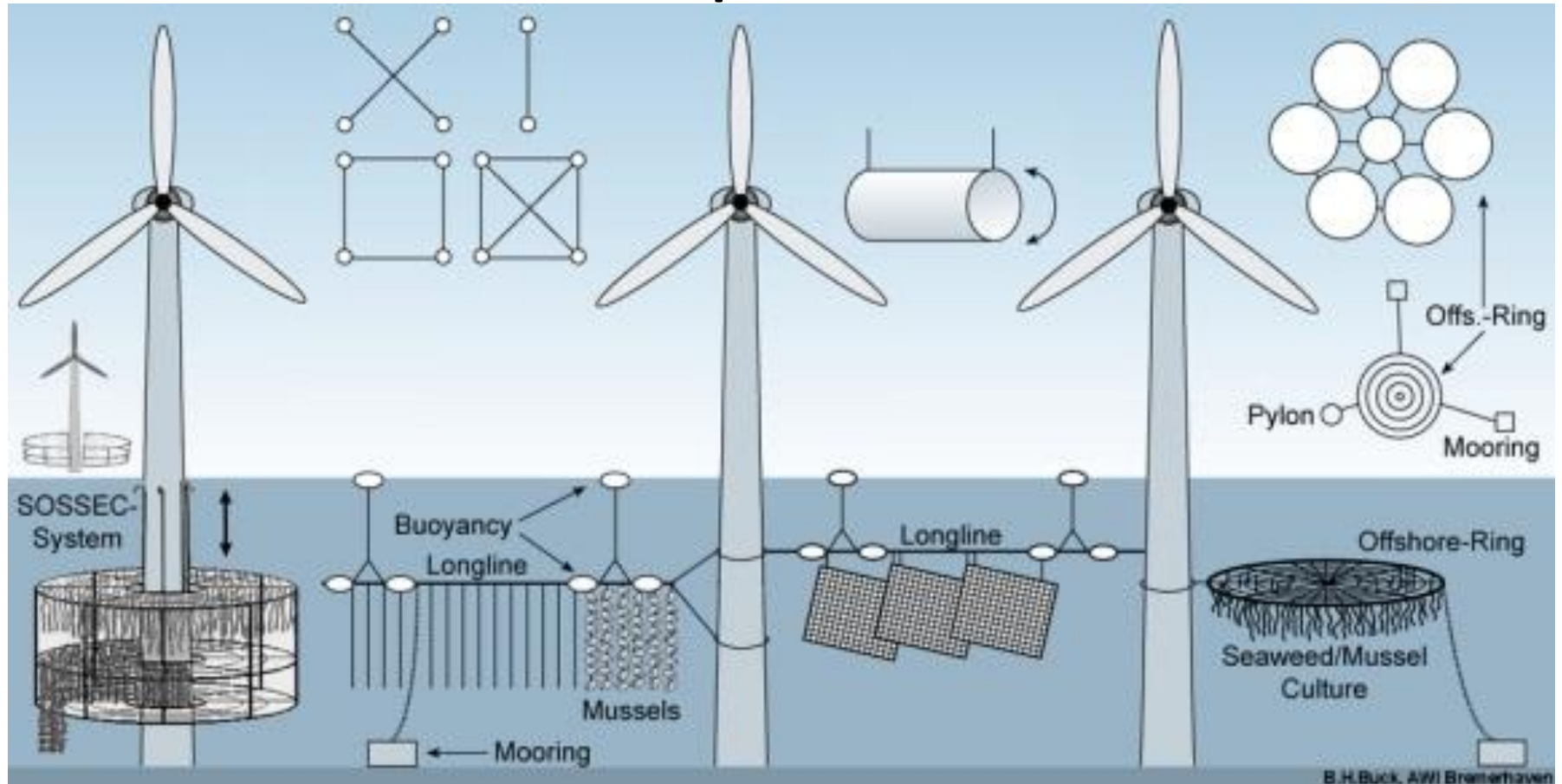
Soto, 2010

**EAA: ecosystem balance, social equity, multiple uses**

# North Sea marine spatial conflicts



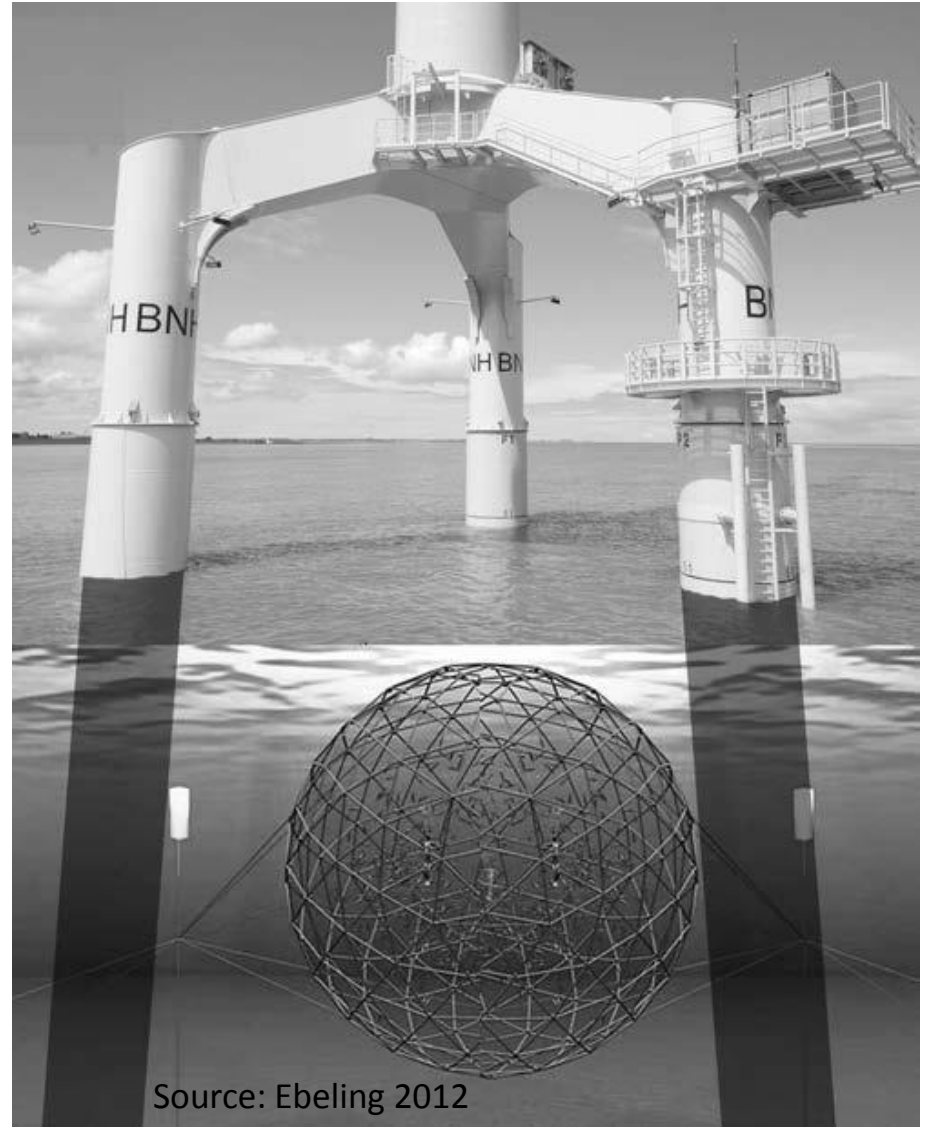
# Combination of offshore windfarms and aquaculture



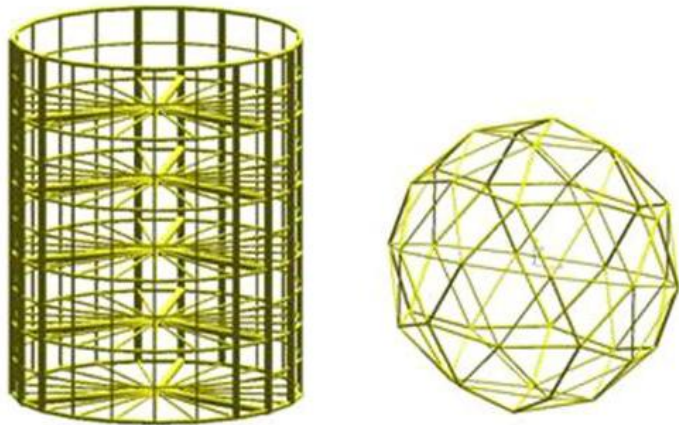
Potential use of wind turbines and enclosed space for cultivating finfish, shellfish, and seaweeds



# Offshore windfarm – single turbine



Source: Ebeling 2012



A turbine costs 15-20 million € and a height above sea level of 25 m  
Operators resist co-use due to permitting, safety and insurance concerns

# Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture: Panacea or Hype?

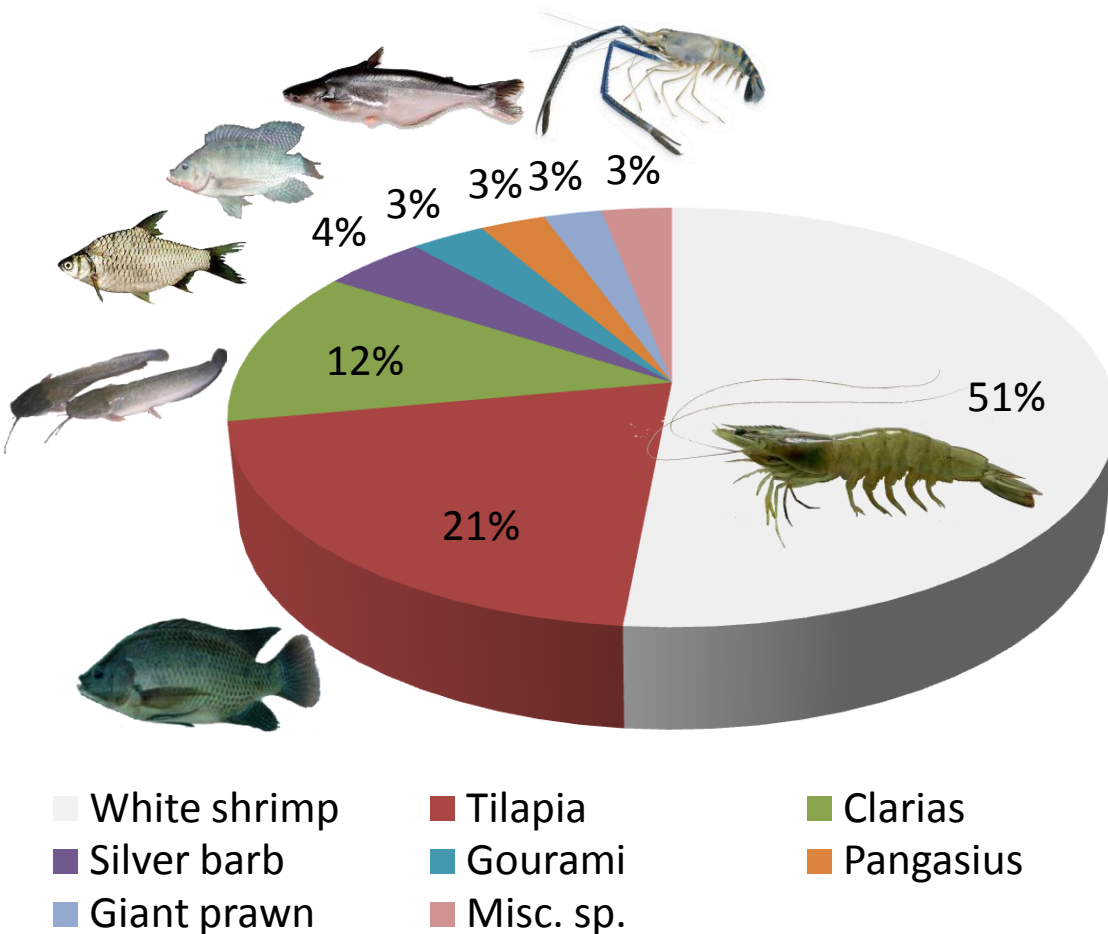
- Aquaculture description and modeling framework
- Finfish and shrimp individual growth models
- Simulation of growth in ponds
- Production, environmental externalities and IMTA
- Upscaling to the Kingdom of Thailand





# Species production from aquaculture

## Data for Thailand, 2009



Species	Tons y <sup>-1</sup>
Tilapia	221 042
Clarias	130 064
Silver barb	47 231
Gourami	34 220
Pangasius	30 200
Giant prawn	26 785
Misc. sp.	32 338
<b>Total inland</b>	<b>521 880</b>
<b>White shrimp</b>	<b>553 899</b>

White shrimp production is approximately the same as the total for inland aquaculture.

# Export of aquaculture products from Thailand

## Inland total and white shrimp

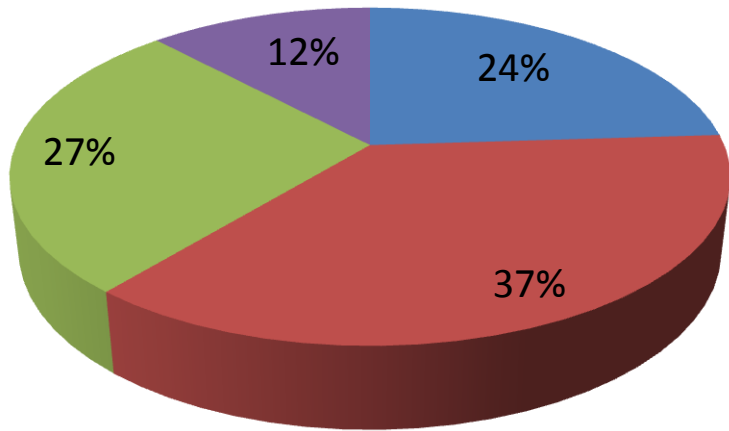
Inland



33 454 tons y<sup>-1</sup>

1 421 M baht y<sup>-1</sup>

33.25 M euro y<sup>-1</sup>



■ USA ■ EU ■ East Asia ■ Asian countries

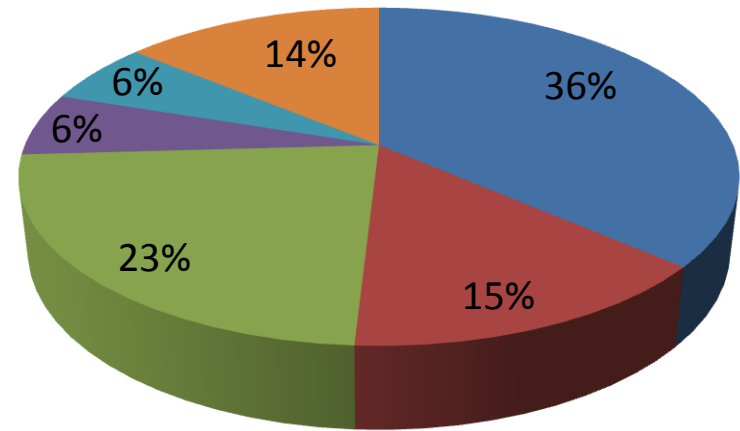
White shrimp



311 322 tons y<sup>-1</sup>

78 920 M baht y<sup>-1</sup>

1 846.65 M euro y<sup>-1</sup>



■ USA ■ EU ■ Japan ■ Canada ■ Australia ■ other

**White shrimp (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) is a high value product. During 2003-2009, export was ten times more than inland export, and income was fifty-five times higher.**

Source: Department of Fisheries Thailand





Nile tilapia  
Central Thailand

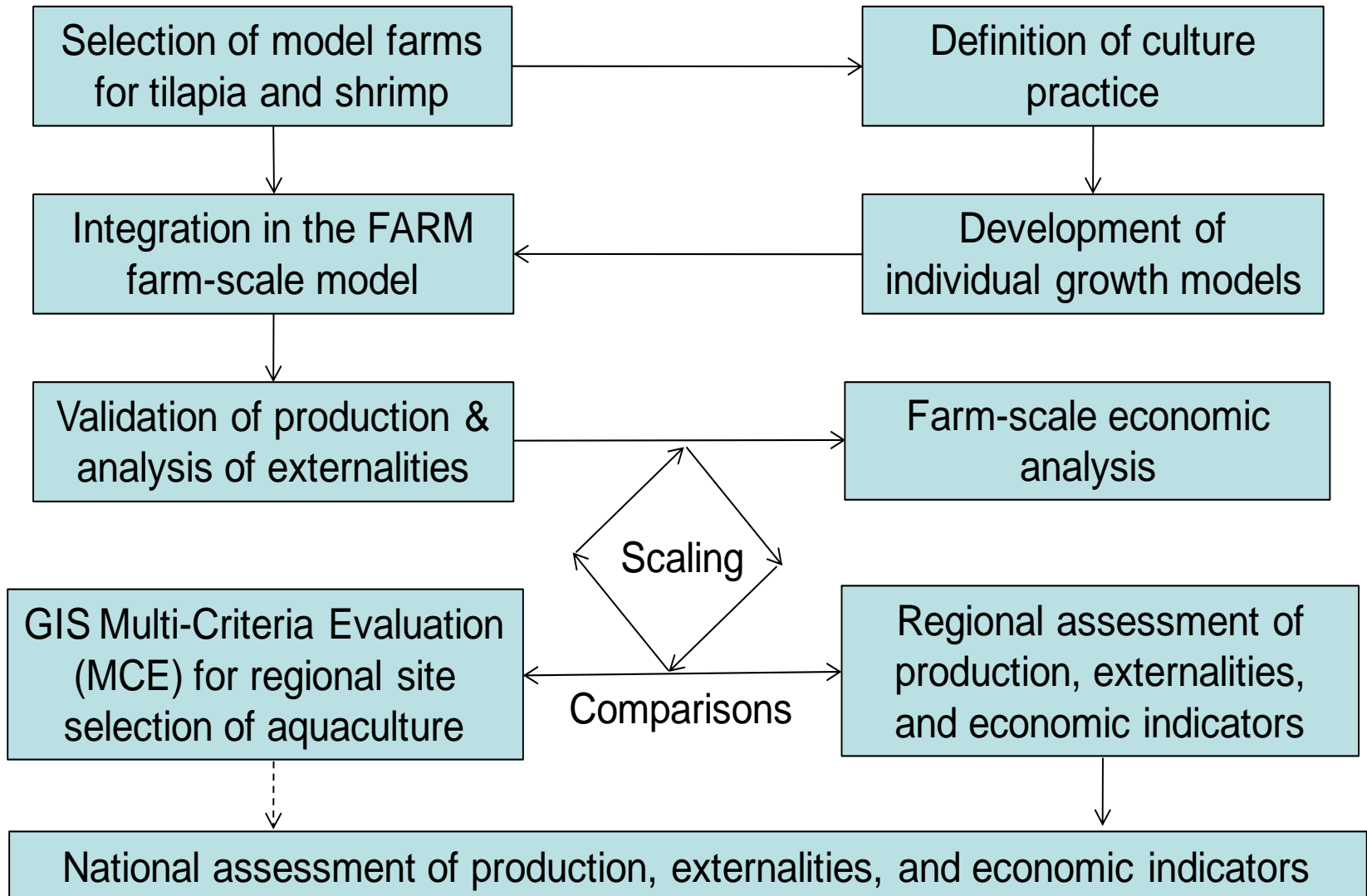


Nile tilapia  
Central Thailand



# Modelling framework

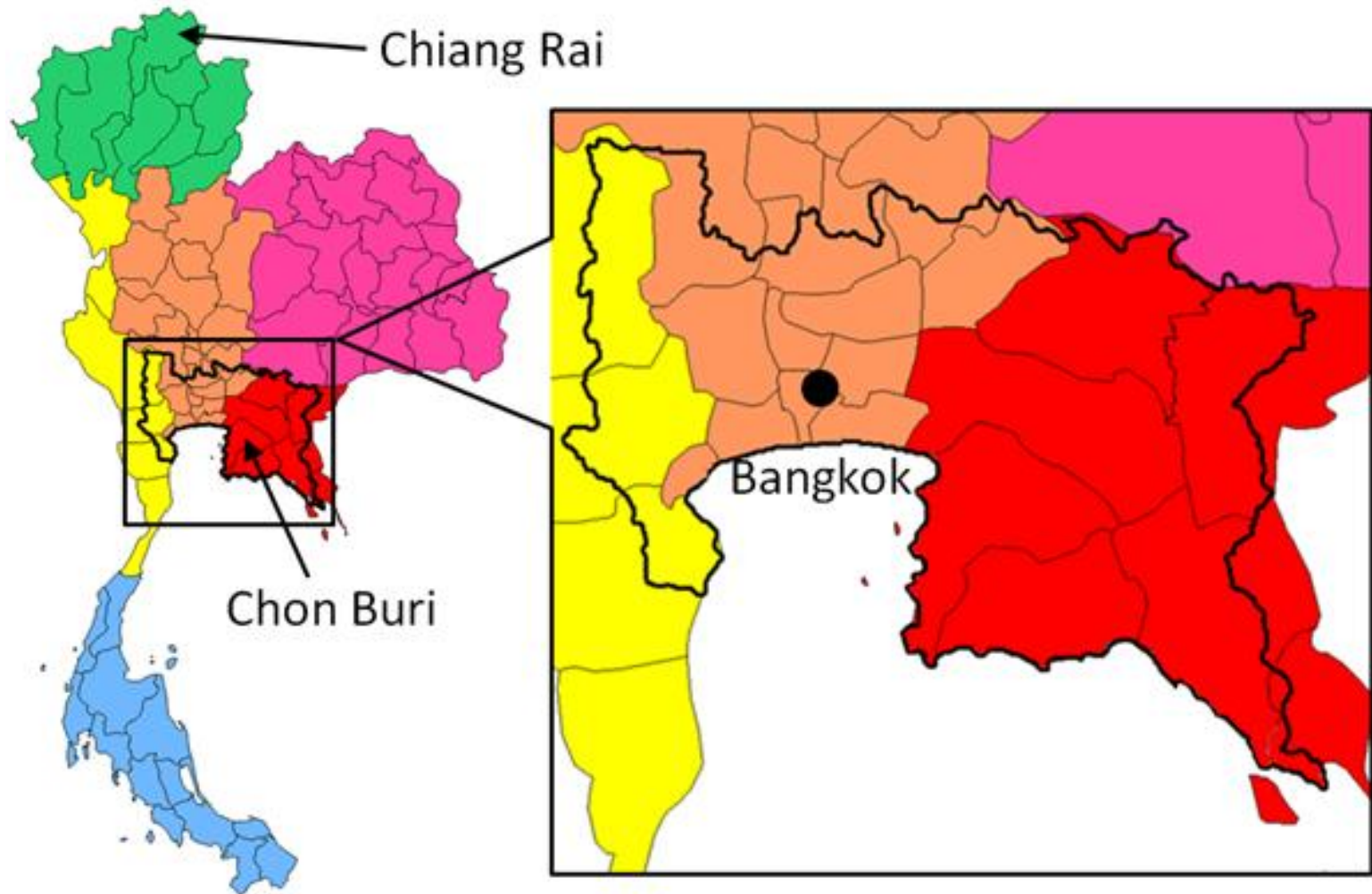
Field and experimental data combined with various models



**A combination of models helps address different aspects of sustainability.**



# Study areas in Thailand



■ Northern ■ Northeastern ■ Central Plain ■ Eastern ■ Western ■ Southern

Tilapia in NW Thailand, IMTA in Western Thailand.

# FARM setup for Chiangrai pond culture

## Tilapia, *Oreochromis niloticus*





# Cholburee, Thailand

## Integrated culture of tilapia and shrimp



Shrimp go in for one week, then the tilapia are added and eat the *Azolla*.

# IMTA culture practice

## Polyculture

## Monoculture

7 days

83 days (~3 months)

90 days (3 months)

**+ White shrimp**, Post Larvae 10-13 mm  
 $10000-20000 \text{ ind. rai}^{-1}$ ;  $= 6.25-12.5 \text{ ind. m}^{-2}$

**+ Nile tilapia**, Fry 60-100 g  
 $1200 \text{ ind. rai}^{-1} = 0.75 \text{ ind. m}^{-2}$

**— White shrimp** (12.5-16.5 g) are harvested with a concertina net  
Yield:  $100 \text{ kg rai}^{-1} = 625 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$ ,  
60-80 shrimp per kg  
 $15,000 \text{ THB rai}^{-1}$  ; 60% survival

**Nile tilapia** stay in pond, ind.  
weight 300 g at this culture stage

**— Nile tilapia** (600-1000 g) are exported as fillet to U.S.  
Yield:  $1 \text{ ton rai}^{-1} = 6250 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$   
 $56,000 \text{ THB rai}^{-1}$  i.e.  $350,000 \text{ THB cycle}^{-1}$ . 90% survival

Pond water is topped up for evaporation only.  
Usually every 15-30 days i.e. 6-12 times cycle<sup>-1</sup>

Global GAP certified.  
No particular issues identified.

90% of farmers use this method,  
10% grow only white shrimp

Put the shrimp in first so the tilapia don't eat them.



# Blinded by the light

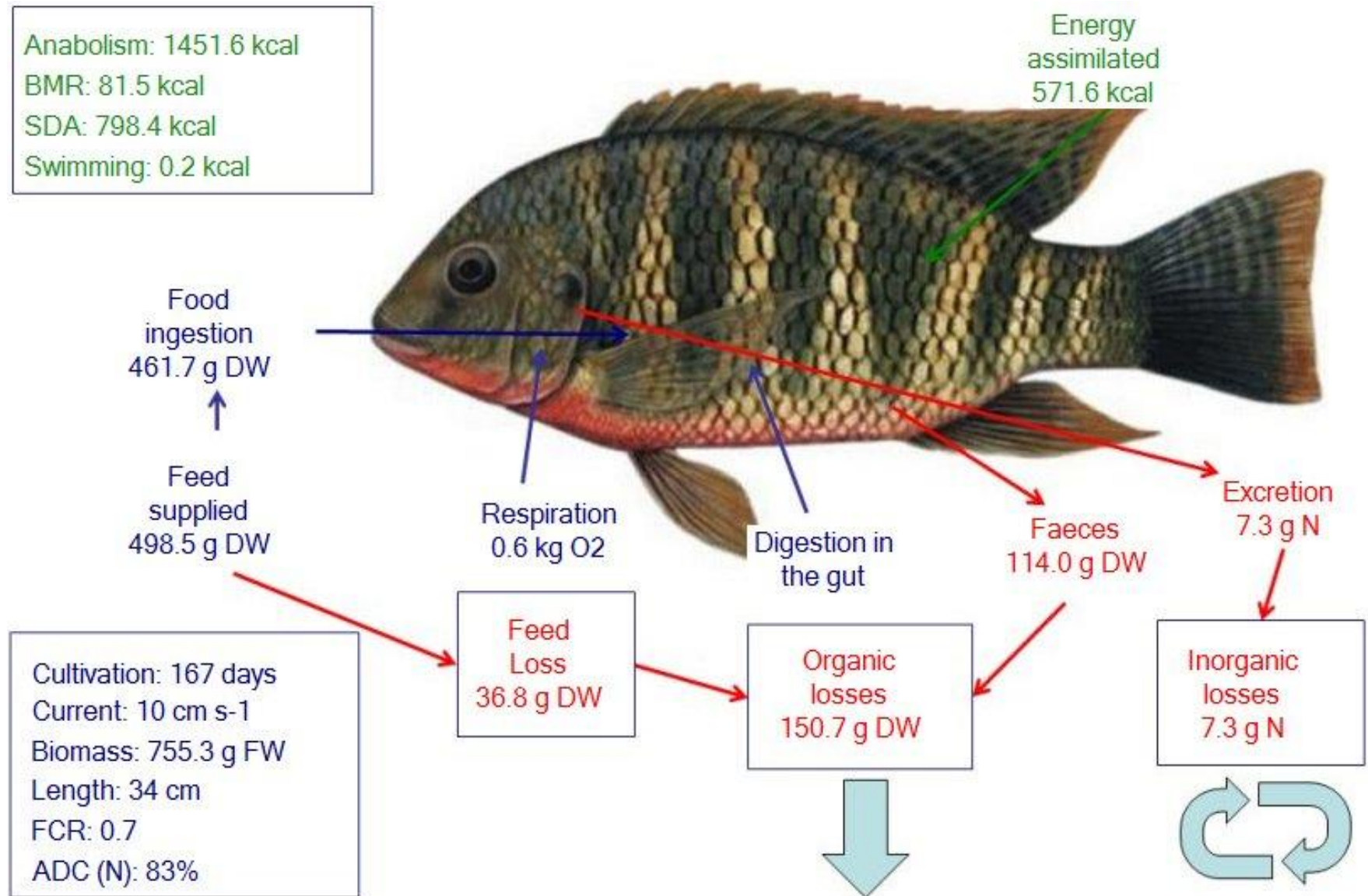
Luring the shrimp with an energy-efficient 220 V bulb



Shrimp are lured at night and captured in concertina nets.

# Individual mass balance for Nile tilapia cultivation

Final weight: 755 g, AquaFish model

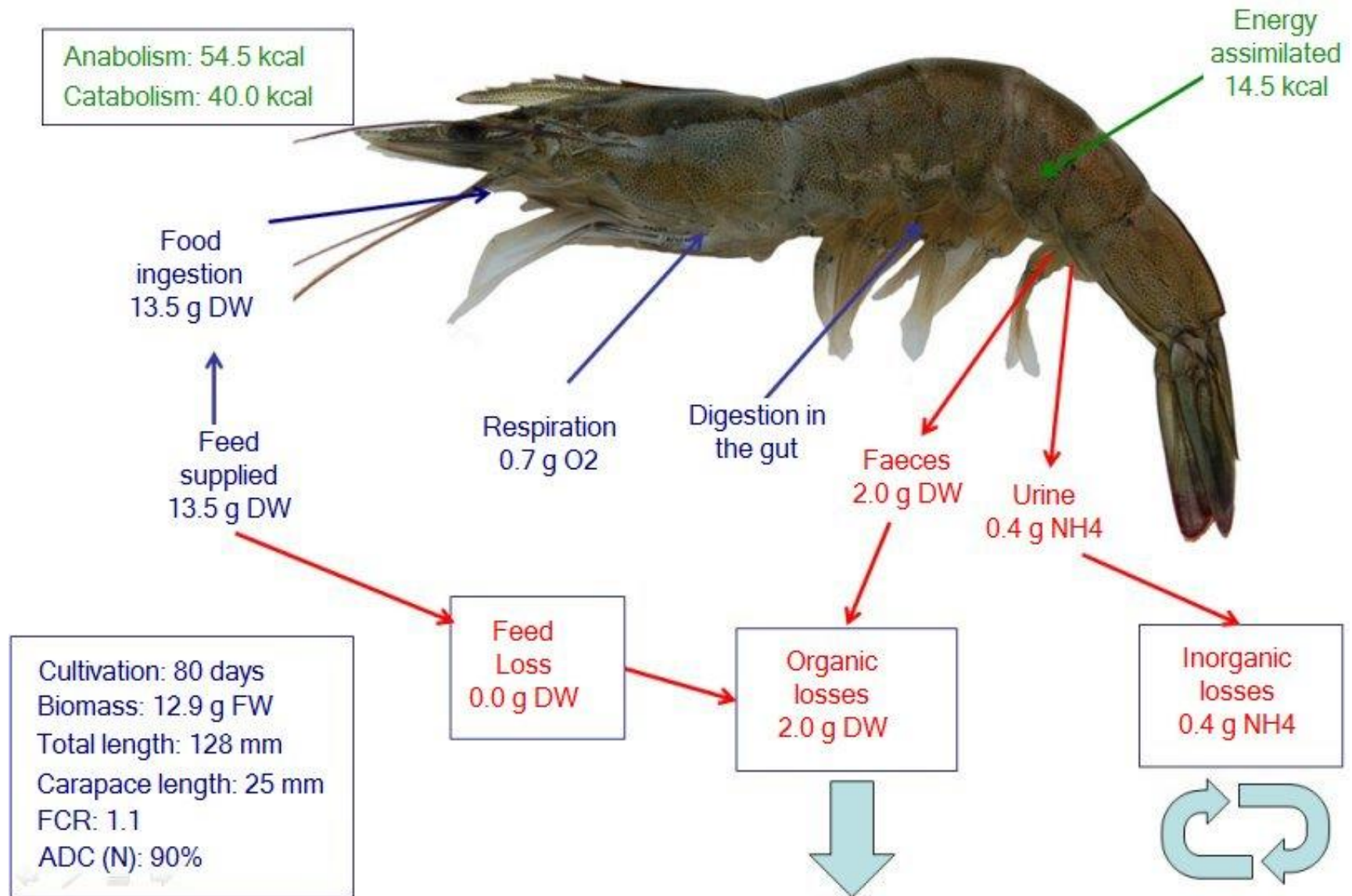


Average individual weight for three ponds (8 rai) in Chiangrai is  $713 \pm 59$  g.



# Individual mass balance for white shrimp cultivation

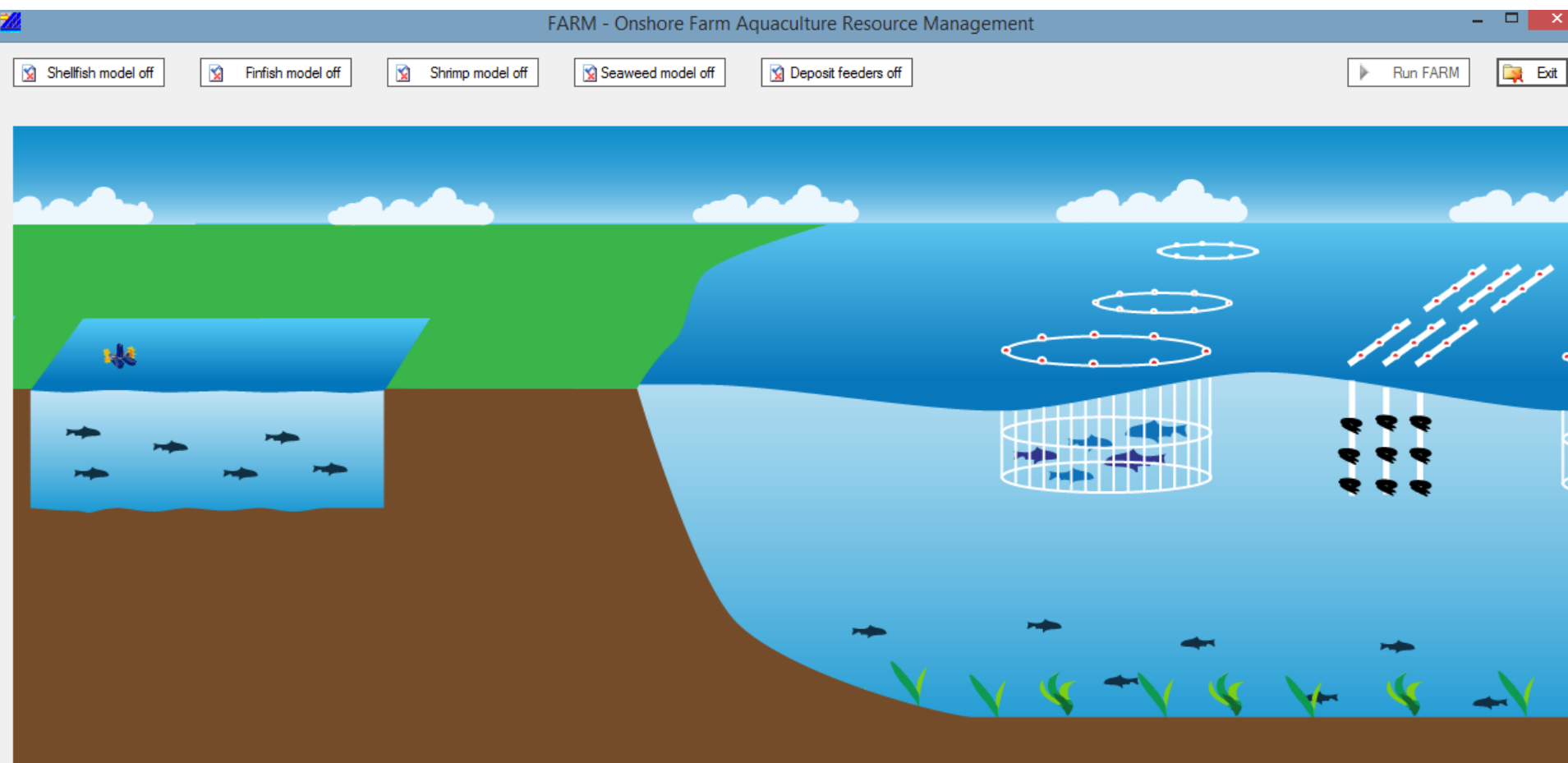
Final weight: 12.8 g, AquaShrimp model



White shrimp (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) weight in ponds varies between 10-25 g.

# FARM model

## Application to Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA)



**FARM model for finfish, shellfish, or seaweed monoculture, and IMTA.**

Ferreira et al, 2014. Analysis of production and environmental effects of Nile tilapia and white shrimp culture in Thailand. Aquaculture, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.aquaculture.2014.08.042>.

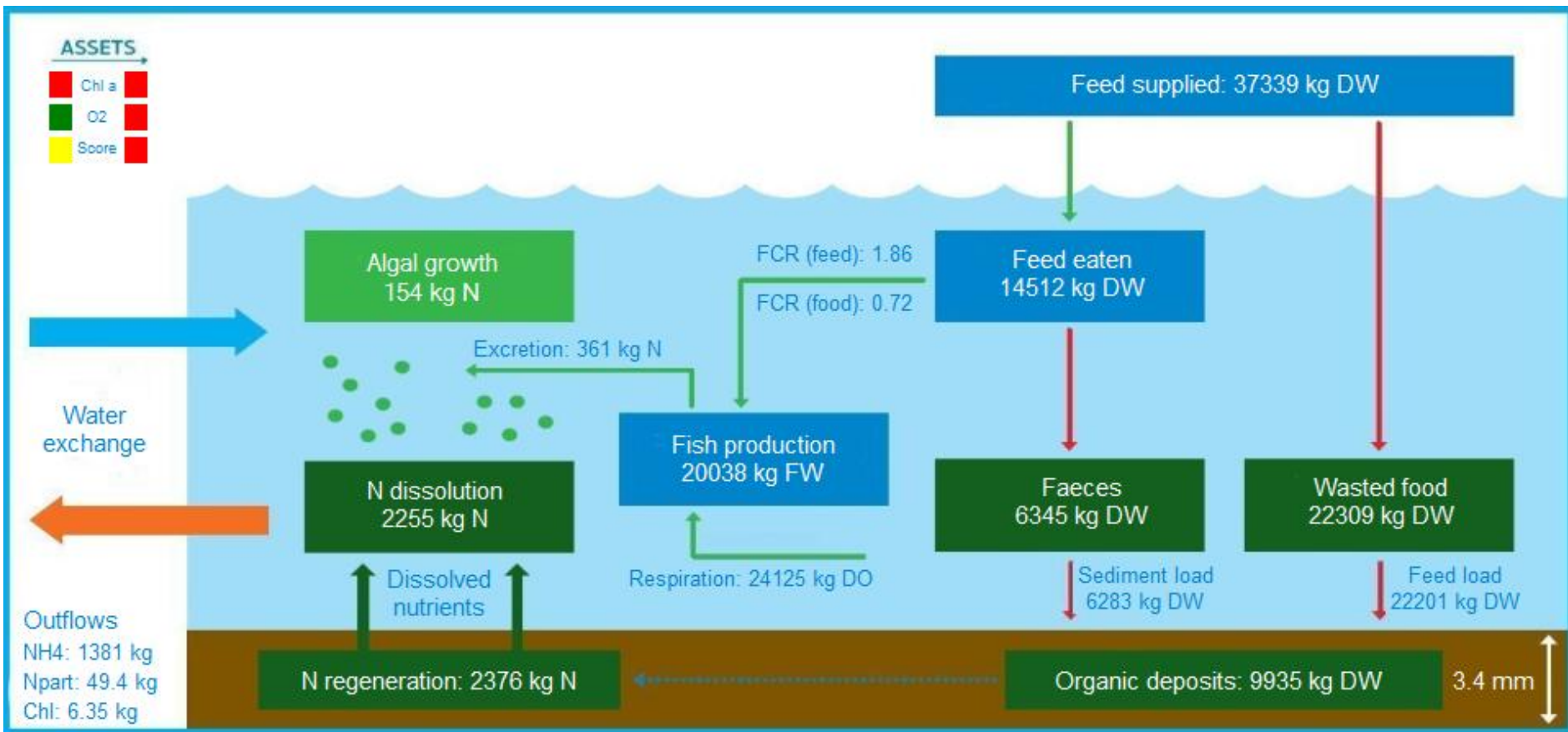
# Production and environmental effects of pond culture of Nile tilapia (*O. niloticus*) in monoculture - Chiangrai

Variable	FARM - tilapia Monoculture	Data - tilapia monoculture
<b>Model inputs</b>		
Seeding density	3.13 fish per m <sup>2</sup> 2 rai (3200 m <sup>2</sup> ) ponds	
Seeding density (kg FW)	801.3	800
<b>Model outputs</b>		
<b>Production</b>		
Total (TPP) (kg TFW)	5115.6	5400
Feed Conversion Ratio (FCR)	1.80	1.69
<b>Environmental externalities</b>		
Outflow of NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> (kg N)	224.5	-
Outflow of chlorophyll (kg chl)	1.27	-
<b>Profit and loss</b>		
<b>Total income = Aquaculture products (\$)</b>	<b>8747.69</b>	<b>9234</b>
<b>Total expenditure (\$)</b>	<b>7659.50</b>	<b>7388.28</b>
Feed cost (\$)	6276.77	6324
Seed cost (\$)	969.25	967.7
Energy cost (\$)	413.48	96.58
<b>Farm Profit = Income-Expenditure (\$)</b>	<b>1088.19</b>	<b>1845.72</b>

**FARM model: results per pond; recorded data: average of three ponds.**

# FARM model for culture of finfish

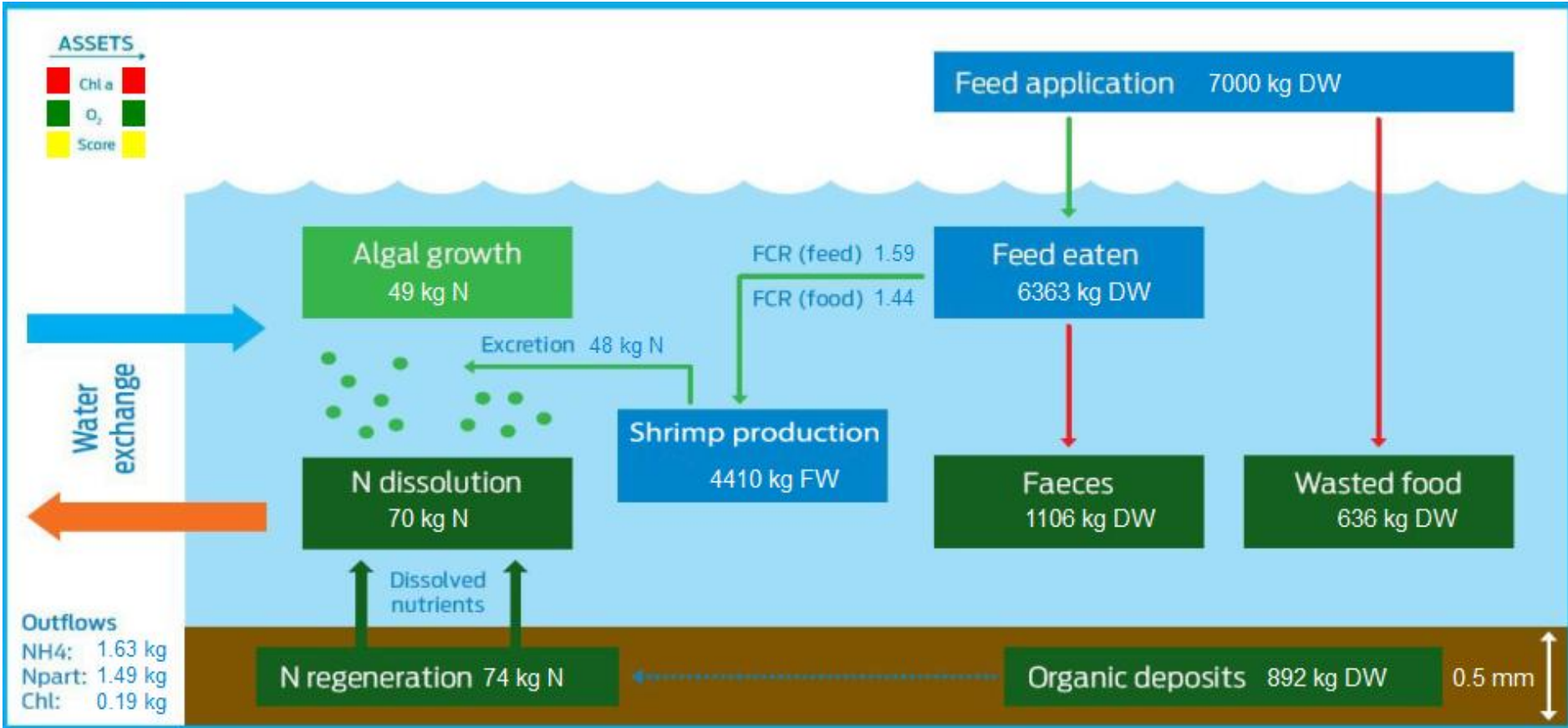
## Mass balance for pond culture of Nile tilapia in Chiangrai



Mass balance for tilapia pond culture (4 ponds, 8 rai total area, 167 day cycle, starting day 206, seed weight 80 g, harvest weight >650 g). Yield of 5009.4 kg per pond (recorded data - average: 5400 kg and FCR 1.69).

# FARM model for shrimp monoculture

## Mass balance for pond culture of white shrimp in Chanthaburi



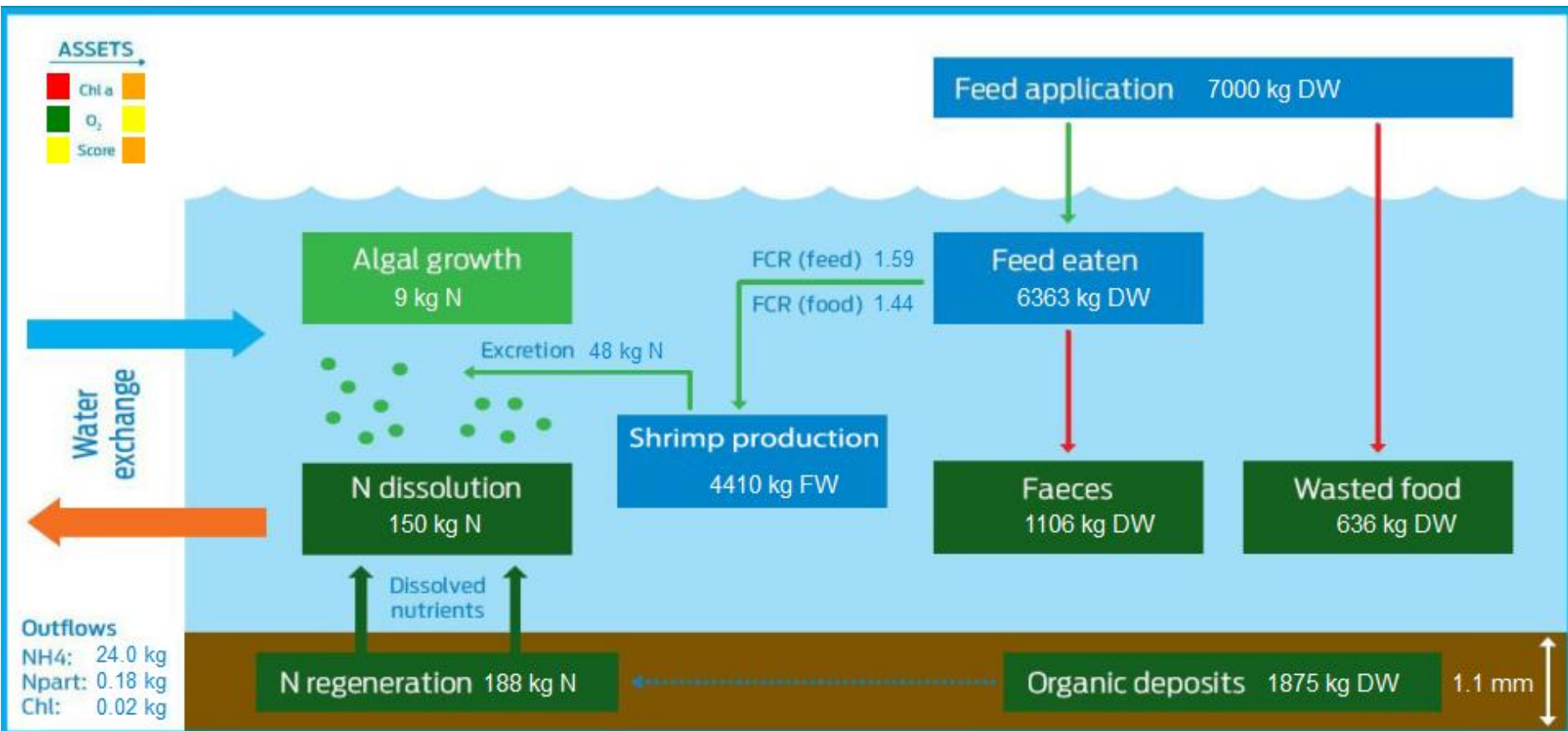
Mass balance for shrimp pond culture (1 pond, 2.5 rai area, 81 day cycle, density 80 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>, starting day 1, seed weight 0.002 g, harvest weight >16 g). Yield of 4409.8 kg per pond (recorded data: 4000 kg, FCR 1.32).



# FARM model for integrated multi-trophic aquaculture

## Mass balance for co-cultivation of tilapia and white shrimp

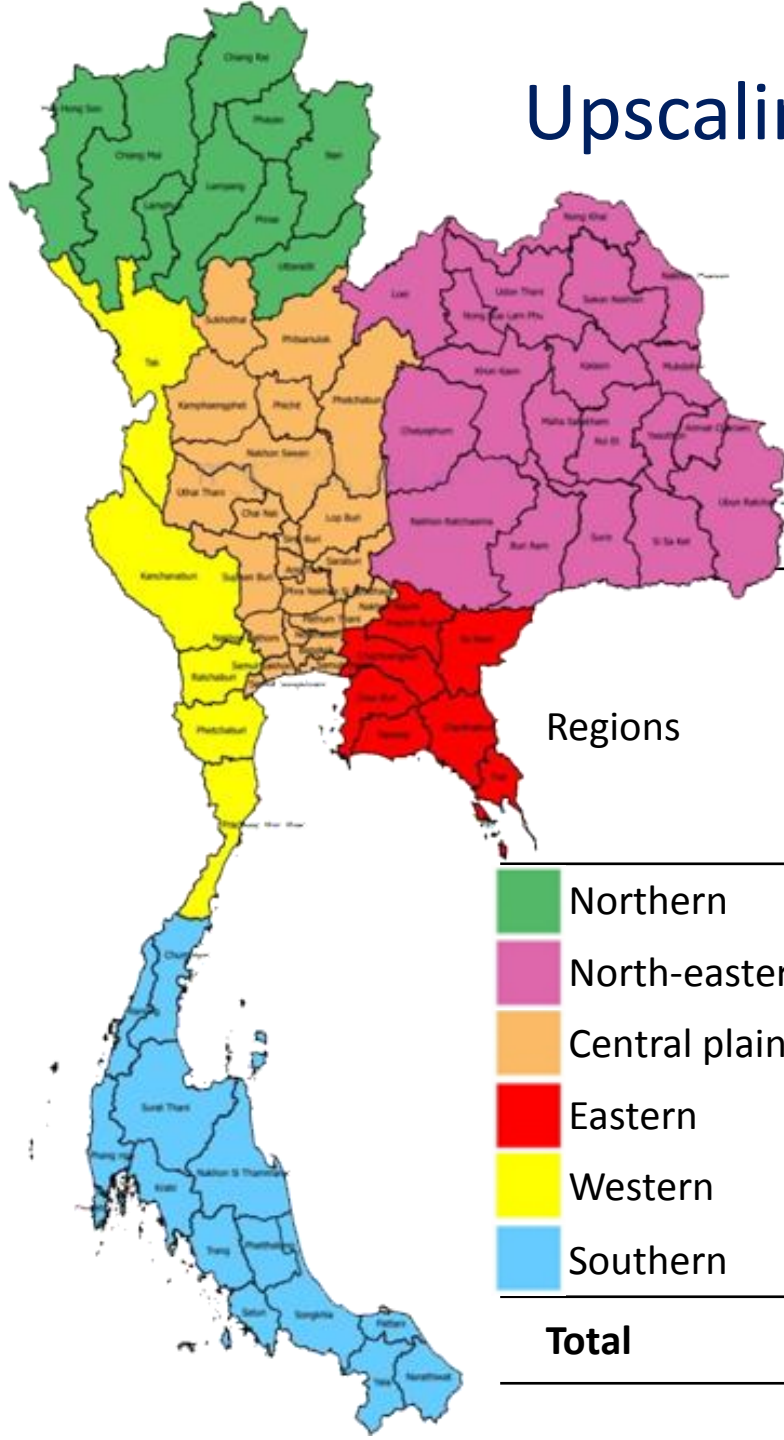
Simulation for 81 days (one shrimp cycle)



Tilapia increase sedimentation of organics and diagenesis, but significantly reduce algal growth through filtration, and therefore chlorophyll emissions. There is an additional crop of about 1 ton of tilapia (400 g weight) in this 2.5 rai farm.

# Upscaling to the Kingdom of Thailand

## Production and environment

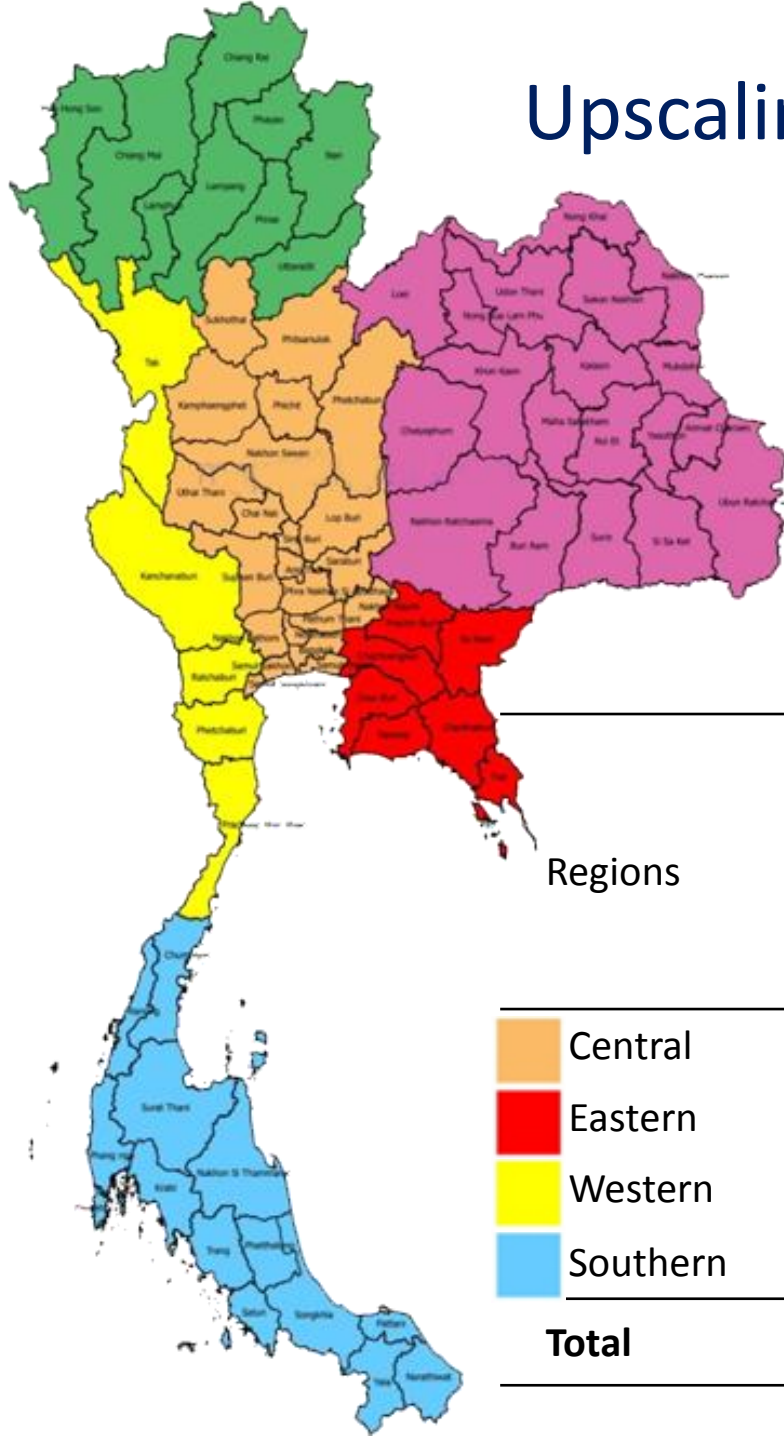


Regions	Environmental externalities due to outflows				
	Aquaculture production	Primary production	Ammonia	Chlorophyll <i>a</i>	PEQ
	t y <sup>-1</sup>	t N y <sup>-1</sup>	t N y <sup>-1</sup>	kg chl y <sup>-1</sup>	
Northern	36 004	718	126	125	38 187
North-eastern	42 981	857	150	149	45 587
Central plain	16 500	329	58	57	17 501
Eastern	32 957	657	115	115	34 956
Western	21 296	425	75	74	22 587
Southern	8 556	171	30	30	9 075
<b>Total</b>	<b>158 293</b>	<b>3 156</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>167 893</b>



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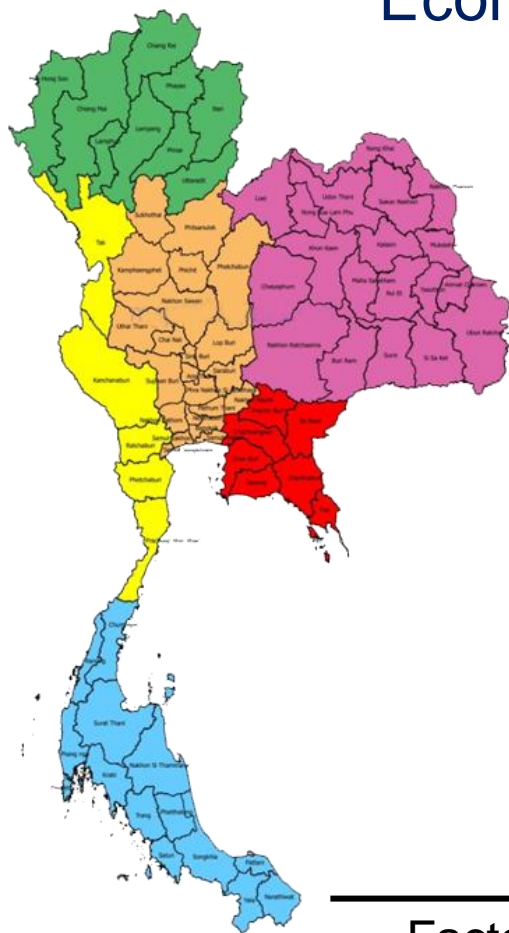
## Production and environment



Regions	Aquaculture production  t y <sup>-1</sup>	Primary production  t N y <sup>-1</sup>	Environmental externalities due to outflows		
			Ammonia  t N y <sup>-1</sup>	Chlorophyll <i>a</i>  kg chl y <sup>-1</sup>	PEQ
Central	170 975	1 641	36	6 642	10 774
Eastern	41 143	395	9	1 598	2 593
Western	43 063	413	9	1 673	2 714
Southern	298 718	2 867	62	11 605	18 824
<b>Total</b>	<b>553 899</b>	<b>5 316</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>21 518</b>	<b>34 904</b>

# Upscaling to the Kingdom of Thailand

## Economic analysis for Nile tilapia



### Direct economic indicators

	Millions USD
Total revenue	253.27
Total expenditure	187.98
Labour income for 500 000 people	10.40 (5.5%)
Direct job creation	400,000-650,000

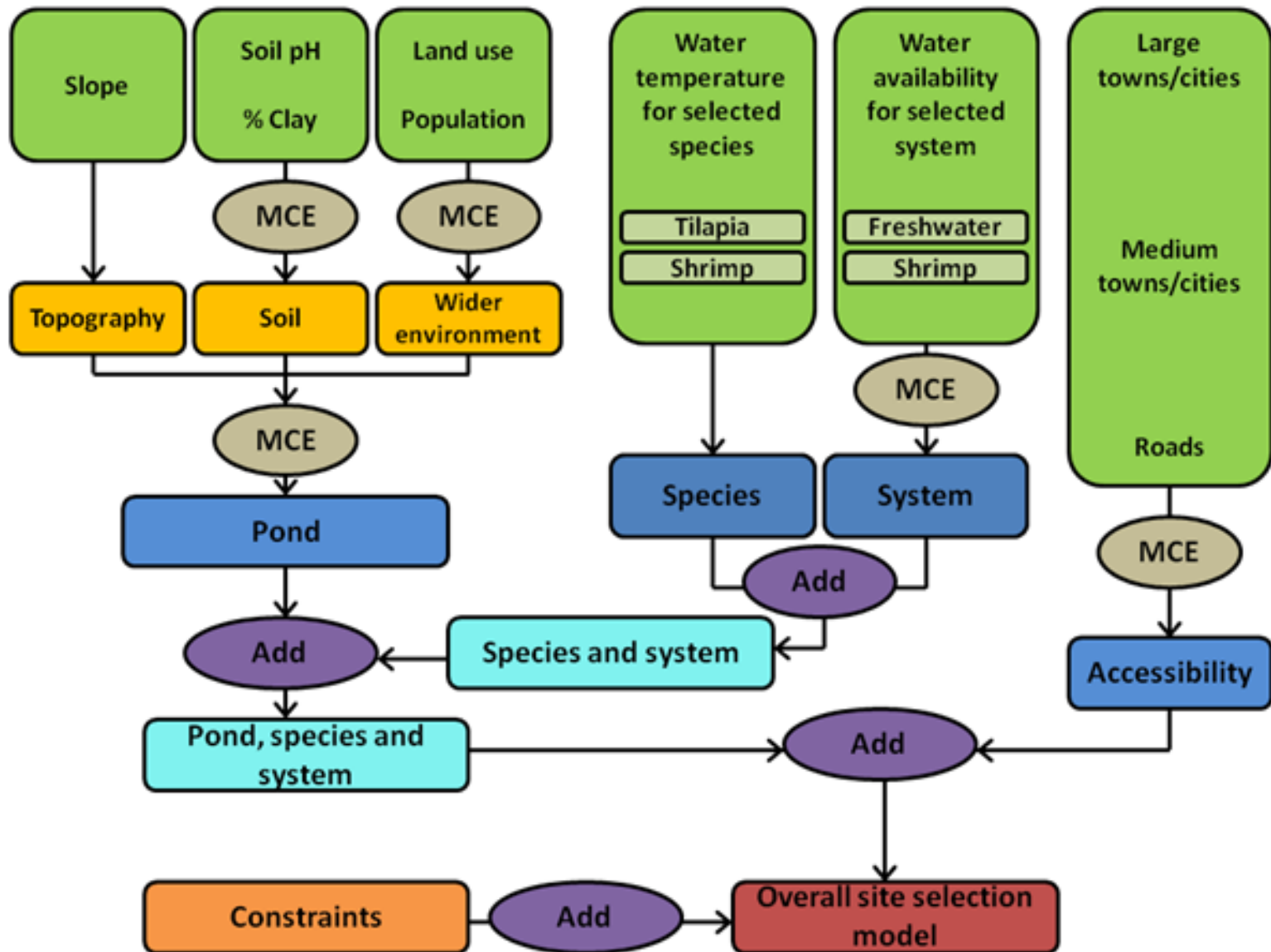
### Indirect/induced economic impacts

	Value added to revenue	Jobs created from revenue	Costs of internalization
Factors	VAD ratio: 0.38	64 per million USD	10 <sup>6</sup> USD
Value	96.24 M USD	16 209	21.1

Economic data from Thailand, based on DOF and FAO.

**Cost of negative externalities assuming 1/3 of PEQ = 6% of production income.**

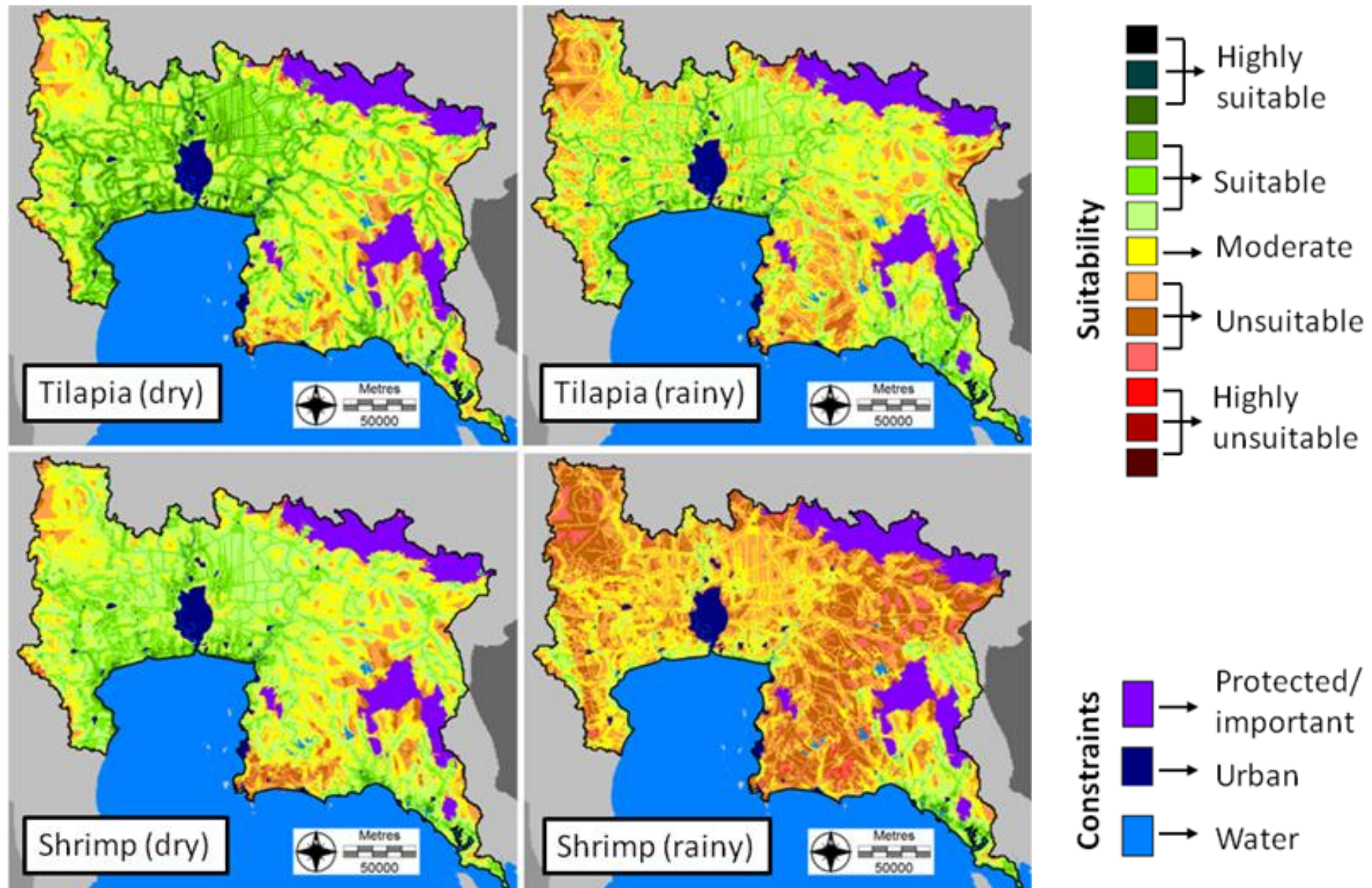
# Structure of site suitability model



MCE based on slope, pH, land use, water temperature, water availability, towns and roads.



# Site suitability analysis for pond culture in Thailand



MCE based on slope, pH, land use, water temperature, water availability, towns and roads.

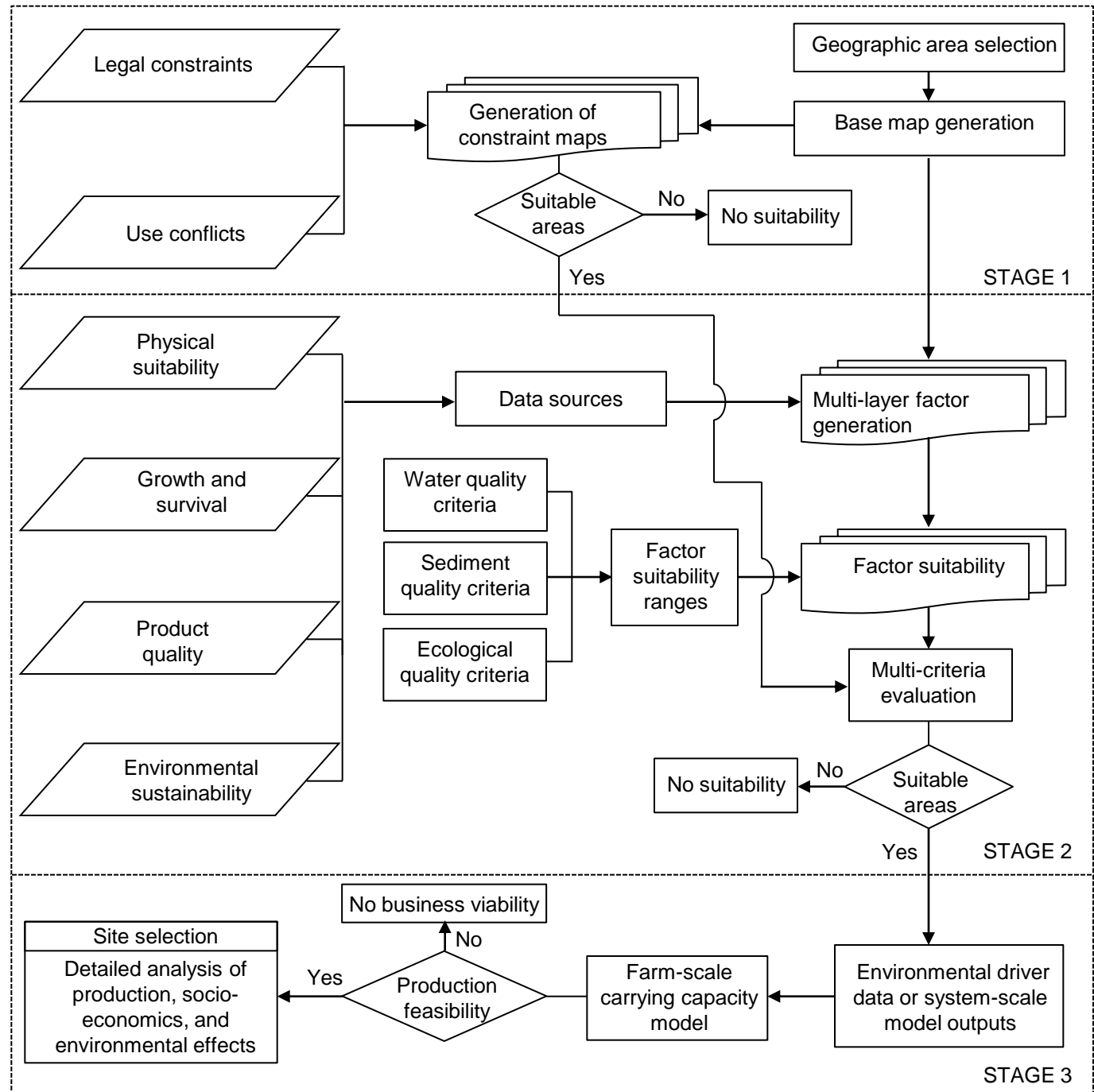
# Summary – Freshwater Case Study

- Models such as FARM are valuable for analysis of environmental effects and different culture scenarios;
- IMTA of tilapia with shrimp helps reduce some negative externalities of shrimp culture, but adds to others;
- Chlorophyll outflow from shrimp farming is forty times greater than from tilapia cultivation;
- Dynamic modelling can be combined with spatial data to provide global estimates of production and environmental effects—this allows a more integrated economic valuation;
- In tilapia monoculture, nitrogen emissions equate to 170,000 PEQ, but a substantial part is recycled in agri-aqua;
- Estimated gross profit from tilapia is about 65 million USD per year;
- The potential total cost of reducing externalities ( $20.1 \times 10^6$  USD) would lower profit by at least one third.

# Systems approach for site selection

Every talk needs a horrendogram!

Silva et al., 2011.



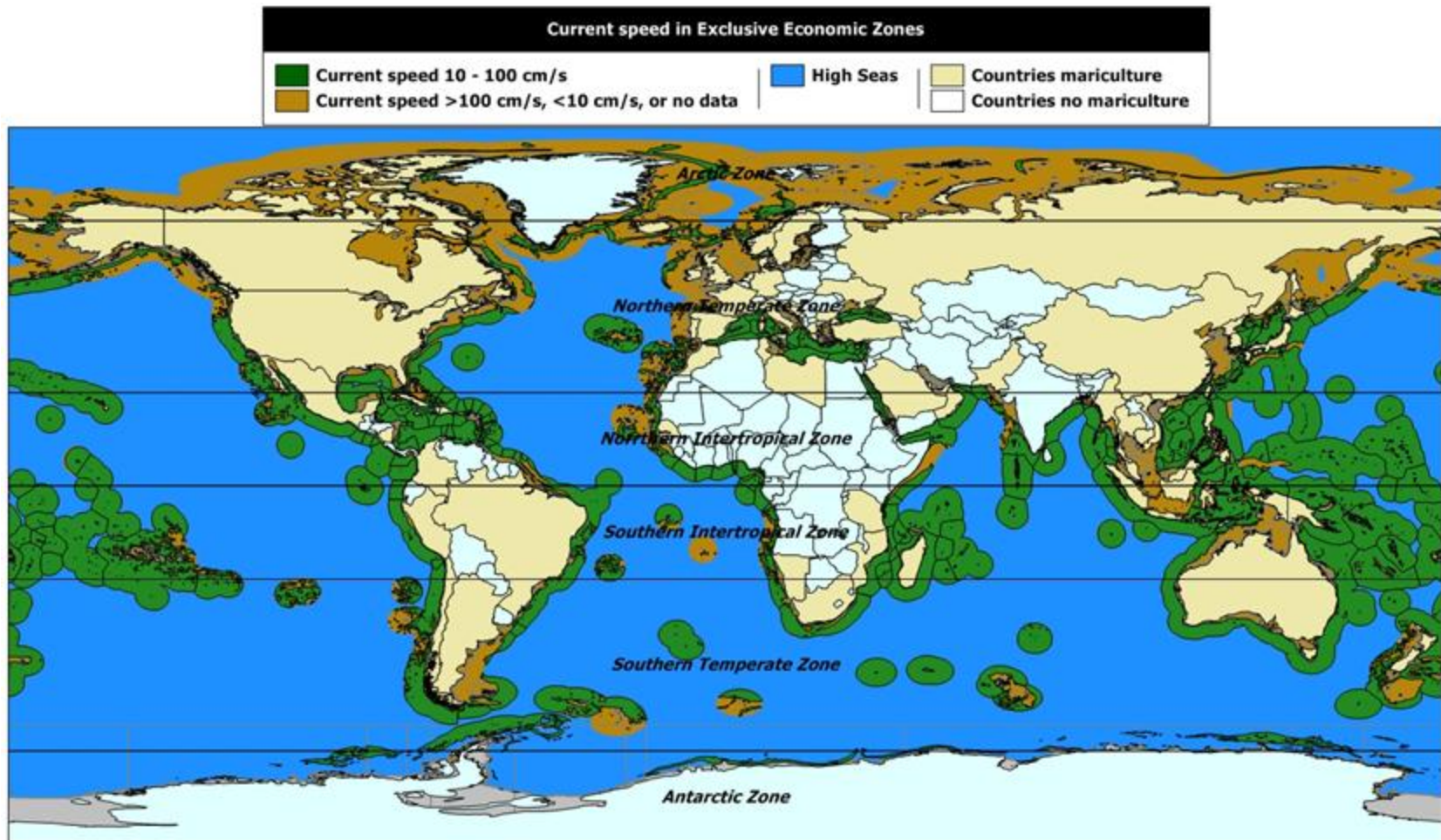


# Offshore aquaculture

The extra thirty million tonnes needed to feed the world in 2050 is at the top end of this range

Current speeds:  $0.1\text{--}1\text{ m s}^{-1}$ , suitable depth range for cages and longlines

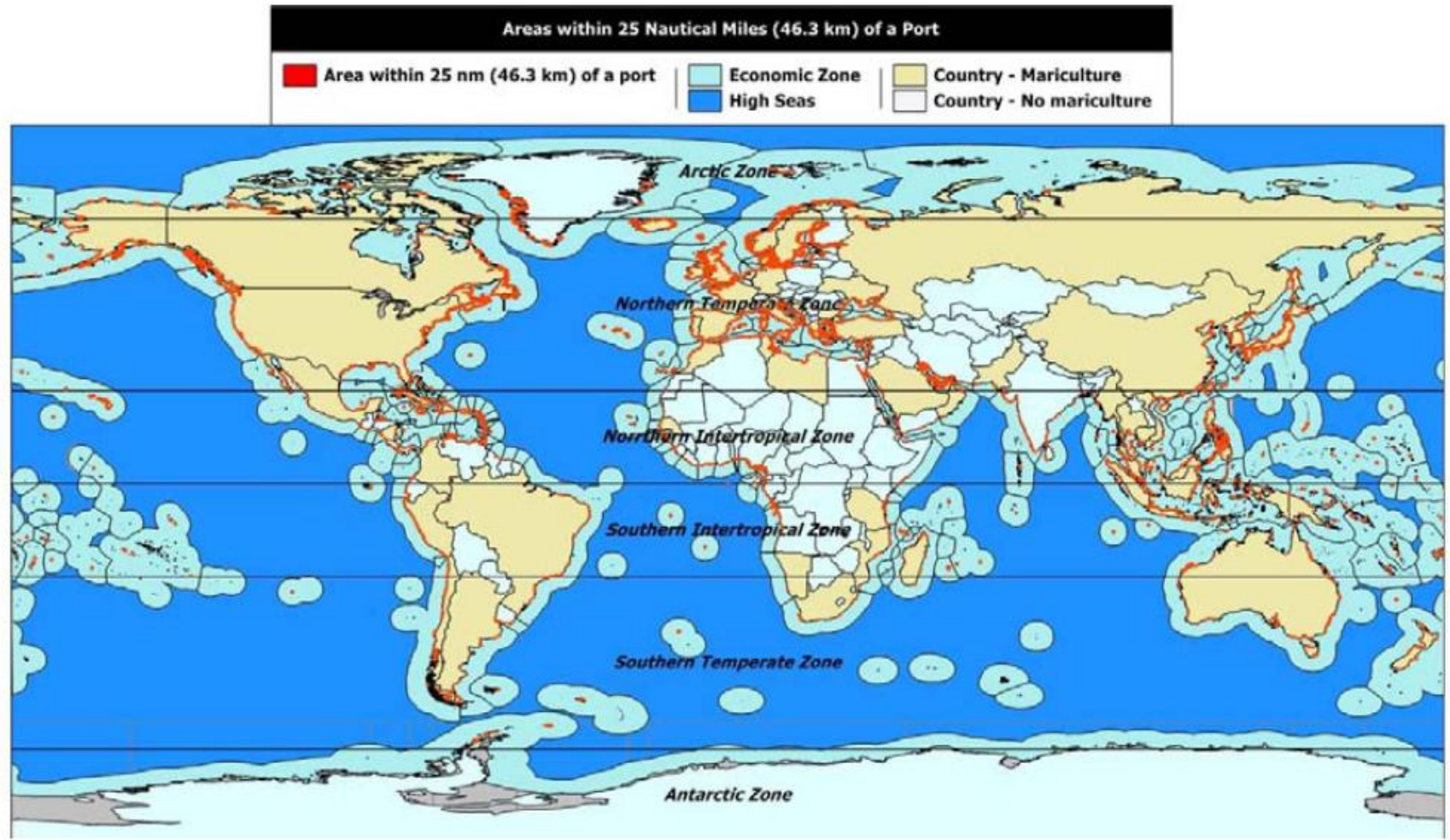
**123 countries with at least  $100\text{ km}^2$  that meet these criteria:  $10^6\text{--}10^7\text{ ton y}^{-1}$**



# Offshore aquaculture

Areas within 25 nautical miles (46.3 km) of a port

**UK has 120,000 km<sup>2</sup> that meet criteria for cages, longlines, and 25nm to port**







Offshore aquaculture - aquapods



# Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture

## Vancouver Island, Canada



Scallop lanterns as part of an IMTA setup that includes sablefish, kelp, and sea cucumbers.

# Summary

- Carrying capacity is not a level playing field
- Food security seems a remote issue in the Western World, but trade imbalance and jobs do not
- Fish will be more expensive as producer countries increase per capita GDP
- Models inform some questions, but the social component is key in Western society
- High level aquaculture policy direction in the EU, US, and Canada does not filter down to local management practice
- Collaboration needs instruments, contact, and confidence

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# Resilience...

