

# SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

Securing a sustainable seafood supply

**1 BILLION PEOPLE**  
mainly in developing countries,



rely on seafood as their  
primary source of animal  
protein.

## The situation

### Employment



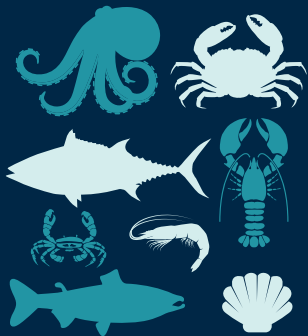
**1 IN 10 PEOPLE**  
depend on seafood for their livelihoods.<sup>1</sup>

### Trade

#### Worth

**€130  
billion**

annually.



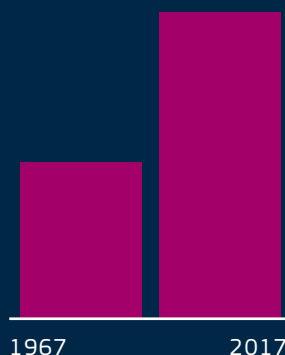
Seafood is the  
most traded  
commodity in  
the world.<sup>2</sup>

### Consumption

The average  
person eats

**20kg**

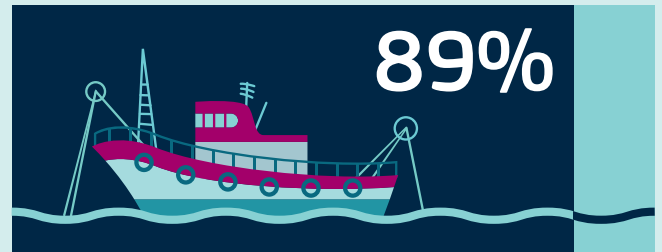
of seafood a year



**2x**  
the amount  
50 years ago.

## The challenges

### Fish stocks



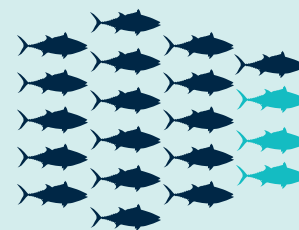
of fish stocks are now 'fully fished' (58%)  
or overfished (31%)

**COMPARED TO 62-68% 15 YEARS AGO.<sup>3</sup>**

### Demand

About

**85%**



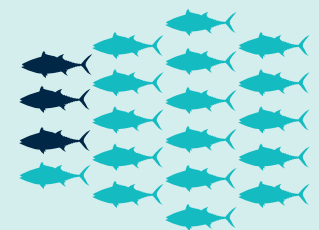
of fish caught is for  
human consumption.<sup>4</sup>

### Illegal fishing

An estimated



**15%**



of the world's total  
annual catch is  
illegal, unreported  
and unregulated.<sup>5</sup>

# Progress report

Examples of initiatives that promote sustainable seafood production.



Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) encourage fair and sustainable management of shared marine resources.<sup>6</sup>



The Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI) provides a benchmarking tool to recognise seafood certification schemes as sustainable.<sup>7</sup>



Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) are set up by the EU with countries outside its borders. EU vessels have access to surplus resources that the partner country does not fish.



European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) aims to improve the sustainability and profitability of EU fisheries and aquaculture.

## Solutions

Ensuring a sustainable supply of seafood is a global challenge.



### Science

Define sustainable fisheries management policies using the best available scientific data.



### Control

Ensure that these policies are properly enforced, by **monitoring fishing activities**.



### Awareness

Improve **education on the benefits** of sustainable aquaculture and fisheries.



### Security

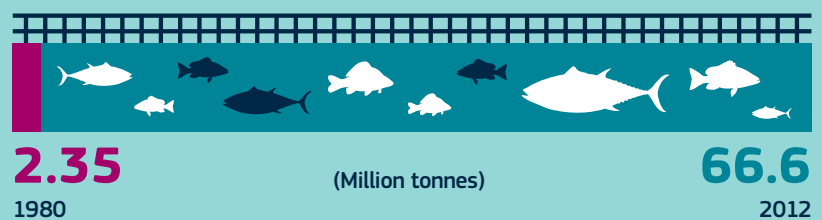
Ensure the **prevention of illegal, unreported and unregulated fisheries** across the world, from sea to plate.

Under EU law, **only certified products can enter the EU market**. Non-compliant vessels can be banned.



### Aquaculture

Increase in world aquaculture production<sup>8</sup>



Boost aquaculture as complementary to fisheries, and make sure it becomes **a part of sustainable seafood production**.

Since 2014, aquaculture accounts for **more than 50% of the world's seafood production** for human consumption.<sup>9</sup>

Together we must promote sustainable seafood and act to ensure healthy stocks for generations to come.

