



Challenges & Priorities in Aquatic Food Systems



WorldFish

Our Vision

An inclusive world of healthy, well-nourished people and a sustainable blue planet, now and in the future.

Our Mission

To end hunger and advance sustainable development by 2030 through science and innovation to transform food, land and water systems with aquatic foods for healthier people and planet.



Aquatic or Blue Food Characteristics

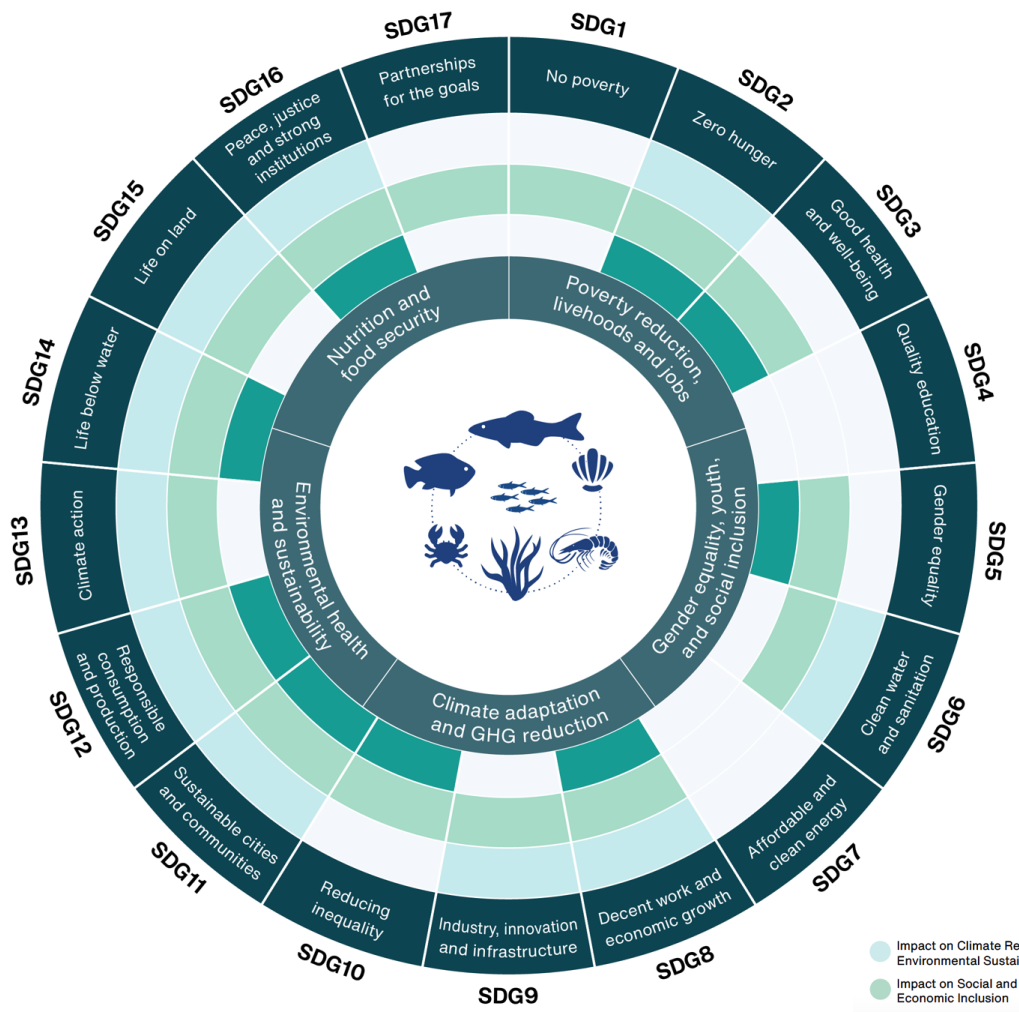




Sustainable Aquatic Food Systems

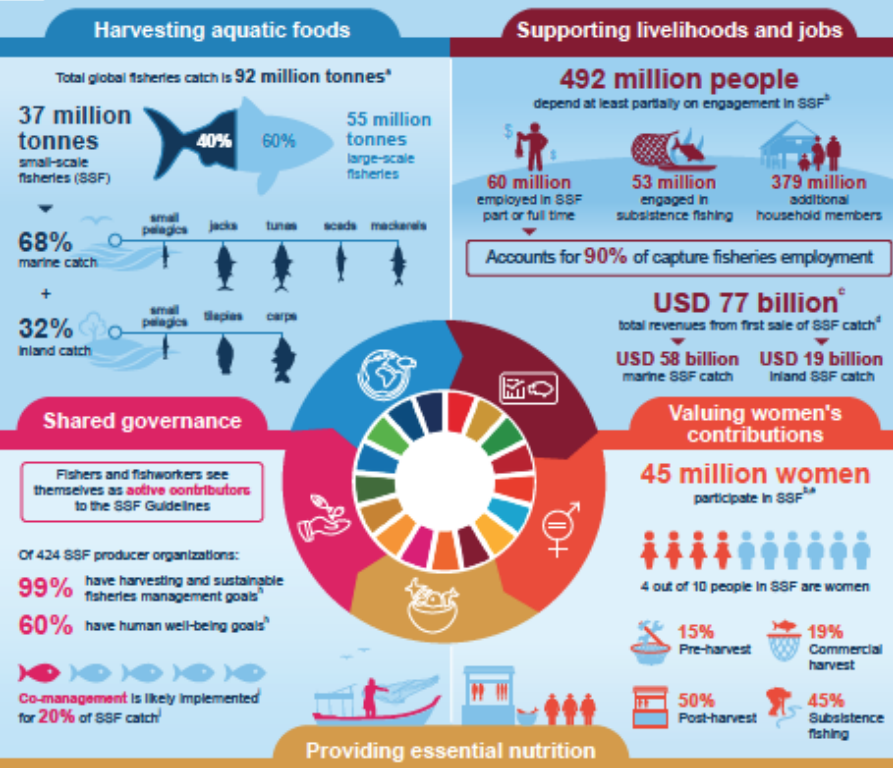


A sustainable aquatic food system produces **safe, nutritious, accessible, affordable, and culturally preferred food**. It produces and distributes it through **fair working practices** that support livelihoods and communities. It is adapted to a changing climate and changing societal needs. It helps **preserve and restore nature and biodiversity**.



Tackling global challenges WITH AQUATIC FOODS

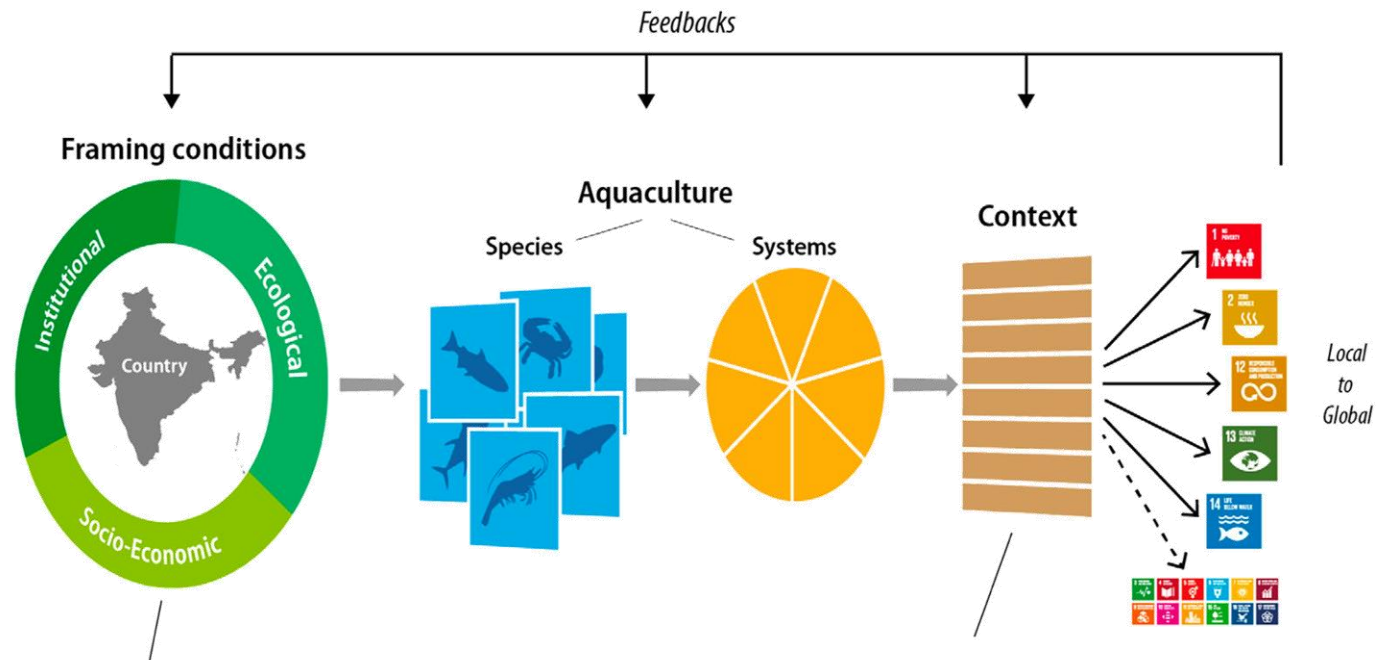
Aquatic foods, alongside land crops and livestock, are a significant part of the equation for healthy and sustainable diets within our planetary boundaries.



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What is “shaping” aquaculture's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals



Environmental quality/prerequisites (e.g. climate), Climate conditions
 Production factors , Resources, Technology, Labor, Knowhow
 Markets/Demand, Culture, Policies (trade, equity, nutrition, etc.)
 Political context (e.g. attitudes* Blue Economy and/or Circular Economy)
 Investments (capacity, enabling conditions (taxation)), R&D prioritization
 Legal frameworks (environment, social protection, etc.)

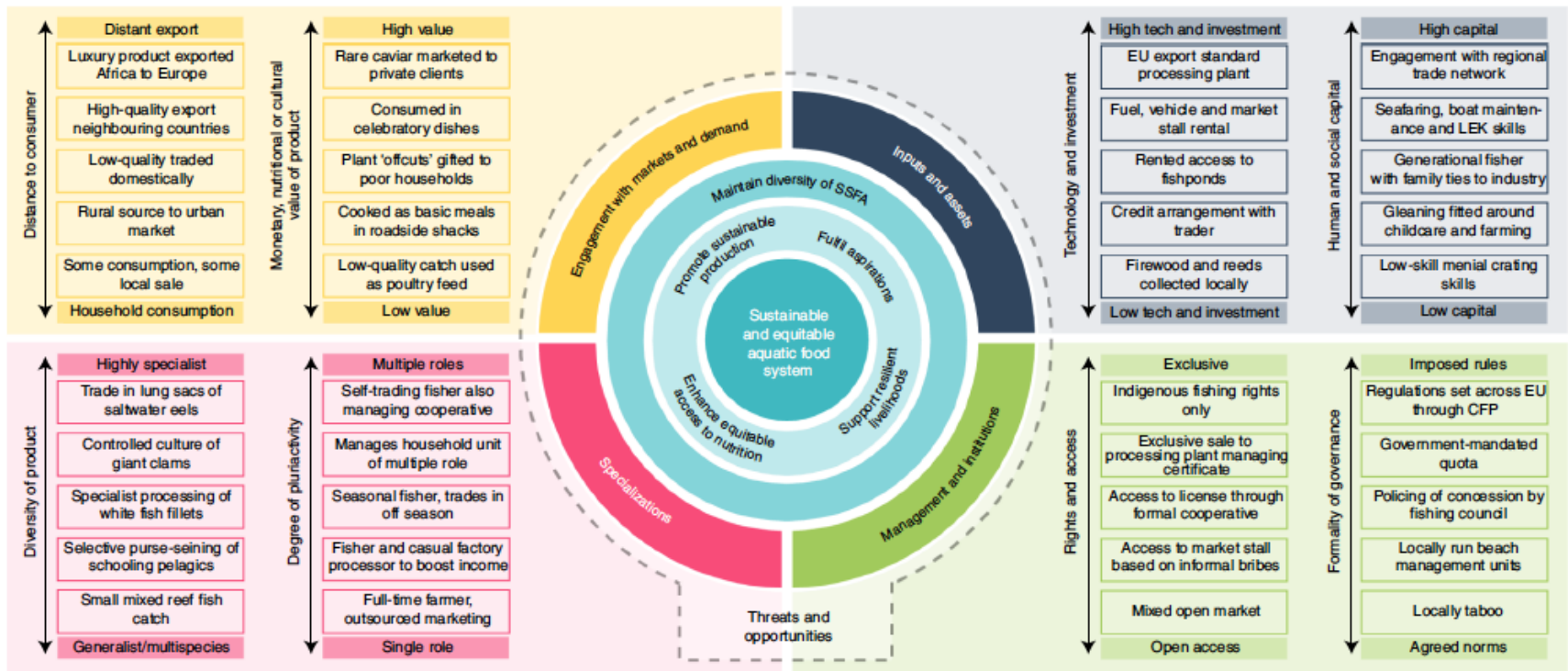
Demand (for aquaculture products), Stakeholder involvements
 Affordability (prices), Socio-economic conditions,
 Mechanisms for benefit sharing (exports)
 Environmental protection and legal enforcement
 Power structures, role of the aquaculture state and non-state actors
 (e.g. producers' organisations)
 Support for aquaculture-focused educational schemes
 Sustainable use of aquaculture inputs,
 Demographics and labour

Troell, Max, et al. "Perspectives on aquaculture's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals for improved human and planetary health." *Journal of the World Aquaculture Society* 54.2 (2023): 251-342.

Contributions of Small-Scale Fisheries

Short et al. (2021) Harnessing the diversity of small-scale actors is key to the future of aquatic food systems, Nature Food, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43016-021-00363-0>

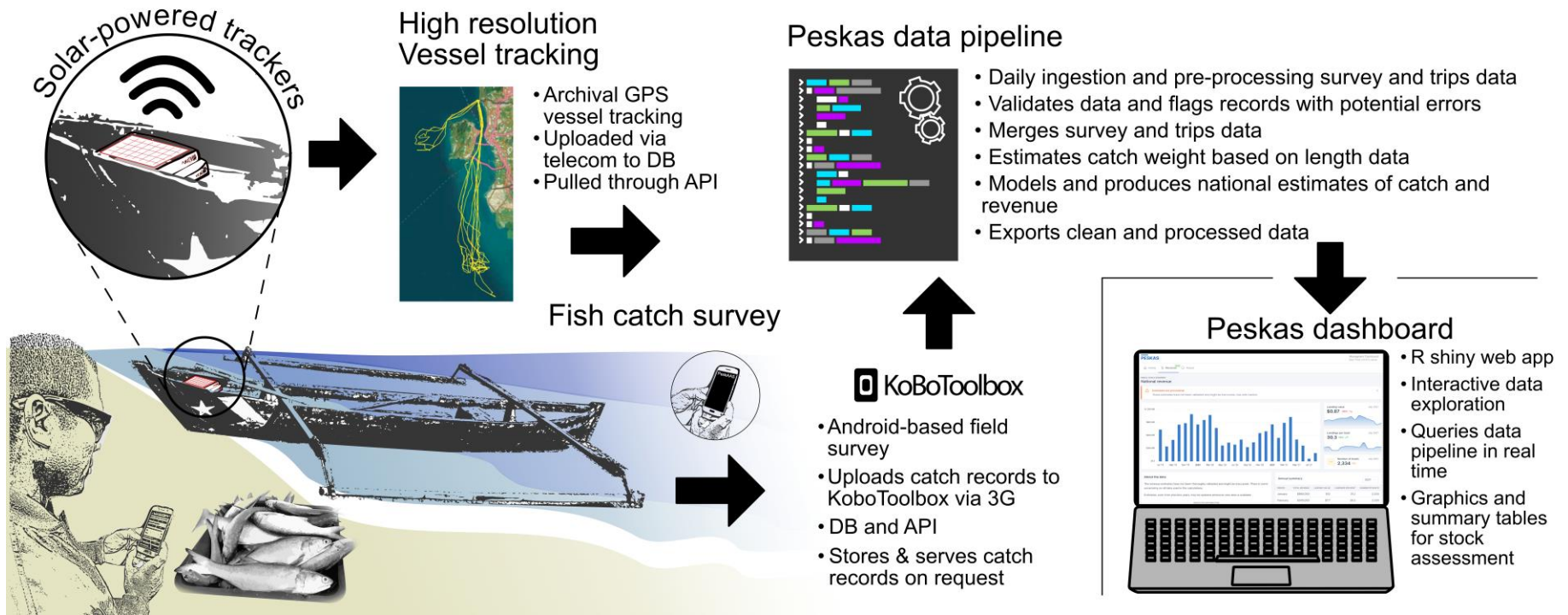
ANALYSIS NATURE FOOD





Data and Digital Innovation

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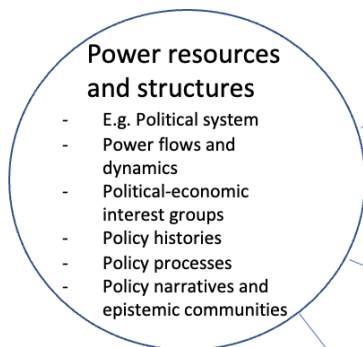


Governance and Policy

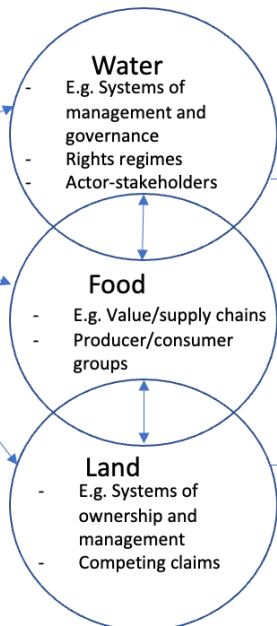
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Policy and Institutions Landscape Analysis)

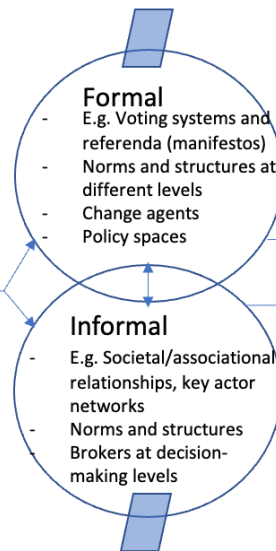
1. Contextual factors



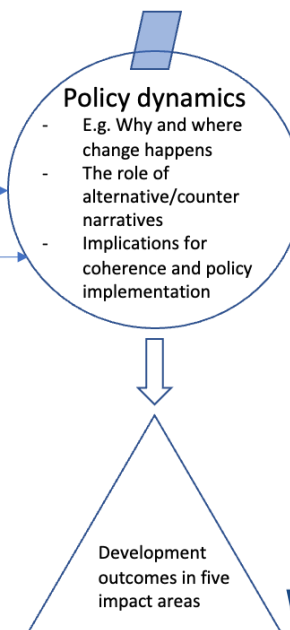
2. Action arenas



3. Patterns of interaction



4. Flux in policy landscapes



After Ostrom et al, 1994, 2005, 2015, etc



Indicates potential policy windows

