

Towards 2021 UN Food Systems Summit: **The role of Fisheries & Aquaculture**

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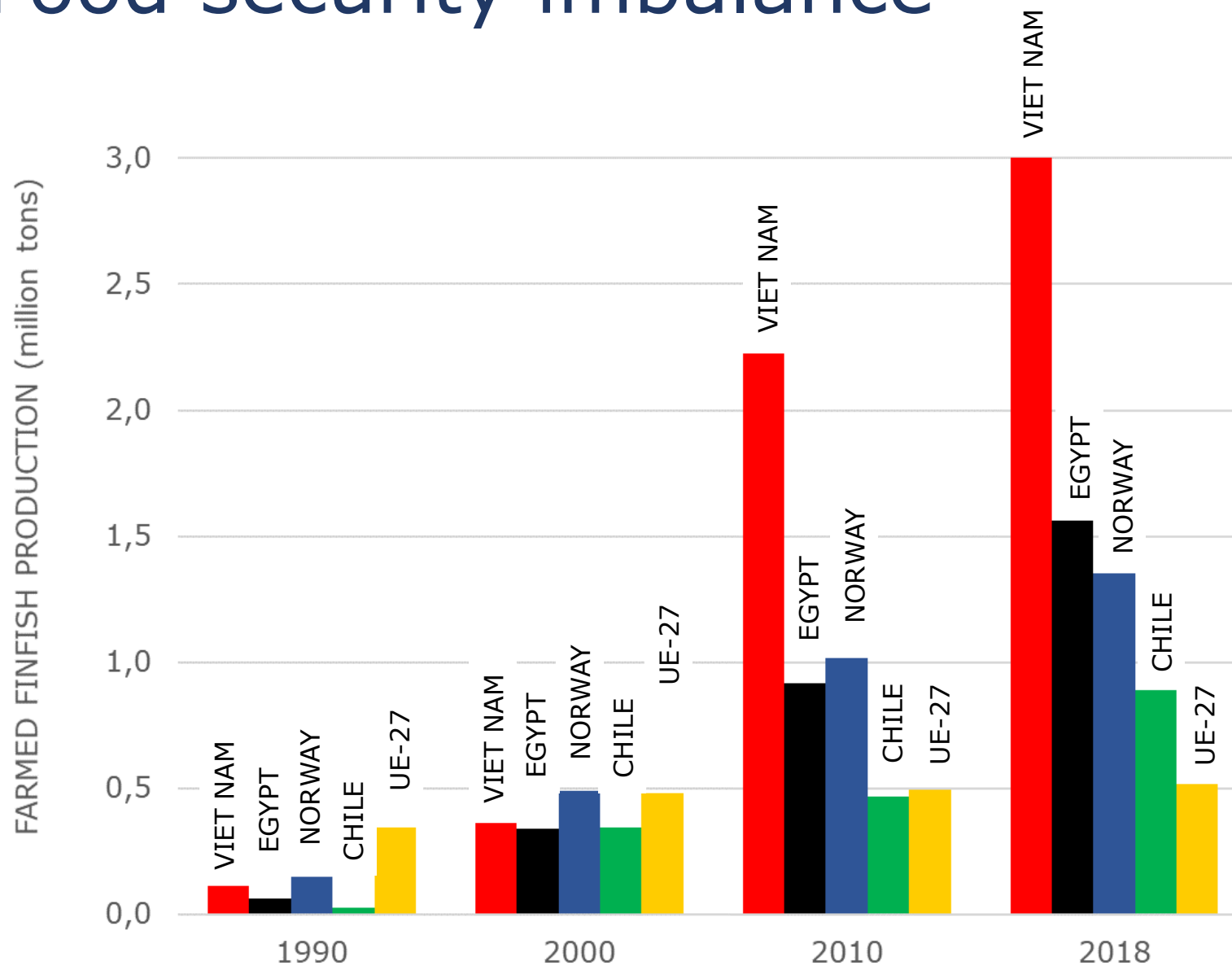


Farmed finfish

- High quality food that provides top level proteins, omega-3, essential vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients.
- Lower carbon footprint than any land-based livestock production.
- The most efficient animals in converting feed into flesh.
- Impeccable from an environmental impact point of view.
- They sustain important cultural, social and gastronomical values.



Food security imbalance



Why is farmed finfish lagging behind?

- See EC 2013 Guidelines on Sustainable Aquaculture: **red tape** and **unreachable licenses** to produce.
- Thanks to documents like the EC Starfish Mission Board 2030!!
- But EU finfish production practices **are sustainable**
- Our technologies, cultivation methods and currently farmed species **are the best** you can have.



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- Algae will not replace finfish by 2030 or 2050 in consumer preferences, for many reasons
- Shellfish are excellent and should be promoted but will not replace finfish.
- Finfish are the livestock food of the future. And they have to be farmed. Rainbow trout, Seabass, Seabream, Atlantic salmon, meagre or turbot **are the species.**
- If we discourage farming finfish in the EU all that will happen is that those fish will be imported as we are already seeing today.



Intensification of sustainable food production

Aquaculture is about farming animals. Using the concept of species that are high or low on the wild food chain is not appropriate when discussing about farmed fish. What is relevant is the sourcing of the raw materials from which the feed for the fish is produced:

- Do more with less.
- Better use of space.
- Better use of water and natural resources.
- Circular economy.
- Food safety
- Animal welfare
- And a competitive industry



Let's make the EU a front runner in farmed finfish production with a competitive edge, for a sustainable and resilient food system able to contribute to the EU green recovery agenda and tackle current challenges.