

# VIETNAM's FISHERIES POLICIES

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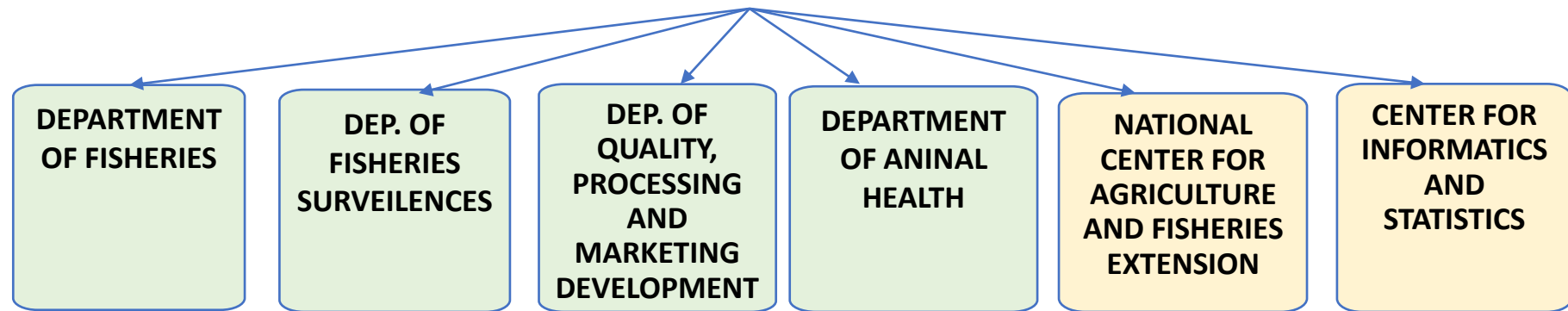
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# Institutional Framework for fisheries

## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



### Functions of Department of Fisheries:

- *Management of aquaculture, capture fisheries;*
- *Management of fishing vessels, fishing ports and storm shelters for fishing vessels;*
- *Environmental protection and biodiversity in aquatic ecosystems, trade promotion of fish and fisheries product.*

SUB-DEPARTMENT  
OF FISHERIES

REGIONAL SUB-DEPARTMENT  
FISHERIES SURVEILLENSES;  
PROVINCIAL SUB-  
DEPARTMENT FISHERIES  
SURVEILLENSES

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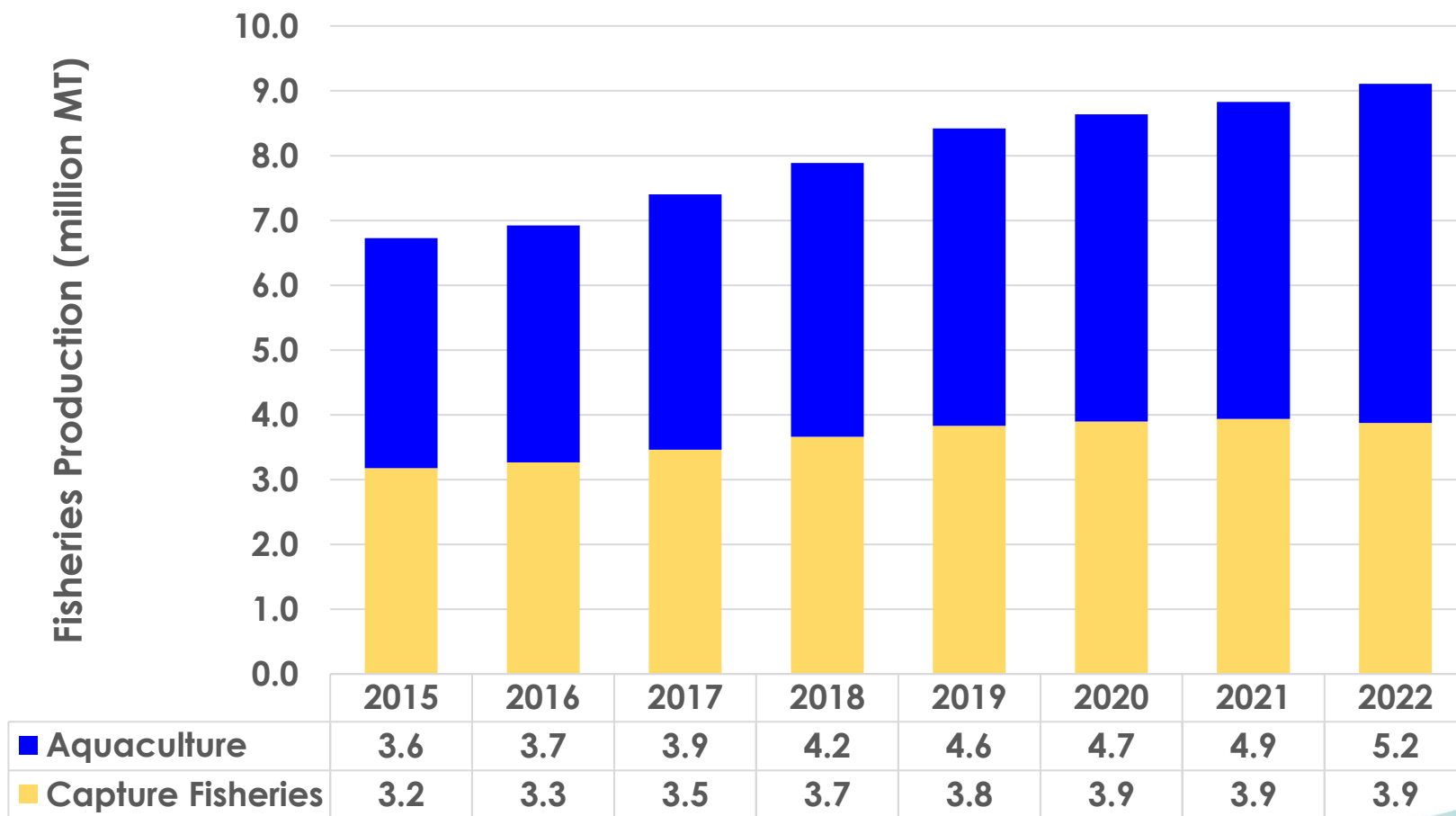
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ANIMAL HEALTH;  
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OF ANIMAL HEALTH

# Economic relevance of the fisheries sector

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## Fisheries Production of Vietnam



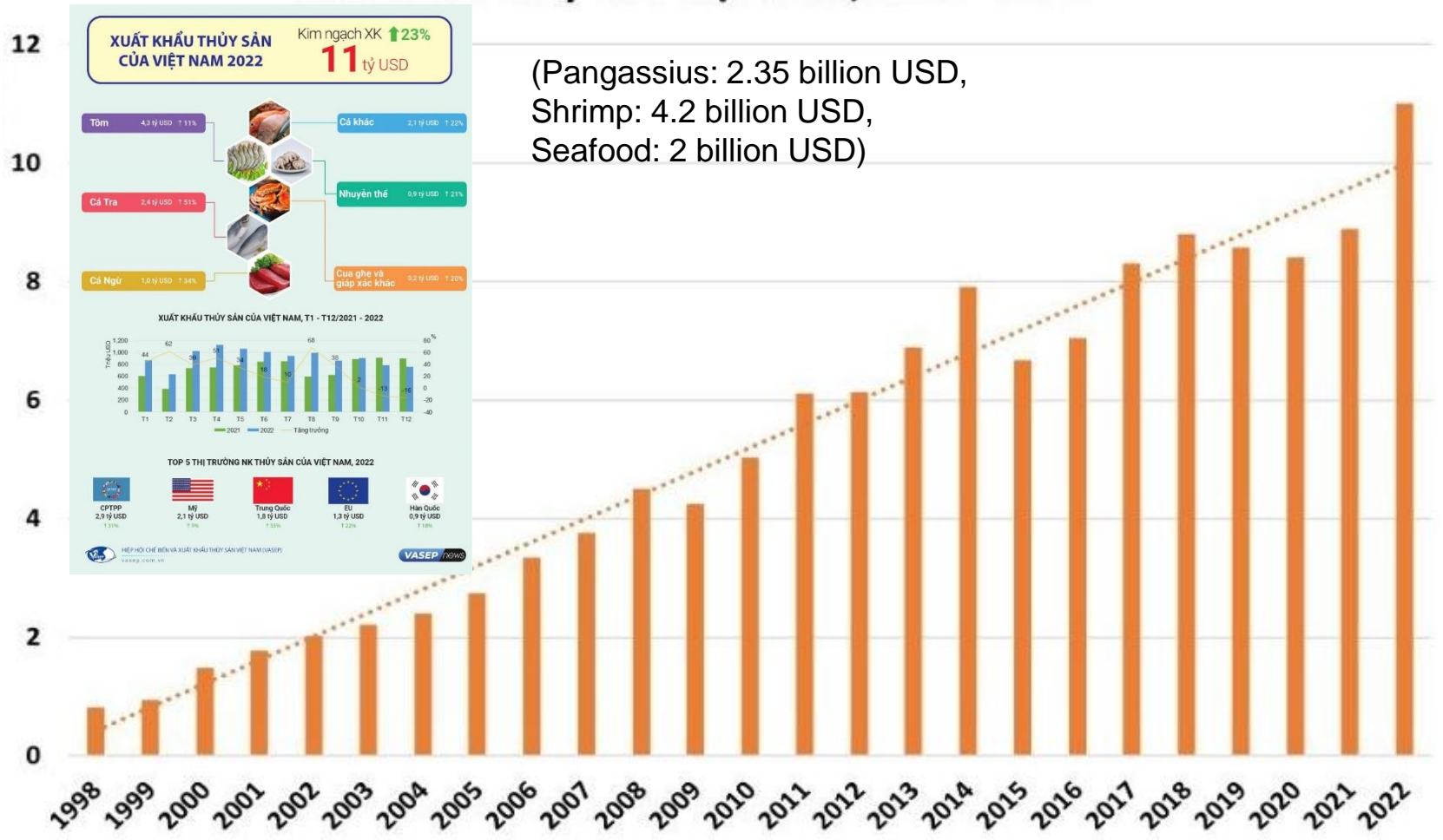
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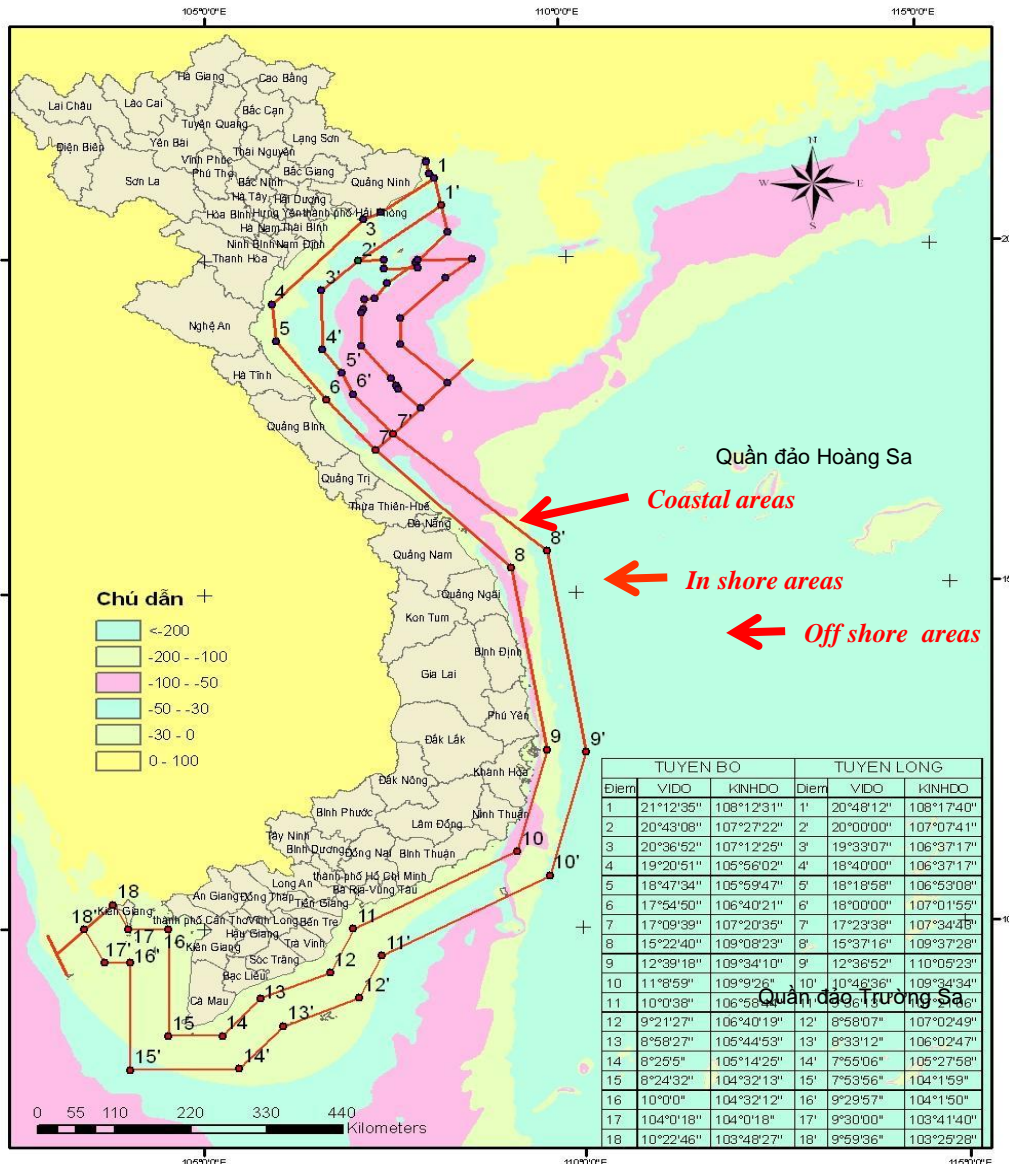
## Fisheries Export Revenue



(Source: VASEP, 2023)

# Vietnam' marine capture fisheries

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## overview

- ✓ **Marine capture fisheries:** dominated by small-scale; multi-species, multi-fishing gears;
- ✓ **Fishing ports and storm-shelter and anchorages** for fishing vessels stretching along the coastline;
- ✓ **Fishing Zones:** Coastal area (6-12); In shore area (12-15); Off-Shore area (>15);
- ✓ **Post-harvest loss:** high (5-18%).

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## LAWS

**Law on Fisheries  
2017**

Law on  
Biodiversity 2018

Law on  
Environmental  
Protection 2020

Law on Planning  
2017

## DECREES

**Decree No.26/2019/ND-CP**

(dated 8/3/2019 of the Government  
providing **guidelines on the  
implementation of the Law on  
Fisheries**)

**Decree No 42/2019ND-CP**

(dated 16/5/2019 of the Government on  
**sanctioning administrative violations on  
fisheries**)

## CIRCULARS

Circular No.  
21/2018/TT-  
BNNPTNT  
dated  
15/11/2018 on  
fishing reports,  
fishing  
logbooks;  
designated  
ports, IUU  
vessel list;  
catch  
statements and  
catch  
certificates

Circular  
01/2022/TT-  
BNNPTNT of  
the Ministry of  
Agriculture  
and Rural  
Development  
on Amending,  
adding some  
Articles in  
Several  
Circulars of  
Fisheries  
Sector.

Circular  
22/2018/TT-  
BNNPTNT of  
the Ministry of  
Agriculture  
and Rural  
Development  
on regulating  
crew members  
of fishing  
vessels and  
fisheries  
public service  
vessels.

Circular  
23/2018/TT-  
BNNPTNT on  
regulating fishing  
vessel registrars,  
authenticating  
fishing vessel  
registration  
centers, ensuring  
technical safety of  
fishing vessels, and  
registering fishing  
vessels and  
fisheries public  
service vessels.

Circular  
24/2018/TT-  
BNNPTNT  
on  
regulating  
the  
updating,  
utilizing and  
managemen  
t of the  
fisheries  
national  
database

**Circular  
19/2018/TT-  
BNNPTNT  
dated  
15/11/2018 of  
MARD  
providing  
guidelines on  
protection  
and  
development  
of aquatic  
resources**

Circular  
25/2018/TT-  
BNNPTNT on  
regulating the  
order and  
procedures  
for risk  
assessment  
and licensing  
of import of  
live fishes

Circular  
26/2018/TT-  
BNNPTNT ON  
regulating  
the  
management  
of aquatic  
breeds,  
aquatic feed,  
and  
aquaculture  
environment  
al treatment  
products

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## STRATEGY

**Decision No. 339/QĐ-TTg dated March 11, 2021 of the Prime Minister approving Vietnam's fisheries development strategy to 2030, vision to 2045**

## NOTABLE PROGRAMES, SCHEMES AND PLANS

Decision 622/QĐ-TTg dated May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 on the approving the **National Plan of Action for the Implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda**

Decision 1090/QĐ-TTg dated Sep 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 on Approving the **National Program for the Sustainable and Efficient Capture Fisheries Development : 2021 - 2030, with a Vision Towards 2050**

Decision No.208/QĐ-TTg dated 10 March 2023 approving the **Scheme on the conversion of a number of fisheries negative affecting fisheries resources, environment and ecosystems**

Decision No. 78/QĐ-TTg dated 16/01/2018 on approval of **National Plan of Action to Prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing toward 2025**

Decision 541/QĐ-TTg dated April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 on approving a **Strategic Planning for the Utilization and Protection of Aquatic Resources: 2021 - 2030, with a Vision Towards 2050**

Decision No. 911/QĐ-TTg dated July 29, 2022 approving **Scheme on environmental protection in the Fisheries Sector in the 2021 – 2030**



# FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT POLICIES IN THE PAST TIME

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Policy to invest in  
essential infrastructure  
items for fishing ports  
and storm shelters for  
fishing vessels;

Policy to support  
conversion of wooden  
fishing vessels to steel  
and composite fishing  
vessels (2014-2016)

Policy to support  
funding for insurance  
purchases for fishing  
vessels and fishermen  
operating in offshore  
areas;

Policy for fishermen  
training;

Policy to support  
scientific research and  
new technology  
development

Policy for supports in  
the case of damage  
caused by natural  
disasters

# Investment policies under the Fisheries Law 2017

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The enactment of the 2017 Law on Fisheries stands as a pivotal milestone in the advancement of Vietnam's fisheries. Investment policy in the following activities:

Research, survey, assessment, protection, reproduction of fisheries resources and restoration of aquatic ecological system.

Building fishing ports type I and II, storm shelters and anchoring places for fishing vessels.

Building the tracking and monitoring system of fishing vessels at sea; information system, fisheries-related national database.

Conservation of original breeds of the indigenous fish species that have economic value, endemic fish species and the rare, precious and endangered fish species.

Necessary infrastructure of marine protected areas.

Environmental and fish disease monitoring and forecasting system.

# DIFFICULTIES, CHALLENGES

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1. Fisheries Strategy set up an ambitious objectives: Reduce capture production from 3,3 to 2,8 mil. tons (2030); reducing the fishing effort; reducing the postharvest loss less than 10% (2030); commitment on combating IUU fishing...
2. Dominated by small-scale fisheries, multi-species, multi-fishing gears;
3. Large number of poor fishermen, depending on fishing activities for livelihood;
4. Limited in applying new technique, new technology in capture activities of fishermen;
5. Lacking of a synchronous infrastructure, especially fishing ports and storm shelters to ensure the safety for fishing vessels and fishermen;
6. High pressure and conflict between fisheries sector with other economy activities in coastal areas.
7. Viet Nam constantly damaged by natural disasters (storms, floods).

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