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in Economic and Post-harvest Issues Related to Market
Access for Fisheries and Aquaculture Products**

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**Blue Revolution in India:
Initiatives in Fisheries and Aquaculture**

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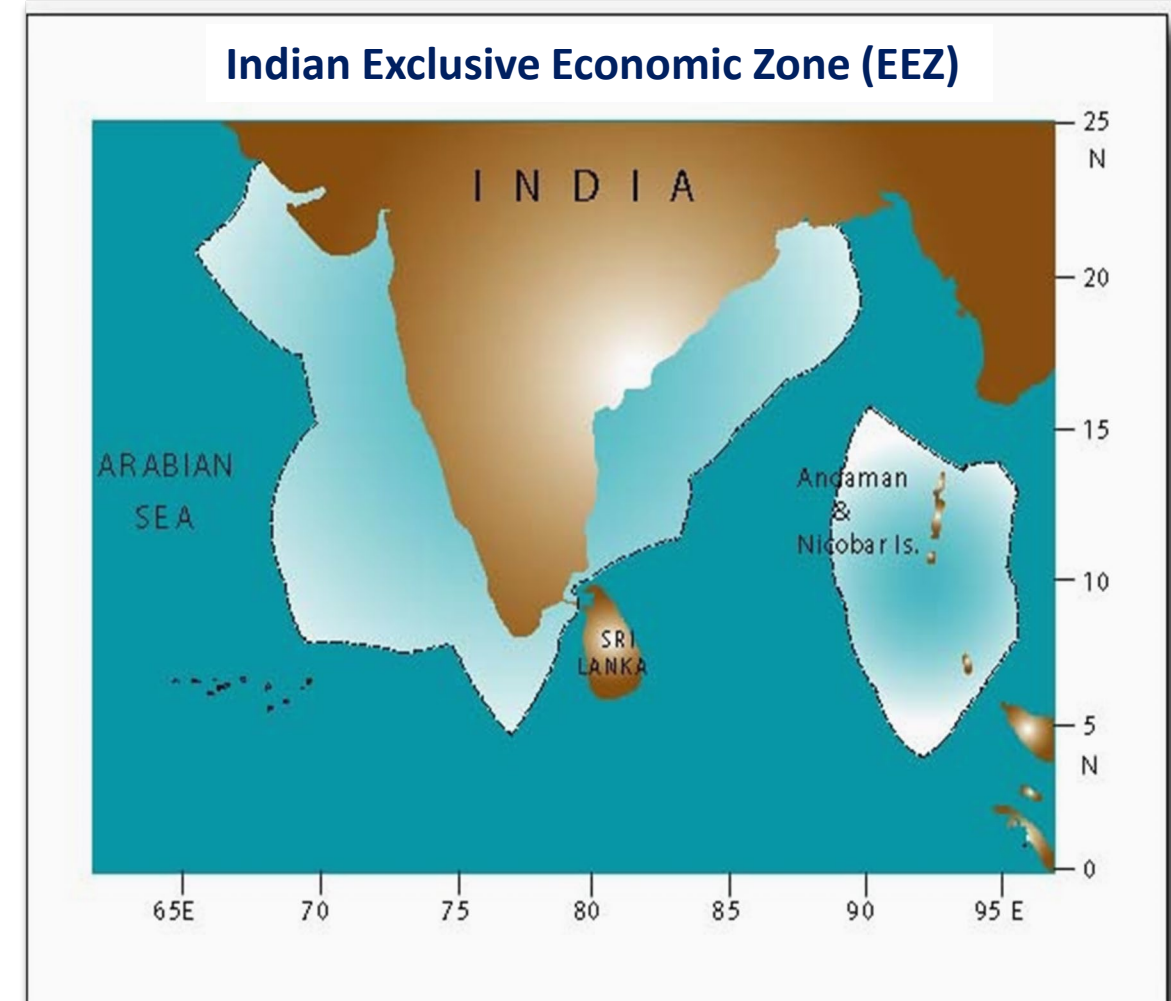
Fisheries Resources of India

Marine

Length of Coastline	8118 km
Exclusive Economic Zone	2.02 MN sq. km
Continental Shelf	0.53 MN sq. km
Coastal Fishing Villages	3477 nos.
Fish Landing Centres	1457 nos.
Fishing Harbours	70 nos.

Inland

Length of Rivers	0.190 MN km
Brackish water	1.412 MN ha
Wetland	0.743 MN ha
Tanks & Ponds	2.212 MN ha
Reservoir	3.150 MN ha



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8%

Global Fish Production

2nd

Largest Fish Producer

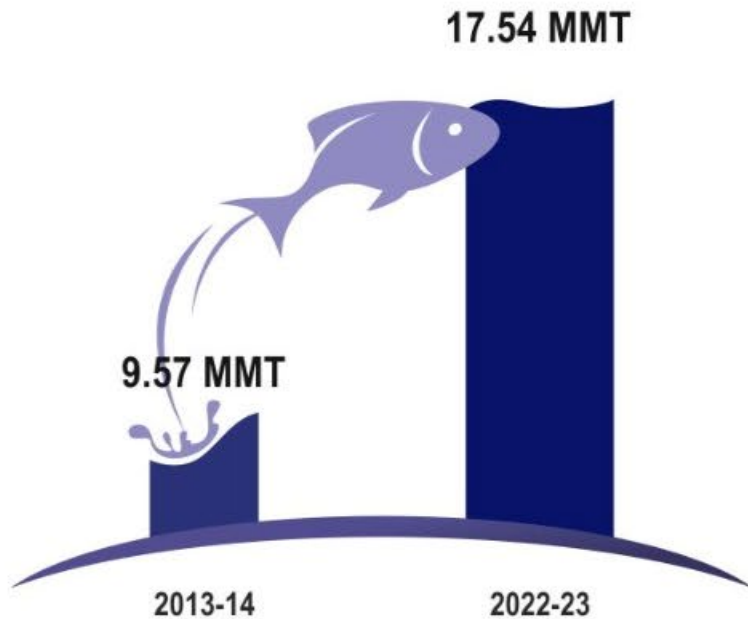
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Largest Aquaculture Producer

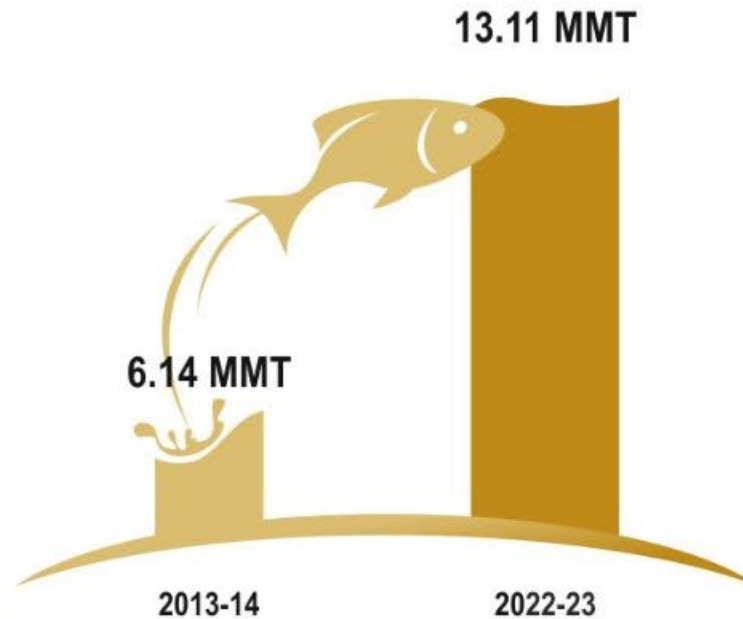
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Largest Marine Capture Fisheries

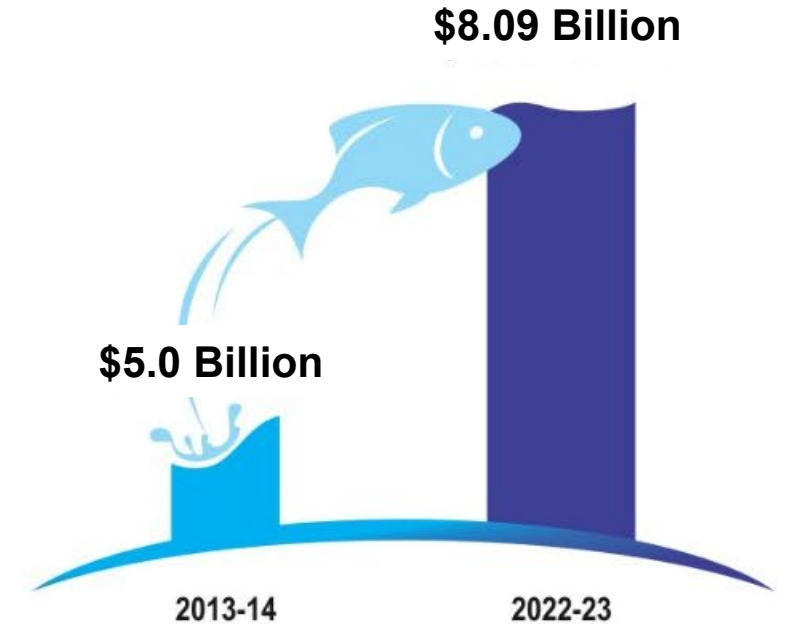
Total Fish Production
(Marine & Inland)



Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture



Fish Exports



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Investment in Fisheries Sector

USD 5.31 Billion since 2015

Blue Revolution
Scheme (2015-20)

Fisheries & Aquaculture
Infrastructure Development
Fund (2018-26)

Pradhan Mantri Matsya
Sampada Yojana (2020-25)

Pradhan Mantri Matsya
Kisan Samridhi Sah-
Yojana (2023-27)



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Pillars

Production & Productivity

Post-harvest Infrastructure

Regulatory Framework

Strategic Drivers

- ☐ Fishers & Fish farmers
- ☐ Women/Youth
- ☐ FFPOs
- ☐ Cooperatives
- ☐ SHGs
- ☐ Livelihoods

- ☐ Recirculatory Aquaculture System/Biofloc/Raceways
- ☐ Aquaparks
- ☐ Aquatic Health Management
- ☐ Reservoir & Open Sea Cage Culture
- ☐ Advanced Fishing Vessels
- ☐ Smart Integrated Harbour
- ☐ Fisheries Startup Ecosystem
- ☐ Drone Applications
- ☐ Training & Extension Services

- ☐ Value chain Efficiency
- ☐ Safe Fish
- ☐ Sustainable Initiatives



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Regulatory Framework

- ❑ Marine Fisheries Regulation Acts
- ❑ Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005
- ❑ Marine Products Export Development Authority Act, 1972
- ❑ Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981
- ❑ Export (Quality Control And Inspection) Act, 1963
- ❑ Livestock Importation Act, 1898

- ❑ Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006
- ❑ Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
- ❑ Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- ❑ Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- ❑ Merchant Shipping Act, 1958
- ❑ Indian Ports Act, 1908
- ❑ Water (Preservation and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974
- ❑ Multi State Co-operative Society Act, 2002



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Sustainable Fishing Practices

- ❑ Uniform Fishing Ban for 61 days annually
- ❑ Sea ranching for replenishing fish stock
- ❑ Artificial reef for restoring ecosystem
- ❑ Transponders for Vessel Surveillance
- ❑ ReALCaft for online Vessels Registration & Fishing License, improving accountability and security
- ❑ Minimal Legal Size of fish to prevent juvenile catch
- ❑ Ban on harmful fishing practices
- ❑ Fishing Gears & Mesh size regulations
- ❑ National Coastal Mission for conservation and management
- ❑ Community awareness programs for safety and sustainability



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Focus on Post-harvest Infrastructure

- Resource Specific Fishing Vessels, Vessel Upgradation, Motorised Crafts & Safety Kits
- Construction/ Modernisation/ Maintenance of Fishing Harbours
- Ice Plants/Cold Storages
- Construction/ Modernisation of Fish Landing Centres

Investment Approved: About US\$ 1400 Million

Smart, Blue & Green Components

- Radio Communication Center
- Smart Technology (IoT, RFID, AI, Online Auction)
- Communication & Connectivity
- Safety & Security Measures
- Navigational & Radio- communication equipment
- **Ecofriendly Green Ports**

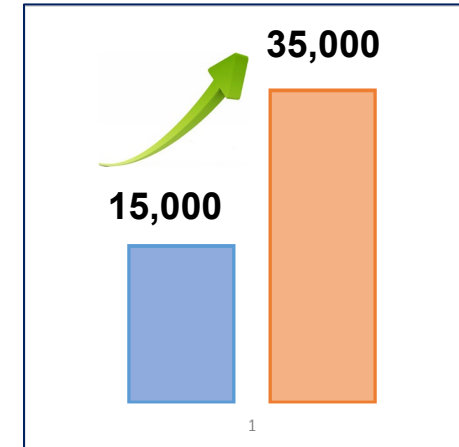


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Fish Processing Infrastructure in India

Entity	No.
Registered Exporters	1,322
Work Force Engaged (approx.)	2.0 Lakh
Value added Exporters	6 (large)/190 (small)
Processing Plant <i>68 % are EU approved</i>	635
Peeling Shed	604
Handling Centres	
• Fresh/chilled fish handling centre	59
• Live fish handling centre	53
• Dried/salted fish handling centre	118
Cold Storages	674

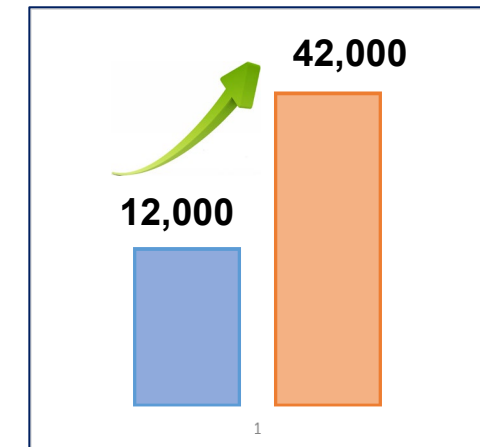
Outcomes Since 2014-15



Processing Capacity
tonnes/day



Cold Storage Capacity
tonnes/day

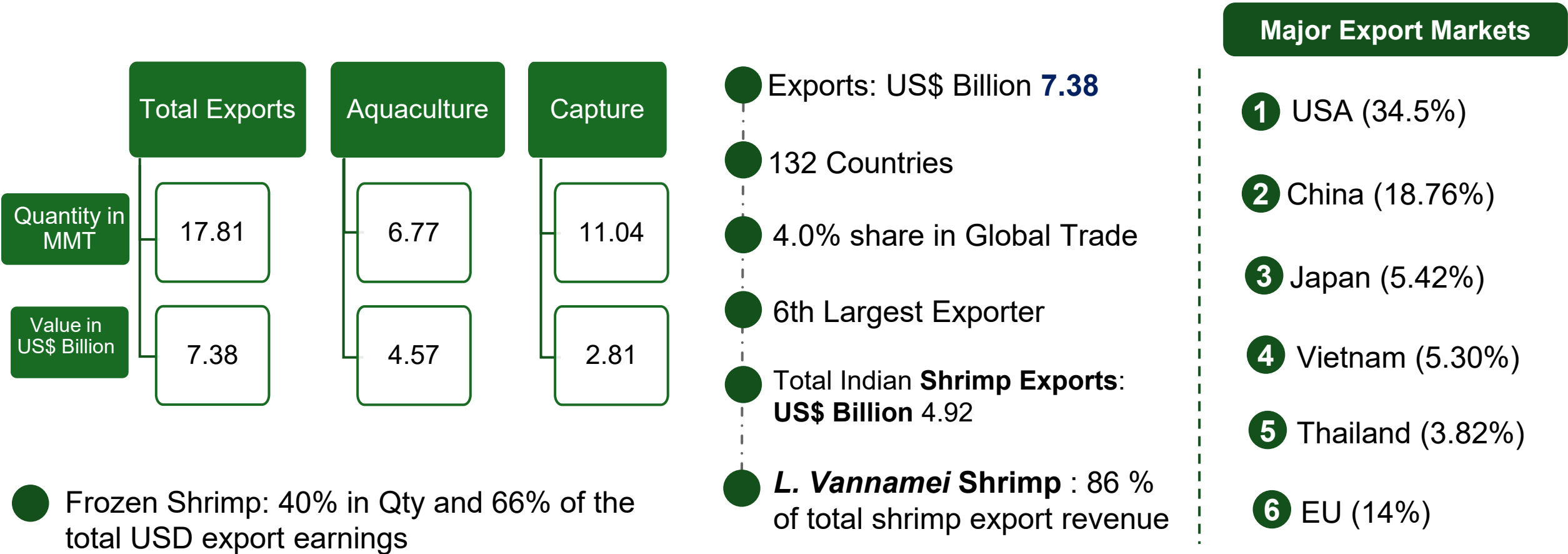


Berthing for Fishing Vessels at Fishing
Harbours /Landing Centres



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Seafood Export Performance-India FY 2023-24



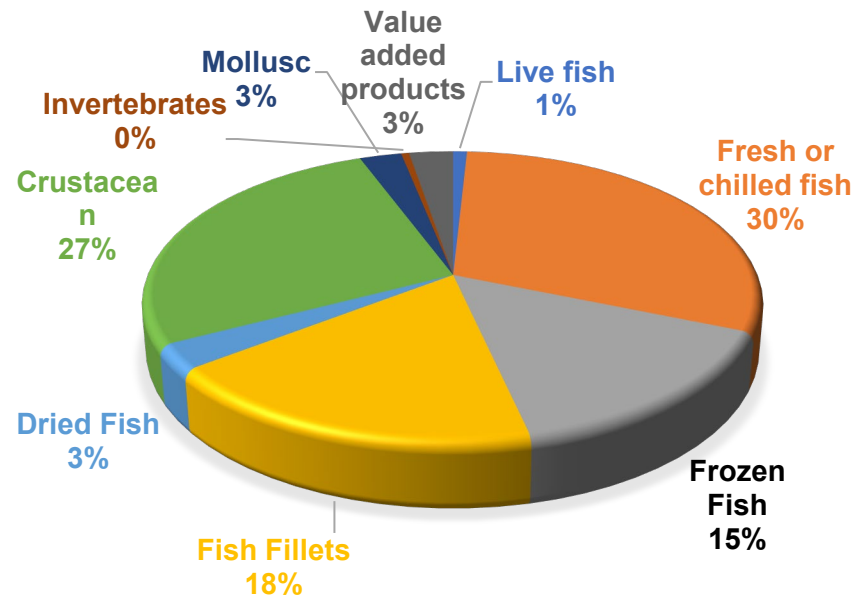
18 US\$ Billion Seafood Export Projection by 2030

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Seafood Import Performance-India FY 2023-24

- Import: US\$ Billion **0.251**
- Import : MT **66639**
- 61 Countries
- Compared with exports, import of marine products constitutes about 3%
- **Trade is Surplus**

Item Wise Import



Major Import Markets

- 1 Bangladesh (24.5%)
- 2 USA (13.60 %)
- 3 Myanmar (11.23%)
- 4 China (9.93%)
- 5 Vietnam (8.20 %)
- 6 Japan (3.56 %)



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Export Promotion through Value Addition

Issues

- ❑ Strengthening Infrastructure like cold chain facilities & hygienic handling.
- ❑ Plugging Skill Deficits
- ❑ Export of value-added products from indigenous raw material
- ❑ Import of raw material for value addition and re-export.

Way Forward

Enhance processing facilities through Individual Quick Freezing (IQF) Machineries

Support for breaded & battered lines

State-of-art facilities like quality testing laboratories

Advanced packaging



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Strengthening Market Access and Ease of Doing Business

- ❑ National Surveillance Programme on Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD)
- ❑ Disease Diagnostic Centre & Quality Testing Labs, Mobile Centres, Testing Labs & Aquatic Referral Labs
- ❑ Species Diversification and Genetic Improvement
- ❑ Marine Mammal Stock Assessment Project to meet the US requirements
- ❑ Financial Support for installation of Turtle Excluder Device (TED) is under consideration
- ❑ Sanitary Import Permit (SIP) processing time slashed down from 20-30 days to just 3-5 days.
- ❑ No SIP requirement for import of shrimp broodstock & fish oil/related oils.
- ❑ The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (Amendment) Act, 2023 & Streamlined CAA Rules 2005 for Faster Farm Registration and Renewal.
- ❑ Policy support for Nucleus Breeding Centre (NBCs) and Broodstock Multiplication Centres (BMCs)
- ❑ Antibiotics free input certification through CAA

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BluCatch-Startup

BluCatch, an innovative **fisheries-based community startup**-pioneering the digital transformation of India's fishing harbors.

Founded in 2023, Mumbai, Maharashtra

- ❑ **BluTrade** ~ Data-driven seafood supply & demand.
- ❑ **BluMoney** ~ Financial credibility in marine industries.
- ❑ **BluMarket** ~ Marketplace for marine essentials.
- ❑ **BluView** ~ Real-time weather & PFZ insights.
- ❑ **BluCommunity** ~ Building connections for a better future.

Innovations

NETFISH-MPEDA

Network for Fish Quality Management & Sustainable fishing

Estd 2007, Cochin, Kerala

- ❑ Capacity Building
 - Resource Conservation
 - Sustainable Fishing
 - Quality Management
 - Reduce post harvest losses
- ❑ Traceability
 - Data collection-to support catch certification



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Way Forward..

Capture Fisheries

- Promotion of Resource-Specific Fishing, Deep-Sea & High Sea Fishing
- Development of Island Fisheries : Andaman Nicobar Islands & Lakshadweep Islands

Aquaculture

- Inland Saline areas
- Insurance incentives to Aquaculture Sector

Quality Assurance

- Residue Control, Traceability, Certification & Compliance
- Testing Infrastructure for Seed, Feed and other Aquaculture Inputs

Value Addition and Brand Promotion

- Focus on Value Addition, Branding and Marketing, Seafood Festivals etc
- New Markets & Deepening of Existing Markets



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India's *G20 Presidency Consensus* on Fisheries:

- ☐ Sustainable fishing practices to combat overfishing and conserve marine resources
- ☐ Combating illegal, unreported, & unregulated (IUU) fishing
- ☐ Fostering innovation for food security & livelihood development
- ☐ Promoting responsible seafood trade practices

- ☐ ***Mission LiFE***, a global movement to encourage sustainable practices
- ☐ “**Suchitwa Sagaram, Sundara Theeram**” to make sea & coast plastic free
- ☐ “**Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar (Clean Coast, Safe Sea)**” campaign
- ☐ Use of green fuels in marine fishing





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