

# Global Initiatives for more Sustainable Aquaculture Production from the Ocean

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# Fish on the 'food' agenda



"Fish is strikingly missing from strategies for reduction of micronutrient deficiency, precisely where it could potentially have the largest impact"

"Fish deserves a central position in food security and nutrition strategies"



# Towards a Global Action Network

- 2014:
  - UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) HLPE report
  - CFS policy recommendations

*“Make fish a visible, integral element in food security and nutrition strategies, policies and programmes”*

→ Fish AS FOOD

- “Eradicate hunger and prevent all forms of malnutrition” (SDG)

nutrition concerns into


*“Enhance sustainable food systems”*



related policies and programs”



→ Fish IS FOOD


- 2016: UN Decade of Action on Nutrition




Invisible Seafood 

Committee on World Food Security (CFS):  

ICN2 Second International Conference on Nutrition  
better nutrition better lives  
19-21 November 2014, Rome, Italy  



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# Launch of a Global Action Network

- "Sustainable, resilient food systems for healthy diets" one of six action areas
- Action Networks to accelerate implementation
- WHO/FAO secretariate supports the action networks
- The Global Action Network activities are reported to the UN Secretary General by the WHO/FAO secretariate

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Venue: Conference Room A, UN Conference Building

## Sustainable Food from the Ocean for Food Security and Nutrition

### Invitation to join a Global Action Network

#### The United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition

Accelerate implementation of the ICN2 commitments by 2025  
Achieve the global nutrition and diet-related NCD targets by 2025  
Contribute to the realization of the SDGs by 2030

Sustainable, resilient food systems for healthy diets is recognized as one of the six action areas in the Nutrition Decade's work programme.

#### Sustainable food from the ocean contributes to:

Food security and nutrition  
High quality protein, micronutrients and fatty acids  
Income and livelihoods for numerous communities

#### Invitation

This invitation is to announce that Norway will establish an **action network** for **Sustainable Food from the Ocean for Food Security and Nutrition** under the umbrella of the **UN Decade of Action on Nutrition**.

#### Next Step

Identify other interested countries that would like to play an active role in establishing or joining the network.  
Identify a forum in the near future where interested Member State representatives can meet to discuss the set up of the action network.



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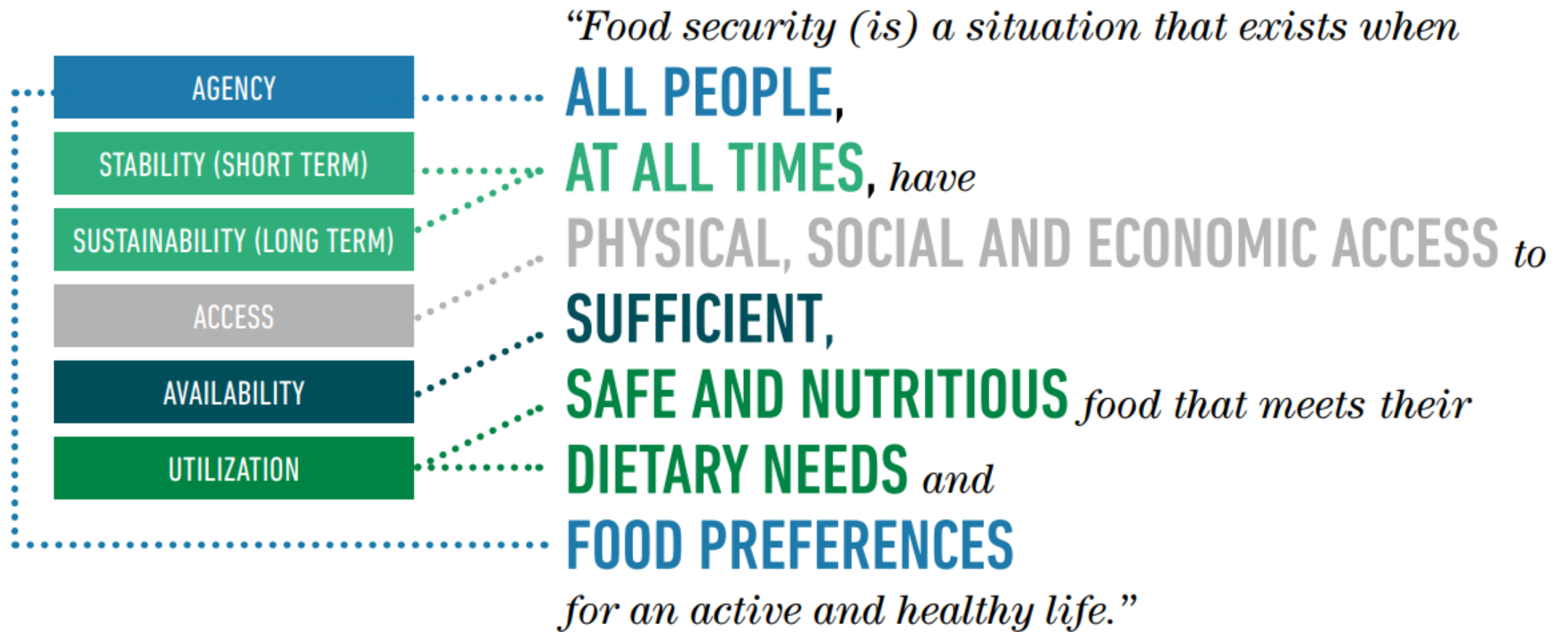


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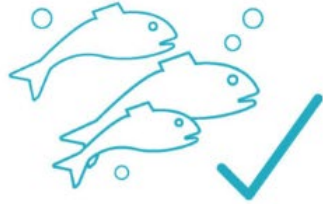
### Global Action Network National Working Group in Norway

# Food security



# Knowledge and solutions related to the key elements of food security

## Gain and Share - Key elements



Sufficient aquatic food



Safe aquatic food



Nutritious aquatic food



Dietary needs



Food preferences



Leaving no one behind



Towards common goals

<https://nettsteder.regjeringen.no/foodfromtheocean/>







# The role of aquatic foods in sustainable healthy diets



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# Aquatic food system



**Sustainable Oceans**  
(Healthy Waters  
– Prevent pollutants, micro plastics, fight and adapt climate change etc.)

**Sustainable fishery/aquaculture**  
(increased sustainable production, ecosystem based management, prevent overfishing, IUU, discard, improve technology etc.).

**Sustainable handling from harvest to people**  
(keep quality, food safety, monitor, reduce loss/waste, HACCP, traceability, logistics, cooling systems etc.)

**Sustainable aquatic foods**  
(Healthy People – Healthy Planet: increased seafood consumption, availability, affordability, preferences, safety, nutritious, quality, taste, origin, ethics, knowledge: healthy eating habits, food preparation etc.)

Sustainable fishery

Harvesting

Healthy Waters

Catch on board

Port landing



Fish available

Food available

Transport

Storage

Processing

Packaging

Market

Consumer

Transparent science-based advise systems for management, policy and business

Each link influence availability, safety, quality, nutrients, ethics, taste etc.

**Value Chain**



Healthy People



Sustainable aquatic foods



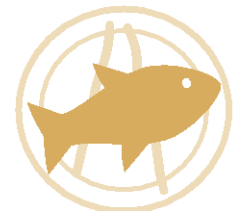
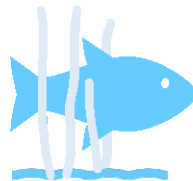
**Food security:**

- access
- sufficient
- safe
- nutritious
- dietary needs
- food preferences



Aquatic food must come from healthy waters and make it all the way to the healthy people

**Sustainable Food from the oceans and inland waters for food security**



# Food for the world

- Investment and innovation in aquaculture can lead to + 15 million tonnes of food from the ocean
  - Reduced prices
  - Reduced malnutrition
- Aquatic Foods Composition Database – a vital resource for future work on aquatic food systems



## Article

### Aquatic foods to nourish nations

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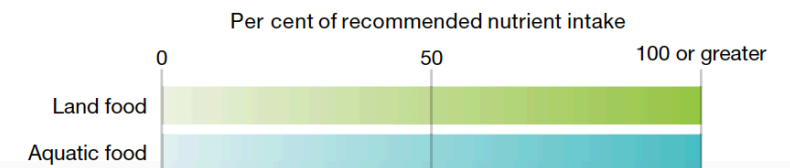
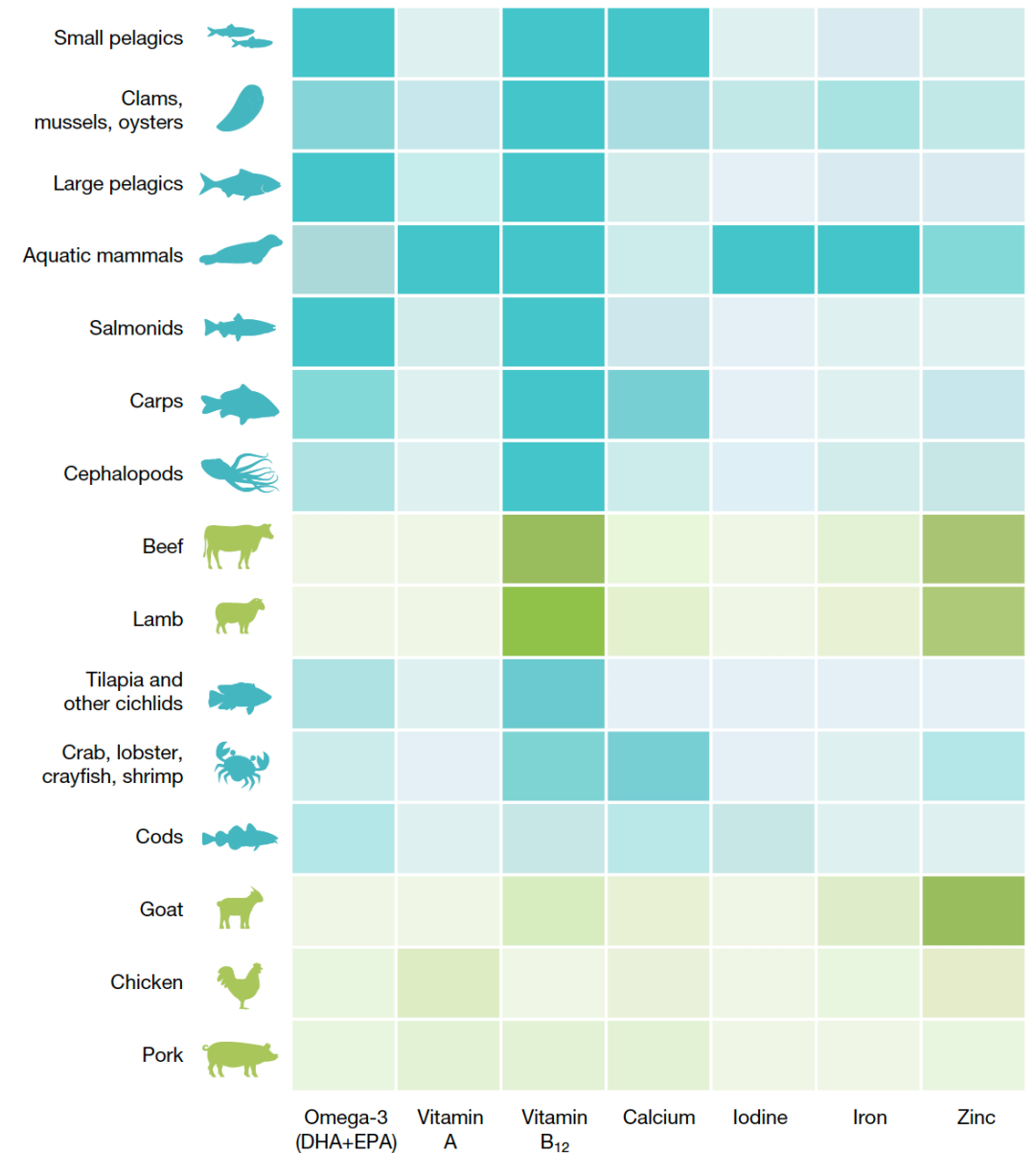
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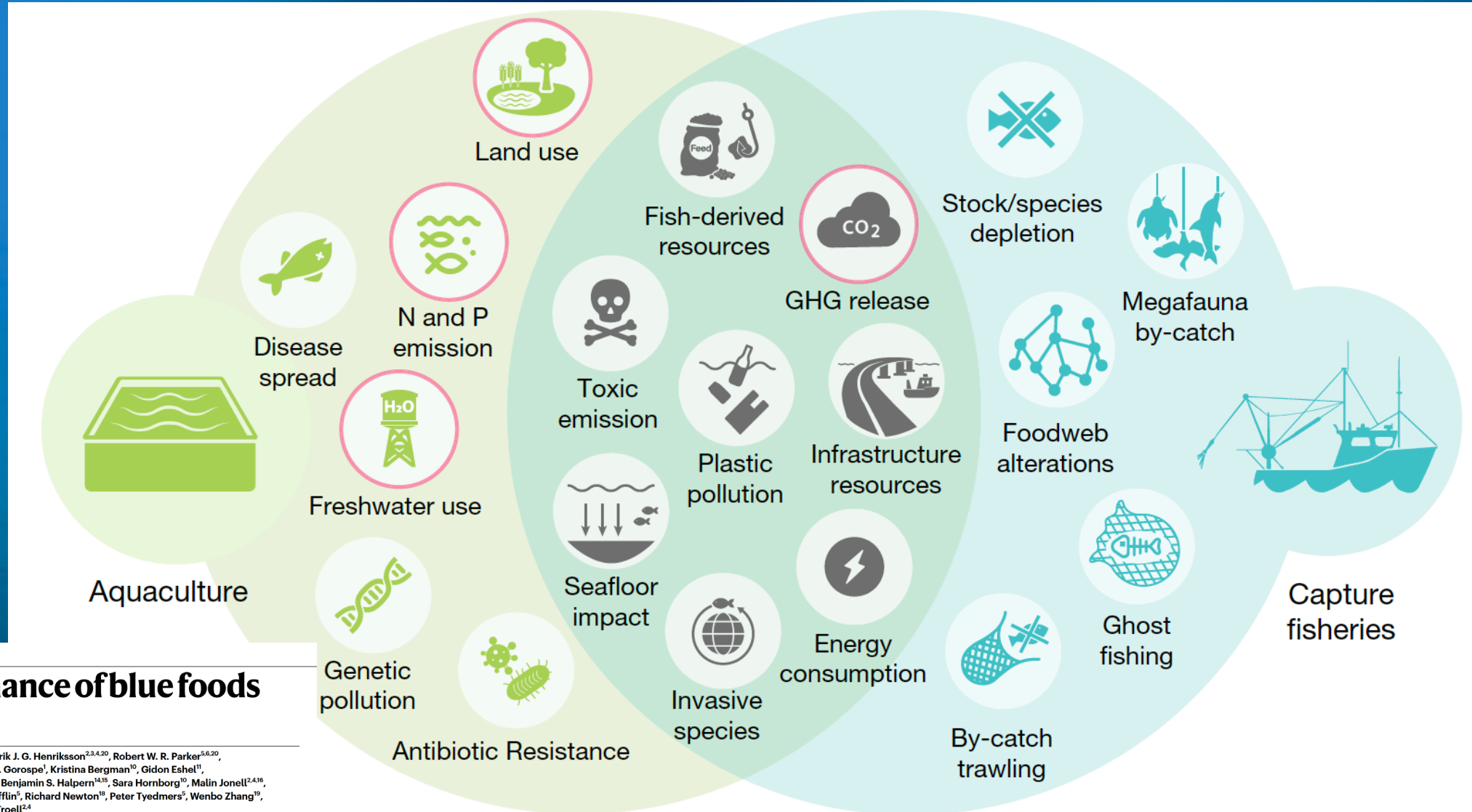
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# Blue (Aquatic) foods have a lower environmental footprint than terrestrial meat production



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# Concept → Mission → Action

- **Ambition:** Mobilise actions to include **aquatic food as key food source** for food security and nutrition
- Cross sectorial collaboration to **reach already agreed goals and commitments**
  - Include aquatic foods in food security and nutrition
  - Include food security and nutrition in fisheries and aquaculture
- Support each other to increase **sustainable harvesting, production and consumption** of safe and nutritious aquatic foods globally



**Working group**  
UN International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture  
→ CFS 49 (2022)

**Working group**  
food and feed within planetary boundaries  
→ UN Ocean conference 2022

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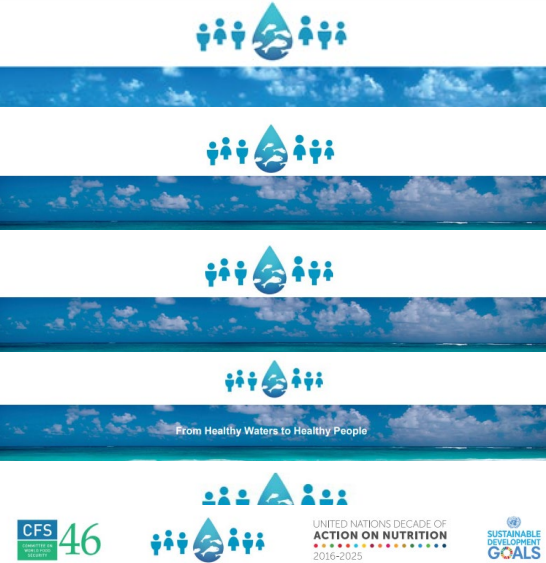


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Advancing equitable livelihoods for healthy people and planet

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