

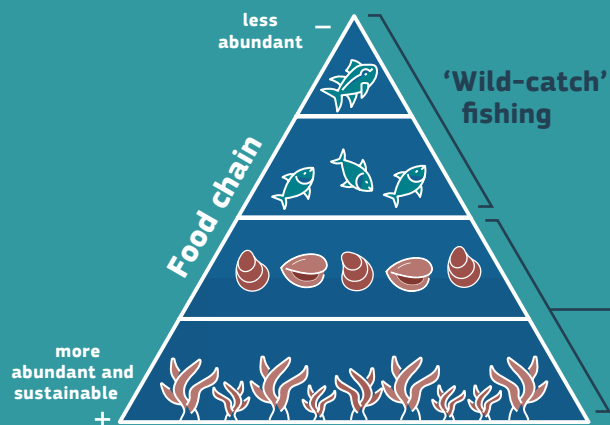
Scientific Opinion on Food from the Oceans

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World population is **increasing**, and so is the **need for food**

Seafood is an underused resource
only 2% of our food comes from the oceans

How we can eat more food from the oceans in a sustainable way?



Mariculture (marine farming)

Mariculture has large **potential**: **molluscs** (oysters, mussels...) and **seaweed** are **more abundant** than fish

Recommendations



Make “**responsible culture and capture of food from the ocean**” an explicit EU and global policy



Integrate this policy into a wider **food system framework**



Develop a comprehensive **EU mariculture policy**



Enforce existing regulation to make fishing sustainable

Impact

- These recommendations have informed the proposals for the post-2020 European Maritime and Fisheries Fund.
- Led to the Advisors’ March 2020 scientific opinion, [Towards a sustainable food system](#).

This is a summary of a scientific opinion by the **Group of Chief Scientific Advisors**,

an Independent expert group providing high-quality and timely scientific advice to the European Commission, to inform European Union policies and legislation, and informed by [SAPEA evidence review reports](#).

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