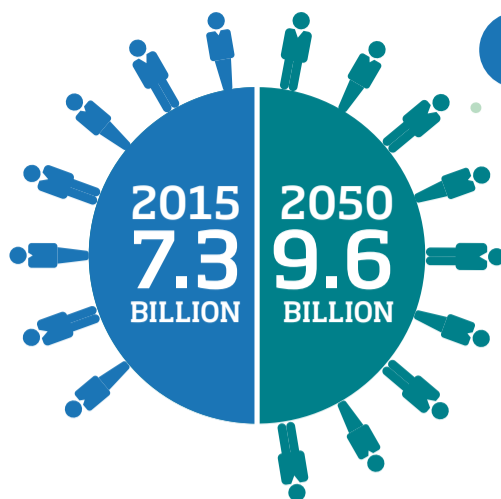




Our growing population How much food will we need?



About **70%** of the Earth's surface is covered in **water**



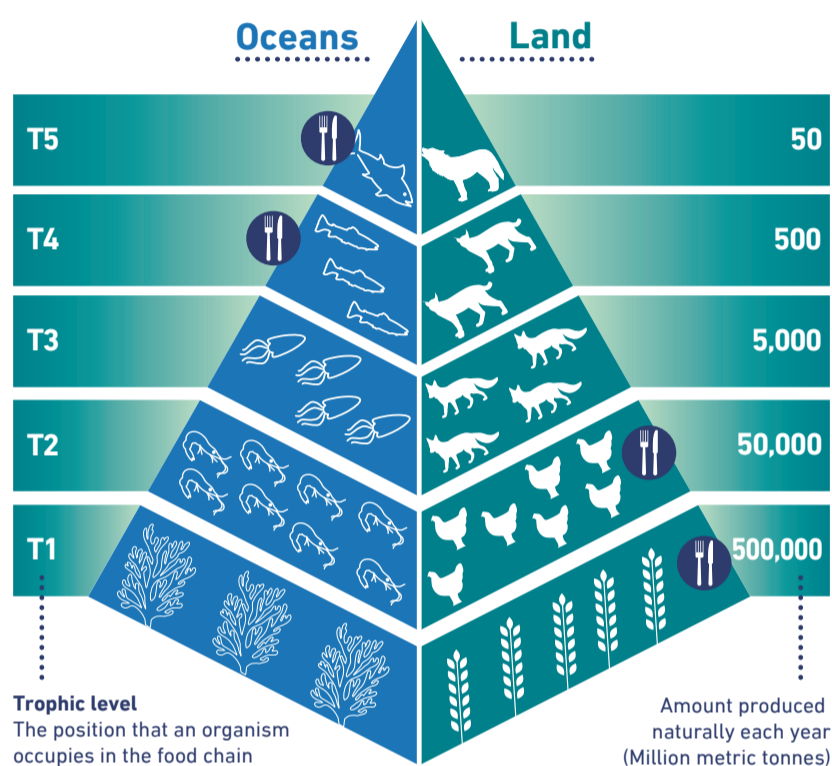
60%
increased food demand by 2050



However, only **2%** of human food currently comes from the **oceans**

Food for thought

How can we use our oceans more efficiently?



In general we eat organisms from **higher trophic levels** in the **sea** than we do from the **land**. **This is not ecologically efficient.**
Wild capture alone cannot harvest enough food for a growing population.
We can increase the harvest of lower trophic level organisms through responsible mariculture.

Changing tides

What have experts advised the European Commission to do?



1 Make room for mariculture with marine spatial planning



2 Improve communication between stakeholders and consumers



3 Use research to fill the gaps in our knowledge



4 Prioritise "food from the oceans"



5 Strengthen regulations to sustain wild capture

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Eat SMART How can you make a difference?



By choosing to eat **different types of seafood** you can **influence demand**

Nori seaweed, common in Japanese sushi, is high in **vitamin C**



Oysters can add more **zinc** to your diet



Microalgae such as spirulina are rich in **protein**



Mussels are a good source of **iron**



Kelp contains **iodine** that can help treat thyroid problems

Seaweed can boost your **protein** intake



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The Commission makes decisions about our oceans and our food supply, based on advice from leading experts across Europe. Using expertise and evidence on the oceans, nutrition, the environment, psychology, spatial planning and regulations, the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors has made important recommendations to the European Commission.

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