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# Aquaponics as an example of long term sustainable food production

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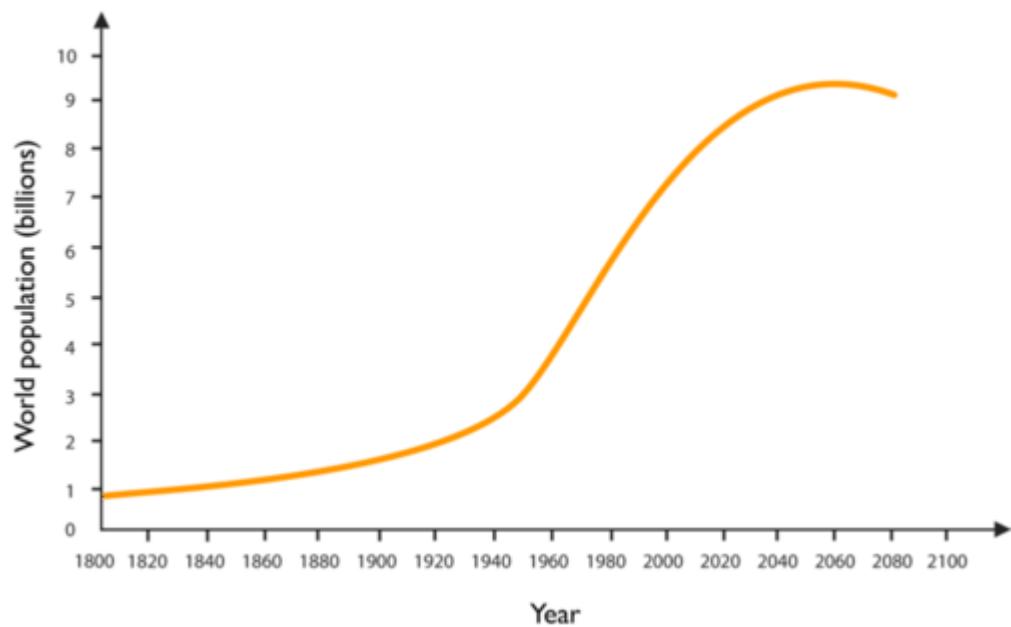


# World megatrends

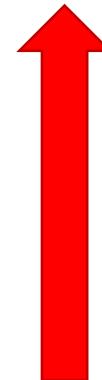
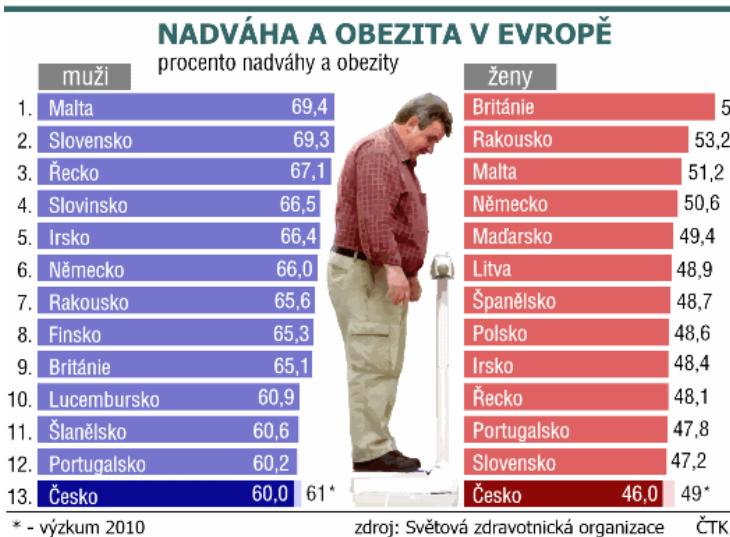


**7.8 billions**

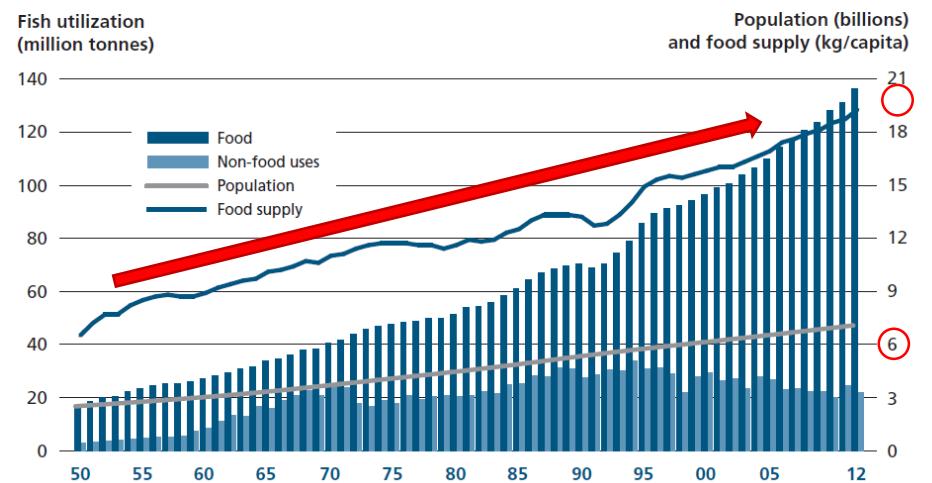
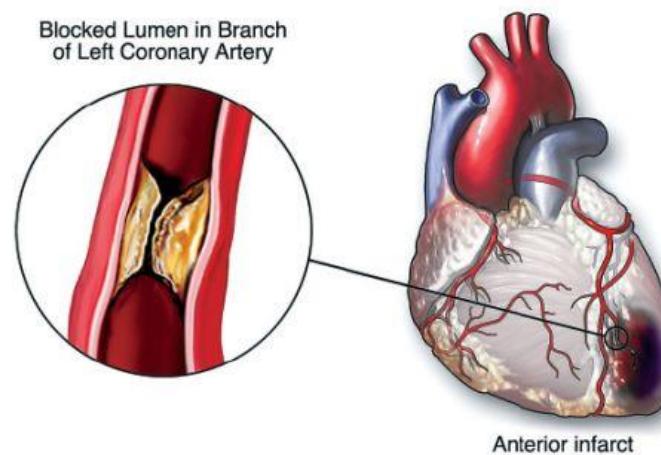
Human Population: Past, Present, and Future



# World megatrends



World fish utilization and supply



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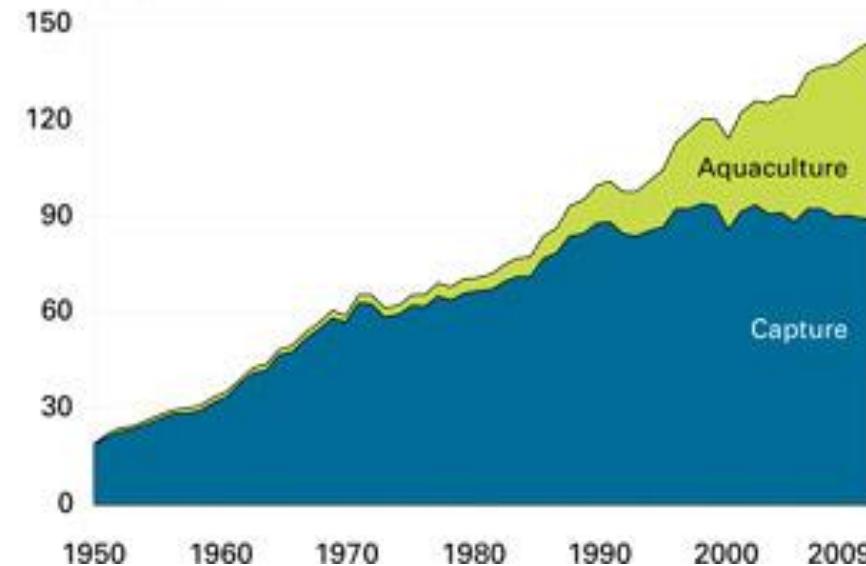




# Introduction:

## World fishery production

million tonnes

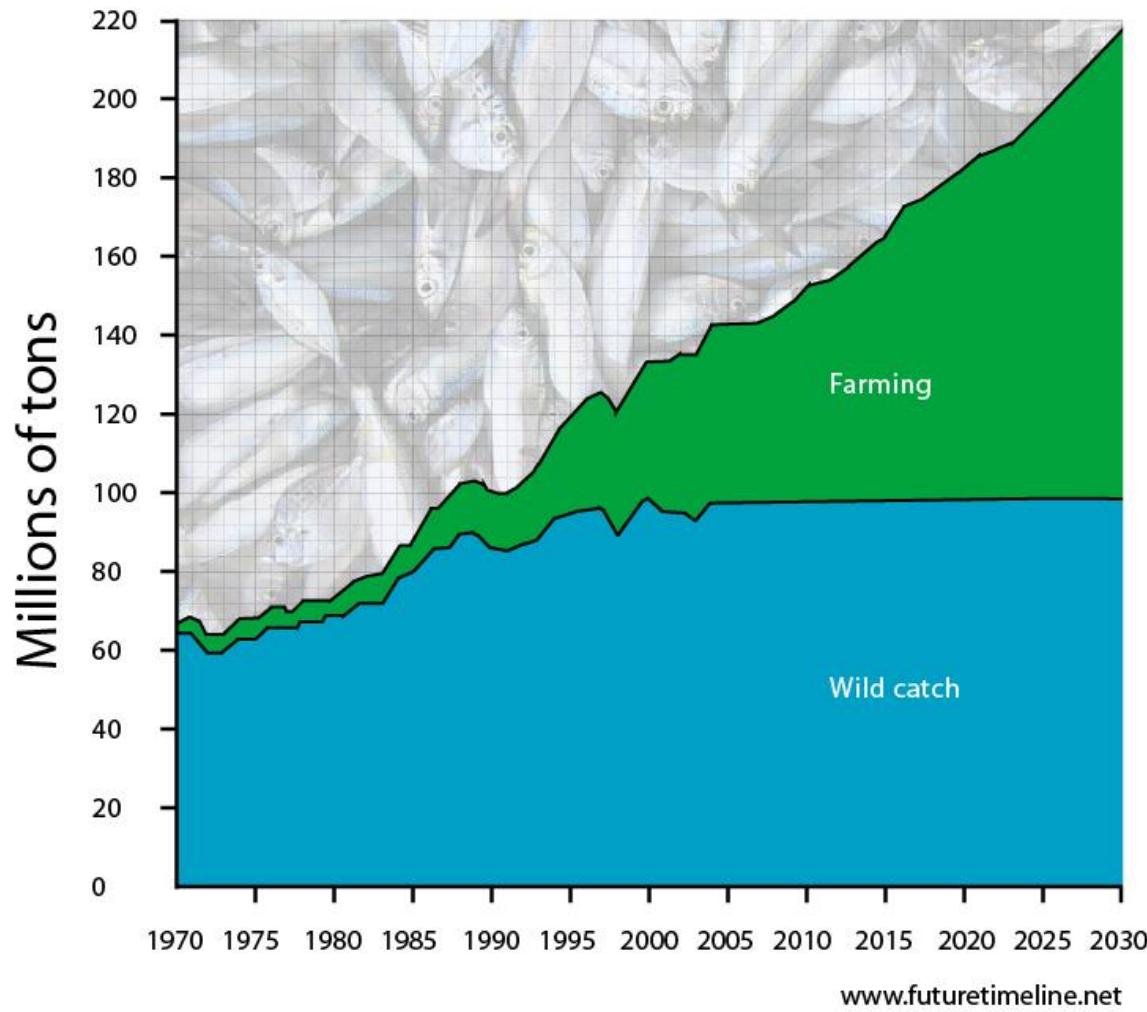




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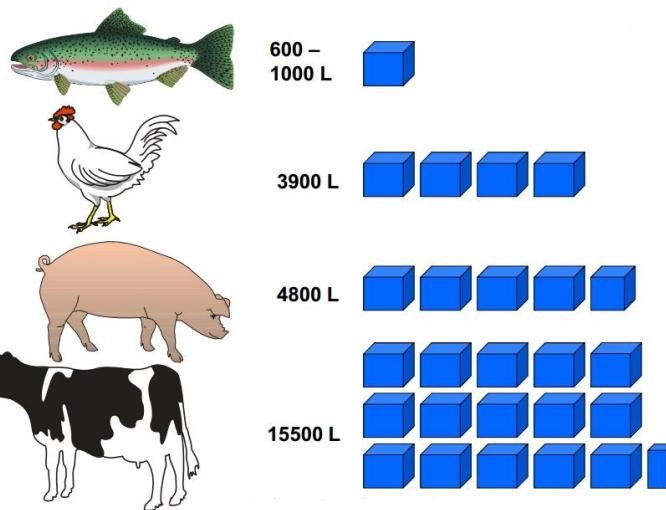
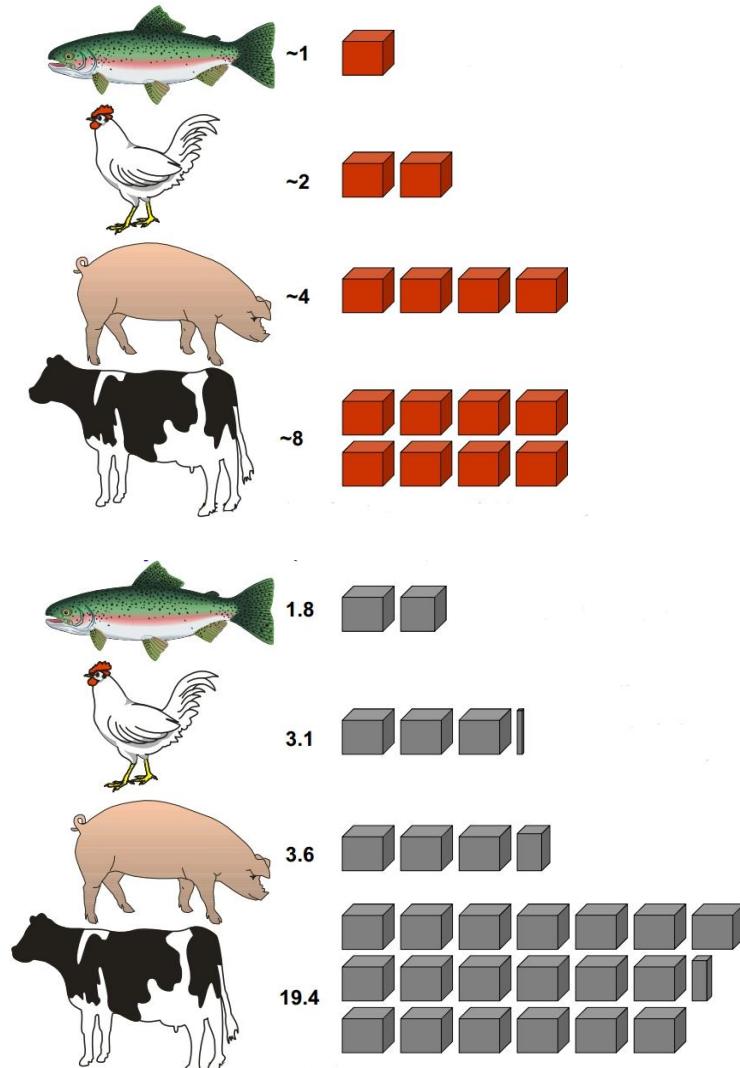




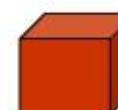
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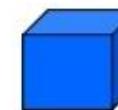
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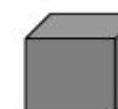
Feed conversion



Water consumption



Production of greenhouse gasses  
(kg of equivalents to CO<sub>2</sub>)



(Kloas et al., 2011)



- Hydroponics

- low need of water
- soilless
- no weeds and diseases
- close to consumption
- optimal conditions
- fast growth
- even quality

- Aquaculture

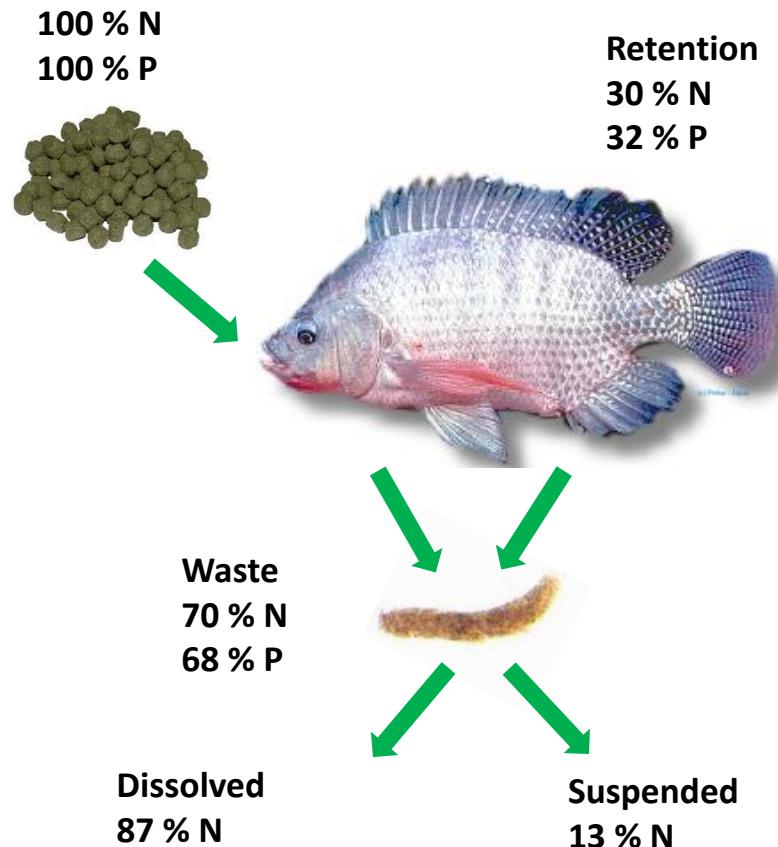
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- no need of ponds, streams or seas
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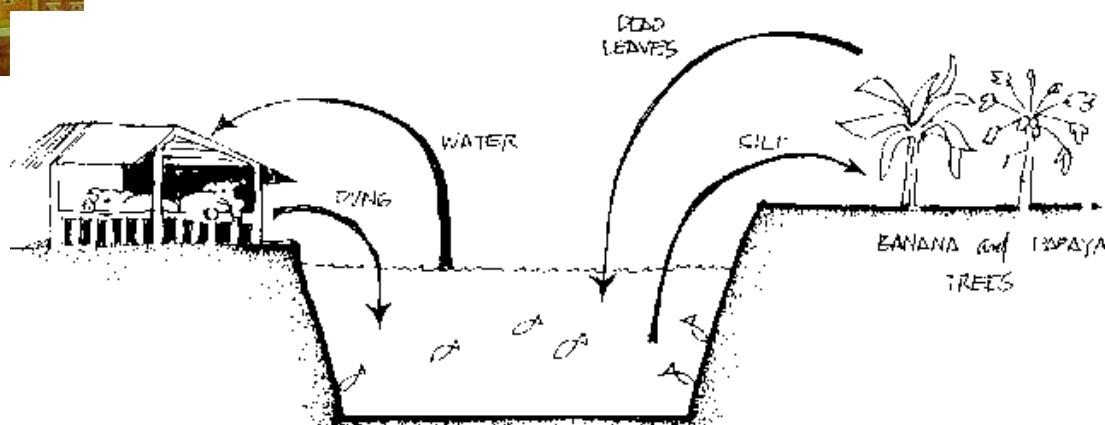
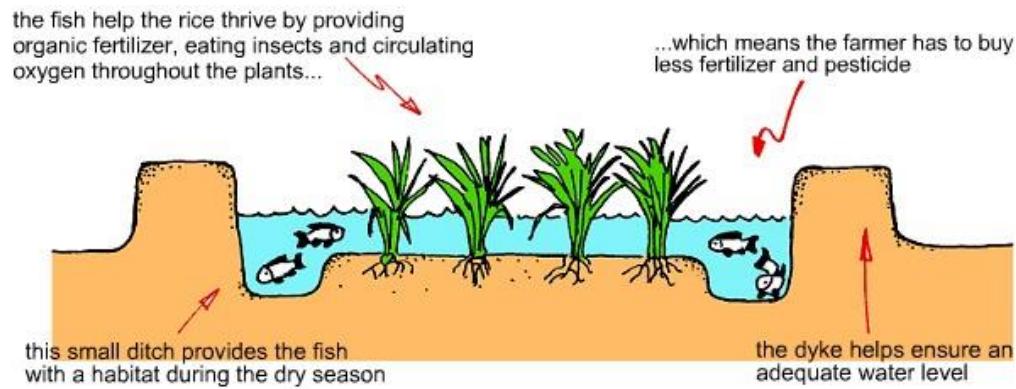
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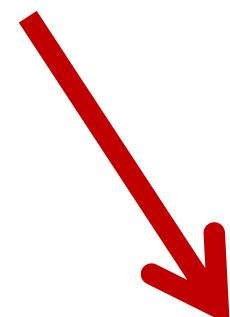
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Rich in nutrients



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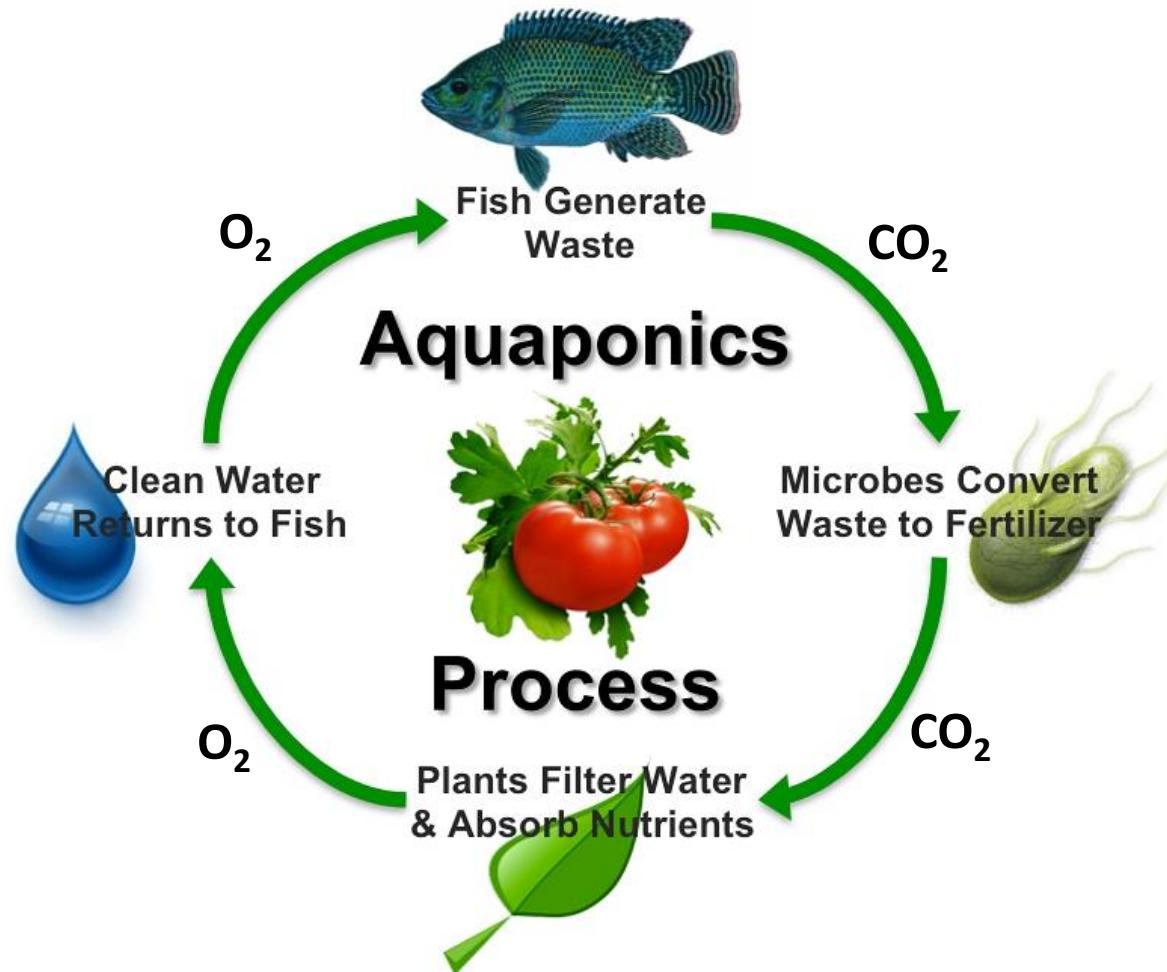


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## **Aquaculture + Hydroponics = Aquaponics**





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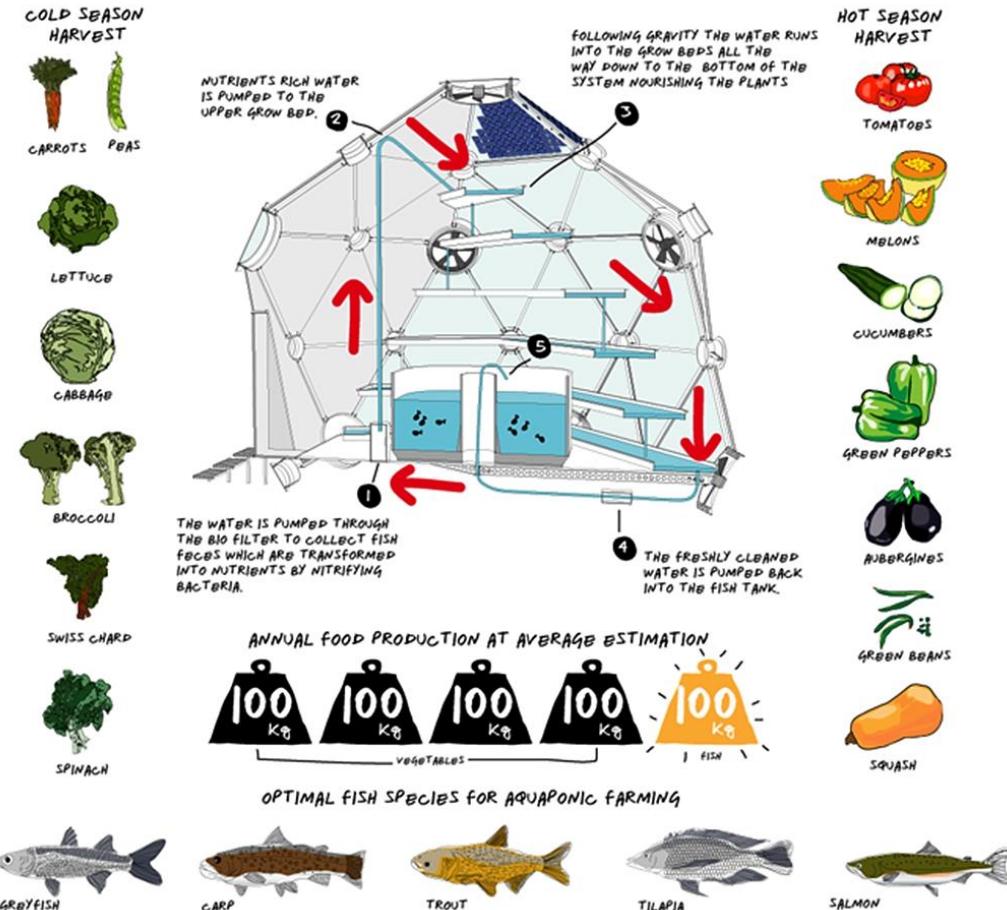
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## ② THE GLOBE - AQUAPONIC SYSTEM

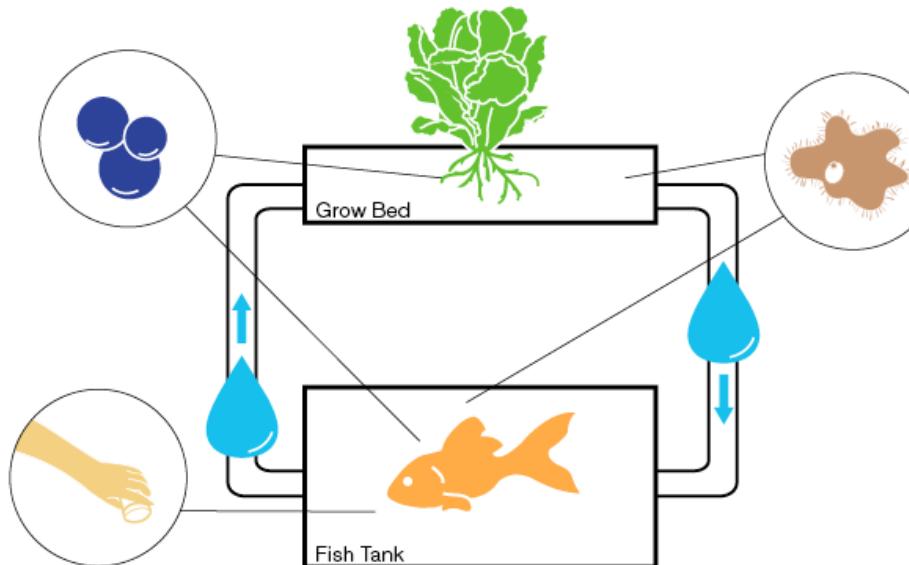
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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvHVLHZiXHk&feature=player\\_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvHVLHZiXHk&feature=player_embedded)



# Aquaponics – how it works



- Fish produce waste, ammonia (toxic)
- Microbes convert ammonia to nitrites and nitrates
- Plants use nitrates and other nutrients from water
- Water is cleaned and oxygenated through growbeds
- Clean and oxygen rich water goes back to fish tank

# Aquaponics - plants



- They don't invest energy in root growth
- Continual excess of nutrients
- Excess of  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$
- Warm water
- No weeds



# Aquaponics – design



- Drip irrigation
- Media-Based Growbed  
(Ebb and Flow)
- Raft System
- NFT  
(Nutrient Film Technique)
- Towers, VertiGro
- Aeroponics





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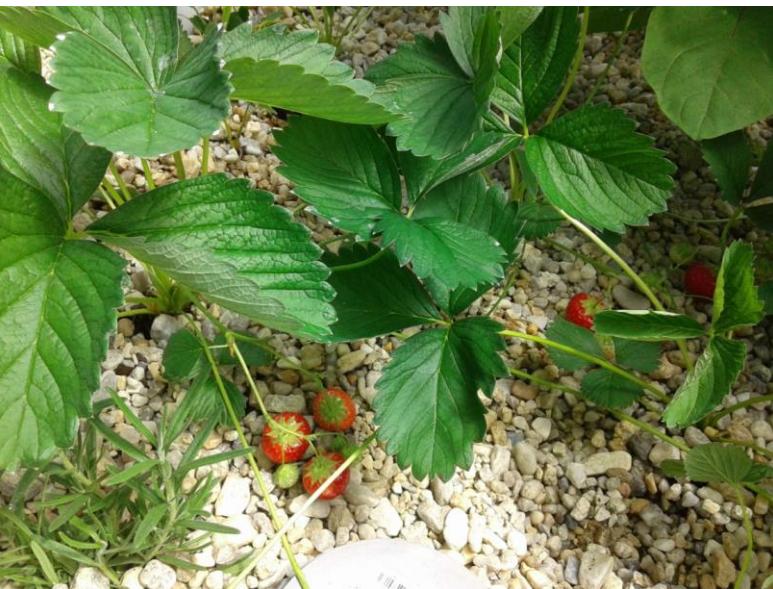
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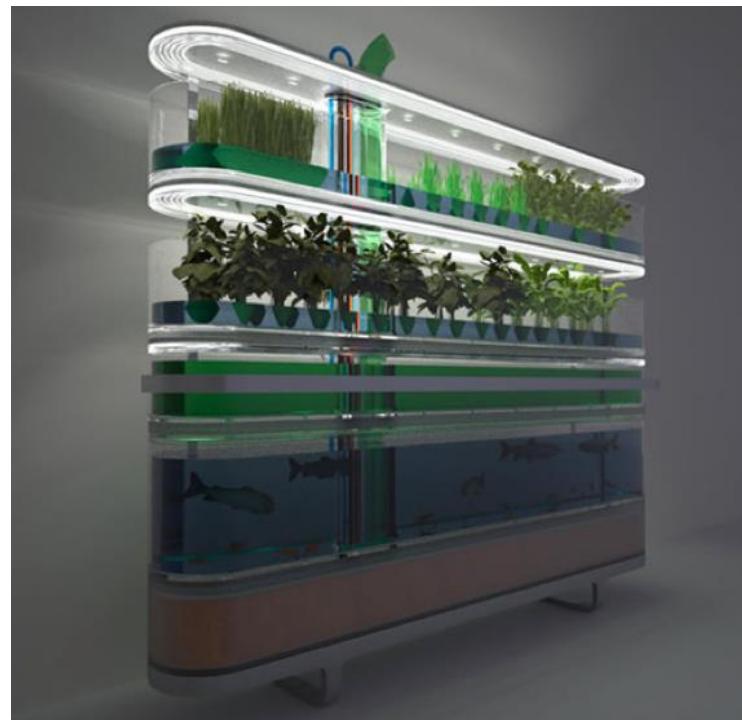




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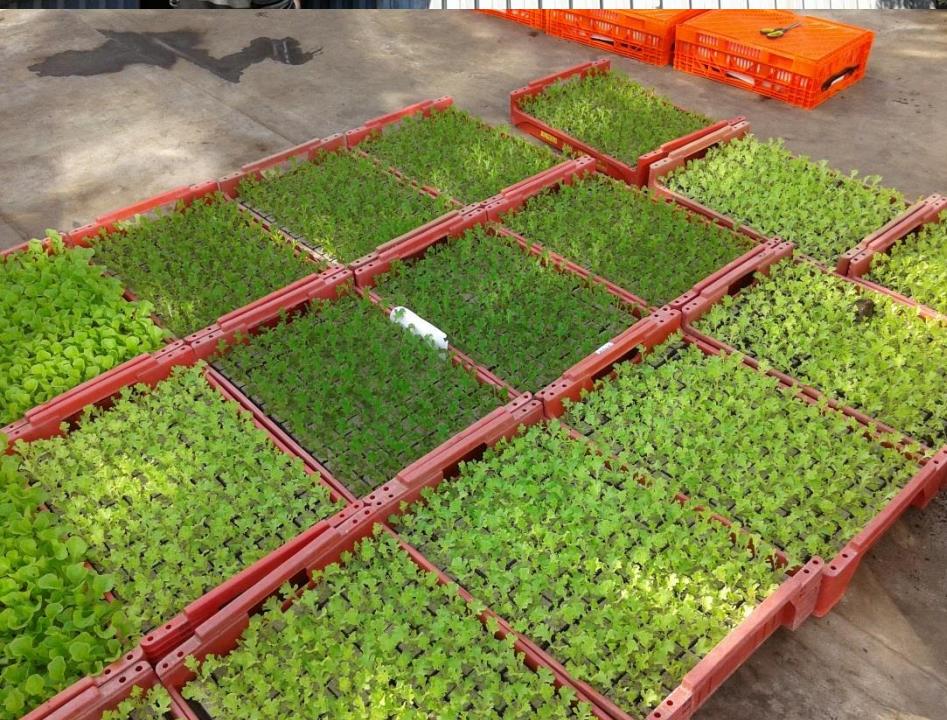
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# Aquaponic research center at FFPW, USB



6 x independent RAS  
4 x types of hydroponic systems  
(each with 6-12 replicates)



# Future or today reality?



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Doručené – Seznam Email Poslouchej rádio online! Aquaponics Map

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Aquaponics Map Sign in

Detlef's Aquaponics

Western Aquaponics

Baw Baw Community Gardens Aquaponics

Warragul Regional College Aquaponics

Haranaka Aquaponics

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Aquaponia em aquário pequeno

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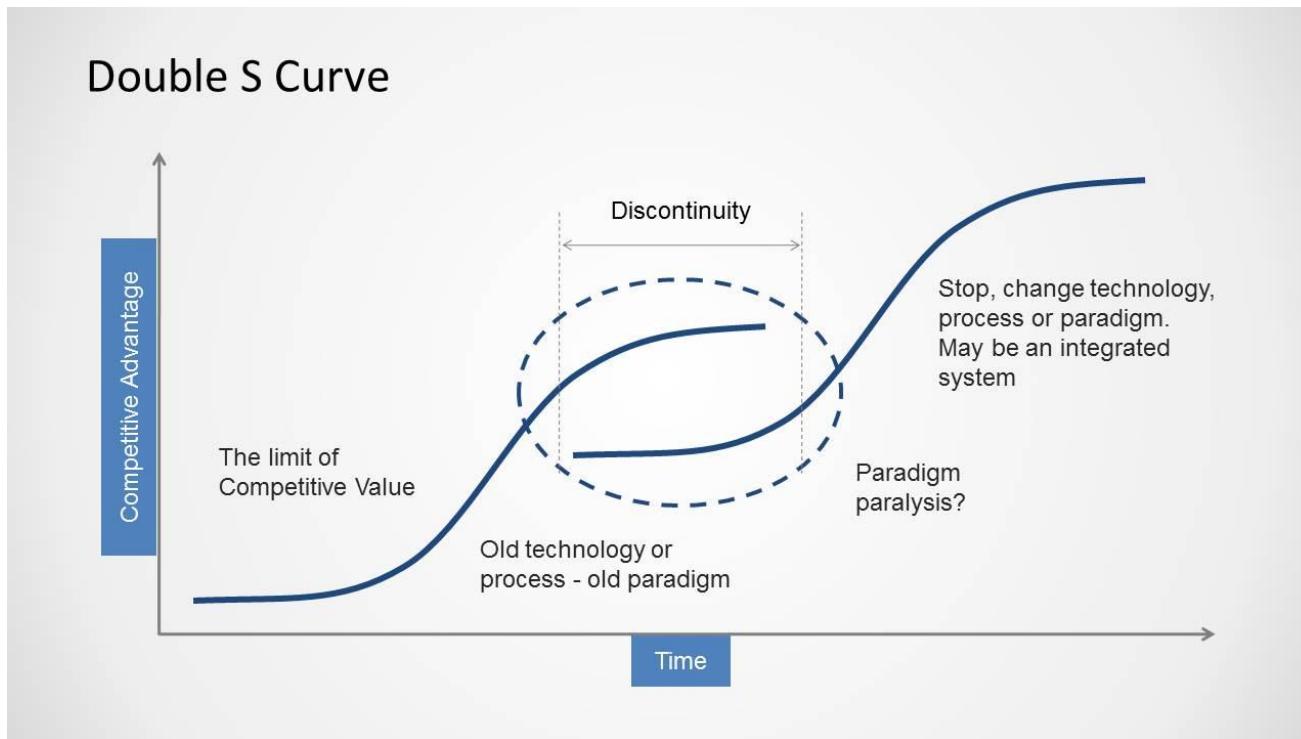
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# Challenges



- Beginning, lack of experience
- Philosophy as motivation
- Lack of research and legislation
- High initial costs and risk of failure
- The market doesn't know about it



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