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Global consumption of fish has doubled since 2014. Demand for fish shows no signs of abating, driven primarily by population growth and a shift in preference for fish protein (which now exceeds that of all terrestrial animals combined). Fisheries (wild-caught and farmed) also provide a key source of income to over 820 million people. However, income security derived from fisheries is potentially under threat, with approximately a third of fish stocks beyond biological sustainability. The growth of aquaculture offers an opportunity to take the pressure off wild-caught fisheries, and its contribution is significant. In 2016, aquaculture accounted for over 50 percent of global fish production. However, the industry incurs the challenges associated with farm-intensive methods (e.g., diseases) and farming practices that can negatively impact upon the environment (e.g., waste and impacts on water quality). We are soliciting papers for this Special Issue around effective fishery management that address the complex issues of food and income security, fishery management, and ecologically sustainable development of the sector.

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