



## Newsletter from the Global Action Network

### Sustainable Food from the Oceans and Inland Waters for Food Security and Nutrition

We are happy to send you our Spring 2025 Newsletter, sharing ongoing work and news from the Global Action Network.

To feature your activities, solutions or relevant events supporting the Global Action Network [mission](#) in future newsletters, please contact us via [foodfromtheocean@hi.no](mailto:foodfromtheocean@hi.no).



### Relevant Actions

The Global Action Network [Action Plan](#) includes arranging annual meetings, workshops and events, recognizing interested parties, and establishing connections to promote collaboration and interaction among cross-sectorial actors focusing on the important elements for food security *from Healthy Waters to Healthy People*.

### Demystifying the Nutritional Power of Aquatic Foods

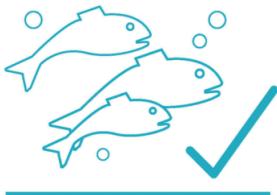
Global Action Network is glad to co-organise this exciting [N4G Paris](#) side event together with Aquatic Blue Food Coalition, Meridian Institute, Walton Family Foundation, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Global Seaweed Coalition, Stanford Center for Ocean Solutions, Oceana, and WorldFish. The multi-sectorial experts will highlight how diverse aquatic foods can address malnutrition and its impacts like stunting while supporting sustainable and equitable food systems, highlighting aquatic food's scalable role as a key source of essential nutrients.

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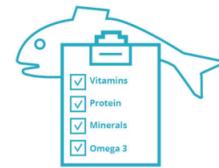
### International CoP on Nutrient Composition of Aquatic Foods Meeting

Aquatic foods have a lower environmental impact compared with terrestrial animal-source foods. Yet aquatic ecosystems are often monitored from an environmental or economic perspective, overlooking their contributions to global nutrition and public health. The Global Action Network [Food Composition Data working group](#), together with other international experts (CoP), assesses and explores the previously unknown links between SGDs, aquatic food composition databases, and data quality.

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## News from Network Participants



The Global Action Network will continuously identify challenges, exchange knowledge and solutions related to the key elements of food security. Through the [Gain and Share Tool](#), you can gain and share knowledge to promote sustainable food from the oceans and inland waters for food security and nutrition.

Here we are featuring challenges, solutions, and knowledge in [Nutritious aquatic food](#), [Sustainable aquaculture production](#), and [Leave no one behind](#).

### **Article on the importance of small-scale fisheries for global nutrition security in the cover of Nature**

A global team of researchers provides the most rigorous assessment of the micronutrient supply provided by the catch of small-scale fisheries globally. The article highlights the importance of aquatic food systems and the steps needed to increase global attention and policy making for them.

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### **Article on essential and hazardous element contents in marine fish**

Researchers from the Norwegian Institute of Marine Research investigated the variability in the nutrient and contaminant contents and associated drivers based on ~15,700 fish collected between 2010-2020 from the Northeast Atlantic

Ocean. This study highlighted the importance of understanding the variability in current seafood composition data to help address issues such as malnutrition.

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## **EAF-Nansen Programme celebrates 50th anniversary aboard the research vessel *Dr. Fridtjof Nansen***

The EAF-Nansen Programme celebrated its [50th anniversary](#) aboard the research vessel *Dr. Fridtjof Nansen* in Durban, South Africa. The event highlighted five decades of advancing marine research and sustainable fisheries management, featuring representatives from FAO, Norway, South Africa's Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, local experts, and students.

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## **Industry leaders unite to accelerate sustainable development of African aquaculture**

Acknowledging the current unrealized potential of aquaculture in Africa to help meet food security, health, climate and socio-economic goals, 22 business leaders have come together to identify opportunities and utilize collaboration to advance the sector's development.

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## **Tuna Welfare Factsheet launched**

Aquatic Life Institute has recently launched a Tuna Welfare Factsheet, addressing the welfare gaps in one of the world's most valuable and widespread fisheries. Despite the tuna industry's multi-billion dollar scale, animal welfare remains largely overlooked. Implementing welfare policies could significantly enhance the lives of billions of fish each year. To encourage businesses to take action, our factsheet provides clear, practical recommendations for meaningful change.

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## **Relevant Upcoming Events**

[Demystifying the Nutritional Power of Aquatic Foods](#), 26 March 2025, Online

[Nutrition for Growth](#), 27-28 March 2025, Paris, France

[One Ocean Week](#), 5-11 April 2025, Bergen, Norway

[Our Ocean](#), 28-30 April 2025, Busan, Korea

[One Ocean Science Congress](#), 4-6 June 2025, Nice, France

[UN Ocean Conference 2025](#), 9-13 June 2025, Nice, France

[International Congress of Nutrition](#), 24-29 August 2025, Paris, France

[The 14th IFDC International Food Data Conference](#), 1-3 September 2025, Rome Italy

Event calendar



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