

**Aquaculture** , also known as **aquafarming** or **fish farming** (although it does not just concern fish), refers to the farming of aquatic (freshwater or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and plants for human use or consumption, under controlled conditions. Aquaculture implies some form of intervention in the natural rearing process to enhance production, including regular stocking, feeding and protection from predators. Farming also implies individual or corporate ownership of, or contractual rights to, the stock being cultivated.

### Further information

- [Council Regulation 788/96](#) on the submission of statistics on aquaculture production
- [Aquaculture production](#) (ESMS metadata file — fish\_aq\_esms)
- [Catches by fishing area](#) (ESMS metadata file — fish\_ca\_esms)
- [Fishing fleet](#) (ESMS metadata file — fish\_fleet\_esms)

### Related concepts

- [Fish catch](#)

### Statistical data

- [Aquaculture statistics](#)