

Contributions of marine capture fisheries to the domestic livelihoods and seafood consumption of Brazil Chile and Peru

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Project Goal

Determine the contribution of specific fisheries to domestic fish consumption and domestic livelihoods throughout Brazil, Chile, and Peru.

Key Objectives

- Critical analysis highlighting important capture fisheries for domestic food security, in the context of vulnerable populations and regions.
- Determine most important capture fisheries for food provision, and domestic seafood consumption patterns through time and space.
- Determine most important capture fisheries and fisheries sectors for regional employment and income.
- Determine most important capture fisheries and fisheries sectors for domestic catch and landed value.

Deliverable - Final report including a critical analysis of domestic seafood consumption, related fisheries employment and income, and general fishery conditions of each nation included (Brazil, Chile and Peru).
- National datasets and associated R-script, properly documented for replicating analyses and results. - Summary of key uncertainties, data gaps and priority areas for future research and policy.

Executive Summary

Introduction

Latin American nations include the main fisheries regions of the world in terms of landings and, with a high (51%) proportion of net seafood production traded locally, domestic fisheries remain highly important for national food security. The UN Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that Latin American countries consumed around 6.2 million tons of fish in 2015, averaging a per capita food fish consumption of 9.8 kg/year. The contribution of fisheries' to food security and livelihoods is particularly pertinent given the ongoing World Trade Negotiations on fishery subsidies disciplines, as these are partially intended to avoid trade and operational distortions that may threaten local food security in maritime nations.

In 2016, total fish landings in Chile and Peru, two of the world's top fishing nations, averaged 8 million tons per year [Fishstat]. In Peru, the seafood sector generates over US 1.7 billion per year, supporting over 200 thousand jobs³. Moreover, Chile's aquaculture production is among the largest of the world¹ and fish meal and salmon exports generate over US\$2.2 billion per year⁴. Despite comparatively lower catches, Brazil's fisheries sustain thousands of local families in coastal areas⁵⁻⁶, and inland captures are among the largest of the world¹. In Latin America size matters as 90% of Landings from small scale fisheries (SSF) are paramount in Latin America, as 90% of all motorized fishing vessels are under 12m length¹. However, this sector is among the most marginalized groups in the region⁷, despite it being critical to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 1, "Eradicating hunger," as highlighted by the recent FAO small scale fisheries guidelines that explicitly links the sector with food security and poverty eradication [Fishstat].

Given the increasing pressures on vulnerable populations, including climate change but also rapid policy and market shifts, it is imperative to highlight the critical importance of particular capture fisheries for meeting domestic seafood supply. This knowledge can help guide future policies to ensure economic development does not jeopardize health and livelihoods in (particularly coastal) communities.

Methods

The objective of this project, for each nation considered, was to determine the domestic seafood consumption (regionally, as possible) and its relationship with local employment in wild capture fisheries. Given that seafood is a widely traded commodity and that aquaculture has steadily increased supply into markets, meeting this objective will involve using species-specific data on domestic catches, aquaculture, and seafood imports and exports in order to highlight the most important species and fisheries for contributing to local and national food security.

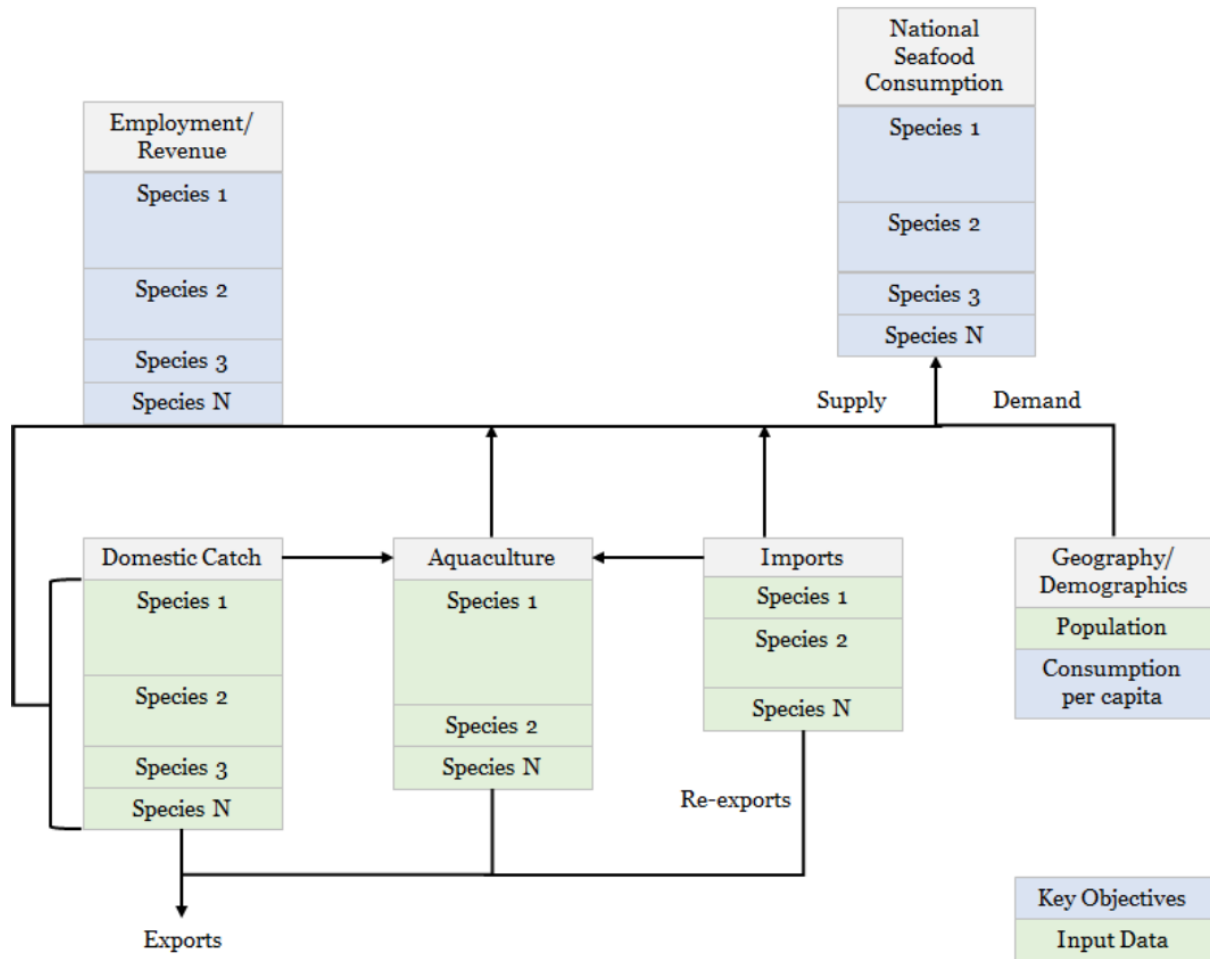


Figure 1: Figure 1.

Figure 1 below is a conceptual diagram of the anticipated methods to be undertaken in each nation. These methods directly link to the objectives proposed in the project Terms of Reference. Given the nature of fisheries data and governance systems, we anticipate that each of the nations considered will present unique challenges. Nevertheless, the overall approach (as captured in Fig. 1) will be used to maintain consistency in methods and comparability of results across nations, of course acknowledging specific uncertainties as appropriate.

Based on the best available data in each country, total seafood supply will be estimated as the sum of per-species production of domestic catch and aquaculture (minus exports), plus the sum of species specific net imports. Catch statistics will also be broken down by sectors whenever possible, including artisanal, industrial, and subsistence catches. In the case of domestic catch, inputs to aquaculture are subtracted from production (similar to exports); this is anticipated to be particularly relevant for large industrialized fisheries for small pelagics that are almost entirely reduced into fish feeds for aquaculture. The distribution of consumption (demand) of this seafood supply will be based on regional (as available) estimates of seafood consumption per capita and regional populations. An important additional aspect for the critical analysis portion of the project will be to link these regions with available socioeconomic and governance indicators, providing a basis for discussing relative vulnerabilities to potential changes in seafood supply.

Analysis

Symbol	Description
C	Fish catch, i.e., wild capture production.
A	Aquaculture production.
I	Fish imports.
E	Fish exports.
D	Rate of losses () from discards (D) at sea.
O	Rate of losses from other uses (O), i.e., not for human consumption.
P	Rate of losses from processing (P), i.e., during canning, filleting, etc.
L	Landings from wild capture production (catch minus discards).
TDFS	Total domestic fish supply. Total amount of fish produced in the country.
NDFS	Net domestic fish supply. Total amount of fish produced in the country, minus exports and discards.
TFS	Total fish supply. Total amount of fish in the country (NDFS plus imports).
NSS	Net seafood supply. Effective amount of fish for human consumption in the country (TFS for human consumption, minus processing waste).

$$TDFS_i = C_i + A_i$$

Note that, to avoid double-counting fish production, domestic catch that is fed to farmed fish should be subtracted from overall production. This was done as possible given available country information and context (i.e., this may be more of an issue for some countries than others).

$$NDFS_i = L_i + A_i - E_i$$

$$L_i = C_i - (C_i * \lambda_{d,i})$$

where the second term in Equation 3 allows for a calculation of total discards in each country. In Equations 4 and 5, we assume that all imported seafood (we do not include imports not for human consumption, e.g., fish meal) is ready to be consumed and thus do not include losses from processing. We also assume that all aquaculture production is for human consumption and that none of this production is discarded, though processing losses do occur as in production from capture fisheries (e.g., farmed and wild caught shrimps would receive similar processing).

$$TFS_i = NDFS_i + I_i$$

Therefore, national seafood supply will be estimated for each country and species as follows:

$$NSS_i = [(L_i - L_i * \lambda_{o,i} + A_i) * \lambda_{p,i} - E_i + I_i]$$

International Analysis

The first approach that we did was to determine domestic seafood consumption, and its relationship with local employment in wild capture fisheries from international databases. While this first step represents the most broad analysis, it gives an idea of general country-level trends as well as information available to focus at more specific levels. The international analysis done using three main datasets:

1. The Sea Around Us Dataset (SAU) has reconstructed fisheries catches for all three countries dating from 1950 to 2014. These data present a more accurate and complete picture of global fisheries than nationally collected data (nor the FAO dataset) [Zeller2016]. Data extracted from SAU for Chile included the islands Juan Fernandez, Easter, and Desventuradas. For Brazil landings data included Fernando de Noronha, St Paul and St. Peter Archipelagos, and Trindade & Martim Vaz islands.
2. The United Nations Comtrade database (UNCD) is managed by the Trade Statistics Branch of the United Nations Statistics Division. The UNCD has detailed trade data by commodity or services category for both merchandise trade and trade in services from 1962 to 2017 (<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/trade/default.asp>).
3. A recent study estimated the proportion of fish landings destined to human direct consumption and fish meal and fish oil[Cashion:2018]. Such study used the SAU database, internal reports and other methods for estimating total landings devoted to each segment for all countries in the world.
4. The FAO-SOFIA Catch and trade database.

For the former analysis we used the FAO database to estimate the total landings (tons) of Chile, Brasil, and Peru in 2014, the last year with results in all database. All fishing sectors were aggregated (Industrial, Subsistence and Artisanal) and ** COMMENT: "Recreational" was ignored as it does not contribute to local food security.** Other countries that fish within Chile, Peru and Brasil were also not included in the analysis for the same reason. Landings were grouped by taxa excluding those not identified (e.g. "Marine fishes not identified"). We used the SAU database under the same method to estimate the revenue (US dollars) from each fishery. The SAU landings database reconstruction methods for each country can be accessed for Brazil[REF], Chile[REF], and Peru[REF]. We then used the Tim *et al.*, 2018 database to estimate how much of the landings go to direct human consumptions and how much goes to indirect human consumption. . .

Brazil Specifics

Chile Specifics

Peru Specifics

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Results from the international analysis shows a clear dominance in fisheries landings of both Chile and Peru over Brazil, even though Brazil captures around 3 times more species than the former. In terms of total fishing revenue, all nations are similar (**Table XX**)

Reporter	Exploited Species	Landings_Value	Total_tonnes
Brazil	272	2315554938	884052
Chile	84	3193783434	4108469
Peru	50	3262441002	3923989

When we analyze the top ten species in terms of landing volume (tons) and value (USD), we find different trends between and within countries. Brazil's most prolific fishery in 2014 was *Umbrina canosai*, a croaker

fished in the southern part of the country, however, the most exploited specie (in terms of landings) was the ray-finned fish *Sardinella brasiliensis*. For Chile, the most valuable and landed fishery was *Engraulis ringens*, Peruvian anchoveta. Finally, Peru most valuable fishery in 2014 was the Peruvian scallop *Argopecten purpuratus* but like Chile, *Engraulis ringens* was the most landed species (**Fig. XX**).

In addition to the internal fish production, Brazil, Chile and Peru all import and export fish (**Fig. XXX**). According to the UN data, Brazil spends more money importing fish than what it makes from producing it and exporting that production. In the other hand, both Chile and Peru have positive surplus from their fisheries and commerce activities being Chile the most “*profitable*” country.

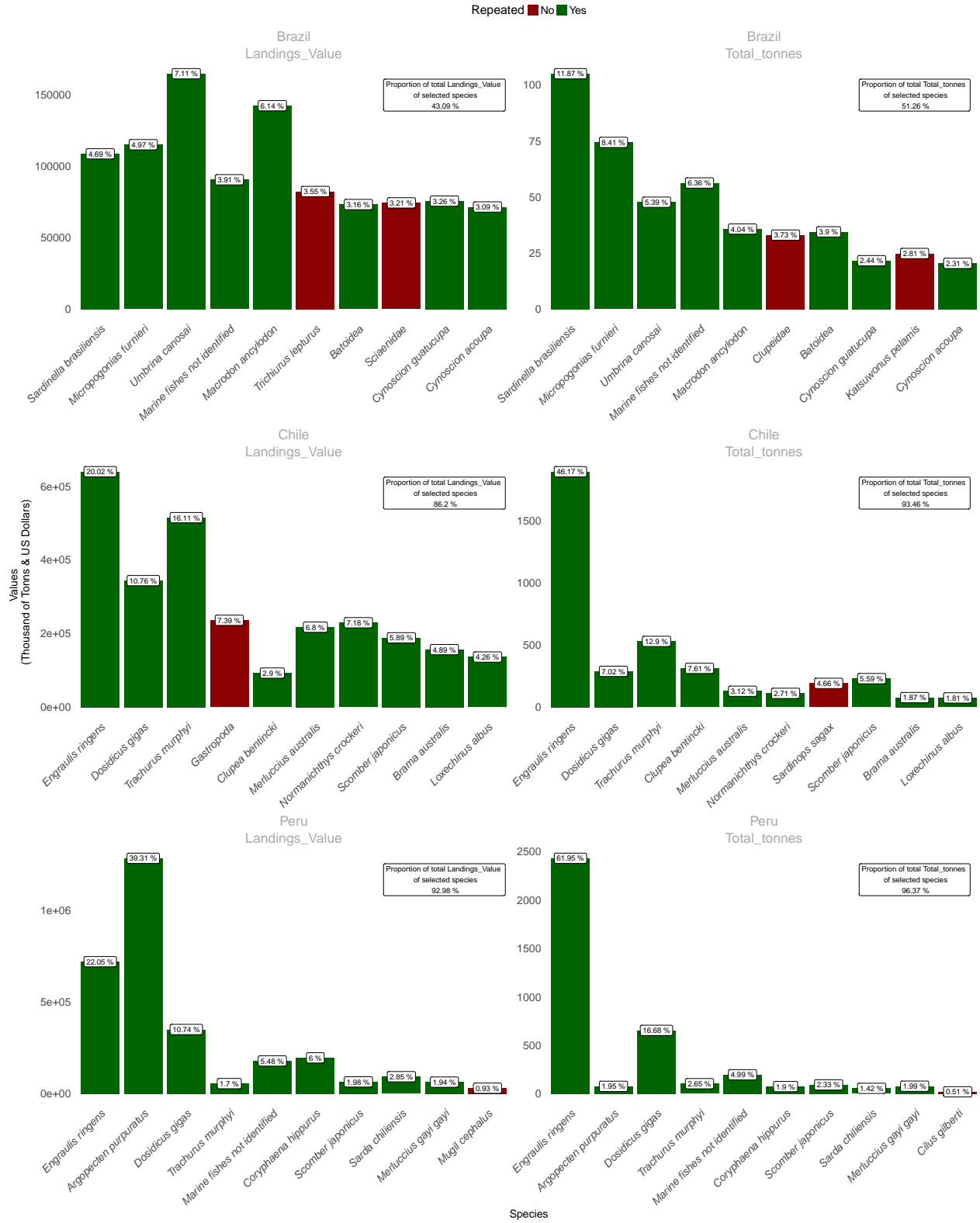


Figure 2: Top 10 species by landings (left) and value (right) from the SAU dataset. Red bars represent species not present in the other category. White boxes represent the contribution of that species to the total variable

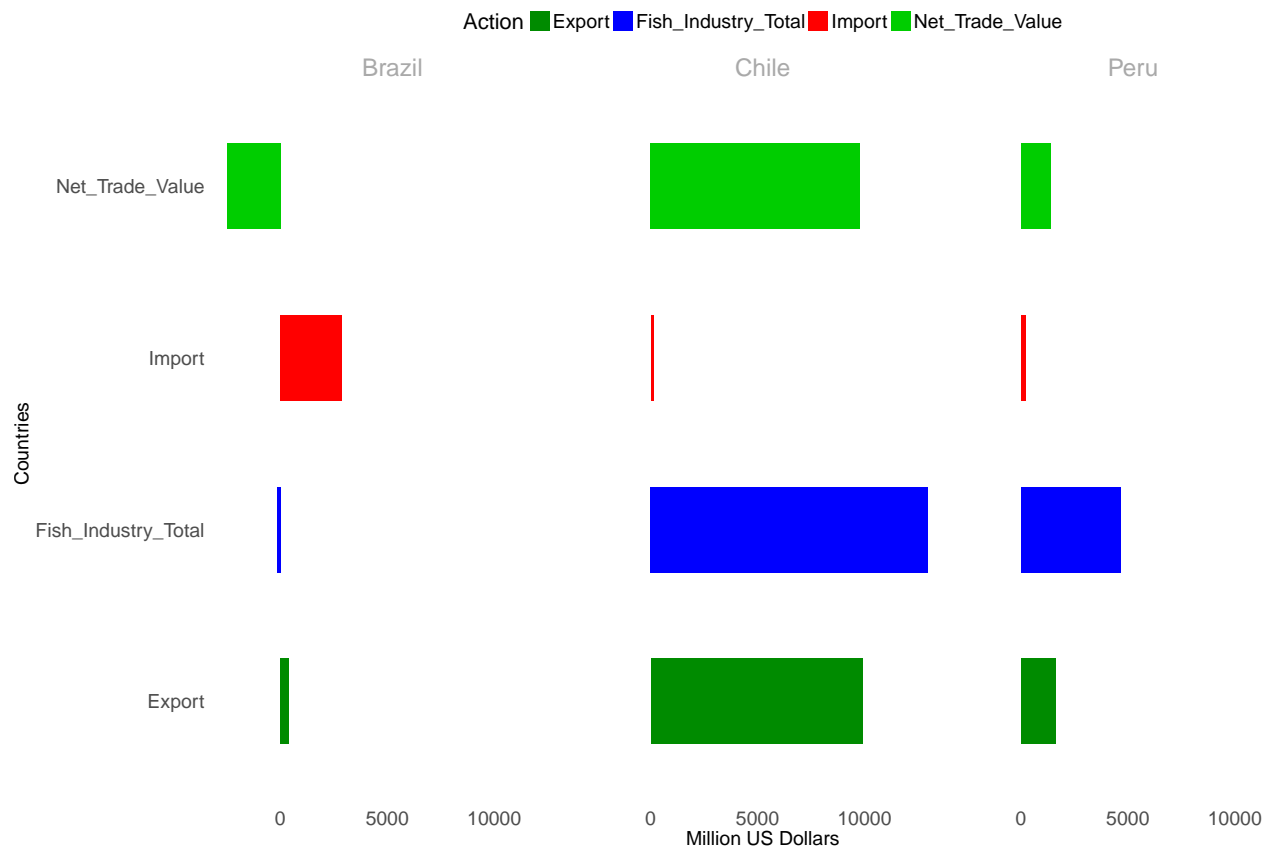


Figure 3: Revenue from fisheries production, imports and exports for each nation from the UN database.

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Critical Analysis

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