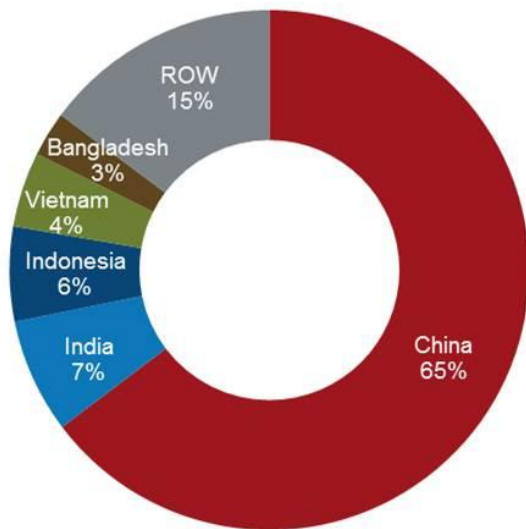


China to accelerate green development of aquaculture industry

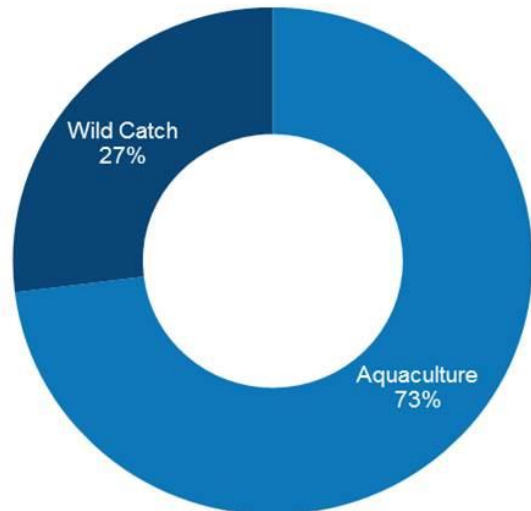
China will promote the green development of its aquaculture industry and produce more eco-friendly aquatic products, according to the agricultural ministry.

China produces >60% of global aquaculture



Source: China Water Risk, Fisheries & Aquaculture Statistics (2015)

China's reliance on aquaculture is much higher than the rest of the world



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More than 98 per cent of the aquatic products will meet market standards by 2022, while ecological demonstrative zones are expected to account for 65 per cent of the total aquaculture areas, said the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

To achieve such targets, 10 governmental departments including the agricultural ministry have unveiled a guideline on the green development of the industry, vowing to build more demonstrative zones and advance ecological prevention of aquatic animal diseases.

While strengthening the planning of waters and shoals for aquaculture, China will make efforts to optimize the industrial structure and encourage deep-sea aquaculture, according to the guideline.

The guideline also stressed the country will improve the management of aquaculture waste and maximize the industry's role in ecological restoration.

