

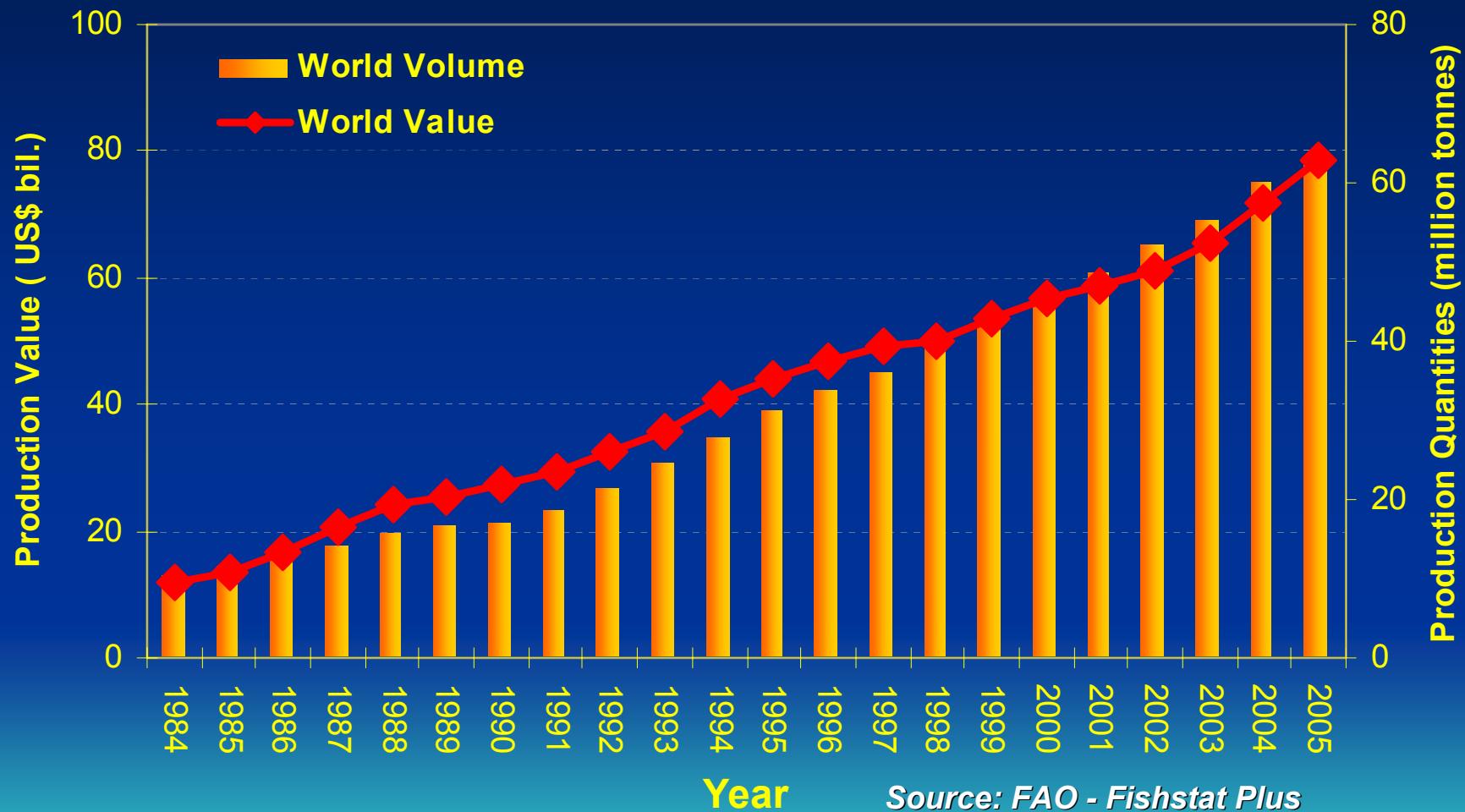
# Viet Nam Pangasius Success Story

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# Trend in World Aquaculture



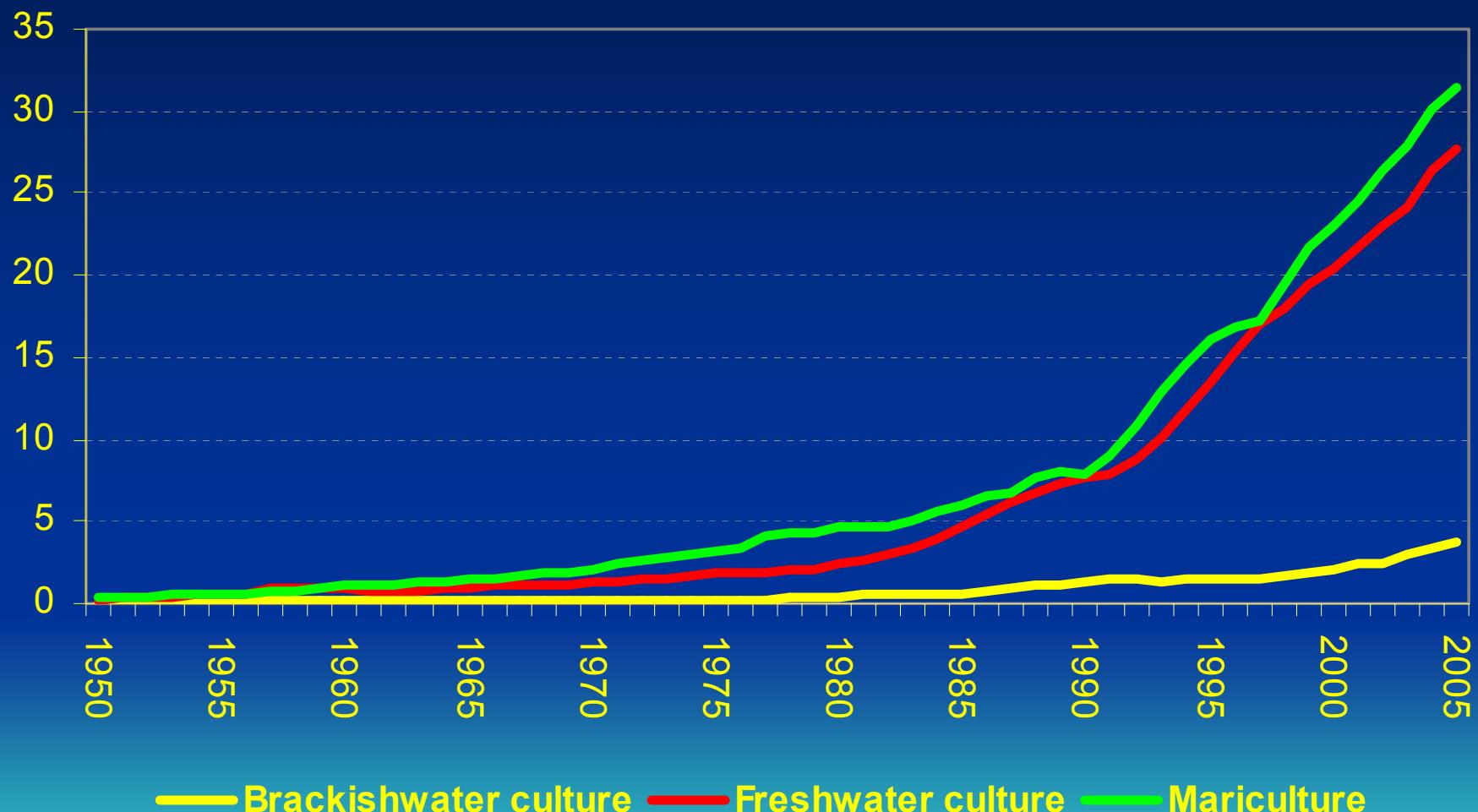
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Source: FAO - Fishstat Plus

# Production by Environments

Tons mil.

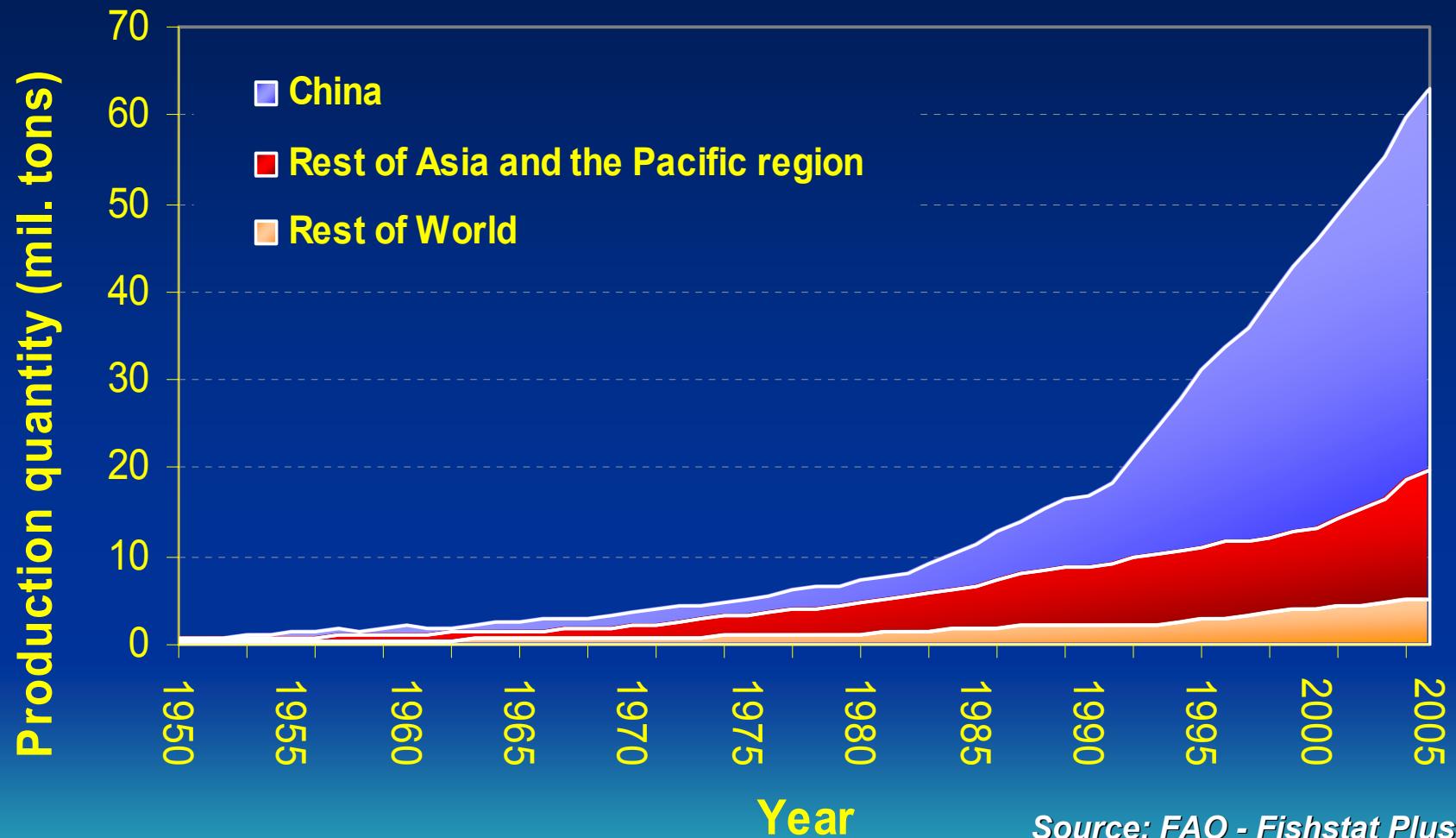


— Brackishwater culture — Freshwater culture — Mariculture

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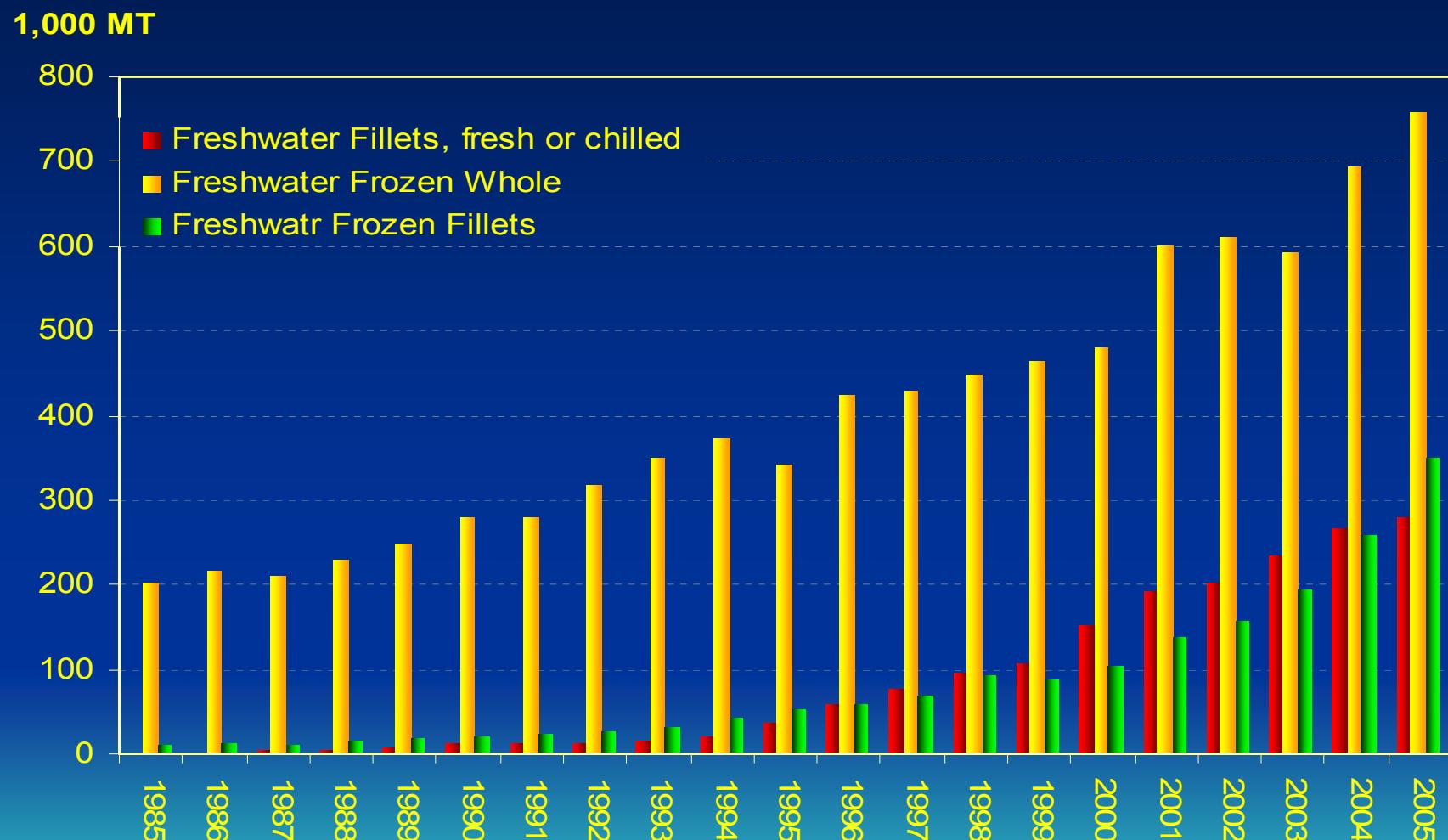
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# Production by Main Regions



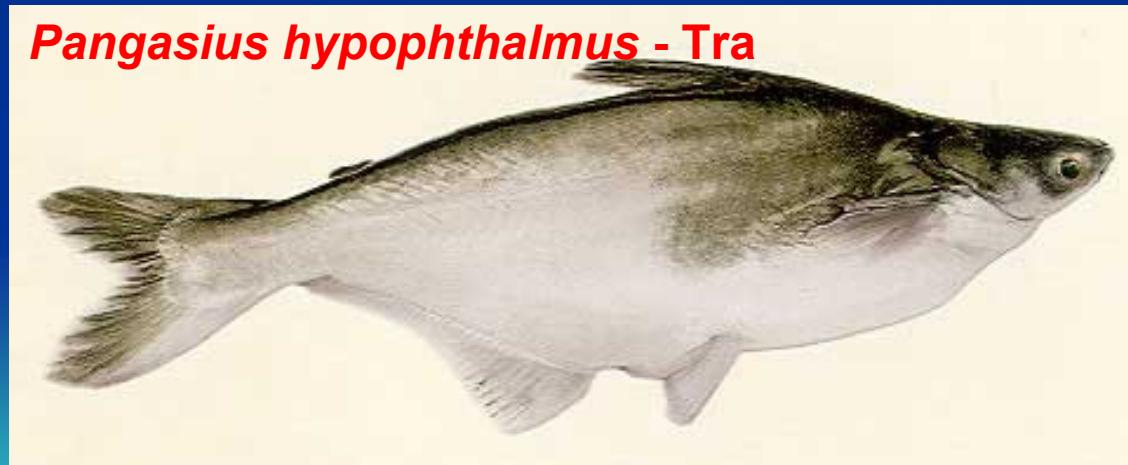
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# Import of Freshwater Fish



Source: FAO - Fishstat Plus

# Species of farmed *Pangasius*





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# **Pangasius – a Fish-Cinderella ?**

- 20 year ago, *Pangasius* was very common fish, served as daily food for poor people in Mekong Delta
- It is omnivorous fish, adapts well to different feed, can survive in very difficult conditions, with low oxygen
- In the past, *Pangasius* farming is a traditional activity of farmers in the South of Vietnam, only for themselves.
- Now *Pangasius* became the beautiful Princess in Vietnamese aquaculture, with harvest exceeded 1 mill. MT, value close to US\$ 1 billion annually
- *Pangasius* is intensively farmed in 3 ways: ponds, floating cages and net-pen enclosure

# **Vietnam Pangasius Success Story**

## In 10 years 1997-2007, Vietnam Pangasius:

- Farming areas increased only **8 times**, reached 9,000 ha
- Annual commercial production of raw fish increased **45 times**, from 22,500 MT to more than **1,000,000 MT**
- Volume of exported *Pangasius* fillets jumped-up more than **55 times**, from 7,000 MT to **386,870 MT**.
- Export revenue increased **50 times**, from US\$ 19.7 mill. to **US\$ 979,036 mil.**
- Number of export markets increased to more than **80 countries** and territories, in all continents.
- In 6 months 2008, exported **262,950 MT** fillets (+53.3%), valued at **US\$ 608 mill.** (+34%), to **103 markets**

# Stocking Density & Yield



**Floating cages:**      **100-150 fish/ m<sup>3</sup>**      **100-120 kg/m<sup>3</sup>**

**Pond :**                    **30- 40 fish/ m<sup>2</sup>**      **250-300 MT/ha**

**Net-pen enclosure:** **40 - 60 fish/m<sup>2</sup>**      **300-350 MT/ha**

# Feeding and FCR

Two main kinds of feeds:

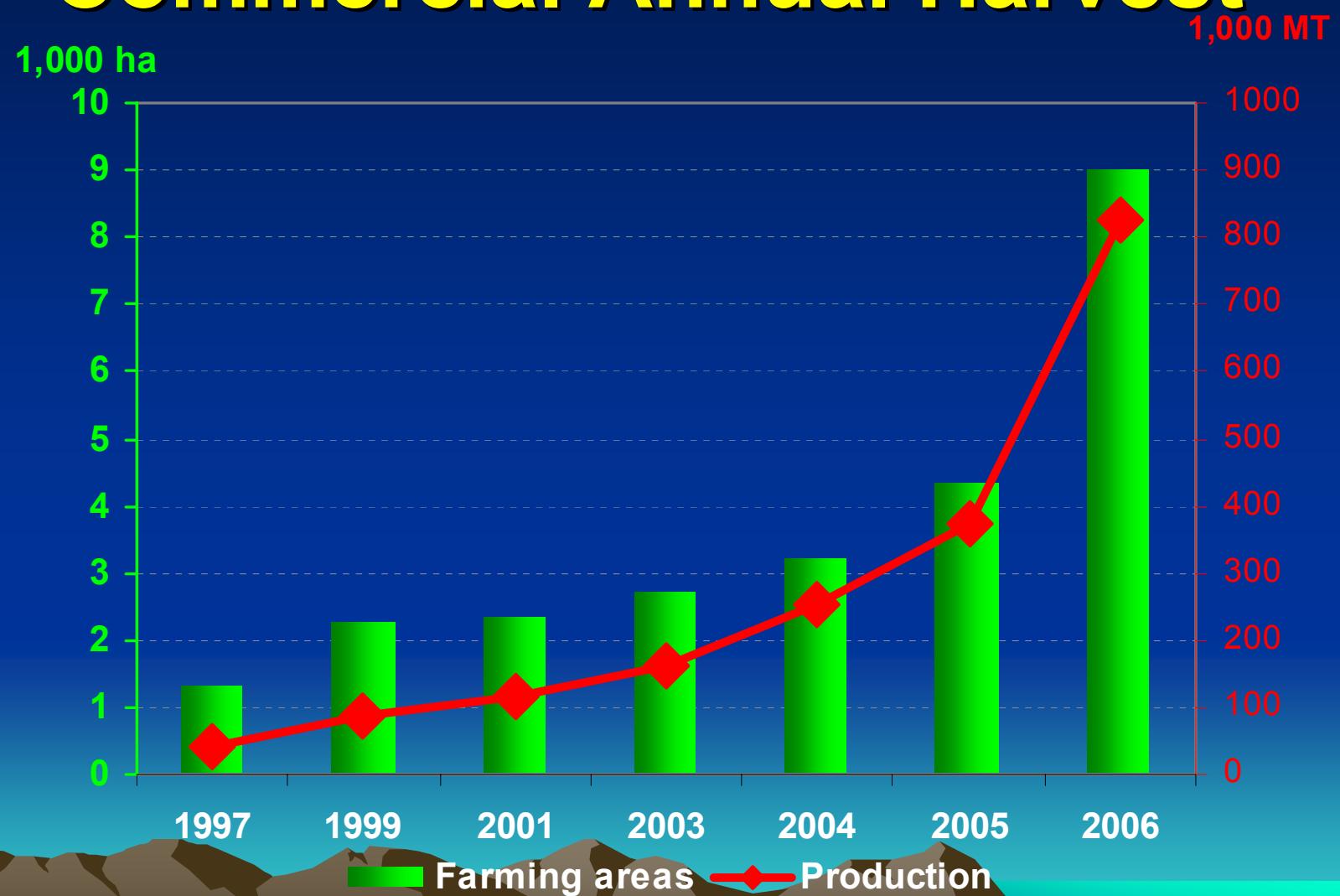
Home-made fresh feed & Pellets



**FCR for fresh home-made feed  
is 2.8-3.0**

**FCR for pelleted feed is 1.5-1.8**

# *Pangasius Farming Area & Commercial Annual Harvest*



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# Average Productivity

Tons/ha

100

90

80

70

60

50

40

30

20

10

0

1997

1999

2001

2003

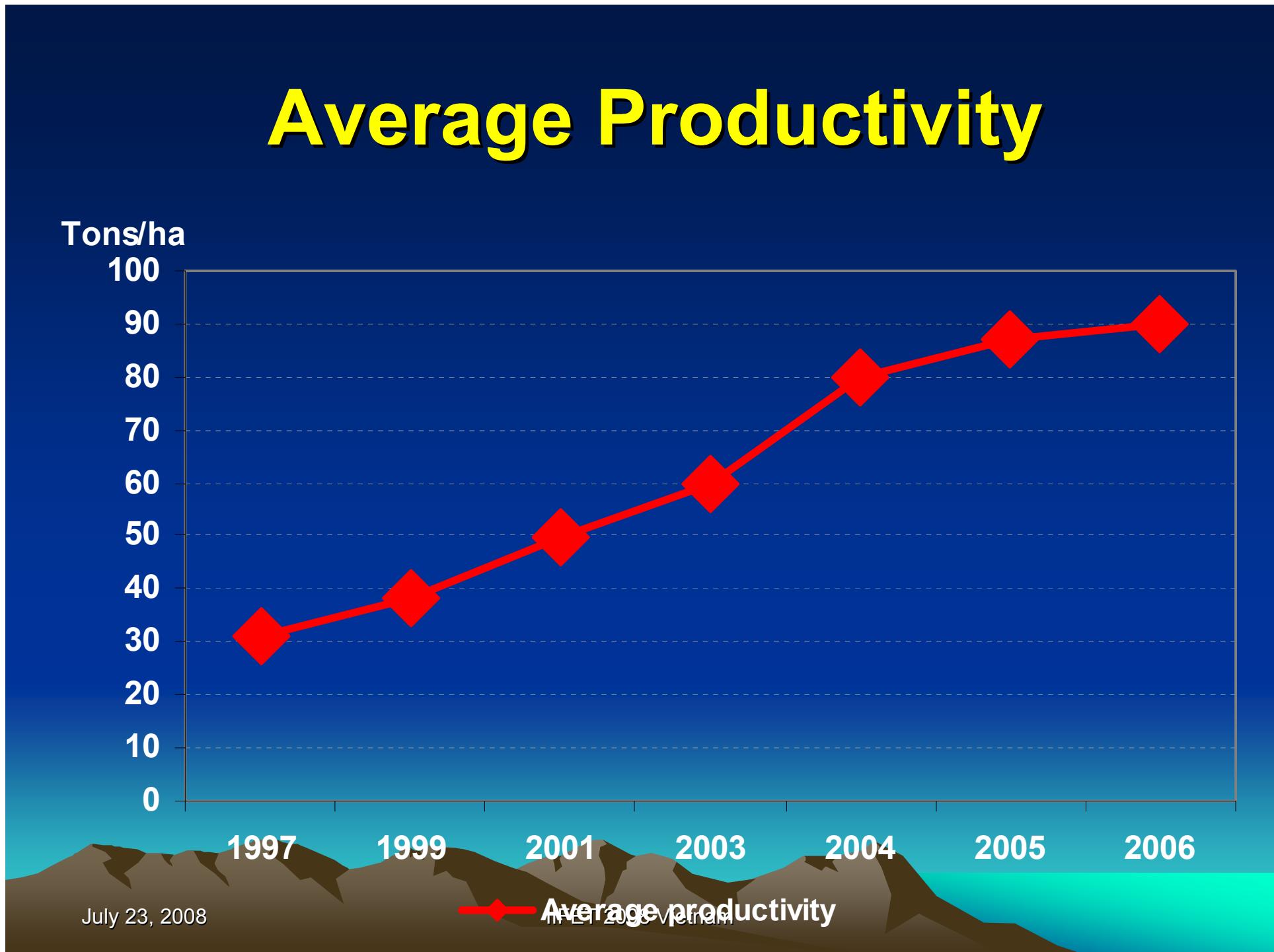
2004

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—◆— Average productivity



# **Advanced Farms Standards**

- **SQF1000<sup>CM</sup> of SQF Institute (USA)**
- **EurepGAP of European Retailers Group**
- **BAP of Global Aquaculture Alliance (USA)**

**SQF : “SAFE & QUALITY FOOD”**

**GAP : “GOOD AQUACULTURE PRACTICE”**

**BAP : “BEST AQUACULTURE PRACTICE”**

# Responsible Farming Models

- Agriculture & Rural Development Dept. in An Giang, SGS & VASEP has developed a SQF1000 & 2000 standards for *Pangasius* in 2005
- *Agifish Pure Pangasius Union (APPU)* consisting of 5 kinds of stakeholders of the whole production chain: processor, farmers, hatchery owners, feed producer & medicine producer.
- The *Panga Trace Program* of Vinh Hoan Co.,Ltd. in cooperation with Anova
- First *Organic Pangasius* production of Binca & NTACO, certified by IMO to meet Naturland standards

# **Pangasius Processing Industry**

- More than 80 existing *Pangasius* factories, with capacity to process total 3,500 MT raw fish a day
- Many modern factories are set up (eg. factory with 300 MT raw fish a day can be build up in 6 months!)
- International standards for safety assurance implemented & certified by 3-party bodies
- Fish has tested in residues before harvest allowed
- Improvement of vertical integration - traceability is step-by-step implementation
- Mandatory standards to treat waste water before discharge into the environment

# Product Diversification



Basa skewers



Basa strips

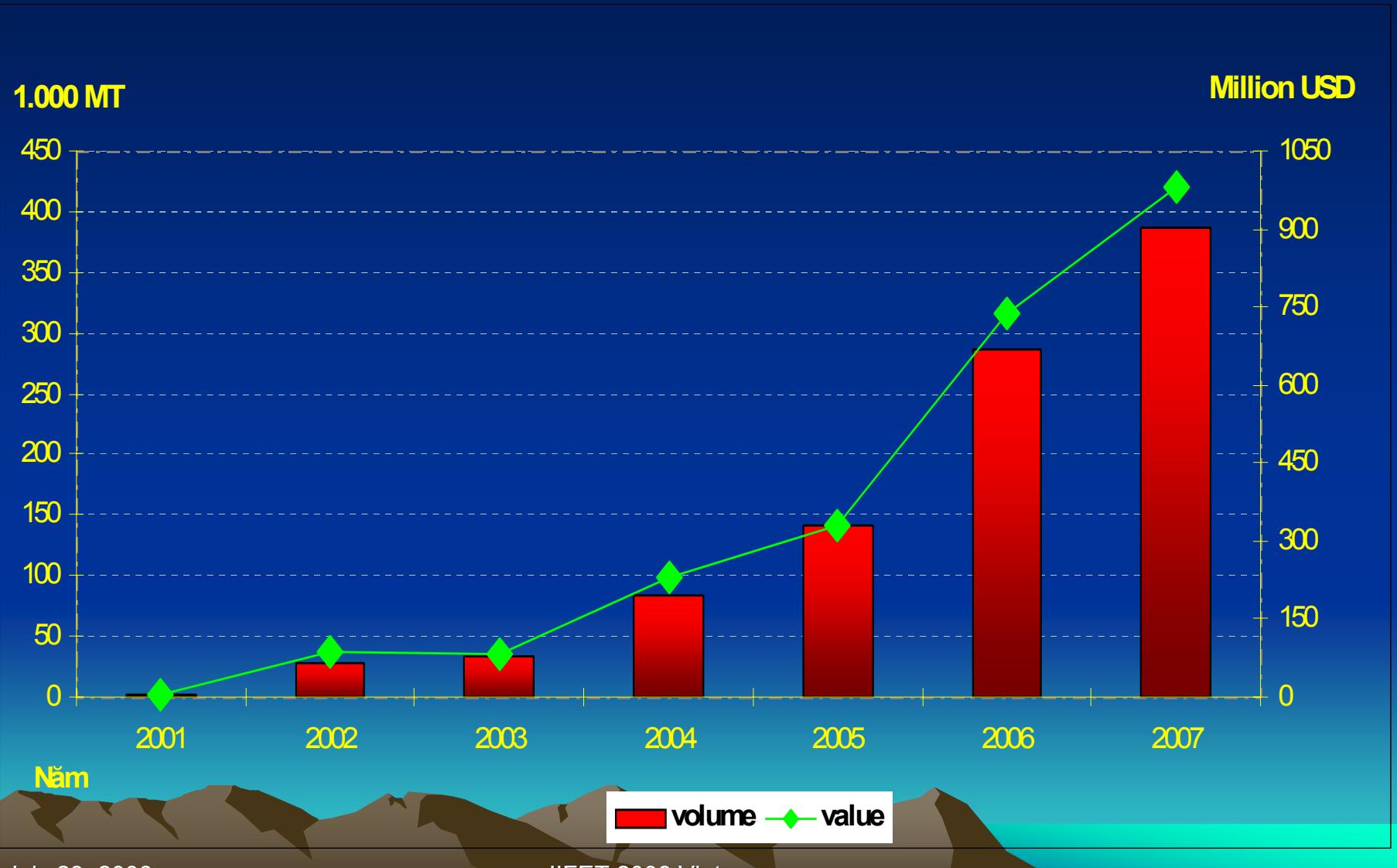


Basa breaded



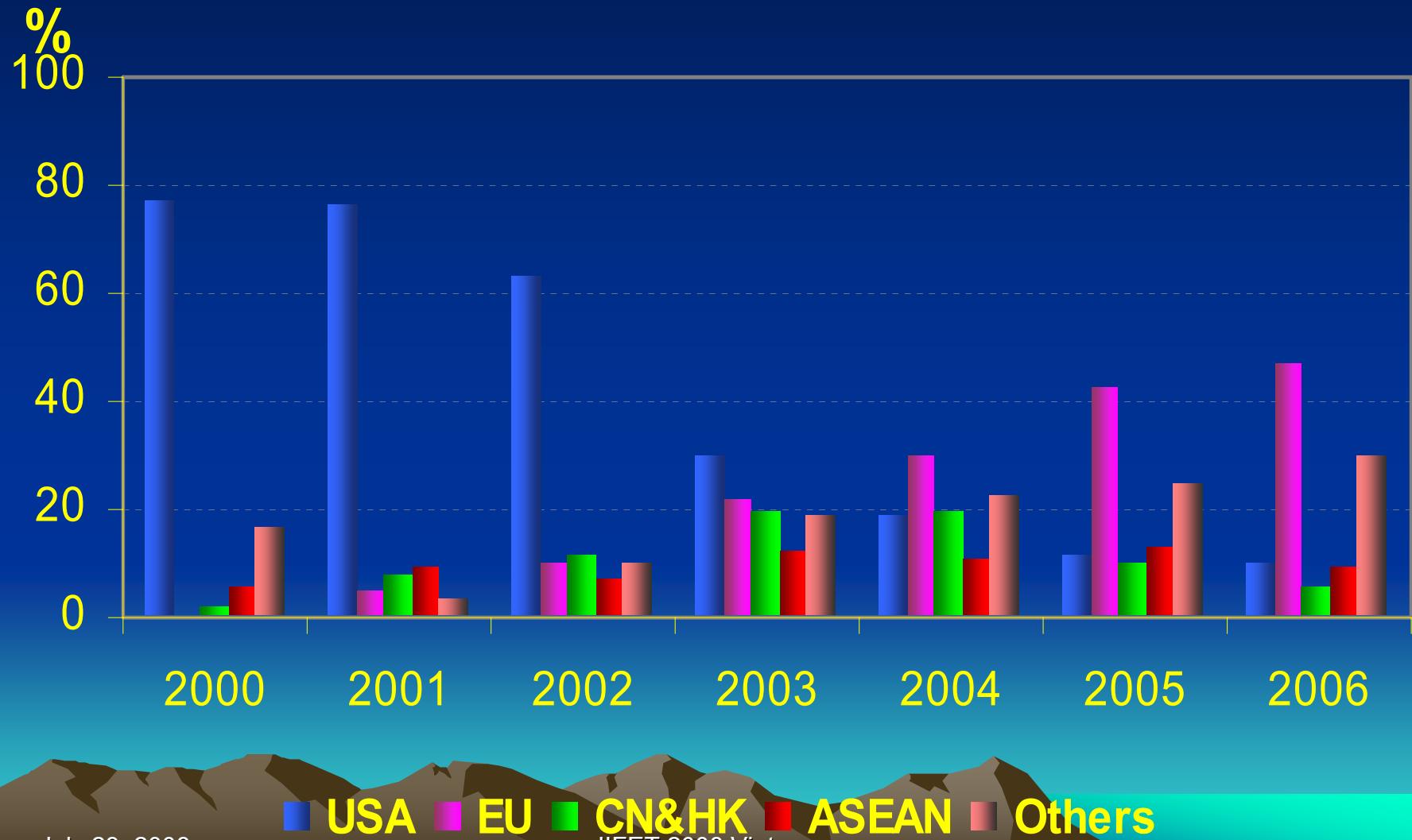
Basa ring

# Pangasius Export 2001-2007



# Trend of Market Shares

*(in volume term)*

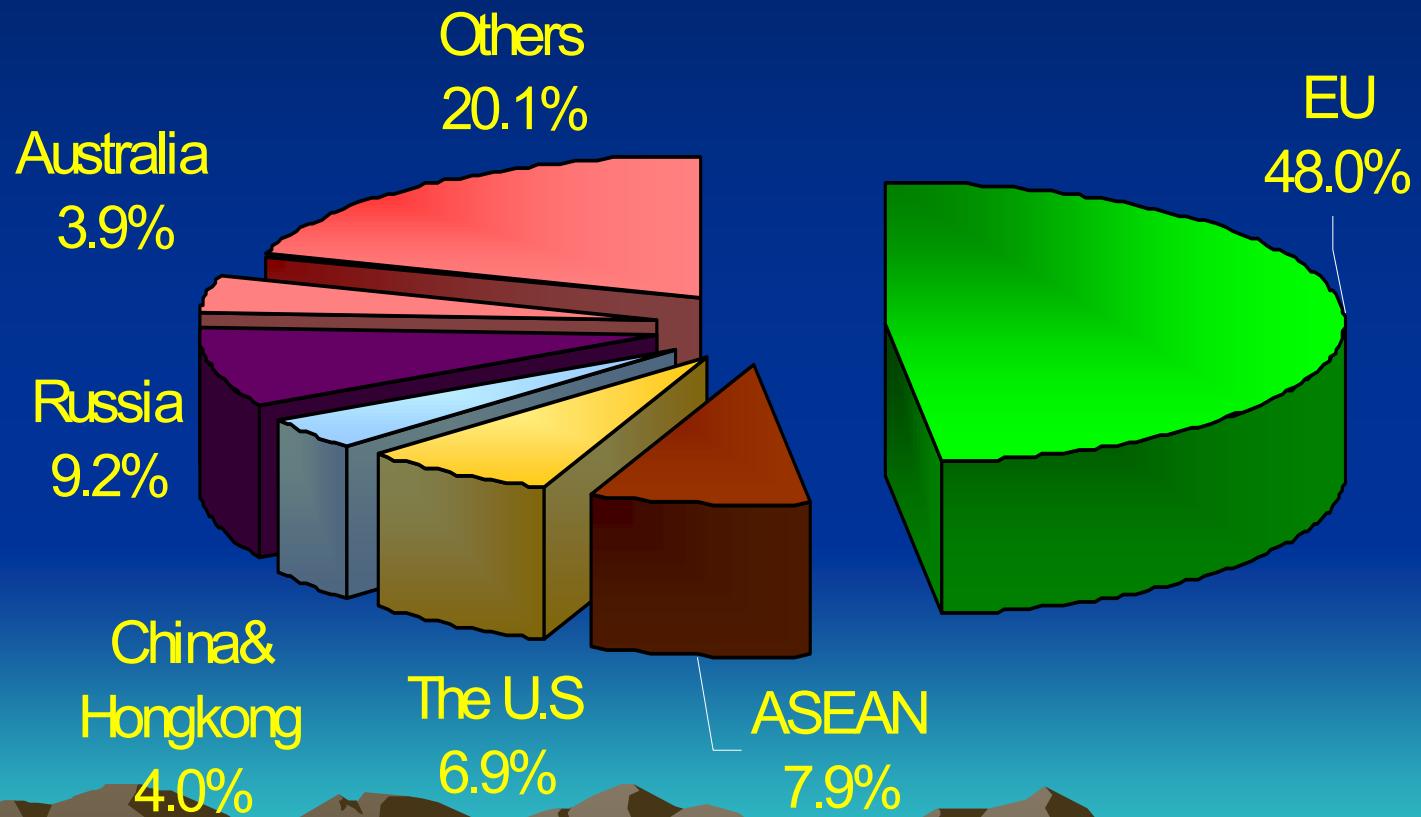


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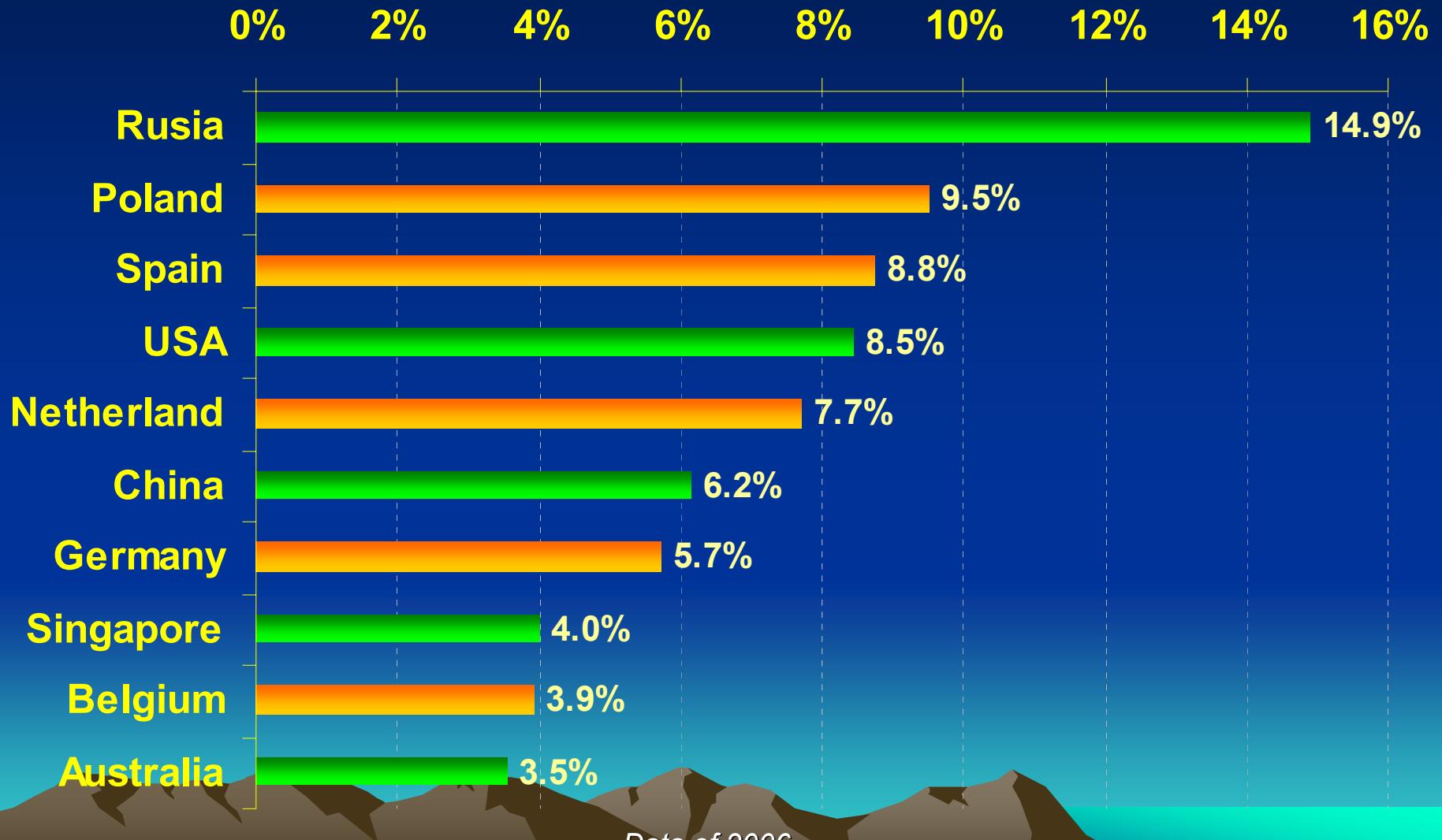
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# *Pangasius* Market Structure 2007 (in value)



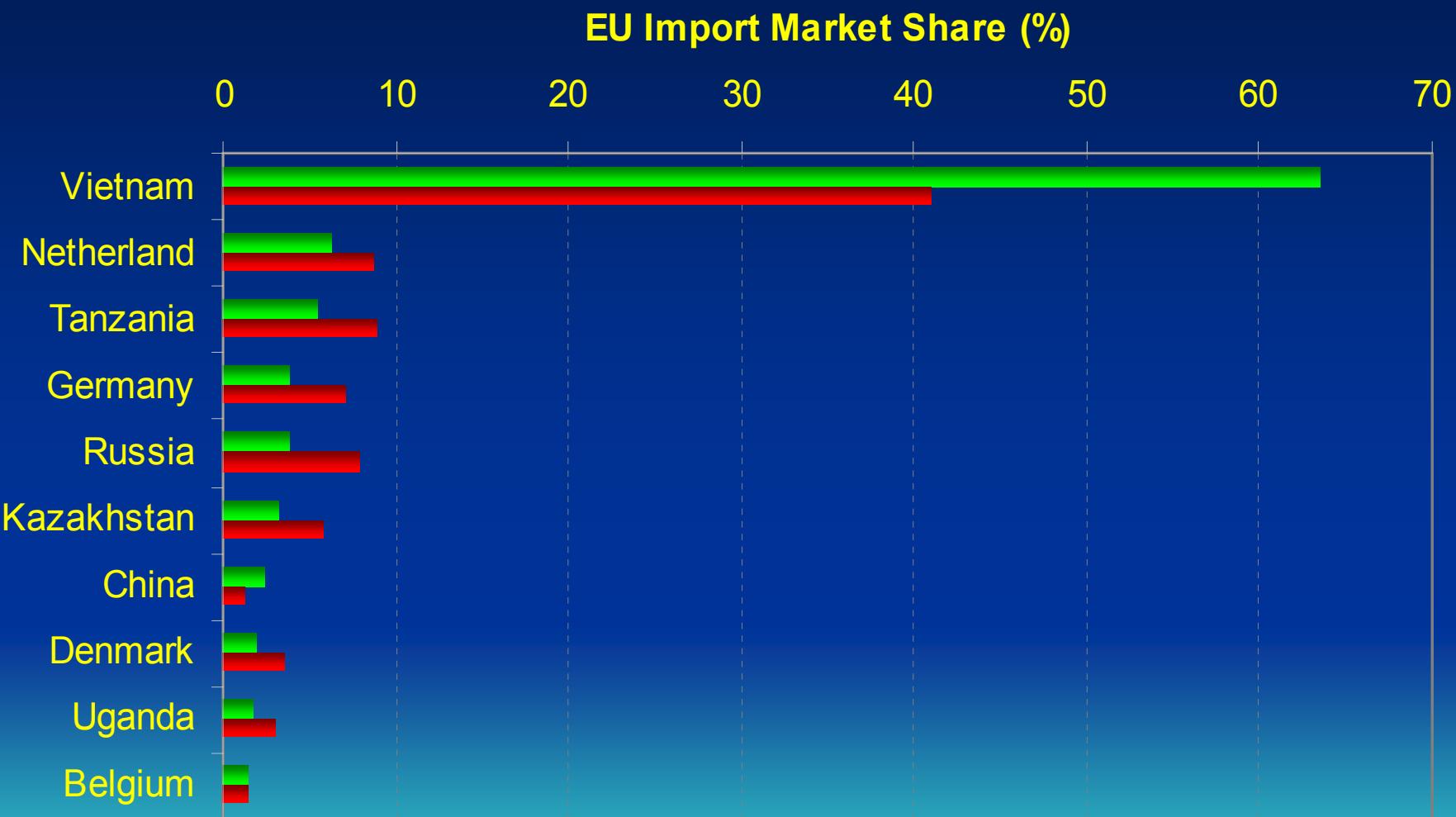
# Top importing countries in 2006



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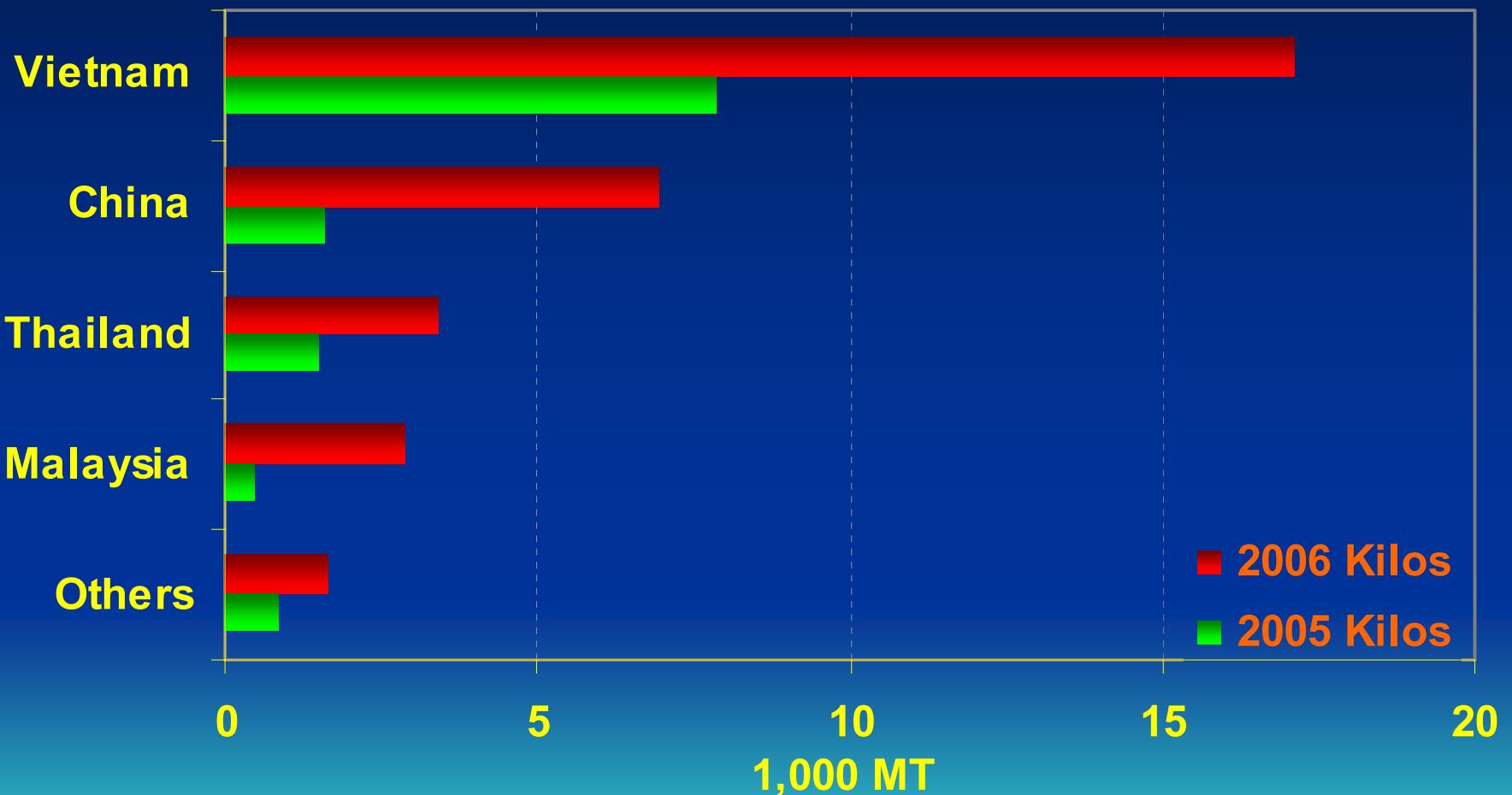
Data of 2006  
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# EU Frozen Freshwater Fillets Suppliers



July 23, 2019 | Source: Eurostat – Frozen Fillet Freshwater Fish Exports 01/01/2019 - 03/04/2019

# Top Frozen Fillets Catfish Suppliers of USA



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Source: NMFS

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# **Vietnam *Pangasius* Strategy**

- Sustainable & responsible development
- Environmental-friendly farming and processing
- Natural pharmaceutics & probiotics use
- Technology & infrastructure modernization
- Vertical integration improvement
- Community-based safety and quality management
- Market diversification and value-added products
- 4-Parties Strategic Alliance Set-up
- Branding & country image building

# **Better *Pangasius* Farming**

- Use floating pellets instead of “freshly made” wet feed.
- International standards for safety assurance implemented at farms & certified by 3-party bodies
- Planning of farms development, based on loading capacity of waterbodies in Mekong Delta
- Improvement of vertical integration - traceability implementation
- Mandatory national standards for farms to treat the waste water before discharge into the water-bodies

# New Standard: VietnamGAP

- ❖ VietnamGAP will be voluntarily implemented for responsible & sustainable *Pangasius* farming
- ❖ VietnamGAP is designed to be equivalent to EurepGAP & BAP-ACC standards
- ❖ VietnamGAP will set standards for:
  - Design & construction of farms
  - Good Farming Practices
  - Traceability of product
  - Proper fish health management
  - Environmental monitoring & management
  - Social responsibility
  - Food safety & quality assurance

# Trade issues and solutions

- Trade name confusion: *Basa, Tra, Pangasius*
- US anti-dumping duties: *Review & sunset review*
- Anti-biotic residues: *National programme*
- Over-use of polyphosphates and over-glazing *VFFA Declaration*
- Traceability: *VASEP&Trace Tracker Project*
- Environmental and Social responsibility: *VietnamGAP implementation*
- Top and Stable Quality: *Grade A product standards*



Thank You  
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