

Title: **Assessing the Progress on Fish and Food Security in Peru**

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Abstract: In Peru, the fisheries are characterized by a strong fishmeal industry. The species used for fishmeal production is mainly anchovy and also some other small pelagic species. There is some concern that an excellent source of food is used for a product not directly going for human consumption. Since several years the Peruvian government has put an emphasis on the promotion of small pelagic species for human consumption. One decade ago, a FAO project was implemented, trying to promote the usage of anchovies in direct consumption. The project included several activities such as school feeding, recipes, market promotion, and product development. This paper presents the promising results of these various initiatives but also highlights the remaining challenges faced by the Peruvian government to further promote the use of small pelagic species for human consumption.