

## **Meeting the need and demand for Animal Source Foods in the MENA region: the potential of aquaculture**

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This paper reviews the patterns and sources of fish supply in the MENA region and explores the potential for increase. Analysis indicates that future increases in supply from the region will need to be driven growth in fresh and brackishwater aquaculture production. Of the countries with the potential to meet growing demand and need Egypt is pre-eminent. The principal opportunities for increasing production in Egypt are associated with improved seed quality and supply and improved management practices. Investment to develop regional markets for Egyptian production also offer considerable opportunity to meet regional needs for affordable fish and for employment growth in Egypt.