



Sustainable Aquaculture for Food Security and Economic Growth



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Introduction



Ethiopia is increasingly recognizing aquaculture as a strategic sector for food security, employment creation, and economic diversification. With abundant inland water resources including major lakes, rivers, reservoirs, and wetlands the country holds strong natural potential for fish farming. Indigenous species such as Nile tilapia and African catfish, combined with favourable climatic conditions, position Ethiopia to expand sustainable aquaculture production.

By 2025, aquaculture and fisheries are clearly reflected in national agricultural and blue economy strategies, with growing government and private-sector attention toward modern production systems, value addition, and investment.

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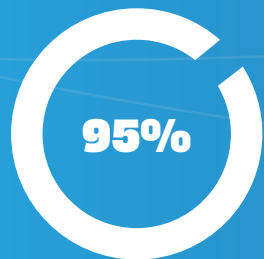
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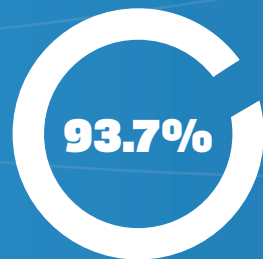
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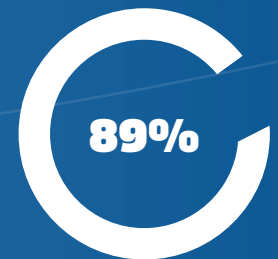
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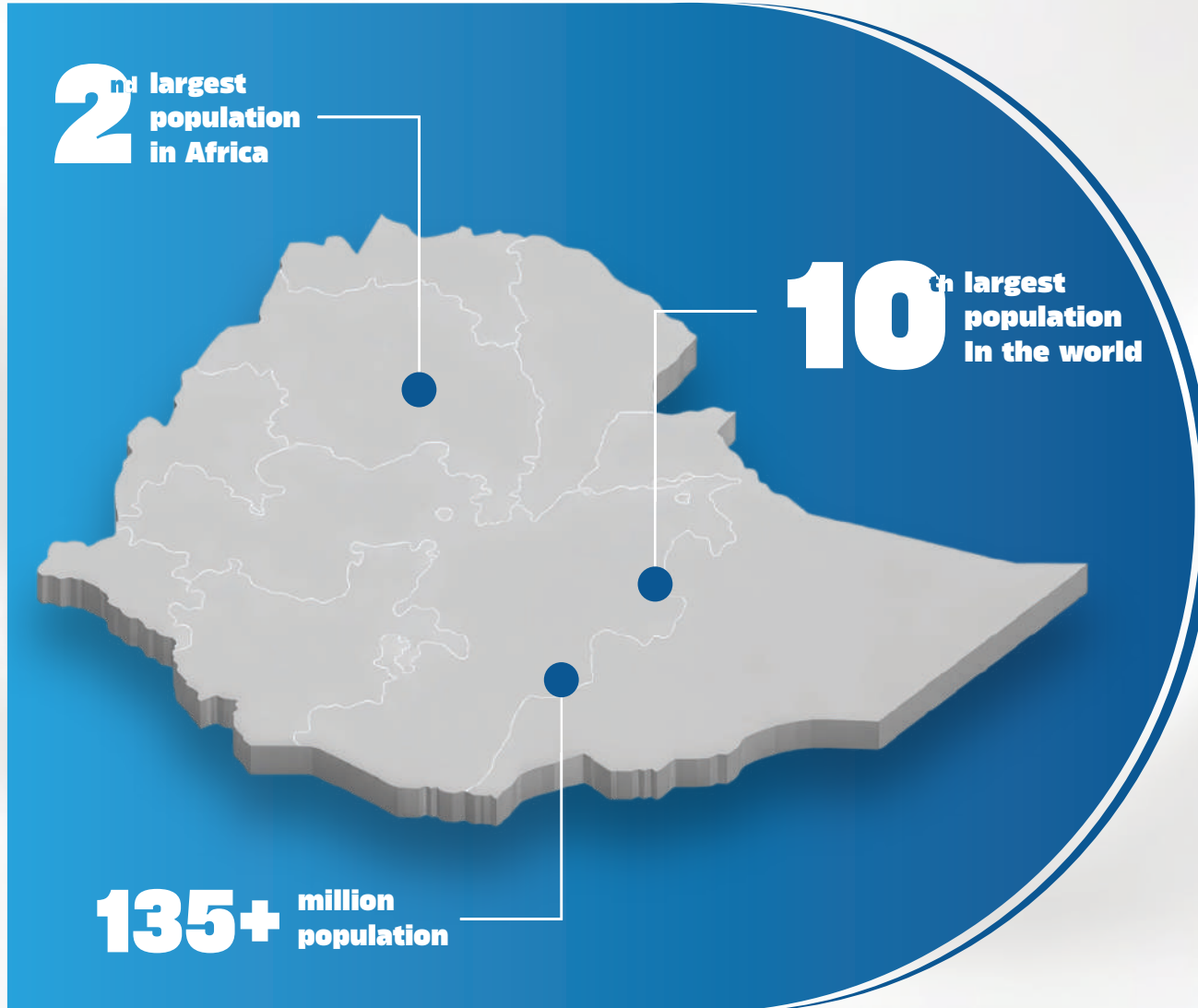
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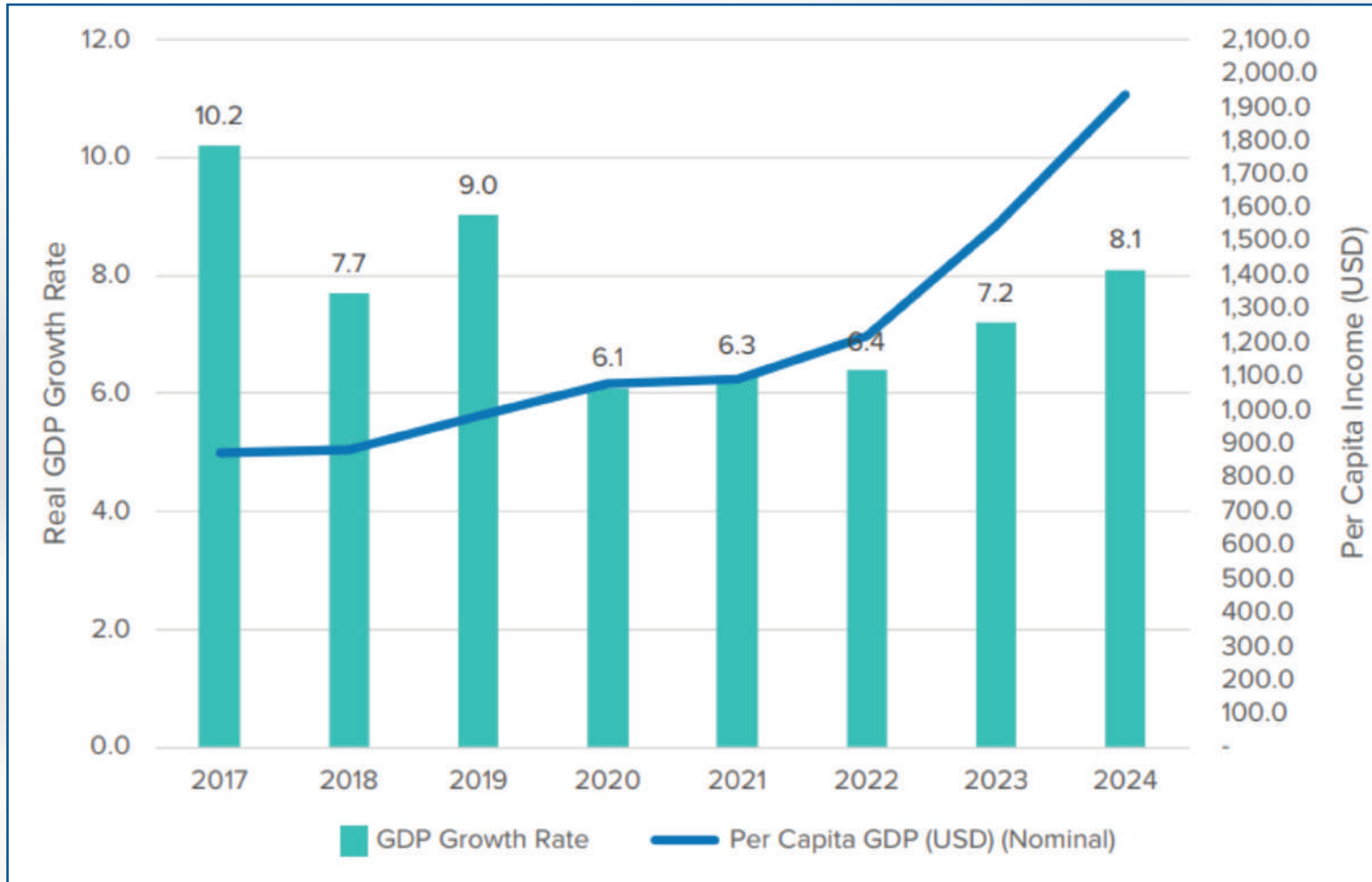
Ethiopia, facts and figures



Economy:

- Ethiopia's economy is projected to continue its growth trajectory, with an estimated GDP of approximately USD 174.3 billion in 2025 (IMF, 2025)
- The country is expected to achieve a projected growth of **6.4%** in (WB, 2025)
- The agricultural sector remains a cornerstone of the Ethiopian economy, contributing about **32%** to GDP. It employs over 64% of the population.
- The services sector accounts for roughly **40%** of GDP, while agriculture contributes about **32%**.
- Vision 2025 Goal: Lower-Middle-Income Status through:
 - Agricultural productivity
 - Human capital development
 - Industrialization
 - Strong export growth

Ethiopia, facts and figures



- **Agriculture:** Backbone of the economy, employing a large share of the population
- **Natural Resources:** Diverse agro-ecological zones suitable for beekeeping
- Ethiopia's strong agricultural base and expanding agro-processing sector make it a strategic destination for Aquaculture investment and trade.

Aquaculture Potential

Ethiopia's Aquaculture Potential

Ethiopia possesses significant natural endowments for aquaculture development, including vast inland water resources and extensive land suitable for fish farming. According to the Ministry of Agriculture's Fisheries and Aquaculture Master Plan, the country has over 15,158 km² of land highly suitable for aquaculture and an additional large expanse of moderately suitable land, offering one of the most promising inland aquaculture environments in Africa.

Common Fish Species in Ethiopia

- Nile Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*)
- African Catfish (*Clarias gariepinus*)
- Common Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*)
- Barbus species (*Barbus intermedius*, etc.)
- Bagrus (*Bagrus docmak*)
- Labeo species
- Alestes species
- Hydrocynus (Tigerfish)



Aquaculture Potential

Blue Growth in Ethiopia: Key Facts & Emerging Opportunities

- **Abundant inland water resources:** Lakes, rivers, reservoirs, and dams provide a strong foundation for freshwater blue economy development.
- **Government priority sector:** Blue Growth is integrated into national agriculture, food security, and blue economy strategies.
- **Aquaculture expansion potential:** High suitability for Nile tilapia and African catfish, with strong scope for pond and cage culture.
- **Rising food and nutrition demand:** Fish recognized as an affordable protein source for a growing population.
- **Private sector opportunities:** Investment potential in hatcheries, fish feed, processing, cold chain, and logistics.
- **Job creation & inclusion:** Strong prospects for youth and women employment across the aquaculture value chain.
- **Reservoir-based fisheries:** Large dams and reservoirs (including GERD) opening new production opportunities.
- **Sustainability focus:** Emphasis on climate-resilient, environmentally responsible use of water resources.



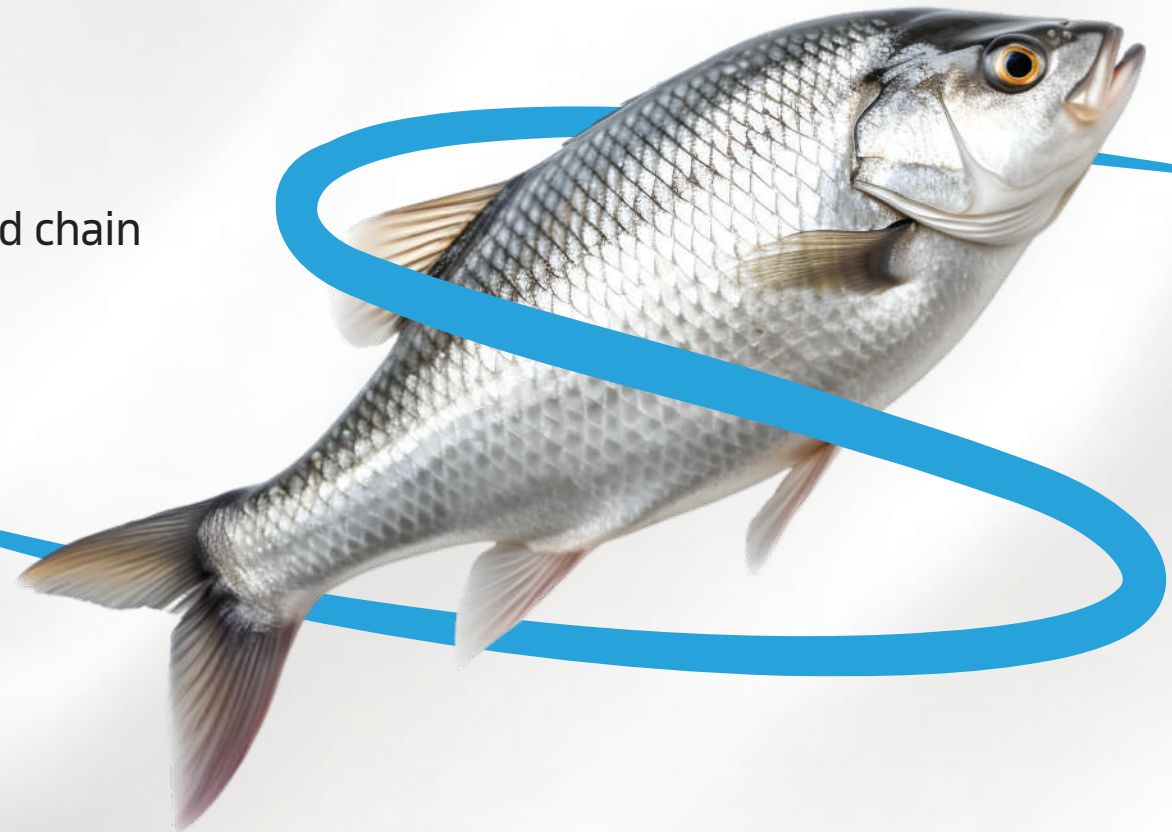
Aquaculture Potential

Regional Market Gateway

- Strategic location linking East Africa and the Horn of Africa
- Access to neighbouring markets: Sudan, South Sudan, Kenya, Djibouti, Somalia, Eritrea
- Growing regional demand for fish products
- Trade infrastructure supports transport and export.
- Opportunities for private sector in processing and cold chain
- Integration with COMESA & IGAD trade frameworks

Ministry of Agriculture Targets (2026)

- Increase National Fish Production
- Maximize Use of Inland Water Bodies
- Promote Private Sector Participation
- Strengthen Value Chain and Market Linkages
- Build Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Systems
- Enhance Skills, Research, and Extension Services



6th Aquaculture Ethiopia

Co-located with ALEC, ETHIOPEX, & Apiculture Ethiopia

Aquaculture Ethiopia returns for its 6th edition as the nation's flagship platform dedicated to the growing fish farming and aquatic food sector. Held alongside Africa Livestock Exhibition & Congress (ALEC), Ethio poultry Expo (ETHIOPEX), and Apiculture Ethiopia, the event offers an unmatched opportunity to engage with the entire animal protein value chain all under one roof.

Event Objectives

- Showcase the latest innovations and technologies in aquaculture.
- Promote investment and business opportunities in the sector.
- Connect producers, suppliers, investors, and policymakers.
- Strengthen market access and trade linkages locally and regionally.
- Support sustainable and climate-resilient aquaculture practices.
- Raise awareness of Ethiopia's aquaculture potential and value chain.
- Foster knowledge sharing, training, and capacity building for stakeholders.



Aquaculture Value Chain

Ethiopia's aquaculture value chain is transitioning from subsistence and capture-based systems toward a more commercial, market-oriented model. Strengthening hatchery capacity, feed supply, cold-chain infrastructure, and private-sector participation will be critical to unlocking the sector's full potential.

Input Supply

- Fish seed (fingerlings) production from public and private hatcheries
- Fish feed production (locally formulated and imported feeds)
- Pond construction materials, cages, tanks, aeration, and water management equipment
- Veterinary inputs, water quality management tools, and technical services

Production

- Smallholder pond-based aquaculture
- Cage culture in lakes and reservoirs
- Integrated aquaculture–agriculture systems
- Commercial fish farms (emerging)
- Key species: Nile tilapia, African catfish, common carp

Harvesting & Post-Harvest Handling

- Fish harvesting and grading
- Icing and cold storage (limited but expanding)
- Primary processing (gutting, cleaning, filleting)
- Quality control and hygiene practices

Processing & Value Addition

- Fish fillets and packaged fresh fish
- Smoked, dried, or frozen fish products
- By-products (fish meal, fish oil – limited but growing)
- Branding and packaging for urban and institutional markets

Distribution & Marketing

- Local and regional markets
- Urban retail outlets, hotels, and restaurants
- Institutional buyers (schools, hospitals, camps)
- Export potential (regional markets, future development)

Consumption

- Urban consumers, rural households, institutions
- Growing demand in domestic and export markets

Support Services & Enablers

- Ministry of Agriculture and regional bureaus
- Extension and training services
- Policies, regulations, and quality standards
- Research institutions and universities
- Financial institutions and investors
- Development partners and NGOs

Why Exhibit?

- **Showcase Products & Technology** – Present your aquaculture equipment, fish feed, and innovative solutions to a targeted audience.
- **Connect with Buyers & Investors** – Meet fish farmers, agribusiness entrepreneurs, and potential partners from local and regional markets.
- **Strengthen Brand Visibility** – Position your company as a key player in Ethiopia's growing aquaculture sector.
- **Explore Business Opportunities** – Identify new markets, distribution channels, and collaboration prospects.
- **Knowledge Sharing & Networking** – Engage with industry experts, researchers, and policymakers to stay ahead of trends and best practices.

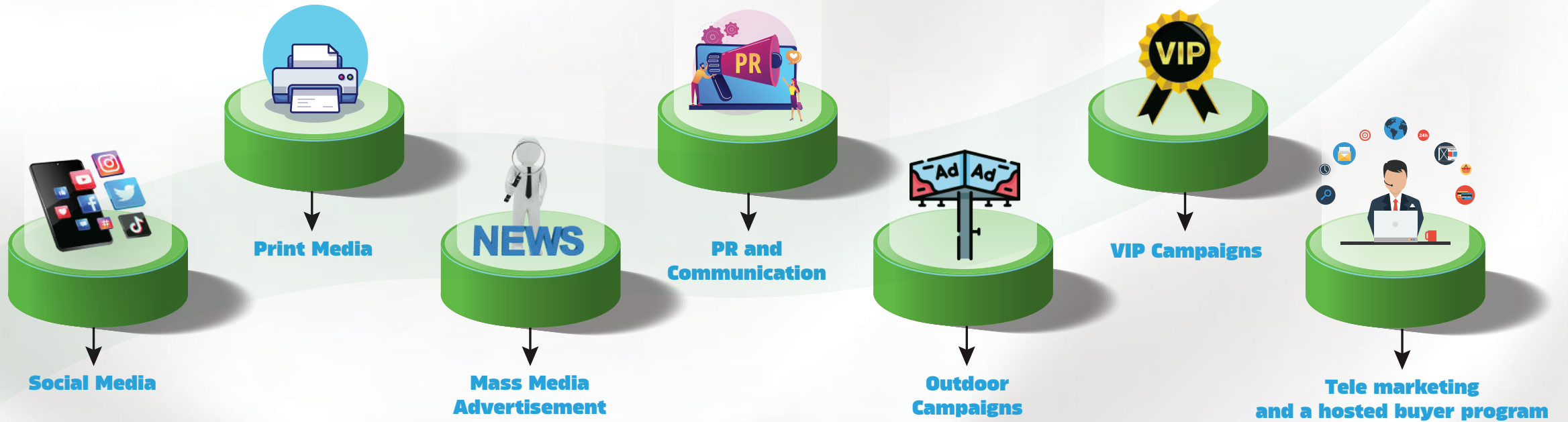
Exhibitors Profile

- Aquaculture equipment and technology providers
- Fish feed and hatchery suppliers.
- Fish processing and packaging companies.
- Water quality and fish health solution providers
- Research institutions, NGOs, and government agencies in fisheries and aquaculture.

Visitors Profile

- Commercial and small-scale fish farmers
- Agribusiness investors and entrepreneurs
- Aquaculture researchers and academics
- Government officials in agriculture, fisheries, and trade
- Consumers, retailers, and wholesalers interested in fish and seafood products.

Marketing Campaign



About the organizer

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