



# Multi-regional perspective for delivering Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Sustainability theme

# Rationale

- The ***Sustainable Development Goals*** are a universal set of goals and targets agreed by 194 UN member states to guide their development policies and initiatives over the next 15 years...actually only 10 years!
- The SDGs apply equally to developed and developing countries.
- Almost all the SDGs, and many associated targets (more than 34), are relevant to the ***world's seafood sector***.



# A snapshot from the keynote speeches

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Four years after adoption we are losing ground in many areas with rising inequalities, including within SDG 14

*DoF*

There is a regression of the state of the world's food and nutritional security status, with more people becoming undernourished

*FAO*

Fish and fisheries intrinsic to most (all) SDGs. Fish provides more than 3B people with 20% of their animal protein

*FAO*

No single organization can solve the complex issues

*WorldFish*

Partnerships between research, public sector and private sector are required to solve these complex issues

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64% of world's aquaculture come from freshwater, most of this in Asia

*FAO*

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**“It is abundantly clear that a much deeper, faster and more ambitious response is needed to unleash the social and economic transformation needed to achieve our 2030 goals.”**

United Nations Secretary-General *António Guterres*

# WorldFish experience

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WorldFish's research for development and livelihood impact contributes in particular to SDG 14, but also to other SDGs.

Adopting new technologies alone is not sufficient for improving productivity, profitability and sustainability.

Using natural resources efficiently, pursuing innovation and having access to credit to invest in business activities, especially for the poor, are vital.

Strengthening the relations with:

- private sector will enable innovation at scale
- government will ensure informed policy decision to support sector growth.

# CGIAR Research Program on Fish Agri-Food Systems (FISH)



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PROGRAM ON  
Fish  
Led by WorldFish

Partnerships for quality  
research & impact at scale

In 2018, FISH partnered with 26 research institutions, 11 development organizations, 9 NARES, 3 private sector and CGIAR Research Programs



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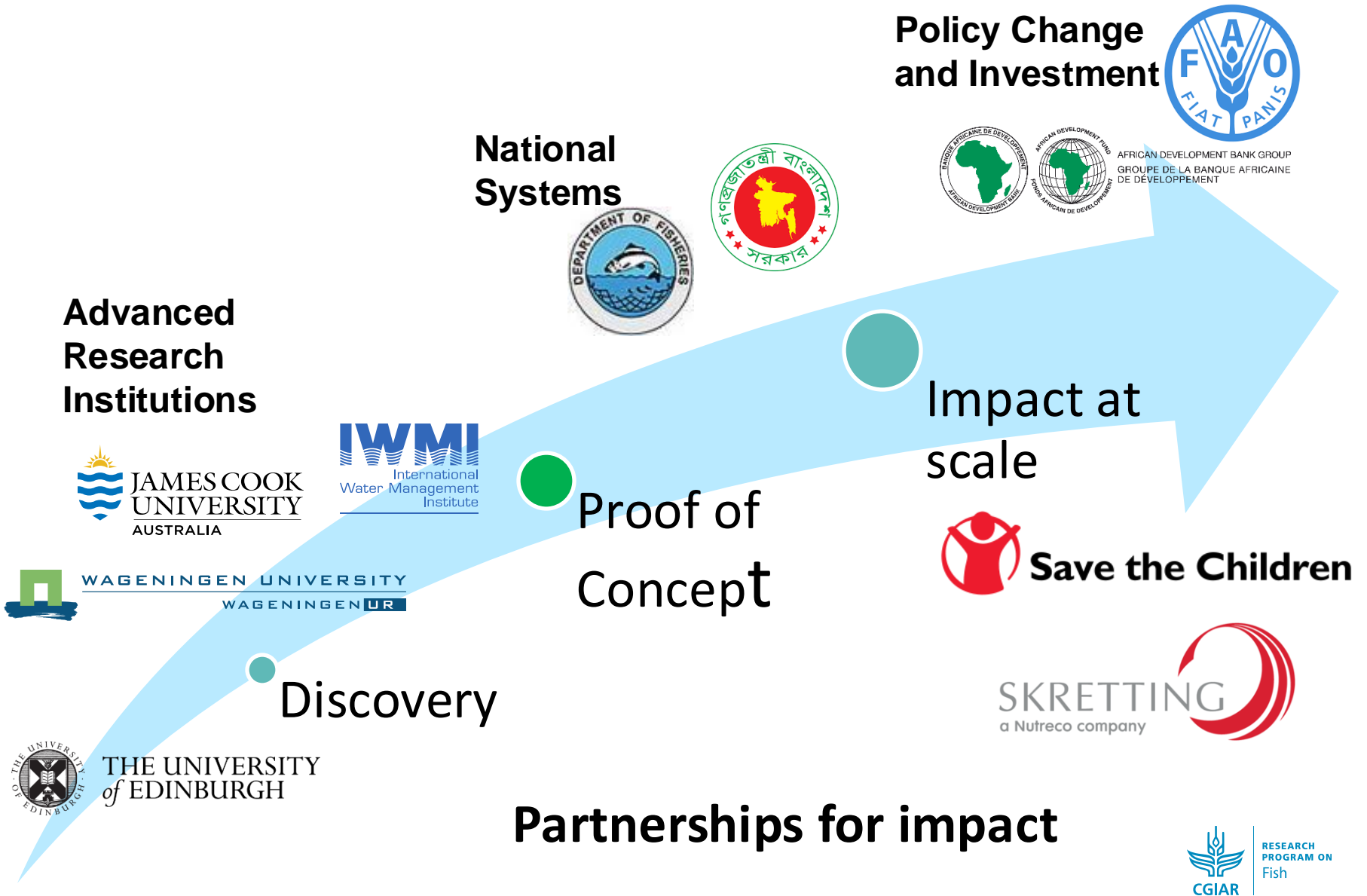


# The framing questions

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- **How** do we use these **multi-regional perspectives** for a **deeper, faster and more ambitious** response to delivering the SDGs, where **fish and fisheries** are **intrinsic** to the **elimination of hunger and reduction of poverty and inequality**?
- **Interlinkages among SDGs** will accelerate the achievement of the SDGs targets? How?

# Key Outputs - #1





# Conclusions

*Greater cooperation, greater linkages - greater linkages, greater impact!*

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Clear need of interlinking and cooperating among different SDGs and different sectors, toward zero waste, social justice and circular economy.

If we work together we will meet the SDGs targets, but we need to concentrate on the following:

- Partnering up with different but complementary sectors;
- Address SDGs by groups and interlinkages;
- Create more clusters of activities with sectors integration;
- Go toward zero waste: innovations to reduce lost and waste and adding nutritional value to consuming the hole fish;
- Ensure the right partnerships to enhance knowledge sharing, capacity building and raise awareness about cooperation between SDGs...stronger together!

# How many SDGs have we mentioned yesterday linked to SDG 14?



# Questions for thoughts

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1. What needs to be done to ensure interlinkages among all SDGs are addressed when making policy decisions at all levels?
2. What are the best tools and initiatives to ensure the proper use of data in addressing interlinkages?
3. How all branches of Government, stakeholders and international community can be best engaged in ensuring interlinkages among all SDGs to advance 2030 Agenda implementation?
4. How to interlink innovations across regions and bring a stronger contribution in achieving the aimed goals?