Lesson 3

Seafood: Wild and Farmed
Seafood Production

About 400 tons of mackerel caught in a purse seine (a type of net) in Chile.

Most global seafood harvests use gigantic nets that are pulled through the water or along the sea floor.

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Separating shrimp from bycatch (non-target species caught unintentionally).

In the shrimp harvesting industry, only 5 percent of what some trawlers catch is actually shrimp, and the rest is bycatch.


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In 2011, the U.S. imported 91 percent of its seafood.

Shrimp farms in Vietnam.


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On this Australian farm, oysters are raised in submerged bags attached to poles.

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Seafood Safety

These guidelines are designed to protect children and pregnant women.

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