



Fisheries is a key item on the program of the World Food Congress. Besides being considered as a separate subject in Technical Commission I the afternoon of June 13, fisheries will be discussed at other sessions. For example, other agenda items deal with such subjects as the development of water resources; relation of nutrition to human health; the importance of food preservation and processing; the role of applied research; the role of long-range research; and the role of cooperatives.

Although the fishing industry is thousands of years old, its full potential has yet to be realized. The marine resources of the world are considered to be the last, large untapped source of animal protein available for the world's people.

In 1950, world production of aquatic species totaled 22,300,000 tons. Since then, world output has more than doubled to reach a total of 45,415,000 tons in 1961. So far, the fishing industries of many countries have concentrated chiefly on species readily available to their fishing fleets or on certain species highly prized in world markets. The world's oceans still harbor large quantities of aquatic resources that are underutilized; some are even as yet untapped. Many experts believe that world fishery production again can be more than doubled.

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