The Asian aquaculture industry is a net producer of fish, whereas the non-Asian industry is a net fish consumer.

The increased farming of low trophic level fish in India is reducing the overall trophic level of Asian aquaculture.

The U.S. is the only non-Asian country that is not farming up the food web, mainly due to the dominance of channel catfish (71% of total U.S. aquaculture, yet require only low levels of fishmeal).

*Trophic level is the relative position in the foodweb, e.g., 2 is herbivorous fish and 4-5 are carnivorous fish and marine mammals.