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Scientists to contribute to the development of sustainable marine aquaculture in Africa

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World per capita fish consumption is expected to increase by 2030 with the exception of Africa, due to population growth outpacing supply on this continent. This raises food and nutrition security issues owing to the high prevalence of malnutrition in the region and the contribution of fish to total animal intake in many African countries.

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the University of Cape Town are hosting the launch of the international research network for Sustainable Marine Aquaculture in Africa (AfriMAQUA) in Stellenbosch with the participation of researchers from the eight partner countries.

AfriMAQUA aims at bringing together research teams in the field of marine aquaculture from Southern, East and West Africa and France to facilitate scientific cooperation for the development of sustainable marine aquaculture on the continent by exchanging knowledge, pooling research efforts and strengthening the capacities of the consortium members.

Regardless of the strong potential and significant expansion of the aquaculture industry in Africa, mostly based on freshwater aquaculture, it accounts for only 3% of the global aquaculture production. Despite being the second largest continent on Earth, Africa currently has the lowest marine aquaculture production in the world.

Media are invited to this launch where there will be interview opportunities.

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Note to editors

The Sustainable Marine Aquaculture in Africa (AfriMAQUA) is funded by the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD). Participating countries include, South Africa and Namibia (Southern Africa); Tanzania, Kenya and Mauritius (East Africa); and Senegal and the Ivory Coast (West Africa).

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