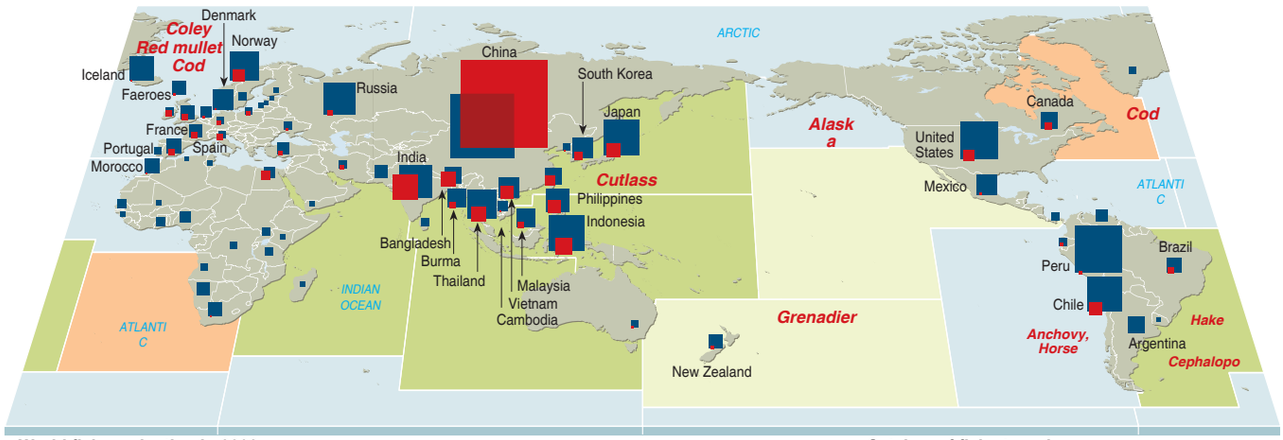
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**World fish production in 2002**

Million tonnes

23
16
8
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Catches at sea

Fish farming

*N. B. :* Drawing on research and statistical data since 2000, experts at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver have shown that catches reported by China are largely overestimated, concealing a substantial decline in world catches since the middle of the 1980s.

**Catches of fish at sea by zone**

Trend between 1970 and 2002

Very substantial decrease

Steady

Slight increase

Very substantial increase

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