Aquaculture

Aquaculture (aquafarming) involves breeding and harvesting aquatic organisms (fish, shrimp, Molluscs) in freshwater, brackish, and saltwater environments.



Aquaculture by Environment

Offshore

Open ocean farming for reduced environmental impact.

Coastal

Nearshore areas, including shrimp farms.

Land-Based

Inland tanks and ponds.

Recirculating Systems

Water recycling for sustainable inland farming.

Rising Demand

Health-conscious consumers are increasingly opting for fish and shellfish as protein sources rich in omega-3s.

Saudi Arabia's Strategic Advantage

Proximity to the Red Sea and Arabian Gulf enables strong export potential to Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Saudi Production

Total aquaculture production Is around **120** metric tons (marine and freshwater).

Key Species consumed in KSA



Fish

Tilapia, sea bream, sea bass.



Crustaceans

Shrimp (Indian white shrimp).



Molluscs

Oysters, mussels (growing).

Saudi Arabia's aquaculture sector

Demonstrates a dual dynamic

Fish

Local production 112,582

Consumption 236,272

self-sufficiency 48%

metric Ton

Shrimp

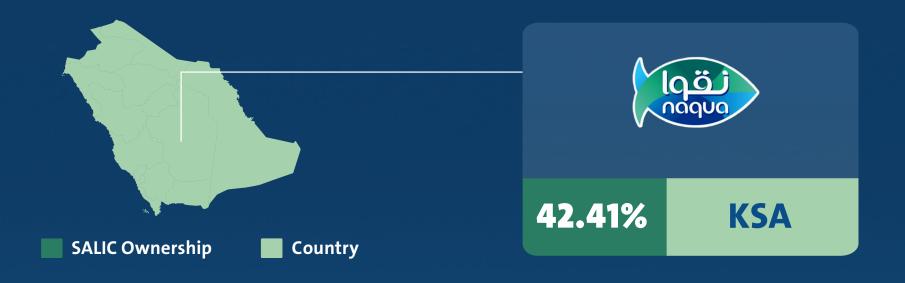
Local production **72,177**

Consumption 58,126

self-sufficiency
124%

metric Ton

SALIC's Investment Enhancing Local Aquaculture



Top Supply Countries (Seafood) 2023





