## Fish demand at all-time high but stocks still low

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According to a new edition of the State of the World's Fisheries and Aquaculture, published by FAO, f

consumption has reached an all-time high but global fish stocks have not improved. The contribution of fish to global diets has reached a record of almost 17 kilograms per person on average, supplying over three billion people with at least 15 per cent of their average animal protein intake. Fish products trade was worth a record \$102 billion in 2008, up nine per cent from 2007. The overall percentage of overexploited, depleted or recovering fish stocks in the world's oceans has not dropped and is estimated to be slightly higher than in 2006. About 32 per cent of world fish stocks are estimated to be overexploited, depleted or recovering and need to be urgently rebuilt.

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