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Rapid aquaculture expansion and continued change

In half a century aquaculture has expanded and changed dramatically and continues to evolve. That represents new opportunities but also challenges as:

- shortages of people with the skills required place constraints on generalising sustainable forms of aquaculture – as a combination of economic, social and environmental aspects
- education and training is almost exclusively focused on technical aspects, but blind to social issues, including gender perspectives
- such emphasis on techniques and promotion of industrial-style developments have enabled production expansion, but are now recognised as oblivious to social and environmental effects and in need to developing into more comprehensive approaches
- the re-framing of sustainable aquaculture should have a big effect on recognising the social role of men, women and children and its conciliation with environmental and economic imperatives

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