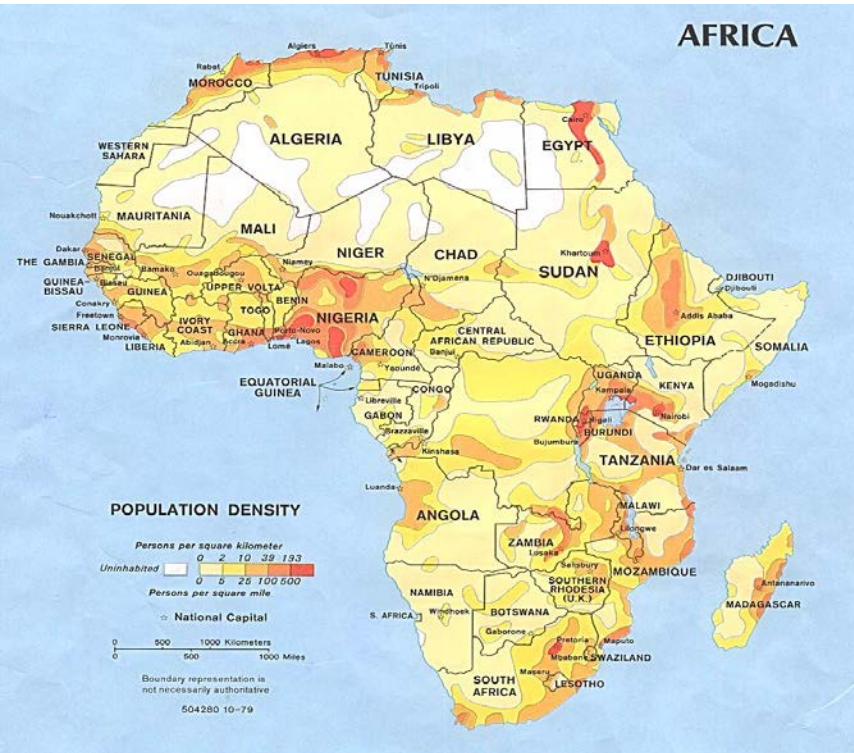


The Market for Pelagic Fish in Nigeria

Nigeria



- 170 million inhabitants;
- Africa's 2nd largest economy;
- World's 30th largest economy;
- Yearly GDP growth 6 - 8 %;
- 2.5-3 % annual population growth.

Projections for Nigeria

- 2014 – Africa's largest economy;
- 2020 - 210 million inhabitants;
- 2020 – World's 20th largest economy;
- 2050 World's 5th largest economy;
- Income & population growth + urbanization -> increased fish consumption;
- Fish demand > domestic production.

Fish consumption

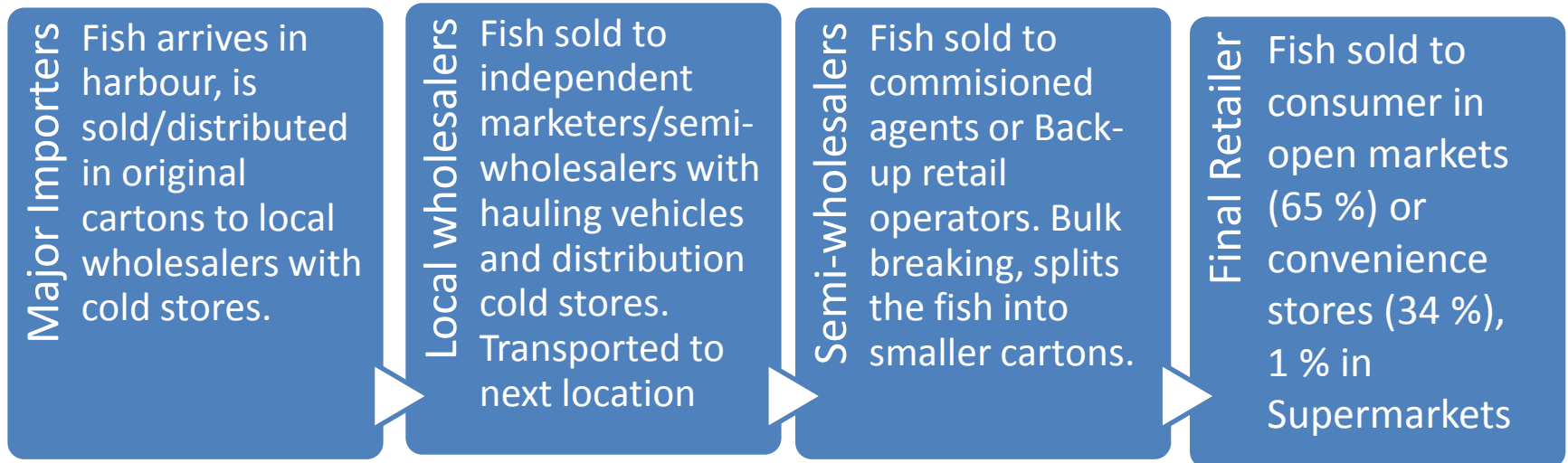
- Nigerians consume less than world average (14 vs 18.5 kg/capita/year);
- More consumption near the coast.



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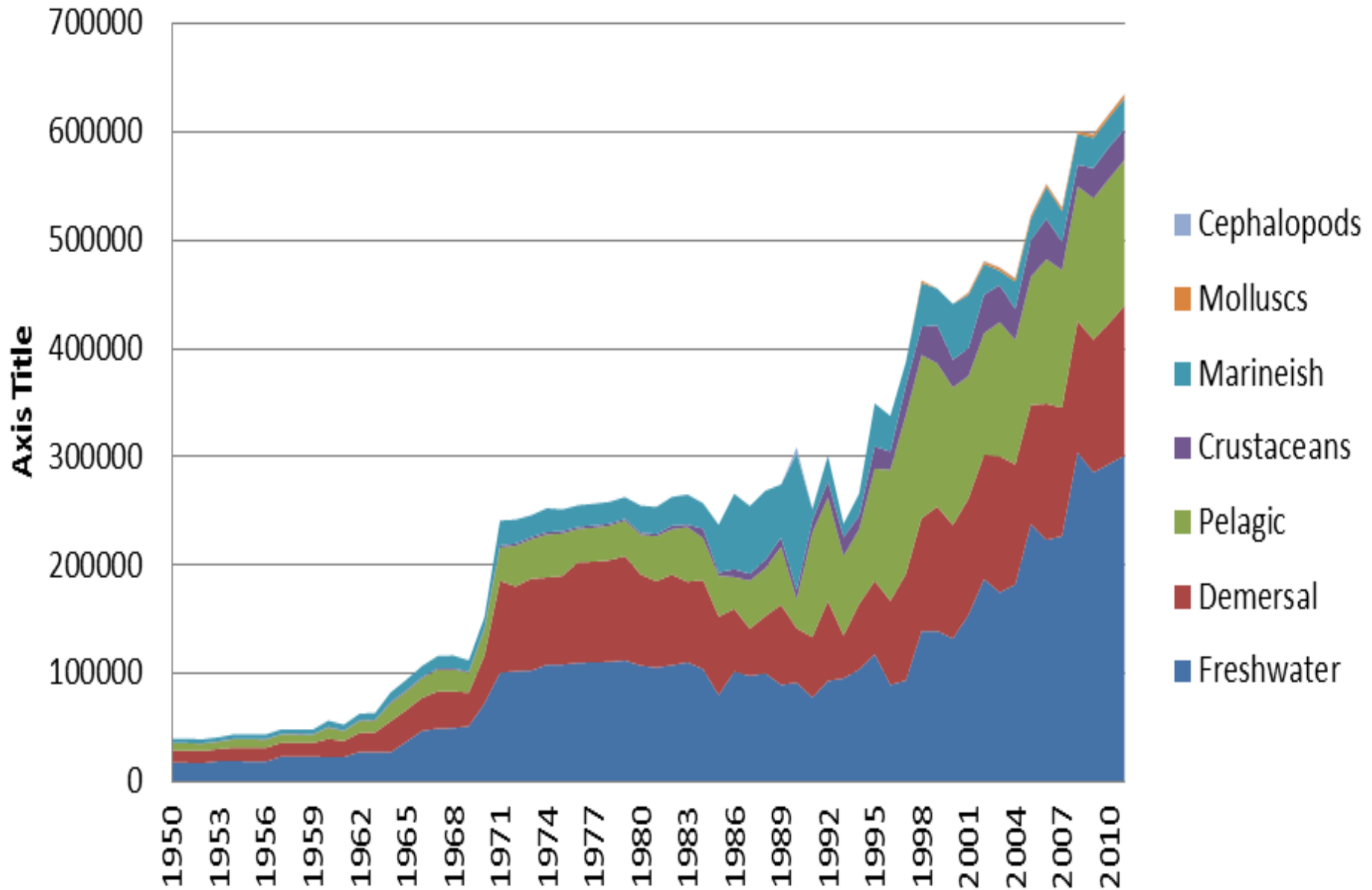
- Economic growth -> increased fish consumption, improved infrastructure -> cheaper transport costs -> even more increase in fish consumption;
- Price sensitivity: Nigerians are willing to pay to eat fish, but are very price sensitive. They prefer the cheapest fish -> Pelagic fish compete with all fish.

Typical voyage to consumer for imported pelagic fish

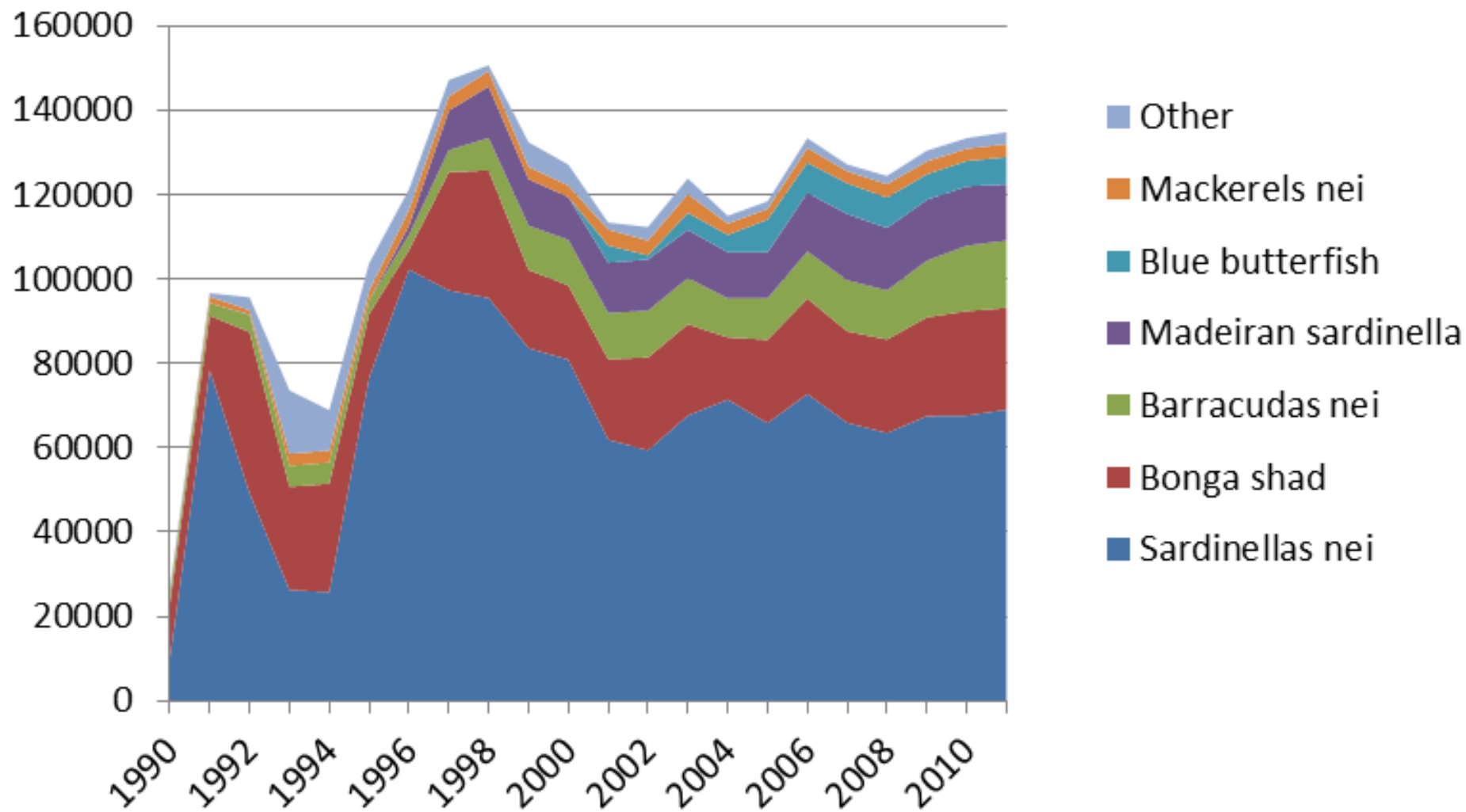




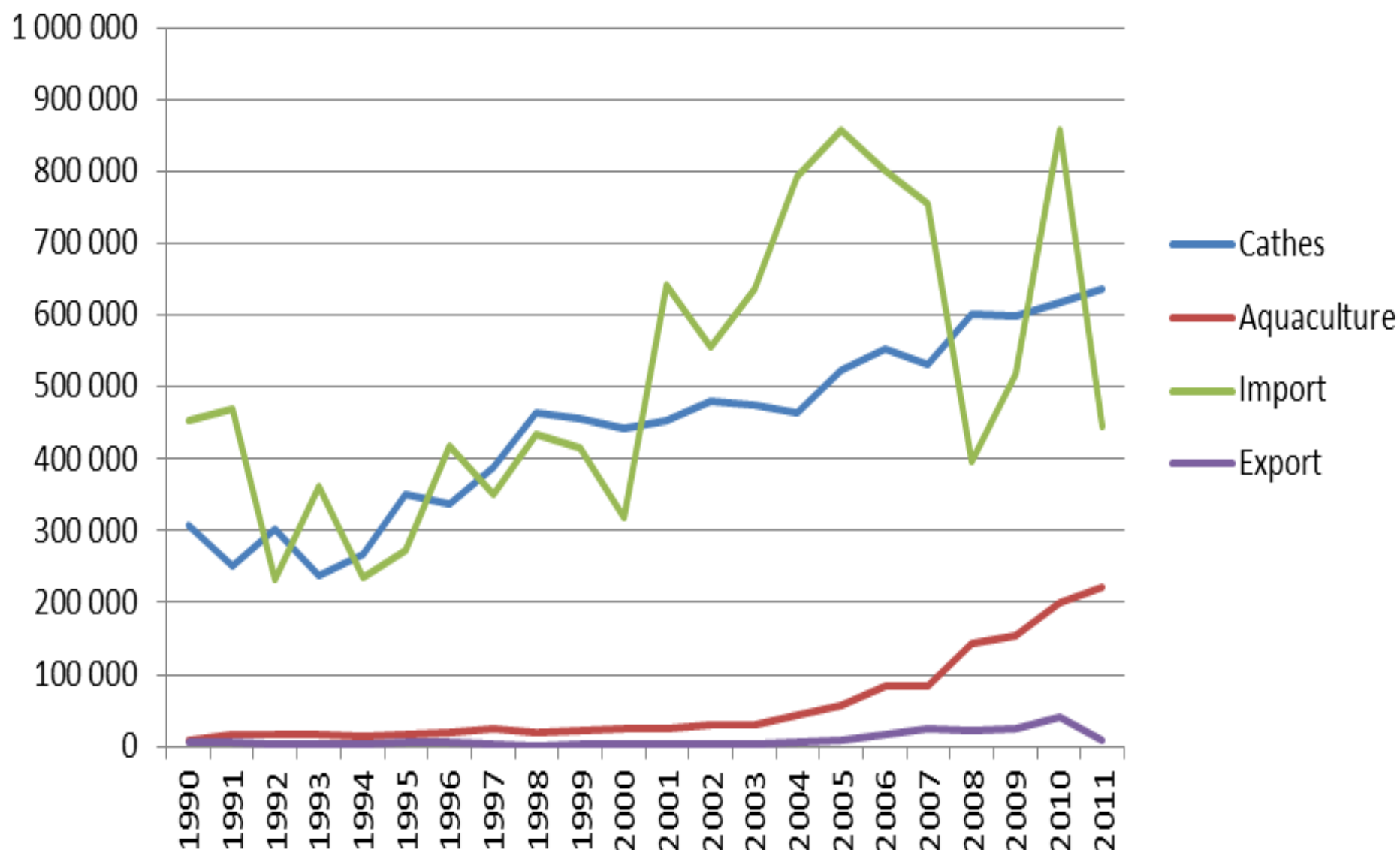
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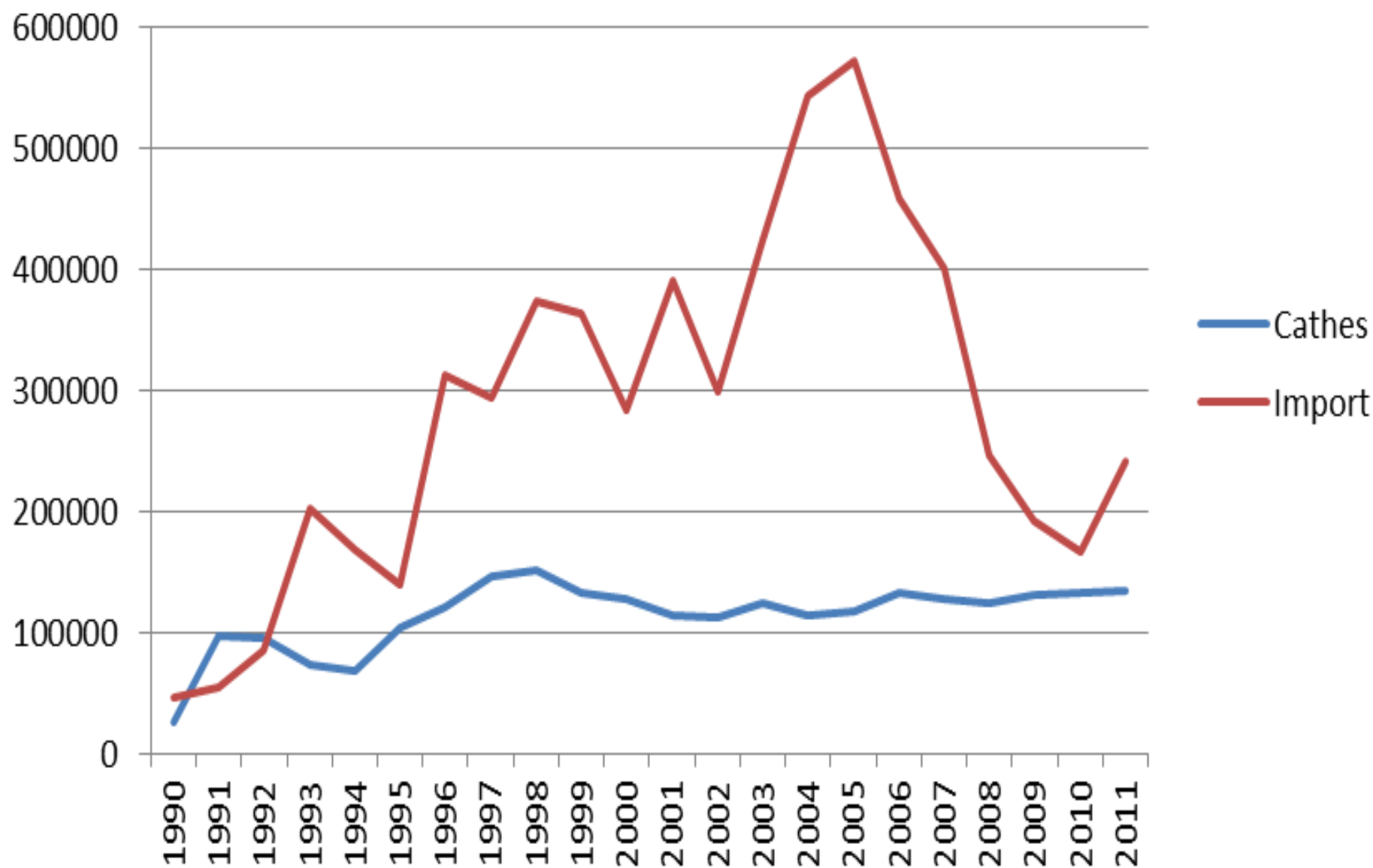
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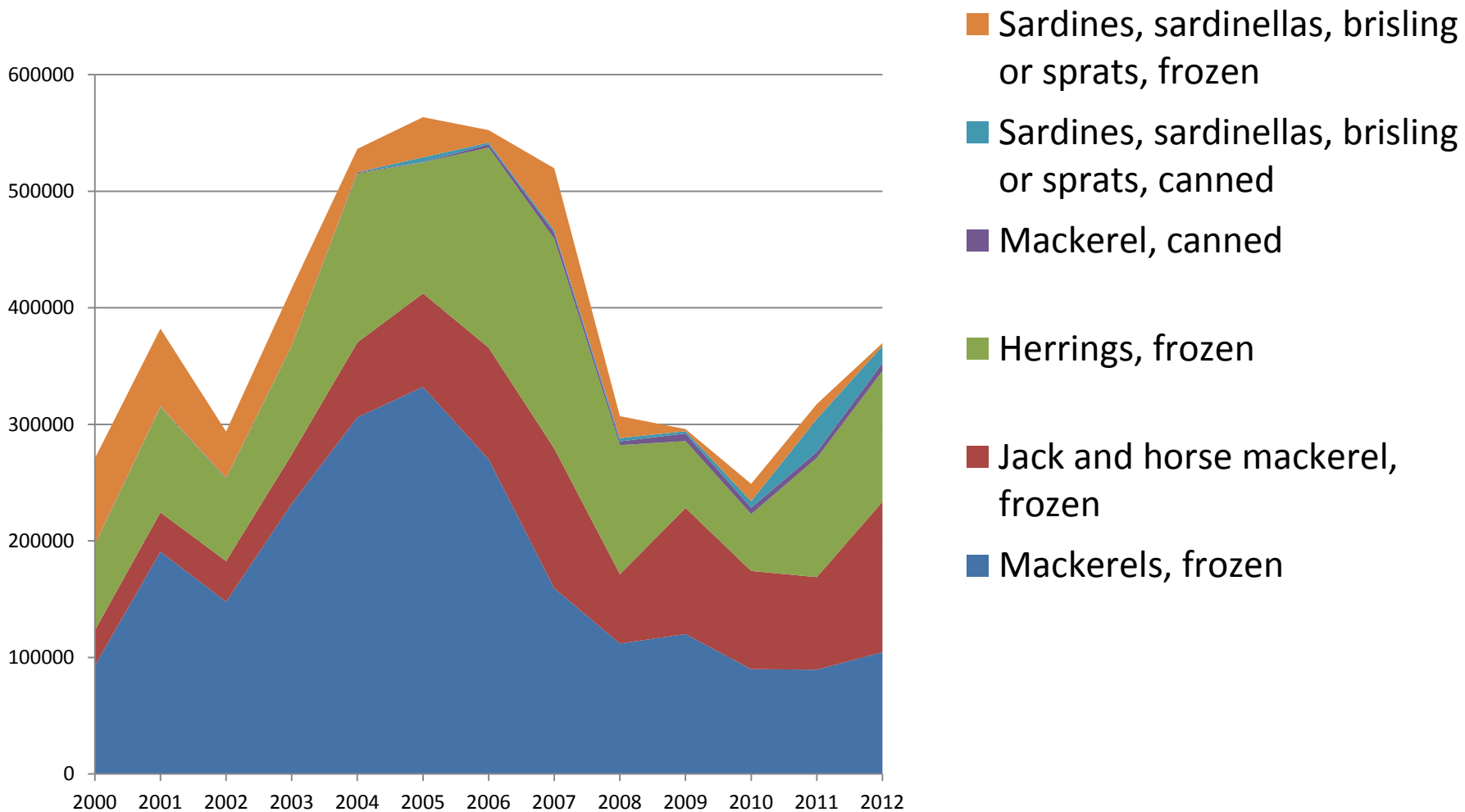
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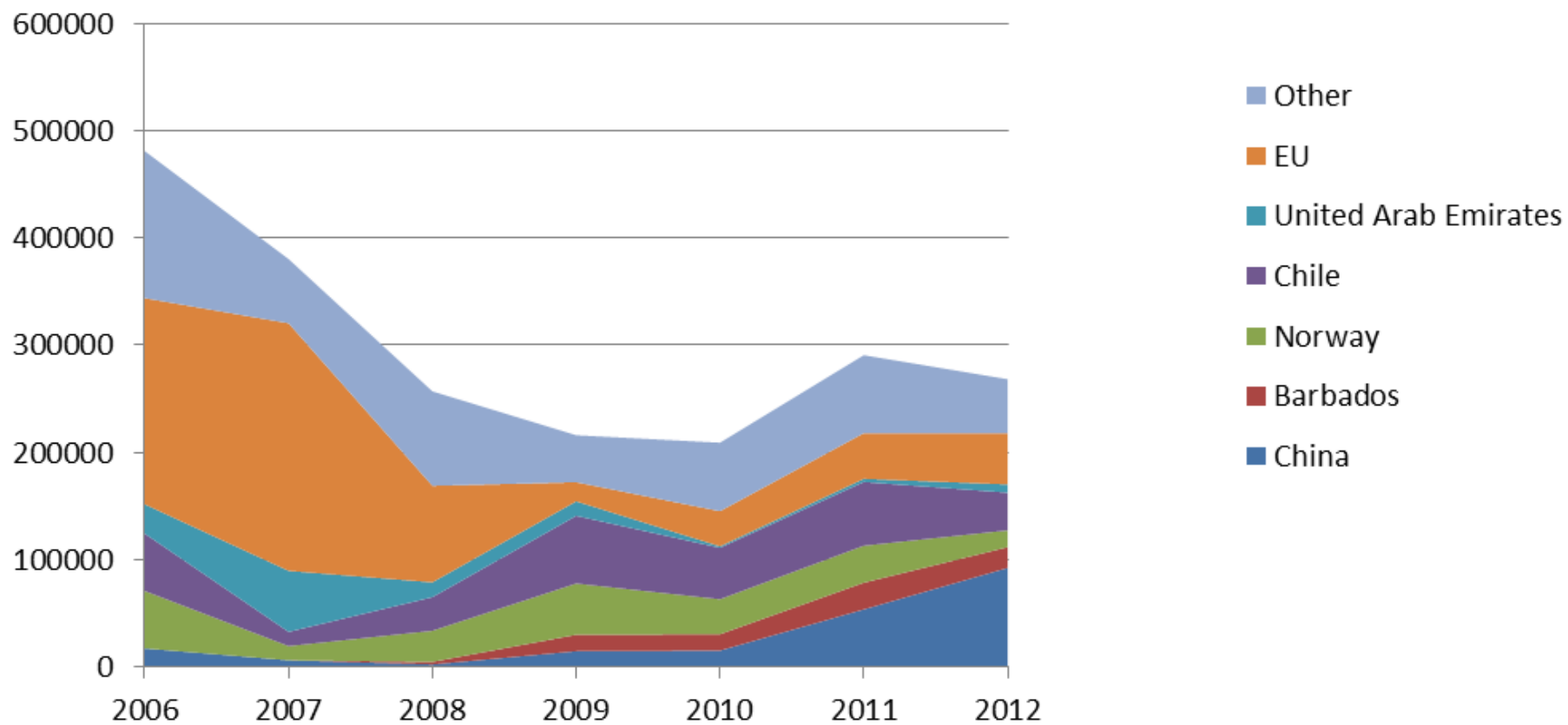
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Nigerian Import of Main Pelagic Products , MT



Gross supply

	Gross supply*		For Consumption**		Share of Consumption
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2012
Herring	129 000	112 000	129 000	112 000	18 %
Mackerel	80 000	119 000	80 000	119 000	20 %
Sardine/sardinella/brisling/sprat	97 000	100 000	97 000	100 000	16 %
Horse mackerel	80 000	130 000	80 000	130 000	21 %
Blue whiting	31 000	100 000	31 000	100 000	16 %
Other	48 000	47 000	48 000	47 000	8 %
Total	465 000	607 000	465 000	607 000	100 %

Market access issues

- Several reforms in place to make Nigeria self-sufficient in food;
- The Federal government is imposing import restrictions to «boost domestic production»;
- Consequences for future imports of pelagic?
 - «under the table» imports? Will increase the cost of getting the product to the consumer;
 - Reduction of imports?
 - Elimination of imports?



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The future for pelagics in Nigeria

- High economic and population growth;
- Improving infrastructure (roads, electricity) -> lower transport costs -> increased demand;
- Large potential for market growth;
- Domestic production does not grow as fast as demand;
- Pelagic import growth influenced by competition from other fish;
- Import restrictions can have devastating consequences for pelagic fish imports;
- Where will the fish go if Nigeria shuts down imports?