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SWAI SUSTAINABILITY FACT SHEET



Latin Name	<i>Pangasius hypophthalmus</i>
FAO Name	Swai
Area of Farming	Vietnam

Swai are a quick growing fin fish farmed in Vietnam. They reach maturity in three years with an average life span of about 10 years. Females produce 100,000 eggs per spawning event, which happen about four times a year (Monterey Bay Aquarium).

The Monterey Bay Aquarium ranks Swai from Vietnam as yellow (good alternative). They state that the Swai is conducive to sustainable aquaculture because of the low need for fish protein; high feed conversion; rapid growth rate; and low risk of harm from fish escapes in the farming regions in Vietnam. A concern for farmed fish is the chance of escape into the wild and how this affects the wild stocks, Fish Choice and the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership both show very little risk of this happening and when it does occur it has very little effects on the wild stock. The Blue Ocean Institute lists Swai as light green (medium to high levels of abundance and farm methods are somewhat sustainable).

The Sustainable Fisheries Partnership has been working in Vietnam since 2007 developing a better understanding of this aquaculture. They also work with the Can Tho University and their College of Fisheries and Aquaculture promoting responsible farming and sustainable practices.

Canon Fish Swai is farmed in Vietnam. Over the past decade Vietnam has developed better farming systems, hatcheries (with high quality brood stock), and also have integrated commercial feeds into their farming practices.