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Preliminary Results of the Survey on the Status of Fish Culture in 2025

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■ In 2025, the fish culture production recorded 896 tons, which grew by 1.1% from 2024. The production value of fish culture recorded 146.9 billion won, which grew by 12.1%. The number of fish culture fry, the number of cultured fishes and the fish culture area increased by 19.1%, 15.1% and 1.8%, respectively.

- On the other hand, the number of fish culture households, the number of workers and the amount of feed decreased by 1.9%, 2.7% and 4.6%, respectively, owing to the suspension or closure of small establishments, and bad weather conditions (e.g. high water temperature).

○ (Production)

The fish culture production stood at 82,807 tons in 2025, which rose by 896 tons (1.1%) from 81,911 tons in 2024.

- The fish culture production of halibut, mullet and flounder grew by 1,800 tons, 1,320 tons and 713 tons, respectively.

○ (Production value)

The production value of fish culture recorded 1.3579 trillion won in 2025, which grew by 146.9 billion won (12.1%) from 1.2110 trillion won in 2024.

- The production value of fish culture showed a year-on-year increase owing to a rise in the production and fish prices in production regions of halibut and flounder, and a rise in fish prices of black rockfish in production regions.

○ (Number of fish culture households)

The number of fish culture households (including establishments) marked 1,420 households in 2025, which declined by 27 households (1.9%) from 1,447 households in 2024.

○ **(Number of workers)**

The number of fish culture workers was 5,204 persons in 2025, which fell by 143 persons (2.7%) from 5,347 persons in 2024.

○ **(Number of fish culture fry)**

The number of fish culture fry was 318 million in 2025, which rose by 51 million (19.1%) from 2024.

○ **(Number of cultured fishes)**

The number of cultured fishes was 388 million in 2025, which rose by 51 million (15.1%) from 2024.

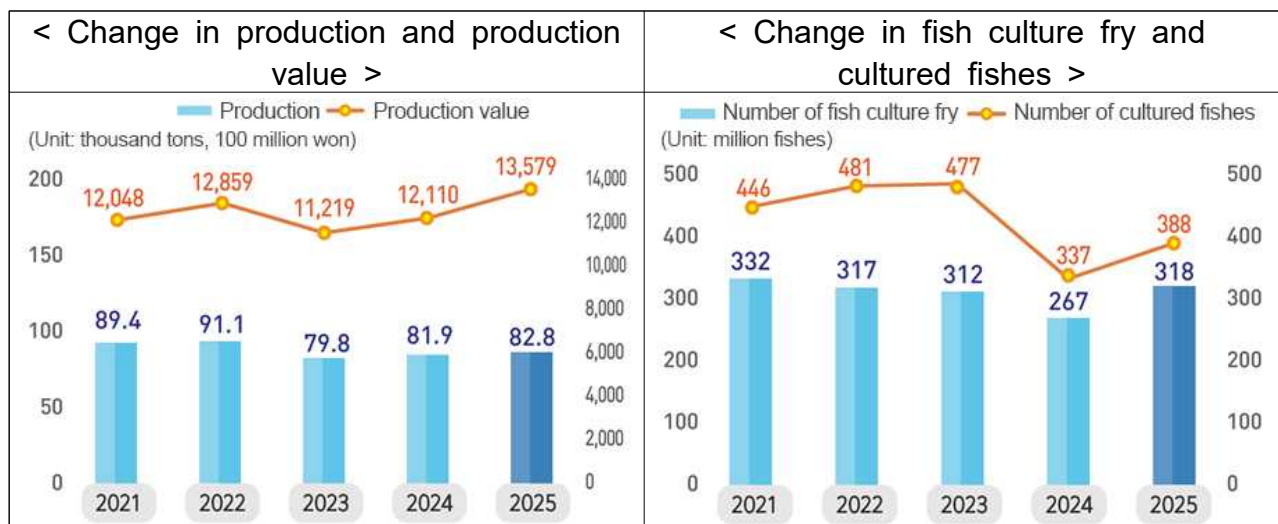
○ **(Fish culture area)**

The fish culture area amounted to 3.49 million m² in 2025, which grew by 60 thousand m² (1.8%) from 3.43 million m² in 2024.

○ **(Amount of feed)**

The total amount of feed recorded 510 thousand tons in 2025, which dropped by 25 thousand tons (4.6%) from 535 thousand tons in 2024.

- The amount of feed for black rockfish marked a year-on-year decrease due to bad weather conditions including high water temperature.



1. Production

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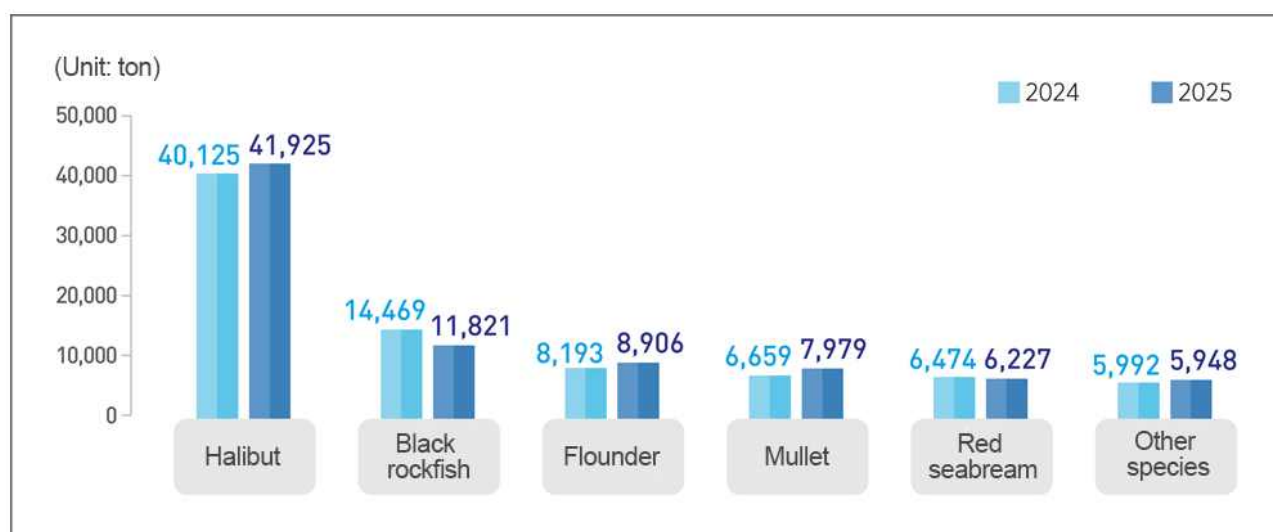
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< Production by species >

(Unit: ton, %)

Classification	2024		2025 ^{p)}		Year-on-year	
	(A)	Share	(B)	Share	Change	Percent change
Total	81,911	100.0	82,807	100.0	896	1.1
Halibut	40,125	49.0	41,925	50.6	1,800	4.5
Black rockfish	14,469	17.7	11,821	14.3	-2,648	-18.3
Flounder	8,193	10.0	8,906	10.8	713	8.7
Mullet	6,659	8.1	7,979	9.6	1,320	19.8
Red seabream	6,474	7.9	6,227	7.5	-247	-3.8
Other species ¹⁾	5,992	7.3	5,948	7.2	-44	-0.7

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(2) Production value

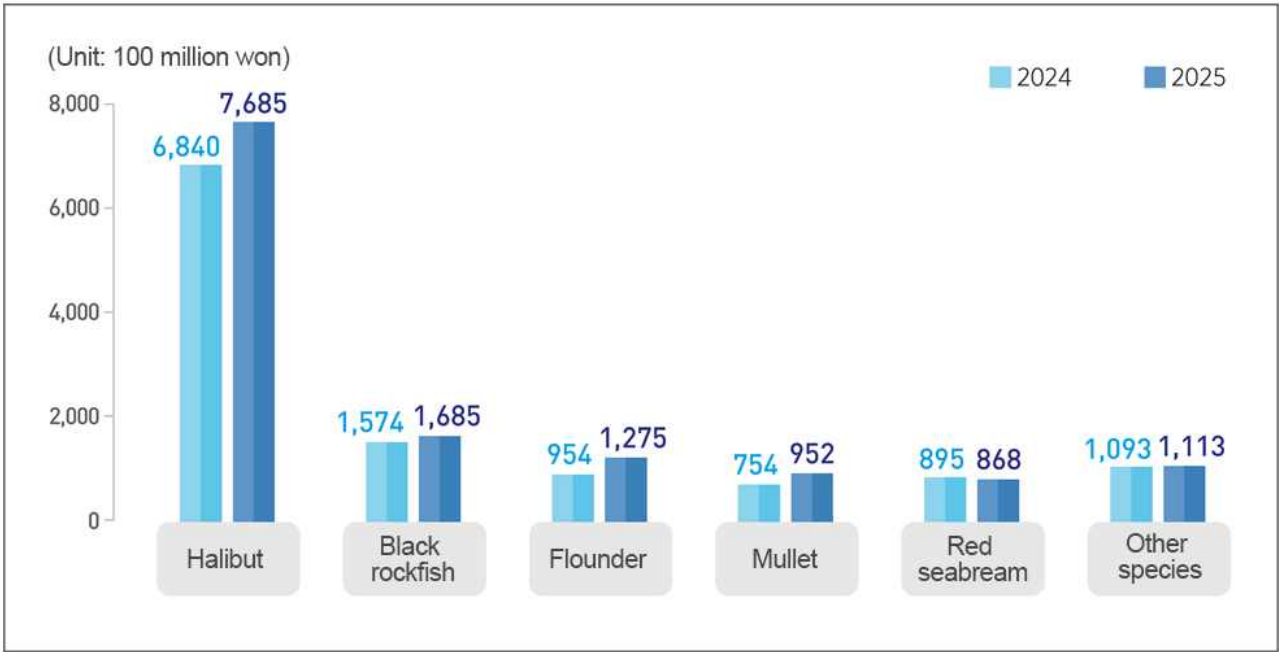
The production value of fish culture recorded 1.3579 trillion won in 2025, which grew by 146.9 billion won (12.1%) from 1.2110 trillion won in 2024.

< Production value by species >

(Unit: 100 million won, %)

Classification	2024		2025 ^{p)}		Year-on-year	
	(A)	Share	(B)	Share	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Total	12,110	100.0	13,579	100.0	1,469	12.1
Halibut	6,840	56.5	7,685	56.6	845	12.4
Black rockfish	1,574	13.0	1,685	12.4	111	7.1
Flounder	954	7.9	1,275	9.4	321	33.6
Mullet	754	6.2	952	7.0	198	26.3
Red seabream	895	7.4	868	6.4	-27	-3.0
Other species ¹⁾	1,093	9.0	1,113	8.2	21	1.9

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2. Number of fish culture households (including establishments)

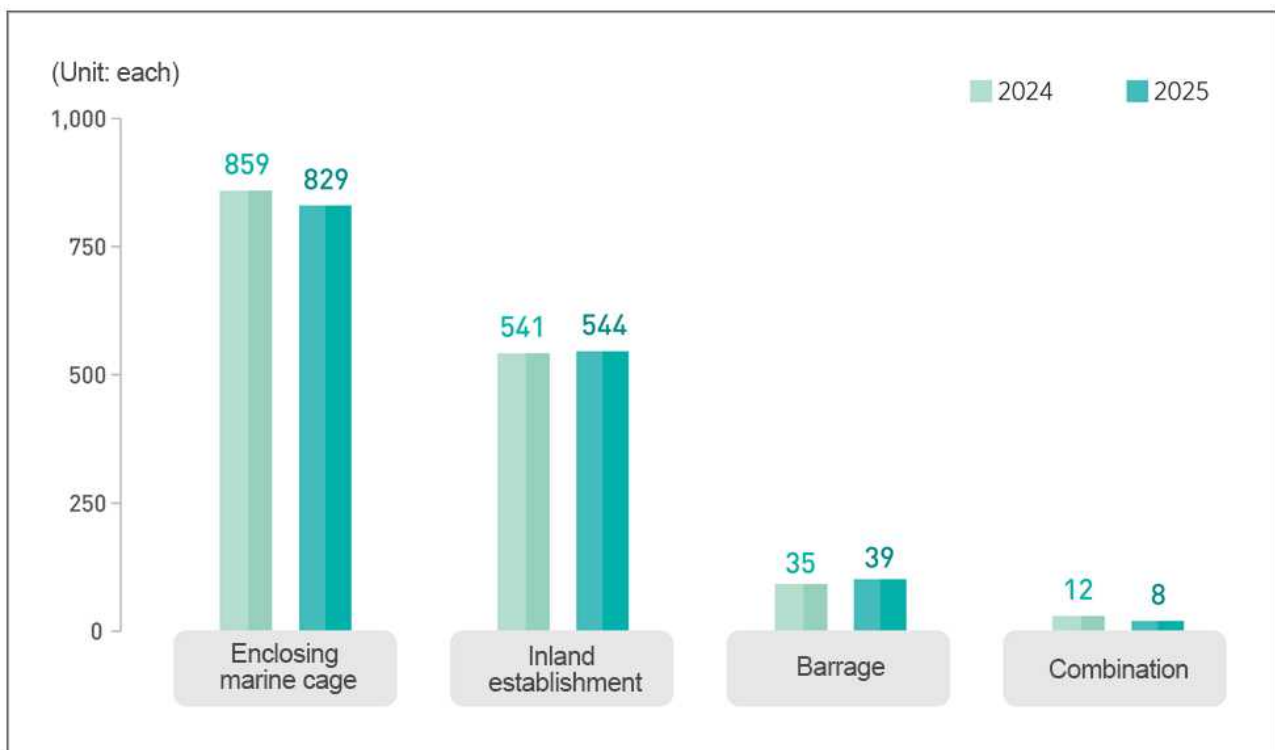
The number of fish culture households (including establishments) was 1,420 households in 2025, which dropped by 27 households (1.9%) from 1,447 households in 2024.

< Fish culture households by culture type >

(Unit: each, %)

Classification	2024		2025 ^{p)}		Year-on-year	
	(A)	Share	(B)	Share	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Total	1,447	100.0	1,420	100.0	-27	-1.9
Enclosing marine cage	859	59.4	829	58.4	-30	-3.5
Inland establishment	541	37.4	544	38.3	3	0.6
Barrage	35	2.4	39	2.7	4	11.4
Combination ¹⁾	12	0.8	8	0.6	-4	-33.3

Note 1) Enclosing marine cage + Inland establishment / Enclosing marine cage + Barrage / Inland establishment + Barrage / Enclosing marine cage + Inland establishment + Barrage



3. Fish culture workers

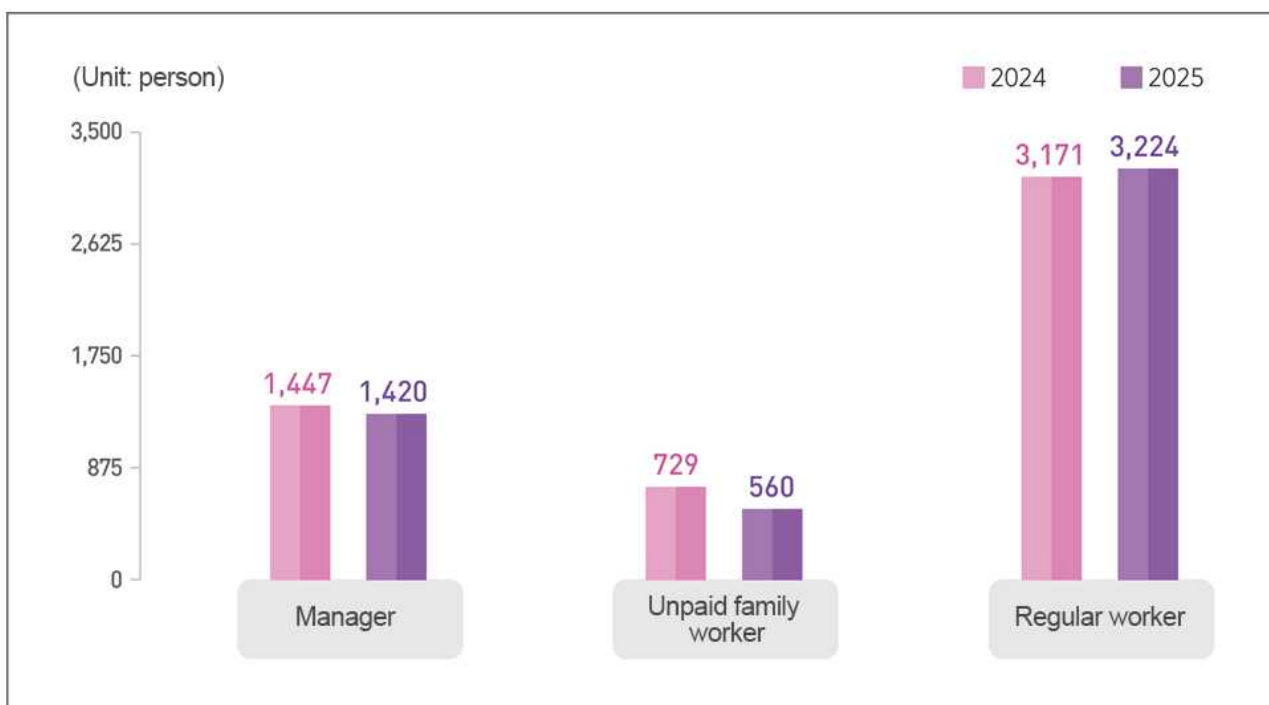
The number of fish culture workers was 5,204 persons in 2025, which fell by 143 persons (2.7%) from 5,347 persons in 2024.

- The number of fish culture workers dropped by 143 persons owing to a sharp decrease in managers and unpaid family workers, which was caused by the suspension or closure of enclosing marine cage establishments.
- The number of managers and unpaid family workers fell by 27 persons and 169 persons, respectively. Whereas, the number of regular workers rose by 53 persons.
- As for the composition of fish culture workers, managers, unpaid family workers and regular workers accounted for 27.3%, 10.8% and 61.9%, respectively.

< Number of workers by status >

(Unit: person, %)

Classification	2024		2025 ^{p)}		Year-on-year	
	(A)	Share	(B)	Share	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Total	5,347	100.0	5,204	100.0	-143	-2.7
Manager	1,447	27.1	1,420	27.3	-27	-1.9
Unpaid family worker	729	13.6	560	10.8	-169	-23.2
Regular worker	3,171	59.3	3,224	61.9	53	1.7



4. Number of fish culture fry

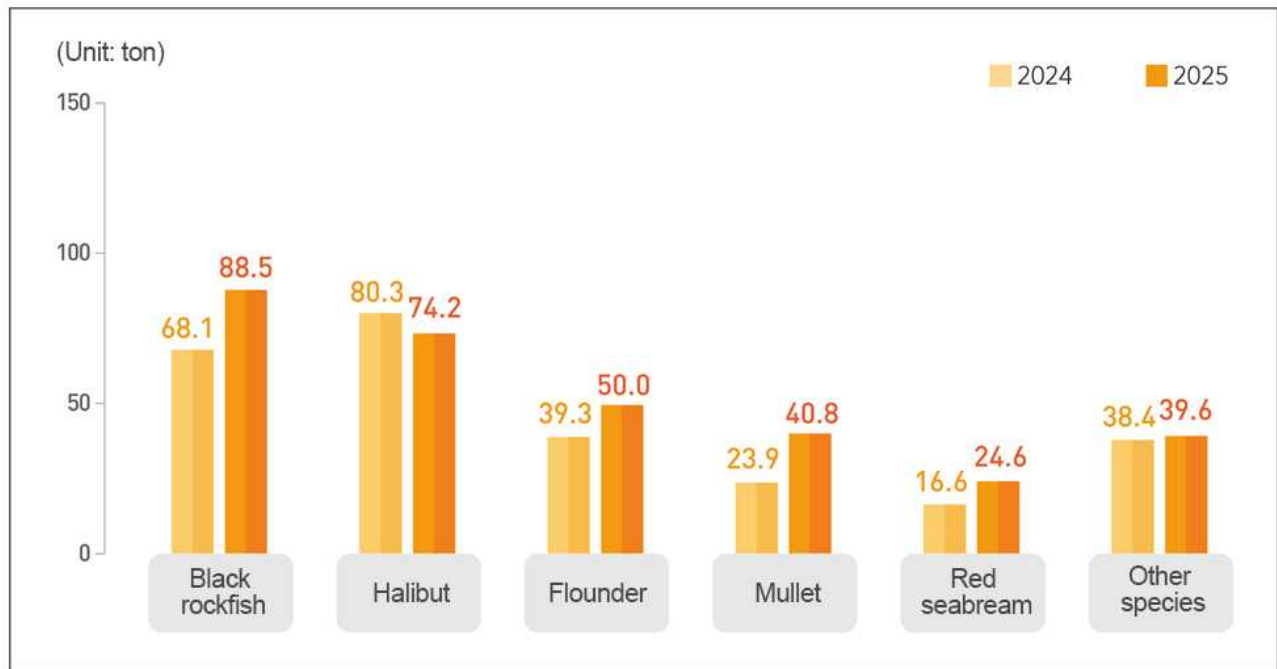
The number of fish culture fry stood at 318 million in 2025, which grew by 51 million (19.1%) from 267 million in 2024.

< Number of fish culture fry by species >

(Unit: million fishes, %)

Classification	2024		2025 ^{p)}		Year-on-year	
	(A)	Share	(B)	Share	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Total	266.7	100.0	317.8	100.0	51.1	19.1
Black rockfish	68.1	25.6	88.5	27.9	20.4	30.0
Halibut	80.3	30.1	74.2	23.3	-6.1	-7.6
Flounder	39.3	14.7	50.0	15.7	10.7	27.3
Mullet	23.9	9.0	40.8	12.9	16.9	70.7
Red seabream	16.6	6.2	24.6	7.7	8.0	47.8
Other species ¹⁾	38.4	14.4	39.6	12.5	1.2	3.1

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5. Number of cultured fishes

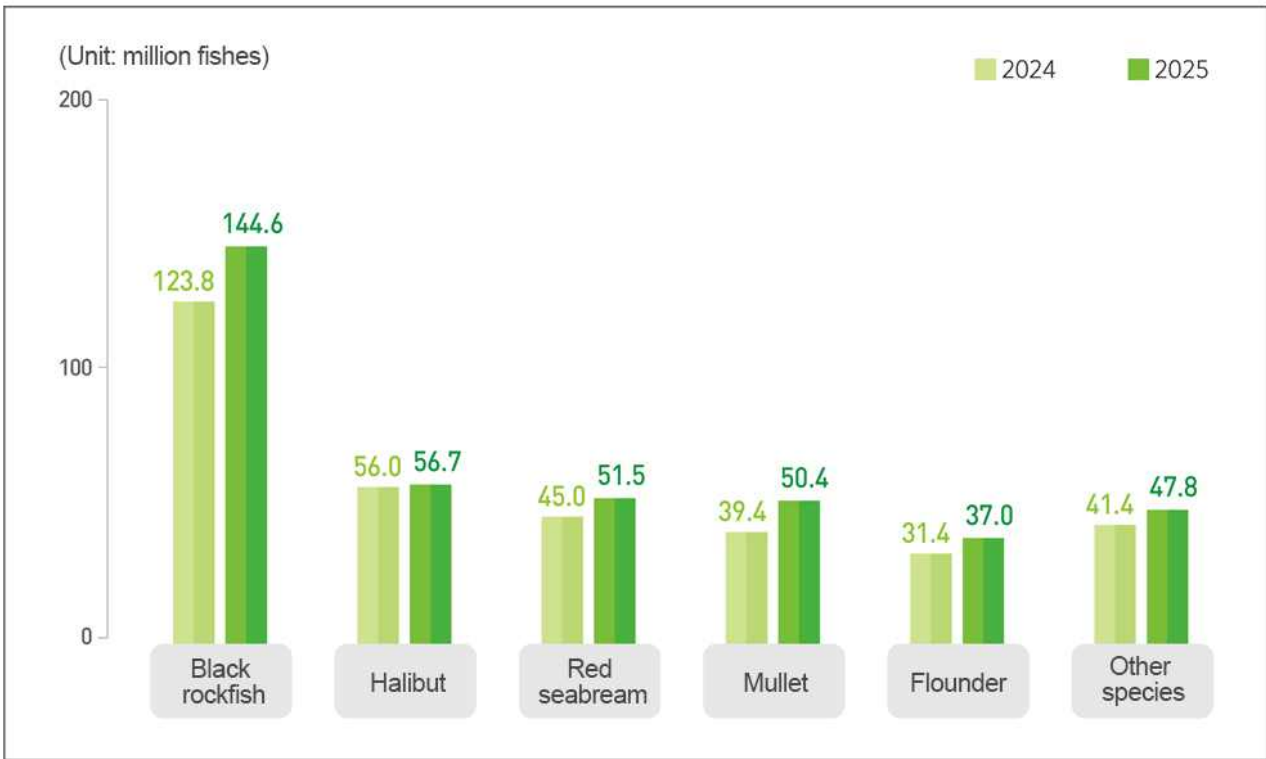
The number of cultured fishes was 388 million in 2025, which grew by 51 million (15.1%) from 337 million in 2024.

< Number of cultured fishes by species >

(Unit: million fishes, %)

Classification	2024		2025 ^{p)}		Year-on-year	
	(A)	Share	(B)	Share	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Total	337.0	100.0	388.0	100.0	51.0	15.1
Black rockfish	123.8	36.7	144.6	37.3	20.8	16.8
Halibut	56.0	16.6	56.7	14.6	0.7	1.2
Flounder	45.0	13.4	51.5	13.3	6.5	14.5
Mullet	39.4	11.7	50.4	13.0	11.0	28.0
Red seabream	31.4	9.3	37.0	9.5	5.5	17.6
Other species ¹⁾	41.4	12.3	47.8	12.3	6.4	15.6

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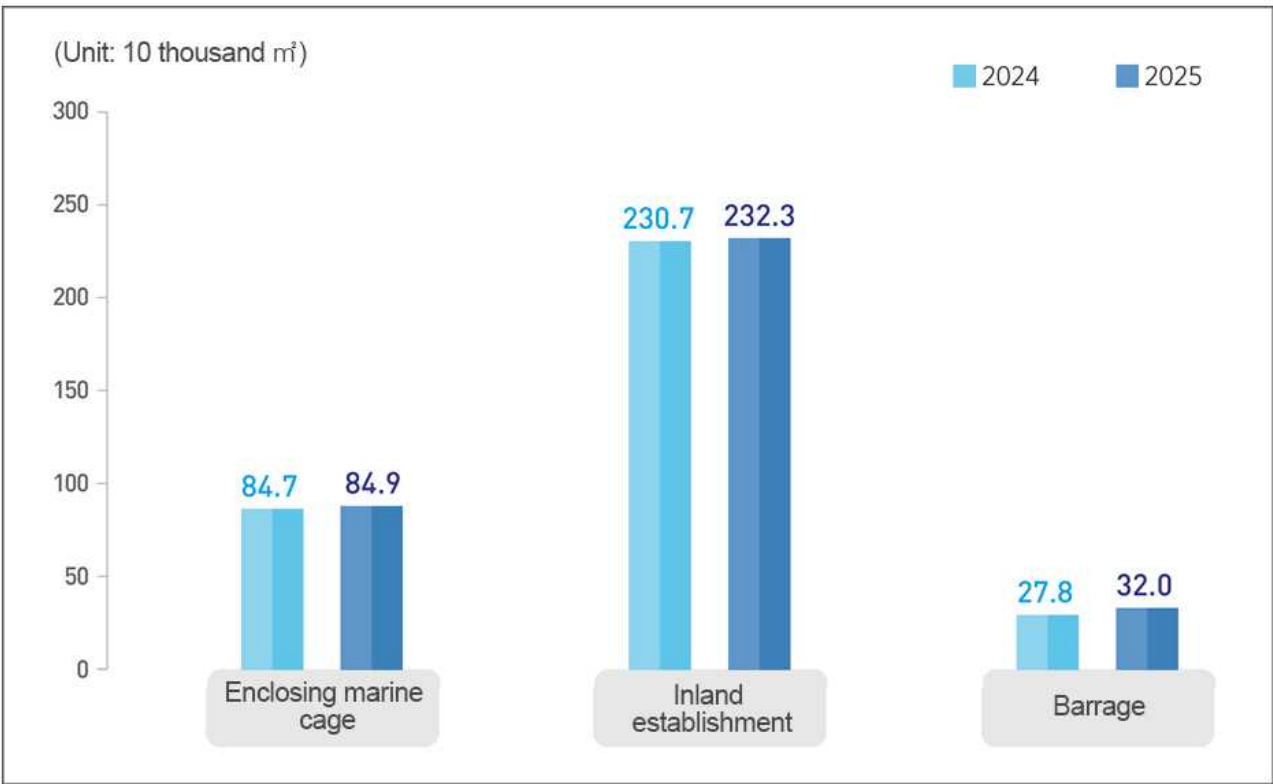
6. Fish culture area

The fish culture area amounted to 3.49 million m² in 2025, which rose by 60 thousand m² (1.8%) from 3.43 million m² in 2024.

< Fish culture area by culture type >

(Unit: 10 thousand m², %)

Classification	2024		2025 ^{p)}		Year-on-year	
	(A)	Share	(B)	Share	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Total	343.1	100.0	349.2	100.0	6.0	1.8
Enclosing marine cage	84.7	24.7	84.9	24.3	0.2	0.2
Inland establishment	230.7	67.2	232.3	66.5	1.6	0.7
Barrage	27.8	8.1	32.0	9.2	4.3	15.3



7. Amount of feed

The total amount of feed recorded 510 thousand tons in 2025, which fell by 25 thousand tons (4.6%) from 535 thousand tons in 2024.

< Amount of feed by species >

(Unit: thousand tons, %)

Classification		2024	2025 ^{p)}	Year-on-year	
				Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
(A)		Share	(B)	Share	-4.6
By type	Raw fish pellet	449.7	427.7	-22.0	-4.9
	(Share)	(84.1)	(83.9)		
	Formulated dry pellet	84.9	82.1	-2.7	-3.2
	(Share)	(15.9)	(16.1)		
By species	Halibut	281.8	276.5	-5.3	-1.9
	Black rockfish	89.8	74.4	-15.3	-17.1
	Red seabream	73.2	71.9	-1.3	-1.7
	Mullet	22.9	21.8	-1.1	-4.6
	Flounder	17.8	19.2	1.4	7.8
	Other species ¹⁾	49.1	45.9	-3.2	-6.5

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