

Review

Use of geotechnologies for aquaculture site selection: suitability factors and constraints for production in ground-excavated ponds

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ABSTRACT. Remote sensing (RS) and geographic information systems (GIS) have been used to guide the selection of suitable areas for aquaculture. This systematic review synthesizes the key suitability factors and constraints reported in the literature for establishing inland pond aquaculture. We searched for primary studies on Scopus and Web of Science according to preferred reporting items for systemic reviews and meta-analysis (PRISMA) guidelines. Between 1991 and 2020, 354 articles were published in 104 academic journals. The maximum annual number of publications occurred in 2020, with 22 publications, and there is an increasing trend in studies published over the past 30 years. From 12 selected studies, we identified 48 suitability factors, 11 related to soil suitability, 19 to socioeconomic and infrastructure suitability, and 18 to water quality and availability. The most frequently used suitability factors were road proximity, local market center distance, soil texture, soil slope, and water temperature. We listed 15 constraints that restrict or limit the selection of specific geographic locations for inland aquaculture. Urbanized areas, roads, and forests were the most frequently restricted areas. Geotechnologies provide powerful tools for spatial planning and management of aquaculture. Availability, quality, and access to spatial data are critical for the use of geotechnologies in the process of aquaculture site selection.

Keywords: geotechnology tools; remote sensing (RS); geographic information systems (GIS); aquaculture; suitable sites; site selection

INTRODUCTION

Geotechnologies consist of tools that enable geographic data acquisition, processing, analysis, and access. Some tools, such as geographic information systems (GIS), remote sensing (SR), global satellite navigation system (GNSS), or digital cartography, among others, have been exploited for improving site selection and spatial planning in aquaculture (Aguilar-Manjarrez 2010, Ross et al. 2013, Falconer et al. 2018, Yen & Chen. 2021). These technologies allow versatile, fast, and precise analysis of large spatial datasets, enabling the creation

and spatial analysis of multiple scenarios, which can be used to support better decision-making (Salam 2000, Francisco et al. 2019, Yen & Chen 2021).

Site selection depends on spatial elements and is a prerequisite for any aquaculture system, laying the foundations for a profitable and sustainable business (Falconer et al. 2018). A range of factors may be considered when defining the criteria used to guide the selection of appropriate areas for aquaculture and determine their degree of suitability (Assefa & Abebe 2018, Nayak et al. 2018, Francisco et al. 2019).

Aquaculture involves many spatial issues that must be understood to support sustainable development and mitigate potential issues (Falconer et al. 2019). Inappropriate practices could lead to many negative consequences, including habitat destruction, biodiversity loss, and other environmental problems, damage to facilities, low productivity, loss of stocks, the unwanted introduction of non-native species, and the emergence and spread of disease (Naylor et al. 2000, Walker & Mohan 2009, Aguilar-Manjarrez et al. 2017).

Several cases with a negative impact due to poor spatial planning, inadequate site selection, and management have been reported (Kumar & Cripps 2012).

Naylor et al. (2021) reported that freshwater aquaculture needed to be more represented in the proliferating literature on global environment and food system interactions despite its dominant contribution to aquatic food supplies and nutrition security. Most geotechnologies and aquaculture literature focus on marine and coastal environments (Naylor et al. 2021). Yen & Chen (2021) found that RS applications in fisheries mainly occurred in the northeastern marine area of the USA, the high seas area of the North Atlantic Ocean, the surrounding sea areas of France, Spain, and Portugal, the peripheral areas of the Indian Ocean, the East China Sea, Yellow Sea, and Bohai Sea areas to the north of Taiwan. All these areas correspond to marine and coastal areas, revealing a gap in the literature production we carried out in this study.

Therefore, the aims of this study were (i) to perform a systematic review of the scientific literature, specifically of peer-reviewed journal studies, to identify and quantify all relevant studies addressing the use of geotechnologies for aquaculture site selection; and (ii) to identify studies focusing on the selection of suitable areas for inland aquaculture using ground-excavated ponds, to analyze and discuss the most important suitability factors and restricted areas.

Selection of bibliographic material

The literature search was based on the guidelines defined in preferred reporting items for systemic reviews and meta-analysis - PRISMA (Page et al. 2021) with the inclusion of backward snowballing from the list of articles selected in the full-text assessment. An overview of each step is provided in Figure 1, which shows the number of studies included and excluded, based on the selection criteria defined, at each stage of the identification, screening, and eligibility assessment step.

We searched for relevant studies using two online academic literature databases, Scopus and Web of

Science, which gather much of the world's most impactful research. Our search was restricted to studies published in peer-reviewed journals from the earliest record until the end of 2020. The search employed Boolean logic and English terms subdivided into three levels: a) level 1, terms related to geotechnology use - "GIS", "geographic information", "geotechnologies", "mapping", "remote sensing (RS)", "spatial"; b) level 2, terms related to area classification/selection approach - "site selection", "sustainable", "suitable", "classification", "modeling", "planning", "zoning"; c) level 3, terms related to aquaculture approaches - "aquaculture", "fish", "fishery", "fisheries", "tilapia", "shrimp", "carp", "catfish".

The number of items retained was counted at each step of the selection process, i.e. after the database search, after duplicates were removed, after screening the title and abstract, and after the final eligibility assessment of the full text of the studies.

To better analyze the identified studies addressing geotechnologies for aquaculture site selection, they were organized by publication year, country of authors' affiliation, and publication in main indexed journals. In the title and abstract reviews, we considered all studies relevant to the topic of interest, meaning the application of geotechnology for inland aquaculture in ground-excavated ponds. Studies dedicated to marine or coastal aquatic areas or unrelated to the topic under study, i.e. that did not employ geotechnology tools, were excluded. At full-text article assessments, we restricted the selection to studies of greater methodological relevance, i.e. that applied a multicriteria analysis for evaluating and classifying site suitability.

To broaden the extent of our search, we used backward snowballing, which consists in using the reference list of the studies selected at the full-text assessments to identify new relevant studies. This approach, combining database searches and reference list screening, allowed us to reach a final list of included studies for the synthesis.

Finally, we examined the selected literature to pinpoint the constraints and suitability factors used for informing the selection of adequate areas for aquaculture. Predominant factors considered in studies were analyzed and discussed in more detail. Suitability factors were classified based on three criteria: soil suitability, socioeconomic and infrastructure appropriateness, water quality, and availability.

Characterization of literature

Scopus and Web of Science search returned 354 articles (listed in the Supplementary Tables 1-2) published in

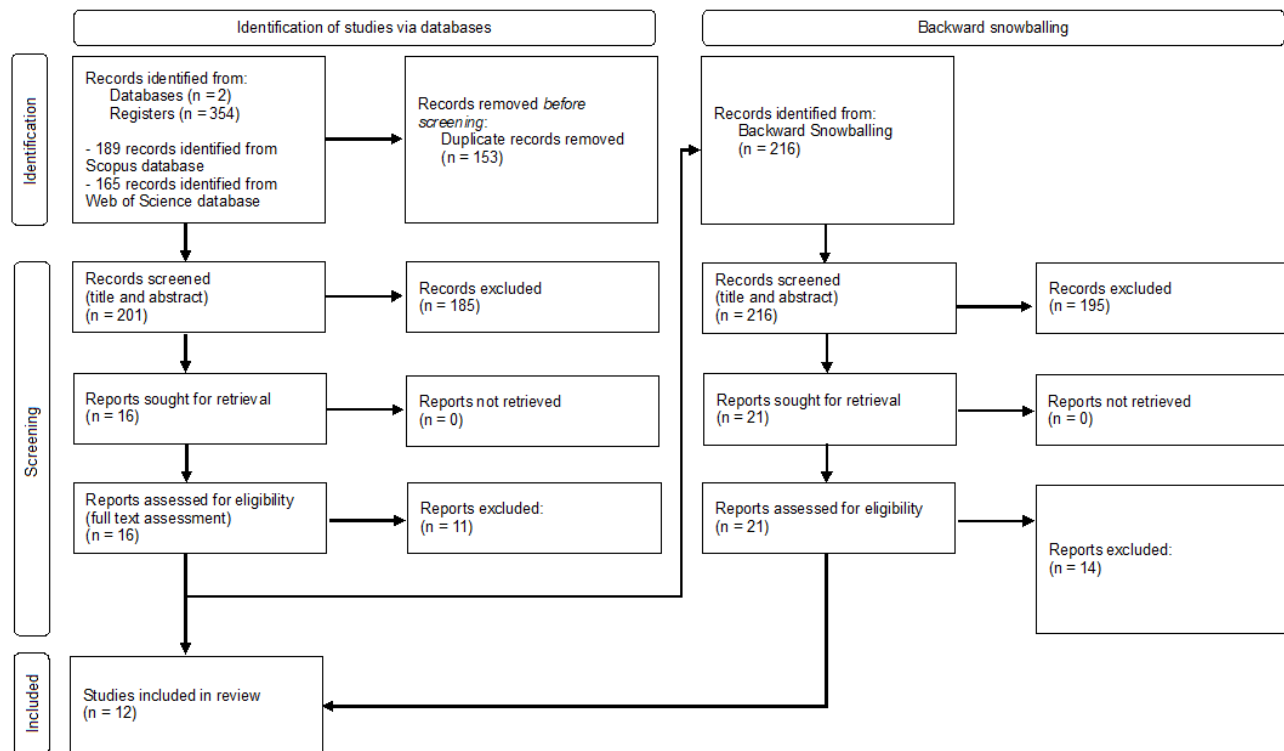


Figure 1. Overview of the literature search and identification of studies on the application of geotechnology for aquaculture (adapted of Page et al. 2020).

peer-reviewed journals, of which 189 were indexed in Scopus and 165 in Web of Science. Records obtained from each database were organized chronologically by year of publication and are shown (Fig. 2).

The earliest publication found was from 1991, and since then, it was possible to note a growing trend in the number of publications in both databases over the past three decades (Fig. 2). The maximum annual number of publications occurred in 2020, with 22 publications in the Web of Science base. Similar observations were reported by Vianna et al. (2016) and Falconer et al. (2019), which identified the late 1980s and the early 1990s as the starting point for such a trend, driven by the growth of the aquaculture industry and the technological advances that made GIS software more accessible and easier to use. Yen & Chen (2021) also reported a sharp increase in the number of publications from 2009 to 2018 when using "remote sensing" and "fishery" keywords on the Web of Science base.

The geographic distribution of authors by country of affiliation is shown (Fig. 3). In the case of international authorships, all involved countries were counted. There were researchers from 58 countries involved in the results, with a larger number of publications coming

from authors in the USA, UK, France, Germany, and Australia. Regarding the number of researchers in the field, Yen & Chen (2021) found the USA, sequentially followed by China, India, the UK, France, Italy, Japan, and Australia.

Studies using geotechnology to assess or study aquaculture were published in 104 academic journals. The journals with the largest number of articles were Marine Policy, ICES Journal of Marine Science, and Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquaculture, with 14, 14, 11, and 8 studies, respectively (Fig. 4).

After comparing records between databases and removing duplicates, i.e. records that were indexed in both databases, a total of 201 studies were selected for screening (Fig. 1). At the title and abstract review stage, we retained 16 studies that focused on the use of geotechnologies for inland aquaculture production specifically on ground-excavated ponds. After a full-text assessment of the articles, five studies were selected based on greater methodological relevance, in which multiple suitability factors were judged for guiding aquaculture site selection: Hossain et al. (2007), Nayak et al. (2014, 2018), Assefa & Abebe (2018), and Francisco et al. (2019). Finally, the back-

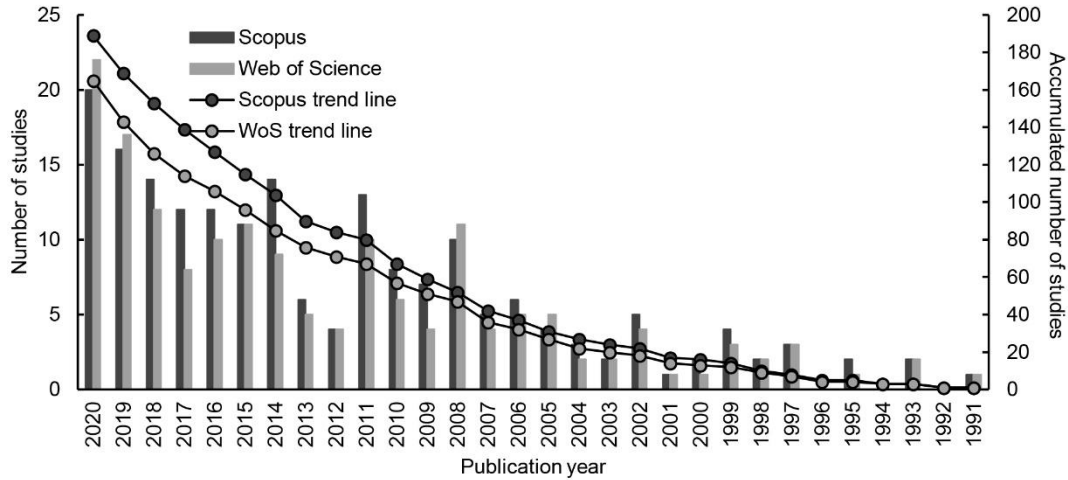


Figure 2. Number of studies per published year in Scopus and Web of Science.

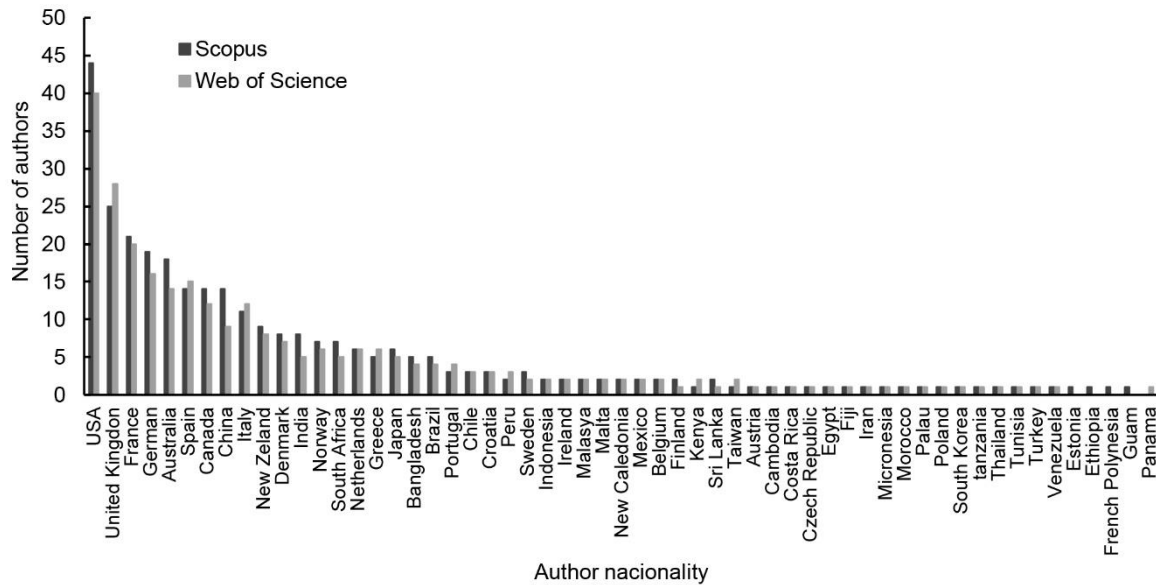


Figure 3. Number of authors per country of affiliation.

ward snowballing of references cited by the final set of studies yielded seven additional references: Giap et al. (2005), Salam et al. (2005), Völcker & Scott (2008), Hossain et al. (2009), Hossain & Das (2010), Ssegane et al. (2012), and Falconer et al. (2016).

At the end of the selection process, we obtained a final list of 12 studies carefully examined to synthesize the most relevant findings on using geotechnology tools and key factors to consider when selecting appropriate areas for inland aquaculture in ground-excavated ponds. These studies were analyzed and discussed with particular attention given to suitability factors and constraints, whose definitions are one of the most important steps during the site selection process, as it

lays down the basis of the evaluation (Meaden & Aguilar-Manjarrez 2013). Suitability factors help define the degree of appropriateness of a study area as a continuous variable that increases or decreases site suitability; they are also known as decision variables or structural variables. A constraint, on the other hand, limits the alternatives under consideration, i.e. to define situations that hinder the selection of a certain location for the intended purpose (Salam 2000).

Suitability factors for aquaculture site selection in ground-excavated ponds

The analysis of suitability factors used for selecting aquaculture sites was subdivided into three criteria: soil

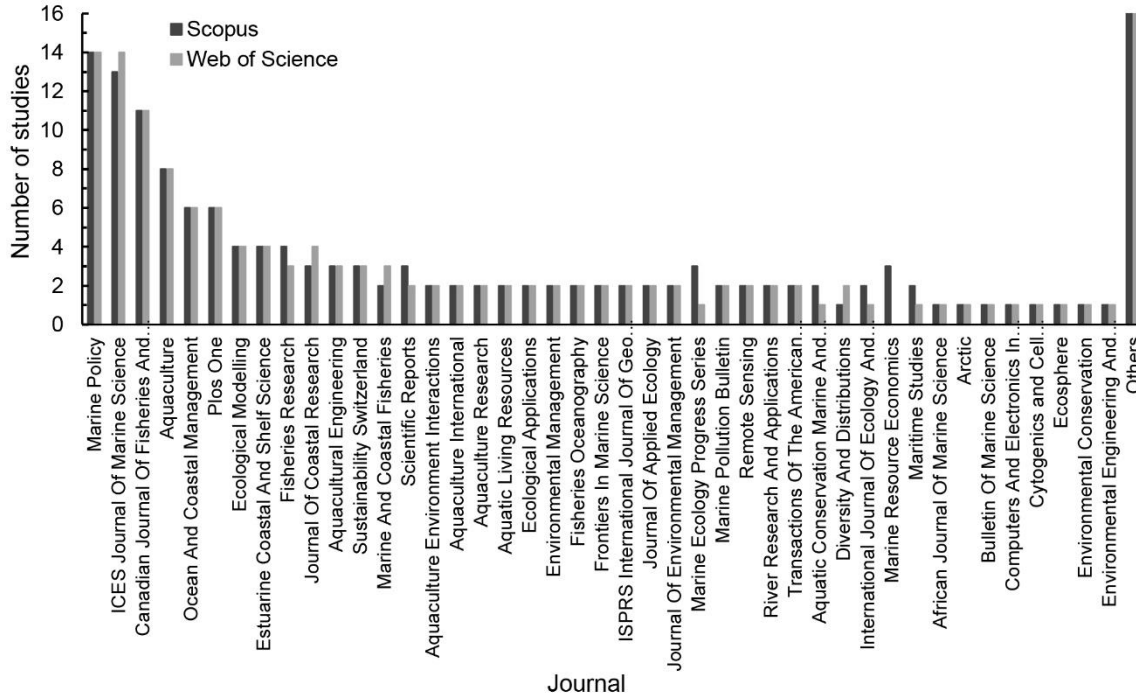


Figure 4. Number of studies organized by journal of publication.

suitability, socioeconomic and infrastructure suitability, and water quality and availability, with 11, 19, and 18 factors associated, respectively. All factors considered in the 12 studies evaluated are listed (Table 1).

Soil characteristics are an important aspect to consider for aquaculture site selection, operation, and management, as they significantly influence implementation costs, maintenance, and productivity (Coche 1985). Socioeconomic and infrastructure conditions are essential for properly assessing aquaculture sites and can benefit planning and decision-making (Giap et al. 2005, Hossain et al. 2007). On the other hand, water is a fundamental resource for aquaculture development; water quality and availability are crucial criteria that must be accounted for when selecting areas for this activity (Naylor et al. 2000).

The degree of suitability of each factor was ranked into four classes: highly suitable (HS), suitable (S), moderately suitable (MS), and unsuitable (US). Previously, Hossain et al. (2007, 2009), Hossain & Das (2010), and Nayak et al. (2014, 2018) had used a three-point scale to classify suitability, not including the "moderately suitable" category. On the other hand, Falconer et al. (2016) used a broader, five-point scale that included the "highly unsuitable" class.

As presented in Table 1, proximity to roads (83.3%), soil texture (75%), slope (66.7%), water

temperature (66.7%), distance to local markets (66.7%), soil pH (58.3%), water pH (58.3%), dissolved oxygen (58.3%), distance to a water source (58.3%), land use and coverage (58.3%), and distance to the hatchery or fry source (58.3%) were the predominant factors considered in the literature.

Soil physical properties

The productivity of a pond depends upon the quality of its water and soil (Biggs et al. 2015). The physical properties of soil, such as texture, type, structure, porosity, and density, can affect many processes, such as infiltration, erosion, nutrient cycling, and biological activity. Soil texture and type were applied in the studies we analyzed.

Texture influences the ease with which soil can be worked, the amount of water and air it retains, and the rate at which water can enter and move through the soil, greatly impacting water balance in aquaculture systems (Coche 1985). Soil texture is determined by the relative proportion of particles of different sizes (granulometry): clay, silt, and sand. Clay content is important to hold water, but mineral content can impact water pH, hardness, and alkalinity, which affect plankton productivity (Lazur 2007). Different methodologies were used to classify soil texture, i.e. based on the texture classification or the soil's percentage clay content.

Hossain et al. (2007, 2009) and Hossain & Das (2010) considered clay loam and sandy clay soils highly suitable, respectively. In contrast, loamy or sandy soils were considered unsuitable for pond construction. Giap et al. (2005) and Nayak et al. (2014, 2018) considered highly suitable areas with a clay content superior to 35%, as suitable those with a clay content between 18 and 35%, and as slightly suitable or unsuitable as those sites with a clay content of less than 18%. The remaining studies proposed different scales of soil suitability based on the percentage of clay content (Ssegane et al. 2012, Nayak et al. 2014, 2018, Falconer et al. 2016, Assefa & Abebe 2018).

For all the reasons mentioned, ensuring a suitable soil texture is of utmost importance for constructing and operating ground-excavated ponds. Clay soils with low permeability allow the construction of more stable dikes, which are more favorable to the construction of ponds. Sandy soils with a large amount of gravel generally have high infiltration, demand greater water use, are poorly stable and more susceptible to erosion, and become less suitable for ground-excavated ponds (Coche 1985, Hossain et al. 2007, Boyd 2015). Although some techniques are available to avoid excessive soil permeability, such as laying out soil blankets, synthetic membranes, or using concrete, implementing and operating these procedures are generally expensive. In addition, the soil may be compacted to control excessive water seepage.

The type of soil has a significant influence on pond water quality (Lazur 2007). The classification of the type of soil generally depends on the evaluation of different parameters, such as physical, morphological (color, consistency, texture, structure, and porosity), environmental (e.g. climate, vegetation, relief, original material, water conditions) and mineralogical data of the profile that represent it (Jhan et al. 2006). The type of soil classification varied among the analyzed studies, which may be linked to the different methodologies used to classify soil type and the availability of data from each study area.

Soil chemical properties

Pond water quality is a direct result of source water and soil type and chemical characteristics (Lazur 2007). Soil chemical properties affect biological activity, soil formation, nutrient cycling, pollutant fate, and erosion processes. These properties generally involve the evaluation of concentrations of specific chemicals (e.g. phosphorus, nitrogen, carbon, sulfur), pH, cations, organic matter, salinity, and electrical conductivity. In the studies evaluated, pH, nitrite, phosphate, salinity,

and organic matter were used to classify the suitability of the soil for aquaculture in excavated ponds.

In all examined studies, appropriate soil pH values ranged between 4-6.5 or 8-9, while a highly suitable pH varied between 6-8 (Giap et al. 2005, Hossain et al. 2007, 2009, Hossain & Das 2010, Nayak et al. 2014, Assefa & Abebe 2018). Locations with a soil pH outside this range were considered suitable or unsuitable due to the costs and time spent in procedures to correct soil pH. Soil pH can affect nutrient availability, microorganism development, and pond water pH, impacting productivity (Tapader et al. 2017). A pH between 6-8 is favorable to many species cultivated in ground-excavated ponds. A soil pH that is too high or too low can render nutrients insoluble, limit their availability, and reduce the growth of microorganisms that serve as food for cultured fish. An extremely acidic or alkaline soil pH can compromise fish growth, reproduction, and health (Coche 1985, Salam 2000).

Soil organic matter affects its physicochemical relationships (e.g. pH, retaining pollutants, structure, porosity, infiltration), altering the availability of micronutrients and interactions between soil microorganisms (Dhaliwal et al. 2019). High organic matter in soils increases oxygen demand to bacteria break down organic matter and can increase the risk of toxicity from ammonia concentrations (Lazur 2007). Organic matter sources can include organic fertilizers, unconsumed feed, and faces of culture animals. High concentrations of organic matter in soil can deteriorate and negatively impact pond water quality. Hossain et al. (2007, 2009) and Nayak et al. (2014, 2018) considered less than 1 and 1-2% of organic matter highly suitable, respectively, whereas more than 2% were considered unsuitable for pond construction.

Some soil properties, such as elements concentrations (e.g. nitrogen and phosphorus) and salinity, can affect water quality for pond aquaculture. In most soils, it is necessary to apply based nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers to promote plant growth (Boyd 2003). Hossain & Das (2010) considered nitrite and phosphate concentration in soils less than 0.1 mg L⁻¹ to highly suitable sites, 0.1 to 0.2 mg L⁻¹ to suitable, and above 0.2 mg L⁻¹ unsuitable for aquaculture ponds. Soil salinity indicates salt concentration and affects soil's availability and transport of nutrients and pollutants. Hossain et al. (2007) evaluated highly suitable soil salinities below 2, suitable from 2 to 4, and unsuitable above 4.

Inclination

The slope is a decisive and limiting factor for successfully implementing aquaculture ponds, influen-

cing pond construction, drainage, retention, water runoff, soil movement, and erosion (Ono & Kubitza 2005, Hossain et al. 2007, Falconer et al. 2016). Flat, softly waved terrains (<5% slope) are usually preferred to avoid heavy excavation and construction works, facilitate pond drainage, and lower the risk of erosion (Ono & Kubitza 2005, Pereira & Silva 2012, Ssegane et al. 2012). High slopes mainly make it difficult to build large ponds, as they require greater earth movement than smaller ponds (EMBRAPA 2013).

In the studies we analyzed, several authors recommend an inclination of up to 5% for a suitable aquaculture pond site, with slopes lower than 2% considered highly suitable by most studies analyzed (Giap et al. 2005, Hossain et al. 2009, Ssegane et al. 2012, Falconer et al. 2016, Assefa & Abebe 2018, Francisco et al. 2019). In these studies, an inclination higher than 5% was considered unsuitable or moderately suitable. Only Hossain et al. (2007) and Hossain & Das (2010) classified suitable slopes of up to 15% and up to 5% as highly suitable.

Elevation

The main water source for pond supply in aquaculture are springs and water bodies. The elevation relates to the need and difficulty pumping water to the pond location, impacting implementation and operation costs (Zacarkim 2018). Features such as the distance from the water catchment point, level difference, and required flow rate influence a water pumping system in aquaculture (EMBRAPA 2013). Higher elevations generally increase costs associated with landscaping, supply channels, and pumping station (Hossain et al. 2007, Zacarkim 2018).

Elevation suitability scales diverged in assessed studies (Giap et al. 2005, Hossain et al. 2007), which may be related to the features of the study area. However, we observed that the suitable locations were indicated as those with lower elevations.

Altitude

Altitude can be measured by the vertical distance between a point and a datum, usually sea level. The altitude and temperature of a site are normally inversely proportional. Francisco et al. (2019) considered locations with altitudes below 700 m as highly suitable, 700 to 900 m as suitable, and above 900 m as slightly suitable, indicating a change of 0.8°C for each 100 m altitude in the study area.

Transportation networks

Access to well-connected roads is a prerequisite for inland aquaculture and is required to receive the

necessary goods and supplies or transport products to processors and markets. Transportation networks generally consist of three, two, or single-lane paved roads, dirt roads, and railways. Farm location can be influenced by distance to roads, given the need for regular transportation and supply of fish, feed, fertilizers, equipment, and services (Salam et al. 2005, Falconer et al. 2016, Nayak et al. 2018). Most studies addressing proximity to dirt roads for installing aquaculture ponds considered up to 0.5 km as highly suitable and a distance between 0.5 and 1 km as suitable (Giap et al. 2005, Salam et al. 2005, Hossain et al. 2007, 2009, Hossain & Das 2010, Nayak et al. 2014, 2018, Falconer et al. 2016). Some evaluated studies (Giap et al. 2005, Hossain et al. 2007, 2009, Hossain & Das 2010, Nayak et al. 2014, 2018, Falconer et al. 2016, Assefa & Abebe 2018) did not specify the types of roads considered. For these cases, we assumed distance to dirt roads (unpaved) as the variable measured. Völcker & Scott (2008) considered proximity to primary (paved) roads and proximity to secondary (unpaved) roads as separate factors. In addition, Salam et al. (2005) included controlled-access highways as a third factor. Assefa & Abebe (2018) also assessed road density, with a density above 0.36 for highly suitable sites and between 0.2 and 0.36 for suitable sites.

Market and resources proximity

Proximity means fast and easy access and reduced development costs compared to a more distant site (Salam 2000). Many factors associated with proximity/distance can affect aquaculture development, such as proximity to the market center, hatchery or fry sources, agents in the supply chain (feed, equipment, processing industries), electricity, and urban areas. These factors are especially important from a cost and travel time point of view.

Concerning distance to local markets, Hossain et al. (2007), Hossain & Das (2010), and Nayak et al. (2014, 2018) ranked sites less than 2 km from a market as highly suitable, at 2 to 4 km as suitable, and farther than 4 km as unsuitable. Other studies used different scales, which were probably influenced by the areas and topics under research in each study (Giap et al. 2005, Hossain et al. 2009, Ssegane et al. 2012, Nayak et al. 2018). Salam et al. (2005) and Falconer et al. (2016) considered the distance to urban areas (towns) but diverged in scales. Salam et al. (2005) additionally evaluated the proximity to a small village.

Hossain et al. (2007, 2009) and Hossain & Das (2010) evaluated distance to fry sources, highly suitable sites to distance less than 2 km, those at 2-4 km were

deemed suitable, and those more than 4 km were considered unsuitable. Giap et al. (2005) and Salam et al. (2005) employed different scales. Nayak et al. (2014, 2018) accepted larger distances of up to 5, 5-10, and 10 km for each category, respectively.

Some activities in aquaculture may require electrical energy, such as water pumping and aeration systems (Lazur 2007). Far sites from the existing power grid can impose additional costs on implementing aquaculture. Salam et al. (2005) and Hossain et al. (2007) considered up to 0.2 km for electricity as highly suitable, a distance between 0.2 and 0.5 km suitable, and moderately suitable or unsuitable for installing aquaculture ponds for those more distant to 0.5 km.

Land use and coverage

Land use change is a primary anthropogenic perturbation (Foley et al. 2005). The composition and spatial arrangement of land uses has been mainly modified by deforestation to expand cropping and pasture activities worldwide (Zak et al. 2008). An evaluation of land use and coverage can provide useful information for aquaculture planning and management, supporting the organized and rational occupation of the physical environment and the effective use of its natural resources. Incorporating land use and coverage in site suitability assessments has proved important for preventing land use conflicts and guiding policy development (Salam 2000).

In the examined studies, the land use and coverage suitability classification was mainly based on current land activity. Local and regional characteristics and competition with other activities can be considered in suitability scales. The scales used diverged greatly between the studies (Giap et al. 2005, Hossain et al. 2007, 2009, Volcker & Scot 2008, Hossain & Das 2010, Assefa & Abebe 2018, Francisco et al. 2019), which may be related to the traditional activities of each study area and the researchers' interest. Even so, the most frequently indicated suitable sites for aquaculture were those occupied by agriculture, pasture, or that already have aquaculture activity.

Other socioeconomic and infrastructure factors

Socioeconomic and infrastructure factors are essential in the evaluation of areas for aquaculture, as they can enable better planning and decision-making (Giap et al. 2005, Hossain et al. 2007). Falconer et al. (2016) and Assefa & Abebe (2018) assessed the population density but diverged on scales. Population density can be associated with the availability of labor and services related to the aquaculture production chain, such as the

management and maintenance of cultivation, topography, landscaping, and charge transport. In addition, it can also be associated with the possibility of a consumer market for aquaculture products.

Hossain et al. (2009) and Hossain & Das (2010) evaluated a scale of labor availability greater than 100 ind km⁻² as highly adequate, from 50 to 100 ind km⁻² adequate and inadequate for less than 50 ind km⁻² availability. Assefa & Abebe (2018) also employed factors related to production experience, fish consumption per capita, animal wastes, and cropland.

Water source

Availability and good quality water are key factors for the success of a fish farm without risk of contamination by pollutants and in a minimum quantity to supply the demand of production. The main water sources used in fish farming are rivers, streams, lakes, dams, mines, wells, estuaries, and even the water collected from the rains (Salam 2000, Ono & Kubitza 2005). Pond water quality is directly affected by source water (Lazur 2007). The amount needed will depend on the area of the ponds, infiltration rates and evaporation, the cultivation system and the renewal required in the management of production, the strategies of reuse, the precipitation rates that will be incorporated into the ponds and supply reservoirs, among other factors (Ono & Kubitza 2005).

Some studies assessed different factors associated with water availability. Giap et al. (2005) and Hossain et al. (2007) considered the water source, but scales diverged accordingly to the study area characteristics. Assefa & Abebe (2018) evaluated the annual rainfall and district perennial river density with highly suitable sites for those with more than 1199 mm rainfall and 0.36 km km⁻² perennial river density, as suitable from 1000 to 1199 mm and 0.2 to 0.35 km km⁻² respectively. Ssegane et al. (2012) evaluated the required drainage area and considered less than 5 ha highly suitable for those with a critical drainage area between 5 and 20 ha.

Water proximity is a key factor regarding the water source. Longer distances increase implementation costs and water losses; therefore, water sources should be located near the fish farm and easy to access to save costs (Salam et al. 2005). In this sense, Salam et al. (2005), Volcker & Scott (2008), Nayak et al. (2014, 2018), and Falconer et al. (2016) considered distances shorter than 0.5 km as highly suitable and those between 0.5 and 1 km as suitable. Giap et al. (2005) and Assefa & Abebe (2018) employed a scale with greater distances, up to 1 km for a highly suitable aquaculture pond site and between 1 and 2-2.5 km for suitable sites, respectively.

Table 2. Limitation ratings of freshwater properties for pond aquaculture. Source: Hajek & Boyd (1994).

Property	Limiting rating			Restrictive feature
	Slight	Moderate	Severe	
Alkalinity (mg L ⁻¹ as CaCO ₃)	50-200	20-50, 200-500	<20, >500	Low/high alkalinity
CO ₂ (mg L ⁻¹)	0-5	5-20	>20	CO ₂ toxicity
COD (mg L ⁻¹)	0-50	50-200	>200	Oxygen demand
Dissolved oxygen (mg L ⁻¹)	5-10	2-5, 10-15	<2, >15	Low/high oxygen
Hardness (mg L ⁻¹ as CaCO ₃)	50-200	20-50, 200-500	<20, >500	Low/high hardness
Mineral activity (mg L ⁻¹ as CaCO ₃)	0	0-10	>10	Mineral acidity
NH ₃ -N	<0.1	0.1-1	>1	Ammonia toxicity
NH ₂ -N	<0.5	0.5-2	>2	Nitrite toxicity
Orthophosphate	10-20	5-10, 20-200	<5, >200	Insufficient/excessive phytoplankton
pH	6.5-8.5	5-6.5	<5	Low/high pH
Salinity	15-25	5-15	<5	Osmoregulation
Total dissolved solids (mg L ⁻¹)	50-500	500-2000	>2000	Osmoregulation
Transparency (cm)	30-60	15-30, 60-120	<15, >120	Excessive/low phytoplankton
Turbidity (NTU)	<25	25-100	>100	Sedimentation, low light

Water quality

Fish survival and development depend on a well-balanced aquatic environment where water quality is central (Pereira & Silva 2012). Good water quality, with proper dissolved oxygen levels, pollution-free, and adequate temperature and pH, ensures favorable conditions for fish development (Assefa & Abebe 2018). For example, a nutrient-rich water source contributes to increasing pond water's nitrogen and phosphorus content and ammonia concentrations (Lazur 2007).

Suitable water parameter ranges varied greatly between assessed studies, including temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, phosphate, nitrate, and salinity. Such variability was closely related to the fish species, local climate, and research interests specific to each study. Water quality value variation outside recommended ranges for the target species may be responsible for discrepancies in fish growth, cultivation cycle duration, or even mortality across farms (EMBRAPA 2013).

We have noted the difficulty in evaluating some important factors related to climate and water quality, mainly due to low variation and issues associated with the extrapolation of results from a small number of samples, as observed by Giap et al. (2005). However, these factors can be extremely useful in evaluating suitable sites for inland aquaculture. Table 2 summarizes some standardized limits of freshwater quality parameters for pond aquaculture proposed by Hajek & Boyd (1994). Boyd (2015) has a more in-depth discussion of water quality parameters.

Concerning the quality of the water source, the restrictions imposed by environmental legislation

regarding the volume of water that can be captured and the quality of the effluents that can be returned to a particular source or body of water must be met (Ono & Kubitzka 2005). Several water quality parameters can be corrected before and during cultivation, particularly with low water renewal or recirculation systems. On the other hand, water quality correction may be impractical in ponds with a high-water turnover rate due to the large volume of water that needs to be treated.

Table 3 summarizes the suitable and highly suitable scales for the factors most used in the selected studies.

Constraints on aquaculture site selection in ground-excavated ponds

Constraints result from criteria restricting or limiting the selection of specific geographic locations classified as suitable/unsuitable. Among the studies evaluated, 15 constraints were recognized, as shown in Table 4.

Hossain et al. (2009), Ssegane et al. (2012), and Falconer et al. (2016) did not consider restricted areas. It is important to note that Hossain et al. (2009) focused only on waterbodies in the urban area of Chittagong, Bangladesh. For that reason, the study did not include restricted areas. Falconer et al. (2016) concluded that identifying excluded areas where aquaculture must not and should not occur would also be useful for future studies. In addition, Assefa & Abebe (2018) excluded only the space occupied by Lake Tana from the study area.

Research topics, data availability, and accessibility generally influence restricted areas. Urban areas (58.3%), roads (50%), and forests (50%) were the most cited constraints in studies. Including constraint layers

Table 3. The suitable and highly suitable scales attributed to the factors most used in the selected studies. HS: highly suitable; S: suitable; MS: moderately suitable; US: unsuitable.

Classification criteria	Factor	HS	S	MS, US	Reference
Soil suitability	Soil texture (% clay content)	>35%	18-35%	<18%	Giap et al (2005), Nayak et al (2014, 2018)
	Slope (%)	>2	2-5%	>5%	Giap et al (2005), Hossain et al. (2009), Ssegane et al. (2012), Falconer et al (2016), Assefa & Abebe (2018), Francisco et al. (2019)
	Soil pH	6-8	4-6.5 or 8-9	<4 or >9	Giap et al. (2005), Hossain et al. (2007, 2009), Hossain & Das 2010, Nayak et al. (2014, 2018), Assefa & Abebe (2018)
Socioeconomics and infrastructure	Proximity to roads (km)	<0.5	0.5-1	>1	Giap et al (2005), Salam et al. (2005), Hossain et al. (2007, 2009), Hossain & Das (2010), Nayak et al. (2014, 2018), Falconer et al. (2016)
	Distance to local markets (km)	<2	2-4	>4	Hossain et al. (2007), Hossain & Das (2010), Nayak et al. (2014, 2018)
	Distance to fry source (km)	<2	2-4	>4	Hossain et al. (2007, 2009), Hossain & Das (2010)
Water availability	Water distance (km)	<0.5	0.5-1	>1	Salam et al. (2005), Völcker & Scott (2008), Nayak et al (2014, 2018), Falconer et al. (2016)

Table 4. Constraints on the selection of areas for aquaculture. N: number of occurrences.

Constraint	N	%	Reference											
			Francisco et al. (2019)	Assefa & Abebe (2018)	Nayak et al. (2018)	Falconer et al. (2016)	Nayak et al. (2014)	Ssgane et al. (2012)	Hossain & Das (2010)	Hossain et al. (2009)	Völcker & Scott (2008)	Hossain et al. (2007)	Giap et al. (2005)	Salam et al. (2005)
Urban areas	7	58.3	X		X		X		X		X	X	X	
Roads	6	50.0	X		X		X				X		X	X
Forests	6	50.0	X		X		X		X			X	X	
Rivers	4	33.3			X		X				X		X	
Streams	3	25.0			X		X				X			
Lakes	3	25.0		X	X		X							
Permanent preservation areas	2	16.7	X								X			
Railways	2	16.7	X											X
High rates of fecal coliforms areas	1	8.3									X			
Settlements	1	8.3												X
Embankments	1	8.3												X
Natural depressions	1	8.3												X
Mangrove forest	1	8.3										X		
Springs	1	8.3	X											
Ditches	1	8.3									X			

in the analysis is important as this enables results that better reflect the real conditions under study. In addition, buffer zones as an essential criterion for aquaculture zoning, especially to mitigate impacts on sensitive habitats, protected areas, and natural biodiversity (Aguilar-Manjarrez et al. 2017). Buffer zones may be ascribed based on legal requirements and regulations or the experience and interests of the researcher team.

Some of the examined studies applied buffers around some constrained areas as the exploitation of land for aquaculture could be hampered in these locations. Volker & Scott (2008) defined buffer strips of 30 m for rivers less than 10 m wide, 50 m strips for rivers with a width between 10 and 50 m, and strips of 100 m for rivers with a width between 50 and 200 m; a protection zone of 100 m around mangroves; a strip of 60 m on both sides of access roads, channels, and ditches; 1000 m for urbanized areas, 2000 m for areas with high levels of coliforms, and 3000 m around

lagoons used for treating wastewater from ethanol production. Francisco et al. (2019), in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, defined 15 m strips on both sides of the EF-277 Railway, 40 m strips on both sides of the BR-277 highway, 30 m strips on both sides of the PR-158 highway, 20 m strips on both sides of the BR-565 highway; 15 m safety zones on both sides of rural roads and permanent preservation areas; 30 m strips on each side of rivers less than 10 m in width, 100 m strips on each side of rivers between 50 and 200 m in width; and a radius of 50 m around water springs, whose areas have been spatially identified and removed from the suitability classification map.

CONCLUSIONS

Geotechnologies provide powerful tools for spatial planning and management of aquaculture, able to assist them in the selection of suitable sites and allowing them to make more informed decisions.

Research on this topic has been increasing across the world. Most literature focused on marine or coastal environments, with few studies on inland aquaculture. We found studies devoted to this subject in more than 100 academic journals, indicating a wide range of opportunities for publication on the topic.

Around 48 suitability factors and 15 constraints were recognized in the literature, demonstrating that a broad range of data can be evaluated to inform the selection of suitable sites for aquaculture in ground-excavated ponds. The most discussed factors were proximity to rural roads, soil texture, slope, distance to local markets, water temperature, dissolved oxygen, water, soil pH, distance to a water source, and land use and coverage. Considering restricted areas and buffer zones is critical to identify places where aquaculture production should not occur, especially if motivated by legal requirements, which will enhance and strengthen suitability assessment outcomes.

The availability, quality, and access to the spatial data related to suitability factors and constraints are fundamental to using geotechnologies in aquaculture site selection—the need for appropriate data to limit the use of spatial tools or the results' quality.

Supplementary Files

A list of 189 and 165 articles, including authors' names, titles, journals, publication year, and citations, generated from a Boolean keyword search in the Scopus and Web of Science database between the earliest record and the end of 2020 is available (Supplementary Tables 1-2).

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Supplementary Table 1. List of 189 articles including authors, title, journal, publication year and DOI from Scopus database.

Authors	Title	Journal	Year	DOI
Andrews, S., Leroux, S.J. & Fortin, M.J.	Modelling the spatial-temporal distributions and associated determining factors of a keystone pelagic fish	ICES Journal of Marine Science	2020	10.1093/icesjms/fsaa148
Burić, M., Bavčević, L., Grgurić, S., Vresnik, F., Krizan, J. & Antonić, O.	Modelling the environmental footprint of sea bream cage aquaculture in relation to spatial stocking design	Journal of Environmental Management	2020	10.1016/j.jenvman.2020.110811
Cahill, C.L., Anderson, S.C., Paul, A.J., Macpherson, L., Sullivan, M.G., Van Poorten, B., et al.	A spatial-temporal approach to modeling somatic growth across inland recreational fisheries landscapes	Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences	2020	10.1139/cjfas-2019-0434
D'Andrea, I., Parisi, A., Fiorentino, F., Garofalo G., Grisina, M., Cataudella, S. & Russo, T.	smartR: an R package for spatial modelling of fisheries and scenario simulation of management strategies	Methods in Ecology and Evolution	2020	10.1111/2041-210X.13394
Kungumpol, H., Liu, Y., Pokavanich, T., Alabia, I.D., Yin, Z., Saitoh, S.I. & Tian, Y.	Environmental habitat mapping of green mussel: a GIS-based approach for sustainable aquaculture in the inner gulf of Thailand	Sustainability (Switzerland)	2020	10.3390/sul22410643
Kyvelou S.S.I. & Ierapetritis, D.G.	Fisheries sustainability through soft multi-use maritime spatial planning and local development co-management: potentials and challenges in Greece	Sustainability (Switzerland)	2020	10.3390/sul2052026
Li, M., Zhang, C., Xu, B., Xue, Y. & Ren, Y.	A comparison of GAM and GWR in modelling spatial distribution of Japanese mantis shrimp (<i>Oratosquilla oratoria</i>) in coastal waters	Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science	2020	10.1016/j.eess.2020.106928
Martin, F.M., Jähmig, S.C., Domisch, S., Langhans, S.D., Hein, T., Borgwardt, F. & Kling, H.	Fish species distribution modelling in the upper Danube catchment - the size-dependency of spatial units	Wasserwirtschaft	2020	10.1007/s35147-020-0350-x
Mormede, S., Parker, S.J. & Pinkerton, M.H.	Comparing spatial distribution modelling of fisheries data with single-area or spatially-explicit integrated population models, a case study of toothfish in the Ross Sea region	Fisheries Research	2020	10.1016/j.fishres.2019.105381
Morzaría-Luna, H., Turk-Boyer, P., Polanco-Mizquez, E.I., Downton-Hoffmann, C., Cruz-Piñón, G., Carrillo-Lammens, T., et al.	Coastal and marine spatial planning in the northern Gulf of California, Mexico: consolidating stewardship, property rights, and enforcement for ecosystem-based fisheries management	Ocean & Coastal Management	2020	10.1016/j.ocecoaman.2020.105316
Morzaría-Luna, H.N., Turk-Boyer, P., Hernández, J.M.D., Polanco-Mizquez, E., Downton-Hoffmann, C., Cruz-Piñón, G., et al.	Fisheries management tools to support coastal and marine spatial planning: a case study from the northern Gulf of California, Mexico	MethodsX	2020	10.1016/j.mex.2020.101108
Palmer, S.C.J., Gernez, P.M., Thomas, Y., Simis, S., Miller, P.I., Giize, P. & Barillé, L.	Remote sensing-driven Pacific oyster (<i>Crassostrea gigas</i>) growth modeling to inform offshore aquaculture site selection	Frontiers in Marine Science	2020	10.3389/fmars.2019.00802
Psuty, I., Kulikowski, T. & Szymanek, L.	Integrating small-scale fisheries into Polish maritime spatial planning	Marine Policy	2020	10.1016/j.marpol.2020.104116
Reed, J.R., Lombard, A.T. & Sink, K.J.	A diversity of spatial management instruments can support integration of fisheries management and marine spatial planning	Marine Policy	2020	10.1016/j.marpol.2020.104089
Said, A. & Trouillet, B.	Bringing 'deep knowledge' of fisheries into marine spatial planning	Maritime Studies	2020	10.1007/s40152-020-00178-y
Schmidt, H., Radinger, J., Stoll, S. & Teschlade, D.	The role of spatial units in modelling freshwater fish distributions: comparing a subcatchment and river network approach using MaxEnt	Ecological Modelling	2020	10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2020.108937
Su, N.-J., Chang, C.-H., Hu, Y.-I., Chiang, W.-C. & Tseng, C.-T.	Modeling the spatial distribution of swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) using fishery and remote sensing data: Approach and resolution	Remote Sensing	2020	10.3390/rs12060947
Switzer, T.S., Tyler-Jedlund, A.J., Keenan, S.F. & Weather, E.J.	Benthic habitats, as derived from classification of side-scan-sonar mapping data, are important determinants of reef-fish assemblage structure in the eastern Gulf of Mexico	Marine and Coastal Fisheries	2020	10.1002/mcf2.10106
Yunis, C.R.C., López, R.S., Cruz, S.M.O., Castillo, E.B., López, J.O.S., Trigos, D.I. & Briceño, N.B.R.	Land suitability for sustainable aquaculture of rainbow trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>) in molinopampa (Peru) based on RS, GIS, and AHP	ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information	2020	10.3390/ijgi9010028
zu Ermgassen, P.S.E., Mukherjee, N., Worthington, T.A., Acosta, A., Araujo, A.R.D., Beilf, C.M., et al.	Fishers who rely on mangroves: modelling and mapping the global intensity of mangrove-associated fisheries	Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science	2020	10.1016/j.eess.2020.106975
Alós, J., Campos-Candela, A. & Arlinghaus, R.	A modelling approach to evaluate the impact of fish spatial behavioural types on fisheries stock assessment	ICES Journal of Marine Science	2019	10.1093/icesjms/fsy172

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Anand, A., Kantharajan, G., Krishnan, P., Abdul Hakeem, K., Sai Santosh, K.S., Srimivasa Rao, C., et al.	Mapping the potential areas for enclosure fish culture in tropical reservoirs: geo-spatial solutions for sustainable aquaculture expansion	Spatial Information Research	2019	10.1007/s41324-019-00294-w
Bakker, Y.W., Koning, J. & Van Tatenhove, J.	Resilience and social capital: the engagement of fisheries communities in marine spatial planning	Marine Policy	2019	10.1016/j.marpol.2018.09.032
Chan, B., Sor, R., Ngor, P.B., Baehr, C. & Lek, S.	Modelling spatial and temporal dynamics of two small mud carp species in the Tonle Sap flood-pulse ecosystem	Ecological Modelling	2019	10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2018.11.007
Craig, R.K.	Fostering adaptive marine aquaculture through procedural innovation in marine spatial planning	Marine Policy	2019	10.1016/j.marpol.2019.103555
Francisco, H.R., Corrêa, A.F. & Feiden, A.	Classification of areas suitable for fish farming using geotechnology and multi-criteria analysis	ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information	2019	10.3390/ijgi8090394
Guan, L., Jin, X., Wu, Q., Shan, X. & Bartolimo, V.	Statistical modelling for exploring diel vertical movements and spatial correlations of marine fish species: a supplementary tool to assess species interactions	ICES Journal of Marine Science	2019	10.1093/icesjms/fsz033
Ji, Z., Zhao, K., Zhang, S. & Li, M.	Fine-grained fish image classification based on a bilinear network with spatial transformation	Tianjin Daxue Xuebao (Ziran Kexue yu Gongcheng Jishu Ban)/Journal of Tianjin University Science and Technology	2019	10.11784/tdxbz201808040
Krumnick, K.J. & Fisher, J.A.D.	Spatial and ontogenetic variation in isotopic niche among recovering fish communities revealed by Bayesian modeling	PLoS One	2019	10.1371/journal.pone.0215747
Sainz, J.F., Di, Lorenzo, E., Bell, T.W., Gaines, S., Lenihan, H. & Miller, R.J.	Spatial planning of marine aquaculture under climate decadal variability: a case study for mussel farms in Southern California	Frontiers in Marine Science	2019	10.3389/fmars.2019.00253
Tinlin-Mackenzie, A., Delany, J., Scott, C.L. & Fitzsimmons, C.	Spatially modelling the suitability, sensitivity, and vulnerability of data poor fisheries with GIS: a case study of the Northumberland lugworm fishery	Marine Policy	2019	10.1016/j.marpol.2019.103707
Trouillet, B.	Aligning with dominant interests: the role played by geo-technologies in the place given to fisheries in marine spatial planning	Geoforum	2019	10.1016/j.geoforum.2019.10.012
Trouillet, B., Bellanger-Husi, L., El, Ghaziri, A., Lamberts, C., Plissonneau, E. & Rollo, N.	More than maps: providing an alternative for fisheries and fishers in marine spatial planning	Ocean & Coastal Management	2019	10.1016/j.ocecoaman.2019.02.016
Wedding, L.M., Jorgensen, S., Lepczyk, C.A. & Friedlander, A.M.	Remote sensing of three-dimensional coral reef structure enhances predictive modeling of fish assemblages	Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation	2019	10.1002/rse2.115
Zhu, H., Li, K., Wang, L., Chu, J., Gao, N. & Chen, Y.	Spectral characteristic analysis and remote sensing classification of coastal aquaculture areas based on GF-1 Data	Journal of Coastal Research	2019	10.2112/S190-007.1
Žužul, I., Šegvić-Bubić, T., Talijančić, I., Džoić, T., Lepen-Pletić, I., Beg, Paklar, G., et al.	Spatial connectivity pattern of expanding gilthead seabream populations and its interactions with aquaculture sites: a combined population genetic and physical modelling approach	Scientific Reports	2019	10.1038/s41598-019-51256-z
Assefa, W.W. & Abebe, W.B.	GIS modeling of potentially suitable sites for aquaculture development in the Lake Tana basin, northwest Ethiopia	Agriculture and Food Security	2018	10.1186/s40066-018-0222-0
Chong, S., Park, C., Lee, K.R. & An, K.G.	Modeling summer hypoxia spatial distribution and fish habitat volume in artificial estuarine waterway	Water (Switzerland)	2018	10.3390/w10111695
Coccoli, C., Galparsoro, I., Murillas, A., Pinarbaşı, K. & Fernandes, J.A.	Conflict analysis and reallocation opportunities in the framework of marine spatial planning: a novel, spatially explicit Bayesian belief network approach for artisanal fishing and aquaculture	Marine Policy	2018	10.1016/j.marpol.2018.04.015
Dragon, A.-C., Senina, I., Hintzen, N.T. & Lehodey, P.	Modelling South Pacific jack mackerel spatial population dynamics and fisheries	Fisheries Oceanography	2018	10.1111/fog.12234

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Campbell, H.F. & Hand, A.J.	Modeling the spatial dynamics of the U.S. purse-seine fleet operating in the western Pacific tuna fishery	Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences	1999	10.1139/j99-009
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Andrews, S., Leroux, S.J. & Fortin, M.J.	Modelling the spatial-temporal distributions and associated determining factors of a keystone pelagic fish	ICES Journal of Marine Science	2020	10.1093/icesjms/isaal148
Buric, M., Bavcevic, L., Grgunic, S., Vresnik, F., Krizan, J. & Antonic, O.	Modelling the environmental footprint of sea bream cage aquaculture in relation to spatial stocking design	Journal of Environmental Management	2020	10.1016/j.jenvman.2020.110811
Cahill, C.L., Anderson, S.C., Paul, A.J., Macpherson, L., Sullivan, M.G., Van Poorten, B., et al.	A spatial-temporal approach to modeling somatic growth across inland recreational fisheries landscapes	Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences	2020	10.1139/cjfas-2019-0434
D'Andrea, L., Parisi, A., Fiorentino, F., Garofalo, G., Cristina, M., Cataudella, S. & Russo, T.	smartR: an R package for spatial modelling of fisheries and scenario simulation of management strategies	Methods in Ecology and Evolution	2020	10.1111/2041-210X.13394
Friedrichs-Manthey, M., Langhans, S.D., Hein, T., Borgwardt, F., Kling, H., Jahng, S.C. & Domsch, S.	Fish species distribution modelling in the upper Danube catchment: the size-dependency of spatial units	Wasserwirtschaft	2020	
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Kyvelou, S.S.I. & Ierapetritis, D.G.	Fisheries sustainability through soft multi-use maritime spatial planning and local development co-management: potentials and challenges in Greece	Sustainability	2020	10.3390/su12052026
Li, M., Zhang, C., Xu, B., Xue, Y. & Ren, Y.	A comparison of GAM and GWR in modelling spatial distribution of Japanese mantis shrimp (<i>Oratosquilla oratoria</i>) in coastal waters	Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science	2020	10.1016/j.ecss.2020.106928
Mormede, S., Parker, S.J. & Pinkerton, M.H.	Comparing spatial distribution modelling of fisheries data with single-area or spatially-explicit integrated population models, a case study of toothfish in the Ross Sea region	Fisheries Research	2020	10.1016/j.fishres.2019.105381
Morzarria-Luna, H.N., Turk-Boyer, P., Hernandez, J.M.D., Polanco-Mirquez, E., Downton-Hoffmann, C., Cruz-Pinon, G., et al.	Fisheries management tools to support coastal and marine spatial planning: a case study from the Northern Gulf of California, Mexico	Methods	2020	10.1016/j.mex.2020.101108
Morzarria-Luna, H.N., Turk-Boyer, P., Polanco-Mirquez, E.I., Downton-Hoffmann, C., Cruz-Pinon, G., Carrillo-Lammens, T., et al.	Coastal and marine spatial planning in the Northern Gulf of California, Mexico: consolidating stewardship, property rights, and enforcement for ecosystem-based fisheries management	Ocean & Coastal Management	2020	10.1016/j.ocecoaman.2020.105316
Mota-Ferreira, M., Filipe, A.F., Magalhães, M.F., Carona, S. & Beja, P.	Spatial modelling of temporal dynamics in stream fish communities under anthropogenic change	Diversity and Distributions	2020	10.1111/ddi.13189
Palmer, S.C.I., Gomez, P.M., Thomas, Y., Simis, S., Miller, P.I., Glize, P. & Barille, L.	Remote sensing-driven Pacific oyster (<i>Crassostrea gigas</i>) growth modeling to inform offshore aquaculture site selection	Frontiers in Marine Science	2020	10.3389/fmars.2019.00802
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