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# Morocco hopes its first fish hatchery will advance the aquaculture sector

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## Morocco's first fish hatchery to produce up to 30 million high-quality fry for national aquaculture farms

Morocco has launched the construction of the country's first fish hatchery for aquaculture. According to *Morocco World News* (<https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2023/07/356546/morocco-launches-first-marine-hatchery-to-boost-aquaculture-sector>), the project aims to produce up to 30 million high-quality fry of sea bream, sea bass, meager and other species of interest to national aquaculture farms.

Spanning an area of 2.28 hectares, the fish hatchery will reportedly be "a vital component" of Morocco's aquaculture sector, with an investment of MAD 120 million (U.S. \$12.3 million) dedicated to ensuring a reliable supply of fry for the value chain. The state has granted a MAD 20 million (U.S. \$2 million) investment bonus for the acquisition of hatchery equipment. This hatchery is reportedly the first of its kind in Morocco to receive financial support from the government.

At a recent press conference, Mohamed Sadiki, Morocco's Minister of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries, shed light on the critical role of the aquaculture sector within the comprehensive "Halieutis" plan. This strategic initiative aims to bolster production and foster a well-rounded, high-quality and sustainable development of the marine fisheries industry in Morocco.



Morocco's first fish hatchery will produce up to 30 million high-quality fry for aquaculture farms across the country. Photo courtesy of Morocco World News.

Sadiki underscored the significance of fry production in ensuring the long-term viability of fish farming projects. By nurturing young fish, this initiative not only secures the future of aquaculture but also contributes to the alleviation of pressure on marine resources.

An advertisement banner for Devi Seafoods. On the left and right sides, there are images of fresh, cooked shrimp on a white plate with green garnishes. In the center, the text reads "SHRIMP SUPPLY SOLUTIONS FROM THE SOURCE" in bold, black, uppercase letters. To the right of the text is the Devi Seafoods logo, which consists of a stylized orange and blue flame or drop shape. Below the logo, the text "Devi Seafoods" is written in blue, and "contact@deviseafoods.com" is written in a smaller, black font.

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**[Read more here \(https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2023/07/356546/morocco-launches-first-marine-hatchery-to-boost-aquaculture-sector\)](https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2023/07/356546/morocco-launches-first-marine-hatchery-to-boost-aquaculture-sector)**.

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