



Climate Change Effects on Aquaculture Production: Sustainability Implications, Mitigation, and Adaptations

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Maulu S, Hasimuna OJ, Haambiya LH, Monde C, Musuka CG, Makorwa TH, Munganga BP, Phiri KJ and Nsekanabo JD (2021) Climate Change Effects on Aquaculture Production: Sustainability Implications, Mitigation, and Adaptations. Front. Sustain. Food Syst. 5:609097. doi: 10.3389/fsufs.2021.609097 Aquaculture continues to significantly expand its production, making it the fastest-growing food production sector globally. However, the sustainability of the sector is at stake due to the predicted effects of climate change that are not only a future but also a present reality. In this paper, we review the potential effects of climate change on aquaculture production and its implications on the sector's sustainability. Various elements of a changing climate, such as rising temperatures, sea-level rise, diseases and harmful algal blooms, changes in rainfall patterns, the uncertainty of external inputs supplies, changes in sea surface salinity, and severe climatic events have been discussed. Furthermore, several adaptation options have been presented as well as some gaps in existing knowledge that require further investigations. Overall, climate change effects and implications on aquaculture production sustainability are expected to be both negative and positive although, the negative effects outweigh the positive ones. Adapting to the predicted changes in the short-term while taking mitigation measures in the long-term could be the only way toward sustaining the sector's production. However, successful adaptation will depend on the adaptive capacity of the producers in different regions of the world.

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INTRODUCTION

The practice of aquaculture is a way to achieve sustainability in the production of aquatic products. With the continued unsustainable harvests from capture fisheries, the sector is seen as the only solution to meeting the rising demand for aquatic products globally (AskarySary et al., 2012; FAO, 2020). According to FAO (2020), aquaculture's contribution to global fish production has continued to rise, reaching 82.1 million tons (46%) out of the estimated 179 million tons of global production. Furthermore, the share of aquaculture production out of the global fish production is expected

to grow from the current 46 to 53% in 2030 (FAO, 2020). However, the most urgent concern is whether the sector is growing sustainably and fast enough to meet the future projected demand exacerbated by a rapidly growing human population and a changing climate. Climate change is now considered a risk to global food production and a major threat to the quality and quantity of production (Beach and Viator, 2008; Hamdan et al., 2015; Myers et al., 2017). Food security, particularly access to dietary protein, is increasingly being threatened by the predicted effects of climate change (Kandu, 2017).

Climate change refers to variations that occur in the statistical distribution of weather over extended periods, typically ranging from decades to millions of years (Yazdi and Shakouri, 2010; IPCC, 2014). These variations may occur in the average weather or simply in the distribution of weather events around an average, and may be limited to a particular region, or occurring across the whole globe (Yazdi and Shakouri, 2010). Humans have been recognized as the major contributor to climate change through the use of fossil fuels (coal, oil, and gas) for energy supplies (Doubleday et al., 2013; Environmental Protection Agency, 2016; Gao et al., 2016; Barange et al., 2018; IPCC, 2019, Palmer and Stevens, 2019) as well as deforestation and forest degradation (Khaine and Woo, 2015; Riphah, 2015) that emit greenhouse gases (GHGs) into the atmosphere. The increased accumulation of GHGs including Carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxides (N₂O), and fluorinated gases in the atmosphere over the years has been linked to these human activities. Already, climate change effects have been reported on various key economic sectors and services globally (Troell et al., 2017; IPCC, 2018; Cook and Zolnikov, 2019; FAO, 2020). In aquaculture, the majority of recent literature indicate that some changes in climate, such as rising temperatures, changing precipitation patterns, and increased frequency of some extreme events are now evident on water resources, while others are still emerging (Fleming et al., 2014; Blanchard et al., 2017; Troell et al., 2017; Zolnikov, 2019). Recently, climate change effects on aquaculture sustainability have gained considerable interest owing to the sector's significant contribution to global food security, nutrition, and livelihoods (Blanchard et al., 2017; Dabbadie et al., 2018; FAO, 2020). Despite some aspects of uncertainty, several projections show that the entire aquaculture value chain is vulnerable to the effects of climate change (Cochrane et al., 2009; Fleming et al., 2014; Bueno and Soto, 2017; Barange et al., 2018; Dabbadie et al., 2018). However, the majority of the available literature is largely biased toward showing how climate change will affect aquaculture production systems leaving, other stages in the value chain unclear (Fleming et al., 2014). Such biases limit our current understanding of the various extents to which the aquaculture sector will be affected. Additionally, the absence of global models that can take into account both the direct and indirect effects of climate change on aquaculture makes the quantification of the effects difficult (Metian, 2017). What is certain, however, is that the effects will be persistent and likely to be irreversible, resulting in severe consequences on the economy of those engaged in the sector, with extreme effects projected on poorer communities (IPCC, 2013, 2014; Holmyard, 2014; Barange et al., 2018; Dabbadie et al., 2018).

The effects of climate change on aquaculture have been extensively studied and reviewed both at regional and global scales (De Silva and Soto, 2009; Yazdi and Shakouri, 2010; Clements and Chopin, 2016; Bueno and Soto, 2017; Chung et al., 2017; Ellis et al., 2017; Froehlich et al., 2017; Handisyde et al., 2017; Harvey et al., 2017; Klinger et al., 2017; Beveridge et al., 2018; Dabbadie et al., 2018). In the majority of these studies, however, there has been a tendency toward exploring the negative effects of climate change projected on aquaculture while giving far less attention to the positive ones that are very critical for adaptation strategies. A broader study of both the negative and positive sides of climate change will promote producers' preparedness and help minimize the risks on their production. Furthermore, the currently available literature reviews do not investigate how the sustainability of the aquaculture sector could be affected by the projected change in the climate. Such information is very useful for identifying appropriate interventions to climate change aiming to sustain livelihood sources for aquaculture-dependent communities. In this review, we have explored the negative and positive sides of climate change in relation to aquaculture production, and their implications for the sector's sustainability. The first section of the paper discusses the effects of climate change on aquaculture production and sustainability implications, by highlighting how each specific element of climate change will affect the sector. The section that follows presents some mitigation and adaptation options that may have a wider application as well as challenges to successful adaption. The last section concludes the findings and suggests the prospects for future development. To achieve this, a review of the recently published literature related to "Climate change and aquaculture" obtained from scientific, reputable, and internationally recognized journals and websites was conducted. It was beyond the aim of this paper to provide a comprehensive review of all published literature for each section covered, rather, it focuses on the most recent (not more than 10 years back) and relevant literature on the subject. However, the priority in the selection of reviewed papers was given to the most recently published literature with a global and/or regional context with few exceptions.

THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON AQUACULTURE AND IMPLICATIONS ON SUSTAINABILITY

Climate change effects on aquaculture production are expected to be both direct and indirect (Handisyde et al., 2006; De Silva and Soto, 2009). The direct effects include influencing the physical and physiology of finfish and shellfish stocks in production systems, while indirect effects may occur through altering the primary and secondary productivity, and structure of the ecosystems, input supplies or by affecting product prices, fishmeal, and fish oil costs, and other goods and services needed by fishers and aquaculture producers (Handisyde et al., 2006; De Silva and Soto, 2009; Freeman, 2017; Adhikari et al., 2018). The various ways through which climate change will affect aquaculture production and implications on the sustainability of the sector are presented in detail later in this section. There is a consensus that aquaculture production does not occur in a vacuum, it has important links with other food production systems (De Silva and Soto, 2009; Troell et al., 2014). Moreover, Blanchard et al. (2017), observed that to sustainably meet the ever-increasing demand for aquatic products, there is a need to recognize the strong link existing within and across the goals of fisheries, aquaculture, and agriculture systems. **Figure 1** provides a simple illustration of how GHG emissions will affect aquaculture production as well as the contribution of capture fisheries, aquaculture, and agriculture activities to climate change.

Although aquaculture activities, such as power input, transport, and feed production are considered the main pathways of the sector's contribution to GHGs (Cochrane et al., 2009; Adhikari et al., 2018; Barange et al., 2018), the sector's contribution is rather relatively small despite being significant when compared to other food production sectors (Barange et al., 2018). For example, the contribution of aquaculture to global GHGs particularly CO₂, emission in 2010 was estimated at 385 million tons, \sim 7% of the agricultural sector's contribution that year (Barange et al., 2018). Recent estimates by IPCC (2019) show that agriculture, forestry, and other land uses contributed about 13% CO2, 44% CH4, and 82% N2O emissions from anthropogenic activities for the period 2007-2016, accounting for 23% of net anthropogenic emissions of GHGs. It is estimated that 45% of the total net contribution by agriculture comes from animal production, particularly livestock farming (Preto et al., 2015), which contributes mainly CH₄, CO₂, and N₂O, making it the sector's largest contributor (De Silva and Soto, 2009; Preto et al., 2015; Zolnikov, 2018). On the other hand, aquaculture's main GHGs emission is CO₂ through the normal respiration of aquatic animals (De Silva and Soto, 2009). However, there is still a gap in existing knowledge regarding the pathways and contribution of aquaculture production to global GHGs emission, which requires further investigations. The contribution of fisheries, mainly CO₂ to the net food production GHGs emission contribution was estimated at 4% in 2011, while the percent increase of emissions from the global fisheries industry was estimated at 28% between 1990 and 2011 mainly due to increased fishing operations (Daw et al., 2009; Parker et al., 2018).

Recently, aquaculture has recorded significant technological advances that enable the sector to expand its current production toward meeting the rising demand for aquatic products (Kobayashi et al., 2015; Morris et al., 2019; FAO, 2020). However, climate change is increasingly becoming one of the major issues confronting the sustainability of food production systems and aquaculture is no exception (Lim-Camacho et al., 2014; IPCC, 2018; FAO, 2020). According to IPCC (2018), sustainable development which balances environmental protection, economic prosperity, and social well-being is closely linked to climate change effects and responses. This suggests that it is impossible to achieve sustainability in aquaculture production without addressing climate change effects. Sustainability, despite many definitions available (Johnston et al., 2007), can refer to the management of financial, technological, institutional, natural, and social resources to ensure a constant supply of human needs, not only for the present but also for the future



generations (Valenti et al., 2018). Therefore, for aquaculture to be sustainable, it must survive throughout generations (Valenti et al., 2011). According to Valenti et al. (2018), the sustainability of aquaculture systems may be assessed using three sustainability indicators: environmental, economic, and social indicators. Environmental sustainability indicators include the efficient utilization of natural resources, pollution prevention, and biodiversity conservation (Valenti et al., 2018). Economic sustainability focuses on the efficient use of financial resources, economic feasibility, resilience and the capacity to absorb negative external expenses, and generation of funds for re-investment; while social sustainability focuses on the capacity of aquaculture to provide benefits to communities, such as food security, employment, equality of income and opportunity distribution, and inclusion of vulnerable population (Valenti et al., 2011, 2018). However, the currently available literature on aquaculture sustainability has largely focused on environmental sustainability, with far less attention being given to the other two equally important dimensions (Tisdell and Leung, 1999; Ahmed et al., 2019; Engle, 2019). Future studies should critically investigate how climate-induced changes may affect the social and economic aspects of aquaculture production sustainability. A case study conducted in Ghana showed that climate-related changes could significantly lower the economic value of aquaculture products and induce poverty especially in rural communities (Asiedu et al., 2019). Much of what is currently available in the literature are predictions based on scientific models.

Numerous reports have emerged showing that climate change effects on aquaculture may vary depending on geographical areas, economy, climatic zones, production systems, and cultured species (Merino et al., 2012; Bell et al., 2013; Cheung et al., 2013; Sae-Lim et al., 2017; Adhikari et al., 2018; Barange et al., 2018; IPCC, 2018; Zolnikov, 2019). For example, Barange et al. (2018) predicted higher effects on producers in developing nations and poorer economies compared with those in developed ones. Handisyde et al. (2017) reported that climate change effects on aquaculture producers are expected to differ depending on the culture environments (freshwater, brackish, and marine). Several other studies have also shown that small-scale farmers will be more affected by climate change risks due to increased production costs in farm management and lack of support systems to recover from the effects compared to large-scale producers (Schjolden, 2004; Sult et al., 2005; Hamdan et al., 2012; King and Harrington, 2018). Furthermore, it is important to note that climate change effects will not only affect aquaculture production systems, but also the entire value chain (Fleming et al., 2014; Barange et al., 2018). Hence, climate change could be more viewed as an involuntary risk that creates vulnerability on the socio-economic development and raises stress especially on food demand and supply as well as the livelihood system of the farmers.

The predicted elements of a changing climate that threatens production and sustainability of the aquaculture sector are summarized in **Table 1**, and include rising temperature, ocean acidification, diseases and harmful algal blooms changes in rainfall/precipitation patterns, sea-level rise, the uncertainty of external input supplies, changes in sea surface salinity, and severe climatic events (Handisyde et al., 2006; Brander, 2007; Ficke et al., 2007; Barange et al., 2018). These elements will not affect aquaculture production equally, since, like any other farming practice, the sector is defined in time, space, and size, and therefore, have a fair degree of maneuverability (De Silva and Soto, 2009) while affecting fish populations at different life cycles as well. Moreover, the current scientific knowledge regarding the effect of individual consequences varies and is often limited to the combined effects which make adaptation planning within the aquaculture sector practically difficult (Seggel et al., 2016).

Rising Temperature

Temperature plays a critical role in the growth and development of aquatic animals (Ngoan, 2018). Fish, being poikilothermic, may particularly be sensitive to temperature variations resulting from climate change (Sae-Lim et al., 2017; Adhikari et al., 2018). With the predicted 1.5°C rise in average global temperature this century, increased mortalities are likely to occur for most fish, especially cold-water species, such as the Atlantic halibut, Salmon and Cod, and intertidal shellfish due to thermal stress (Hamdan et al., 2012; Gubbins et al., 2013). Therefore, prolonged temperature stress may affect aquaculture productivity through various ways centered on lowered output. For example, chronic stress may affect the neuroendocrine and osmoregulatory systems, altering cardiorespiratory performance and aerobic scope as well as immune responses of several economically important species (Brodie et al., 2014; Gazeau et al., 2014; Paukert et al., 2016; Stévant et al., 2017; Stewart et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2019). Furthermore, metabolism and physiology, as well as feeding behavior and growth performance of most finfish and shellfish species are likely to be affected (Marcogliese, 2008; Akegbejo-Samsons, 2009; Lemasson et al., 2018). Additionally, rising ocean temperatures and consequential ocean acidification slowly weaken the ocean carbon sink capacity, giving rise to alterations in the hydrology and hydrography of water systems, and the occurrence of red tides (Cochrane et al., 2009). These effects may lead to increased management costs and low productivity that threaten the economic and social sustainability of aquaculture production. Environmental sustainability may also be affected by thermal stratification in deep water bodies resulting from temperature variations which may affect the distribution and abundance of nutrients in the water, and in case of upwelling occurrence, aquaculture producers operating in open waters will suffer from severe economic losses (Seggel et al., 2016). However, information regarding the physiological response of the most economically important species to rising temperature is still limited to few species, and biased toward adult stages, leaving initial ontogenetic stages, such as embryos, larvae, and fingerlings unclear.

On the other hand, warmer periods (within species' tolerance conditions) may promote longer growing seasons, especially in temperate regions, and favor the production of warmer water species, such as the Giant tiger prawn, Tilapia, Oysters, and Mussels (Pickering et al., 2011; Troell et al., 2017; Guyondet et al., 2018; Collins et al., 2020). Larger-scale investors that run hatcheries in sheltered locations may also benefit from

| Element Effects | Rising temperatures | Ocean acidification | Diseases and harmful algal blooms | Changes in rainfall/precipitation patterns | Sea level rise | External input supplies uncertainty | Sea surface salinity | Climatic events |
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| Negative effects | Poor growth and survival of cold-water species (Hamdan et al., 2012; Gubbins et al., 2013) Water quality deterioration (Ngoan, 2018) Weakened immune system of cold-water species (Gubbins et al., 2013) Weakened ocean carbon sink capacity (Cochrane et al., 2009) Thermal stratification (Seggel et al., 2016) Increased virulence of warmer water pathogens (Sae-Lim et al., 2017) | Reduced species growth performance and survival (Clements and Chopin, 2016; IPCC, 2018) Poor coral skeleton development for shell-forming species (Hoegh-Guldberg et al., 2007; Weatherdon et al., 2016; Kibria et al., 2017) Increased water acidity levels (Rodrigues et al., 2015; Clements and Chopin, 2016) Increased production costs in marine areas (Munday et al., 2011; Frommel et al., 2012) | Poor species growth and reduced survival (Marcogliese, 2008; Sae-Lim et al., 2017) Deterioration of water quality (Ngoan, 2018) Increased production costs due to disease outbreaks (Gubbins et al., 2013). Increased outbreaks of exotic diseases (Gubbins et al., 2013). | Droughts could increase production costs (Hambal et al., 1994) Competing use of water during periods of drought (Handisyde et al., 2006; Cochrane et al., 2009) Flooding may increase loss of organisms in low land areas (Bell et al., 2010; Rutkayova et al., 2017) Flooding could deteriorate water quality and pollute the environment (Kibria et al., 2017) Destruction of production facilities (Bell et al., 2010; Rutkayova et al., 2017) | Destruction of several coastal ecosystems (Kibria et al., 2017) Possible intrusion of saline water into freshwater systems and culture facilities in some regions (Handisyde et al., 2006; Kibria et al., 2017) May affect species richness, abundance and distribution, and phonological shifts. | Increased costs of production due to possible increase in the costs of inputs, such as fish feeds and seed (Hardy, 2010; Blanchard et al., 2017; Bueno and Soto, 2017; Khatri-Chhetri et al., 2019) | Reduced ocean's heat storage capacity (Seggel et al., 2016) Reduced carbon and nutrients circulation (Seggel et al., 2016) Increased species mortalities (Jahan et al., 2019) | Destruction of production systems (Hamdan et al., 2012) Increased management costs (Canadian Institute for Climate Studies, 2000) Increased loss of culture species (Hamdan et al., 2012) |
| Positive effects | Extended growing seasons for warmer water species (Pickering et al., 2011; Gubbins et al., 2013; Troell et al., 2017; Guyondet et al., 2018) Further developments in genetic breeding possibility (Gubbins et al., 2013; Blanchard et al., 2017) | Increased production feasibility in hatcheries (Gubbins et al., 2013) Identification of more marine species for culture (Gubbins et al., 2013) | Possible elimination of cold-water pathogens (Sae-Lim et al., 2017) May facilitate the development of species with better resistant to diseases (Sae-Lim et al., 2017) Possible identification and development of new species (Blanchard et al., 2017) | Flooding may increase suitable areas for aquaculture production in some regions (Bell et al., 2013) Droughts could promote developments in wastewater management (Beveridge et al., 2018) | - May increase areas suitable for brackish water culture species, such as shrimps and mud crab (Handisyde et al., 2006; Kibria et al., 2017) | Possible identification of alternative and sustainable input supplies, such as protein sources to replace conventional sources (Hardy, 2010) | - Possible increase in the cultivation of tolerant species (Jahan et al., 2019) | - Better mixing of water column and nutrients (Seggel et al., 2016) - May minimize rising temperature pressures by minimizing the temperature (Seggel et al., 2016) |

market opportunities emerging due to the decline of preferred specimens in the wild as a result of degrading coral reefs (Bell et al., 2010). In cold regions, such as the Arctic, warmer periods are projected to favor the expansion of aquaculture production (Chan et al., 2019). Besides, warmer periods may provide opportunities to culture new species and facilitate further developments in genetic improvements of aquatic organisms (Gubbins et al., 2013; Bueno and Soto, 2017). These opportunities will favor social sustainability through increased production outputs and employment opportunities, and economic sustainability through increased profits and reduced management costs in these areas. However, achieving this will require advances in molecular biology and applying practical methods of genetic improvement in aquaculture although this may threaten environmental sustainability in case of hybridization with species in natural waters.

Ocean Acidification

Ocean acidification occurs due to a decline in pH levels of ocean water for an extended period (usually over decades) resulting from atmospheric CO₂ uptake (Richards et al., 2015; Bahri et al., 2018). The oceans are estimated to store about 50 times more CO_2 than the atmosphere (Seggel et al., 2016). The projected increase in CO₂ uptake by oceans at 1.5°C or more global warming will have adverse effects on the growth, development, calcification, survival, and abundance of several aquatic species (IPCC, 2018). Increased accumulation of CO2 in water could result in increased water acidity levels (pH decrease) (Rodrigues et al., 2015; Clements and Chopin, 2016) which threatens the environmental sustainability of aquaculture production systems through water quality deterioration leading to poor productivity. Moreover, the rise in ocean acidity reduces the availability of carbonate required for the construction of coral skeletons (Calcification) in shell-forming organisms, such as shrimps, mussels, oysters, or corals (Hoegh-Guldberg et al., 2007; Weatherdon et al., 2016; Kibria et al., 2017), which potentially threatens marine aquaculture production (Yazdi and Shakouri, 2010; Kroeker et al., 2014; Rodrigues et al., 2015). For example, wild spat oyster production may decline due to increased predation rates of the juveniles following poor coral skeleton formation which lowers the collection rates (Blanchard et al., 2017). Consequently, this is likely to force large-scale producers to rely on hatcheries for spat oyster production which increases the production costs. This could lower production outputs and profits, and pose negative implications on the social and economic sustainability of aquaculture production in these regions. In seawater, rising acidity levels could significantly affect the physiology and metabolism of aquatic species by disrupting the intercellular transport mechanisms (Pörtner et al., 2004). Although difficult to capture at a global scale (Froehlich et al., 2018), the ability of species to respond to changes in ocean acidity will depend on species adaptive capacity (Thomsen et al., 2017), rate of change (Cooley et al., 2012; Mangan et al., 2017), as well as complex biophysical feedbacks (Silbiger and Sorte, 2018). Macroalgal (seaweed) production may also be affected by ocean acidification, but such effects will depend on the acquisition kinetics of inorganic carbon by different species (Chung et al., 2017). For example, calcifying species in locations where CO_2 is not the major driver of acidification are predicted to be the most affected (Cornwall et al., 2012; Clements and Chopin, 2016). Although seaweed is considered an important sink for atmospheric CO₂ (Chung et al., 2013, 2017; Duarte et al., 2017), few studies have evaluated the effects of climate change on seaweed production, probably because its production is limited to certain regions (Sondak et al., 2016). According to Gubbins et al. (2013), however, the future changes in ocean carbonate chemistry are difficult to predict with any certainty and the effects of this are hard to expound because of the difficulties associated with monitoring long-term biological responses to very small changes observed under experimental conditions. Furthermore, the majority of the available reports from experiments regarding the effects of ocean acidification on aquaculture species have been conducted in combination with rising temperature effects (Rodrigues et al., 2015).

A positive impact of ocean acidification is that the partial or total dependence of large-scale aquaculture producers on hatcheries for spat production may create huge economic gains for the hatchery owners. Additionally, this may provide more employment opportunities to local communities since these hatcheries will require huge labor in response to the growing demand, thereby favoring the social and economic sustainability of aquaculture production. Although the effects of ocean acidification on finfish is poorly understood (Wittmann and Pörtner, 2013; Clements and Chopin, 2016), the presence of calcified otoliths in finfish, especially marine species, makes them susceptible to ocean acidification (Clements and Chopin, 2016), and their growth and development may particularly be affected (Frommel et al., 2014), RNA viability (Franke and Clemmesen, 2011), and damage tissues, and impairing respiration (Munday et al., 2009; Frommel et al., 2012).

Diseases and Harmful Algal Blooms

Diseases in aquaculture, such as bacterial, parasitic, viral, and fungal diseases are likely to be affected by a changing temperature regime, but in a largely unpredictable manner (Collins et al., 2020). What is certain, however, is that when cultured species are exposed to thermal stress conditions, they become more susceptible to diseases and that warmer conditions may result in the establishment of exotic diseases (Collins et al., 2020). The vulnerability of finfish and shellfish to pathogens is a major determinant of diseases and is likely to be affected by both direct and indirect thermal stressors (Chiaramonte et al., 2016). Therefore, warm water disease outbreaks are predicted to occur more frequently in addition to the possibility of discovering new ones under a changing climate (Sae-Lim et al., 2017). Rising temperature is likely to accelerate the replication rate, virulence, life cycle longevity, and transmission of pathogens among several finfish and shellfish species (Marcogliese, 2008). Moreover, the increasing temperature pressures may promote the emergence of epizootic diseases in aquaculture and cause serious economic challenges. Already, the outbreak of epizootic diseases remains one of the most important factors that limit the success of aquaculture production systems in many countries of the world (Maulu et al., 2019). It is also predicted that warm water pathogens, such as Sea lice will remain a challenge in salmon culture and further warming is likely to worsen the infections in cold temperate conditions, requiring more treatments thus more expenses (Collins et al., 2020). Overall, the increased occurrence of diseases in aquaculture production systems will lead to reduced profits, consequently, affecting the social and economic sustainability aspects of aquaculture production. Conversely, cold water diseases, such as vibriosis and winter ulcer that affects Atlantic salmon may gradually become extinct due to the emerging unfavorable conditions (Sae-Lim et al., 2017) which may favor the production of this fish species.

Several studies have also associated the outbreak of some harmful algal blooms to the changes in climatic conditions (Wasmund et al., 1998; Edwards and Richardson, 2004; Edwards et al., 2006; Moore et al., 2008; De Silva and Soto, 2009; Lafferty, 2009; Trainer et al., 2019). Algal blooms are a serious threat to the environmental sustainability of aquaculture production. For example, *flagellates* and *dinoflagellates* taxonomic groups, and other harmful species have been reported to contain potentially toxic or nuisance species that can be responsible for stress or kills in finfish and shellfish (Hinder et al., 2012; Gubbins et al., 2013; Basti et al., 2019). Consequently, this could have negative implications on the social and economic aspects of aquaculture sustainability. Recently, an unprecedented loss of fish ever recorded worldwide was reported in Chilean aquaculture due to the expansion of Pseudochattonella cf. verruculosa and Alexandrium catenella species whose outbreak were associated with climate-induced changes in water column stratification (Trainer et al., 2019). Furthermore, some studies have reported pathologies, such as inflammation, atrophy, and necrosis in several organs of bivalve mollusks resulting from harmful algal blooms (Haberkorn et al., 2010; Basti et al., 2011; Hégaret et al., 2012). Although there is limited information on the mechanisms through which climate change will affect toxic substances in aquaculture, Farrell et al. (2015) reported that temperature variation can affect the metabolism of most widespread harmful algae.

Changes in Rainfall (Precipitation) Pattern

Changes in rainfall patterns will affect aquaculture production and sustainability in two directly opposite ways; increased rainfall (Flooding) and periods of low or no rainfall (Drought). According to the IPCC (2018), risks resulting from droughts events are likely to be higher at 2°C compared with 1.5°C of global warming in a given region, while flooding event patterns are difficult to predict with certainty. Increased levels of rainfall, particularly if it occurs as heavier events, will increase the production risks in lowland areas (Bell et al., 2010). These risks include losing fish from ponds during floods, invasion of ponds by unwanted species, and ponds damage resulting from infilling and washing away of walls (Rutkayova et al., 2017). The mixing of pond water and fish with those in the wild could negatively affect the environmental sustainability of aquaculture production mainly through the introduction of invasive fish species and water quality deterioration. Furthermore, fish losses from ponds threaten the social and economic dimensions of aquaculture sustainability by lowering the economic gains of the producers and inducing poverty in communities. According to Rutkayova et al. (2017), however, the percent loss of fish during periods of extreme flooding will depend on the species and age of individual species. The authors further observed that percent losses are likely to decrease with increasing fish age. However, it should be noted that heavier rainfall may increase the areas suitable for aquaculture ponds that rely on rainwater in low-lying tropical regions, thereby favoring the social and economic sustainability in such regions (Bell et al., 2013). It is also reported that macroalgal, such as kelp productivity may be affected by heavier rainfall which may bring varied nutrient loadings to nearshore environments (Collins et al., 2020). Variability in nutrient loading under variable precipitation may also favor invasive short-lived algal species rather than the longer-lived kelp species normally considered suitable for cultivation (Gubbins et al., 2013).

Drought events may lead to water stress, such as shortages and quality deterioration that have negative effects on aquaculture production (Hambal et al., 1994). The predicted water shortages driven by climate change will lead to increased conflicts for water among the different user groups, such as aquaculture, agriculture, domestic, and industries (Handisyde et al., 2006; Barange et al., 2018). This will affect all the dimensions of aquaculture sustainability. However, there is a need to further investigate how different species and life stages of fish, especially those of economic importance will respond to changes in the precipitation pattern.

Sea Level Rise

Sea level rise projections by IPCC (2018) indicate that the rise will be around 0.1 meters lower under 1.5°C global warmings compared with 2°C by 2100. However, this rise is expected to continue beyond 2100 with the magnitude and rate of the rise likely to depend on the future GHGs pathways (IPCC, 2018). The rise in sea level may destroy several coastal ecosystems, such as mangroves and salt marshes, which are considered crucial for maintaining wild fish stocks, as well as supplying seed for aquaculture production (Kibria et al., 2017). This will negatively affect aquaculture breeding programs and the economic sustainability of the sector. Higher sea level is predicted to affect aquaculture production facilities, such as ponds, cages, tanks, and pens particularly in lowland regions through the intrusion of saline water (Kibria et al., 2017). Salinization of groundwater is regarded as harmful to aquaculture, freshwater fisheries, and agricultural production (Handisyde et al., 2006; Kibria et al., 2017). Therefore, salinization renders aquaculture environmentally unsuitable for production leading to higher production costs and lower economic gains. Sea level rise is also likely to result in changes in species composition, organisms' abundance and distribution, ecosystem productivity, and phenological shifts that may threaten inland and marine aquaculture production (Doney et al., 2012). Besides, aquaculture activities in coastal areas bring social and environmental benefits that may be affected both directly and indirectly by rising sea levels thereby affecting the production and sustainability of the sector. On the positive side, sea-level rise may increase the areas suitable for brackish water culture of high-value species, such as shrimp and mud crab (Handisyde et al., 2006; Kibria et al., 2017). This may favor aquaculture production sustainability by presenting new opportunities for aquaculture production particularly those in coastal areas.

Uncertainty of External Input Supplies

Agriculture and capture fisheries are the primary sources of external inputs for aquaculture production, suggesting a strong relationship among these systems. According to Cochrane et al. (2009), aquaculture is a complementary activity to capture fisheries, and though more similar to agriculture in its practice, it has important links with capture fisheries. While agriculture is the main source of ingredients for energy requirements in aquatic animal feeds and likely to be the main supplier of protein sources in the future, capture fisheries are currently the principal supplier of protein sources as well as wild seed and broodstock for aquaculture (Hardy, 2010). Recently, due to the declining fish catches from capture fisheries, there has been an increasing channeling of cereal and soy production to aquaculture production for feed manufacturing (Ytrestoyl et al., 2015). However, due to its sensitivity to climate change effects, agricultural production is under threat and hence, the supply of these inputs to sustain aquaculture production continues to be threatened as well (Khatri-Chhetri et al., 2019). The impact of climate change on capture fisheries through alterations in the abundance and distribution of fish species will have a significant effect on fishmeal and fish oil supplies, and the sustainability of fish breeding programs due to increased scarcity of wild seeds (Bradley et al., 2015; Blanchard et al., 2017; Bueno and Soto, 2017). The ineffective management of fisheries and rising fishmeal prices are already a significant threat to aquaculture production sustainability (Black and Hughes, 2017). Moreover, the projected impacts of climate change on fishery resources are likely to accelerate the mismanagement of capture fisheries (Black and Hughes, 2017; Barange, 2019).

Generally, the projected impact of climate change on agriculture and capture fisheries is expected to lower the availability and increase the cost of the inputs, such as fish seed and feed ingredients required for aquaculture production. Consequently, aquaculture production costs are expected to rise, making it more difficult, especially for small-scale producers to survive in the sector. On the other hand, the rising fishmeal and fish oil prices are likely to accelerate developments in scientific studies that seek to identify alternative protein and oil sources to replace conventional ingredients in aquafeeds (Hardy, 2010). Recently, plant proteins, mainly oilseeds from agriculture have attracted considerable attention for use in aquaculture protein sources. Today, the need to replace fishmeal and fish oils with alternative ingredients in feed formulations has become an important developmental agenda aimed at sustaining the aquaculture sector.

Changes in Sea Surface Salinity

Salinity is seen as a variable parameter reflecting the input of freshwater from precipitation, ice melting, river runoff, loss of water through evaporation, and the mixing and circulation of ocean surface water with underground water (Koblinsky et al., 2003; Cochrane et al., 2009). Variations in sea salinity may occur due to increased evaporation resulting from rising temperature

and ocean circulation changes or induced directly by climate change (Cooper, 1988; Robinson et al., 2005). These variations may affect oceanic circulation and stratification, and hence, the ocean's capacity to store heat, and carbon and nutrient circulation (Seggel et al., 2016). Since climate change is expected to cause these variations, the environmental sustainability of aquaculture will be affected. Most aquatic organisms have specific salinity levels within which they can survive, any alterations may lead to mortalities and production losses (Jahan et al., 2019). In stripped catfish, salinity levels above optimal requirements have been reported to cause reduced survival, growth, and red blood cells, suggesting an effect on the fish's immune system (Jahan et al., 2019). Meaning that variations in sea salinity are expected to negatively affect the economic gains for some aquaculture species which could affect the social and economic aspects of aquaculture production sustainability negatively. However, the higher salinity effect has been strongly correlated with aquaculture production systems in downstream regions of coastal areas (Nguyen et al., 2018). For example, Ahmed (2013), reported negative effects on the production performance of freshwater prawns at higher salinity. Baker et al. (2005) reported increased mortality in juvenile clams, while (Rodrick, 2008) reported increased susceptibility to bacterial invasion in oysters at lower water salinity. Furthermore, Rodrick (2008) observed that variations in salinity may affect the immune system of oysters, particularly the ability of hemocytes (blood cells) to resist foreign bacterial invasion. Although compared to other marine mollusks, clams are reported to have a wider tolerance to salinity, Baker et al. (2013) noted that they cannot endure prolonged exposure to either high or low salinity. Increased mortalities of abalone in farms, particularly those operating in coastal areas have also been predicted under a changing climate through the intrusion of saline water from marine environments (Morash and Alter, 2015). In general, variation in water salinity will lead to increased mortalities for several species which may affect the economic and social sustainability of the sector through increased species' losses and higher management costs.

However, the majority of the current knowledge on the effect of climate-related changes on salinity in aquaculture has been biased toward reporting the effect of higher salinity. There is a need for studies that focus on the effect of salinity levels lower than an optimal requirement on finfish and shellfish. Furthermore, the response of several species of commercial importance to climate-induced salinity changes is poorly understood. This information is especially useful for adaptation in aquaculture, as changes in salinity may favor the cultivation of tolerant species (Jahan et al., 2019).

Severe Climatic Events

Severe climatic events, such as cyclones, waves, and storms are expected to influence aquaculture development especially marine ornamental products, and those in coastal areas (Toussaint et al., 2018). For example, the coral and giant clam farmers in tropical villages may face the risk of increased losses as a result of bleaching, while those in sub-tropical regions are likely to suffer greater risks, such as loss of production equipment and stock due to rougher sea conditions related to stronger cyclones (Hamdan et al., 2012). The occurrence of storm surges, waves, and coastal erosion are considered the most dangerous threats to aquaculture production and other related coastal activities (Hamdan et al., 2012). Severe storms will result in high losses to the farmers due to damage on farms resulting in higher costs of recovering the damaged activities (Canadian Institute for Climate Studies, 2000). For instance, cage aquaculture will likely face higher risks from the effects of cyclones and waves. The increased storminess projected for certain seasons in certain regions may also increase the risk of aquatic organism escapes due to equipment failure and may require site relocation or changes in production practices which may seriously affect the social and economic sustainability of aquaculture in these areas (Gubbins et al., 2013). According to Barange et al. (2018), severe climatic events are reported to have increased in several regions in the recent past and are represented by at least 80% of all climate-related disasters. However, these events are predicted to occur more frequently in Africa, particularly in East and Southern Africa (IPCC, 2019).

On the other hand, severe climatic events, such as storms will likely play a significant role in mixing water columns and nutrients that have previously been restricted to certain columns due to thermal stratification (Seggel et al., 2016) which could promote the environmental sustainability of aquaculture production. Moreover, storms may be very crucial in decreasing water temperatures and associated risks that may harm both cultured and wild organisms (Seggel et al., 2016).

MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION OPTIONS

Climate change-related risks to health, food security, livelihood, water supply, human security, and economic development will increase under the projected 1.5°C global warming, with a further increase expected at 2°C (IPCC, 2018). In the face of such risks, both the industry and communities will need to mitigate and adapt to the changing climate by taking advantage of new opportunities emerging from altered resources (Lorenzen et al., 2017). Mitigation and adaptation may help prepare the farming communities, ecosystems, and populations, in general, to build resilience and deal with climate change as effectively and efficiently as possible (Zolnikov, 2019). Mitigation focuses on reducing or reversing the rate of climate change (Leal Filho, 2011; ACT, 2018). This involves mainly reducing GHGs emission with a special focus on CO2 emissions which accounts for more than 60% of human enhanced increases (Mohanty et al., 2010; IPCC, 2014; Environmental Protection Agency, 2016). According to the IPCC (2018), reductions in CO2 emissions may be achieved through a combination of new and existing technologies and practices, including electrification, hydrogen, sustainable bio-based feedstocks, product substitution, and carbon capture utilization and storage. In aquaculture, producers and other stakeholders may play a significant role in mitigating climate change effects by making necessary adjustments in their production practices aimed at minimizing the emission of GHGs. Specifically, this includes the use of environmentally friendly practices and technology, such as solar energy, proper feeding practices, and sustainable wastewater management to minimize air and water pollution (VGREEN, 2012; Barange et al., 2018). Feed production in aquaculture is particularly seen as the sector's major contributor to GHG emissions (VGREEN, 2012). For example, the use of sinking feeds is reported to be more environmentally friendly compared with floating feeds (Hardy, 2010; VGREEN, 2012). However, mitigation is a long-term solution to climate change whose benefits may take a significant amount of time to be realized (Elum et al., 2017; ACT, 2018). Besides, effective mitigation requires collective action on a global scale since most GHGs accumulate over time and mix globally, resulting in a global effect (IPCC, 2014). Therefore, it is suggested that mitigation be implemented hand in hand with adaption strategies for better and effective results (ACT, 2018; IPCC, 2019).

Adaptation focuses on building resilience to the consequences, and the capacity to utilize emerging opportunities sustainably and ethically (Bueno and Soto, 2017). It involves making considerations in advance, the expected changes, and taking those changes into account in short-term decision making and long-range planning (Yazdi and Shakouri, 2010). Therefore, it can come in various forms, including technical changes, changes in the behavior of resource users/producers, or changes in the governance system (Lorenzen et al., 2017). Moreover, FAO (2018) provides three target areas upon which successful adaptation interventions may be centered, namely: institutions and management, livelihood adaptation, and resilience and risk reduction. However, a combination of these areas may most likely yield better results compared to a single area focus looking at the strong link that exists among them and their complementary action. Currently, adaptation is seen as the most viable option at the producers' disposal to cope with the effects of climate change on aquaculture (Yazdi and Shakouri, 2010). Moreover, IPCC (2014) noted that adaptation experience to climate change effects continues to rise across regions in both the public and private sectors, becoming more recognized and included in developmental plans by several governments. Furthermore, adaptation options that can also be used for mitigating GHG emissions are more recommended since they can offer synergies that may lead to reduced costs in many sectors (IPCC, 2018). Most importantly, adaptation is not a onesize-fits-all situation, considering the dynamics of vulnerability and exposure, and their linkage with the socio-economic and sustainable development of various sectors (IPCC, 2014, 2018; Clements and Chopin, 2016; Zolnikov, 2019). According to the IPCC (2018), successful adaptation in a changing climate will depend on the adaptive capacity of the producers in a given nation or region. For example, more severe effects have been predicted on the producers in developing countries due to low adaptive capacity (Figure 2) (Handisyde et al., 2017; Barange et al., 2018; IPCC, 2018; King and Harrington, 2018; Zolnikov, 2019). Although adaptation options are more likely to be effective and sustainable if selected according to a country's context and enabling environments (Bradley et al., 2015; Blanchard et al., 2017; IPCC, 2018), we have highlighted some options that may have a global application (Table 2).

Diversification of livelihoods may be one of the keys to successful adaptation because it gives the producers options from



TABLE 2 | Some adaptation options to climate change effects on aquaculture that may be applied in many regions globally.

| Adaptation option | References |
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| Livelihood diversification | Bell et al., 2013; Blanchard et al., 2017; Duarte et al., 2017; Zolnikov, 2019 |
| Shifting to less vulnerable or more resilient species, techniques, or regions. May also include selective breeding for more resistant aquaculture species | De Young et al., 2012; Lim-Camacho et al., 2014; Sae-Lim et al., 2017; Dabbadie et al., 2018 |
| Enhancing the effective management of capture fisheries | Frusher et al., 2013; Malcorps et al., 2019 |
| Utilization of local and indigenous knowledge | Leal Filho, 2011; IPCC, 2014; Magrin et al., 2014; Shelton, 2014; Makondo and Thomas, 2018 |
| Introduction and promotion of insurance schemes among the producers especially small-scale farmers | Shelton, 2014; Pongthanapanich et al., 2016; Barange et al., 2018 |

which they can derive their livelihoods and build appropriate resilience from climate change impacts (Bell et al., 2013; Duarte et al., 2017; Zolnikov, 2019). It involves combining aquaculture production systems with other sectors, such as agricultural systems, either integrated or as separate systems. Diversifying livelihood sources is extremely useful, especially in some regions or countries where fish production is predicted to decline, while agricultural production is expected to increase (Blanchard et al., 2017). However, successful diversification requires that government policies provide incentives for efficient utilization of resources, equity, and protection of the environment (Troell et al., 2014). Moreover, improving livelihood diversification among aquaculture producers requires integrating indigenous knowledge with government interventions (Leal Filho, 2011). Unfortunately, the major factor affecting the adaptive capacity of farmers, households, and communities at large is their access to, control over, and ability to use productively the natural, human, social, physical, and financial assets, i.e., the livelihood capital (Bueno and Soto, 2017).

Aquaculture producers may also benefit from shifting to aquaculture species, techniques, or areas that are less vulnerable or are more resilient to a changing environment and resources (Lim-Camacho et al., 2014). For example, Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA) system is more environmentally friendly, sustainable, and economically rewarding as well as more resilient to changing climate compared to monoculture because it combines finfish farming with other species (Osch et al., 2019). Aquaculture producers may also make use of altered resources, such as land by practicing new farming systems. Furthermore, shifting to or developing aquaculture species that are more resilient to climate change is one of the most promising areas for adaptation (De Young et al., 2012). For example, Sae-Lim et al. (2017) noted that selection of species based on feed efficiency and defining a breeding goal that minimizes the emission of GHGs will play a key role in a changing climate. However, this requires the consideration of the environmental and social benefits of communities compared to focusing on short-term economic benefits (Olesen et al., 2000). Further, it is important to note that there will be costs, such as research and development associated with developing new aquaculture species (Harvey et al., 2017).

Another way of adapting to climate change among the aquaculture producers is by ensuring a continued supply of fish from capture fisheries by promoting changes in fishers' behavior, changes in governance, as well as the use of effective management plans and strategies. For example, applying changes to the management of the tradable quota allocated to individual fishers (Frusher et al., 2013). Besides, there is a need to incorporate climate variability and change in the modeling of aquaculture undertakings to reduce the impacts of climate change in fisheries-based livelihoods. According to FAO (2020), global production from capture fisheries has stagnated or declined in some years over the past few decades. The ever-increasing global population and the consequential rising demand for aquatic products are considered the primary cause of dwindling production from capture fisheries (Maulu and Musuka, 2018). Currently, aquaculture production heavily relies on resources from capture fisheries, such as fishmeal, fish oils, broodstocks, and wild seeds as crucial production inputs (Laffoley, 2013; FAO, 2018; Malcorps et al., 2019). Therefore, effective management of resources from fisheries may contribute to a sustainable supply of aquaculture inputs.

The utilization and incorporation of local and indigenous knowledge in adaptation strategies have also been shown to offer effective adaptation to climate change (Leal Filho, 2011; IPCC, 2014; Magrin et al., 2014; Makondo and Thomas, 2018). While scientific understanding provides a generalized insight regarding climate change and its potential effects, indigenous knowledge may provide specific details about the physical environment, infrastructure systems, livelihood status, behavior, governance organization, and other attributes that are crucial for managing community resources (Kettle et al., 2014). For example, the use of traditional methods and indicators to predict changes in weather patterns (temperature, rainfall, humidity, etc.) may help the producers prepare for expected changes and build resilience (Zolnikov, 2019). Information on how such incorporation has been utilized in aquaculture production is still largely unknown. However, in other sectors, such as agriculture, it has successfully been used by farming communities. A good example is in Kenya, where indigenous knowledge helped some farming communities prepare for climate change effects and reduce susceptibility to food insecurity (Leal Filho, 2011). Moreover, the integration of indigenous knowledge with scientific knowledge may be one of the most powerful tools for strengthening other adaptation strategies, despite having been overlooked (Kettle et al., 2014; Belfer et al., 2017; Lesperance, 2017; Makondo and Thomas, 2018).

Another growing area that may be considered for adaptation is building adaptive capacity in aquaculture, especially for smallscale producers through insurance schemes. Most climate change predictions indicate that small-scale producers will be the most affected due to poor adaptive capacity (IPCC, 2014; Bueno and Soto, 2017; Barange et al., 2018). Hence, an insurance scheme could help them build resilience. Generally, insurance for aquaculture producers globally is still relatively new despite gaining considerable attention (Pongthanapanich et al., 2016). In Vietnam, a pilot project conducted between 2011 and 2013 showed that farmers had a very poor understanding of the scheme which led to poor results (Pongthanapanich et al., 2016), suggesting that awareness among other measures may lead to better results. Insurance schemes may especially be useful for producers with poor adaptive capacity for building resilience against the effects of climate change (Barange et al., 2018). However, the viability of the aquaculture insurance business may depend on how efficient and lower-risk aquaculture becomes, apart from climate change risks (Barange et al., 2018). Being a relatively new subject in aquaculture, there is a need for investigations to expound its benefits and implications on the economic conditions of the farmers, especially among the most vulnerable communities.

Challenges to Successful Adaptation and Proposed Strategies

Although adaptation is considered the most viable short-term solution to climate change, its implementation may face several challenges. For example, failure to acknowledge the fact that climate change will affect the producers differently based on their specific region, environment, knowledge regarding climate change, population, community dynamics, economic conditions, and present industry (Marshall et al., 2009). Unless these factors are taken into account, adaptation strategies will probably be of little benefit to the producers and stakeholders in the aquaculture sector (Zolnikov, 2019). To address this, there is a need for governments, especially in more vulnerable countries, to ensure that policy formulations related to climate change interventions recognize this fact to meet producer needs in their specific situation. Therefore, more efforts and resources should be directed toward the most vulnerable producer groups. Also, as observed by Lorenzen et al. (2017) adaptation is more likely to be successful if producers are made aware of the drivers and impact pathways, monitoring a broad suite of impact indicators, and adaptive decision-making. In recent years, several models have been used to predict the impacts of climate change on food production systems including aquaculture (Rosenzweig et al., 2014; Saba et al., 2016; Tiller et al., 2016; Blanchard et al., 2017; Galbraith et al., 2017). However, wrong projections may affect successful adaptation to climate change effects by the aquaculture producers. The capacity of the producers to adapt to climate change will likely depend on accurate future projections against different systems of the aquaculture sector. Unrealistic and biased estimation of the potential risks associated with climate change may mislead policymakers and the aquaculture producers in taking necessary precautions. The consequences of maladaptation include increased future vulnerability and/or exposure of the target community, region, or sector to climate change effects (IPCC, 2014). To address biases of climate models, Palmer and Stevens (2019) note that there is a need to reduce the dependence of these models on subgrid parameterizations as much as possible and if not, then report their uncertainty. The authors further suggest that future models should be sustainable and cutting across nations, embracing the high-performance application of computing and technology. Another challenge to successful adaptation is the capacity of producers in terms of preparedness. For example, some regions of the world, such as those in western countries, are more equipped in terms of governance, incomes, technology, human capital, and social networks than those in sub-Saharan African countries (Zolnikov, 2019). Besides, several projections

show that aquaculture producers in developing countries will be the most affected and this is due to poor adaptive capacity (Barange et al., 2018; Zolnikov, 2019). Therefore, IPCC (2018) strongly recommends international cooperation that promotes enhanced access to finances and technology and enhanced local capacities for developing nations and most vulnerable regions for effective action. Finally, it is now becoming clearer that the entire aquaculture value chain is vulnerable to climate change effects. However, much of the currently available literature focuses more on the production system leaving out other stages, such as trade and marketing of aquatic products. Such a narrow focus of scientific studies limits our understanding of the extent to which the aquaculture sector will be affected and hence, adaptation options. Therefore, future studies and models should have a broader focus and encompass all stages of the aquaculture value chain.

CONCLUSION AND PROSPECTS

This review has highlighted the potential effects of climate change on aquaculture production and implications on the sector's sustainability. Despite being considered the only solution to meeting the continued rise in demand for aquatic products globally, the aquaculture sector is increasingly being threatened by human-driven climate change effects that are both a present and future reality. These effects on aquaculture are expected to be both positive and negative, although the negative outweighs the positive ones. Besides, although climate change is a global food production risk, the associated risks on aquaculture are expected to differ across geographical or climatic zones, national economy, water environment, production systems, the scale of production, and cultured species of the aquaculture producers. To build resilience and sustain production in a changing climate, the aquaculture producers must adapt to the available options in the short-term while mitigating the effects by making necessary adjustments in their production practices in the long-term. This review has addressed important aspects of climate change and aquaculture production; however, several limitations were identified that presents important areas

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for future consideration. For example, the review is limited to production and input supply stages of the aquaculture value chain and does not address the other important stages, such as trade, processing, and consumption of the products. In addition, within the production stage of the value chain discussed, it was not clear how various species of economic importance at different life stages will respond to a changing climate. Information on this would be useful for adaptation strategies that may require the producers to shift to species that may be more resilient to the change in the climate. Also, there were few practical examples of the implication climate change is expected to have on aquaculture production sustainability, and in most cases, studies were biased toward environmental dimensions of sustainability while neglecting the social and economic aspects. As the aquaculture sector continues to grow while climate change becomes clearer, there is a need to embrace a holistic approach in projecting climate change effects on aquaculture and in addressing these impacts. Consequently, mitigation and adaptation strategies would be more effective. However, this will require developments in research, especially in more vulnerable regions due to poor adaptive capacity. Therefore, poorer economies could benefit more from international cooperation.

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