



Sustainable Fishing

**Global attitudes about
sustainable fishing and
policies to curb overfishing**

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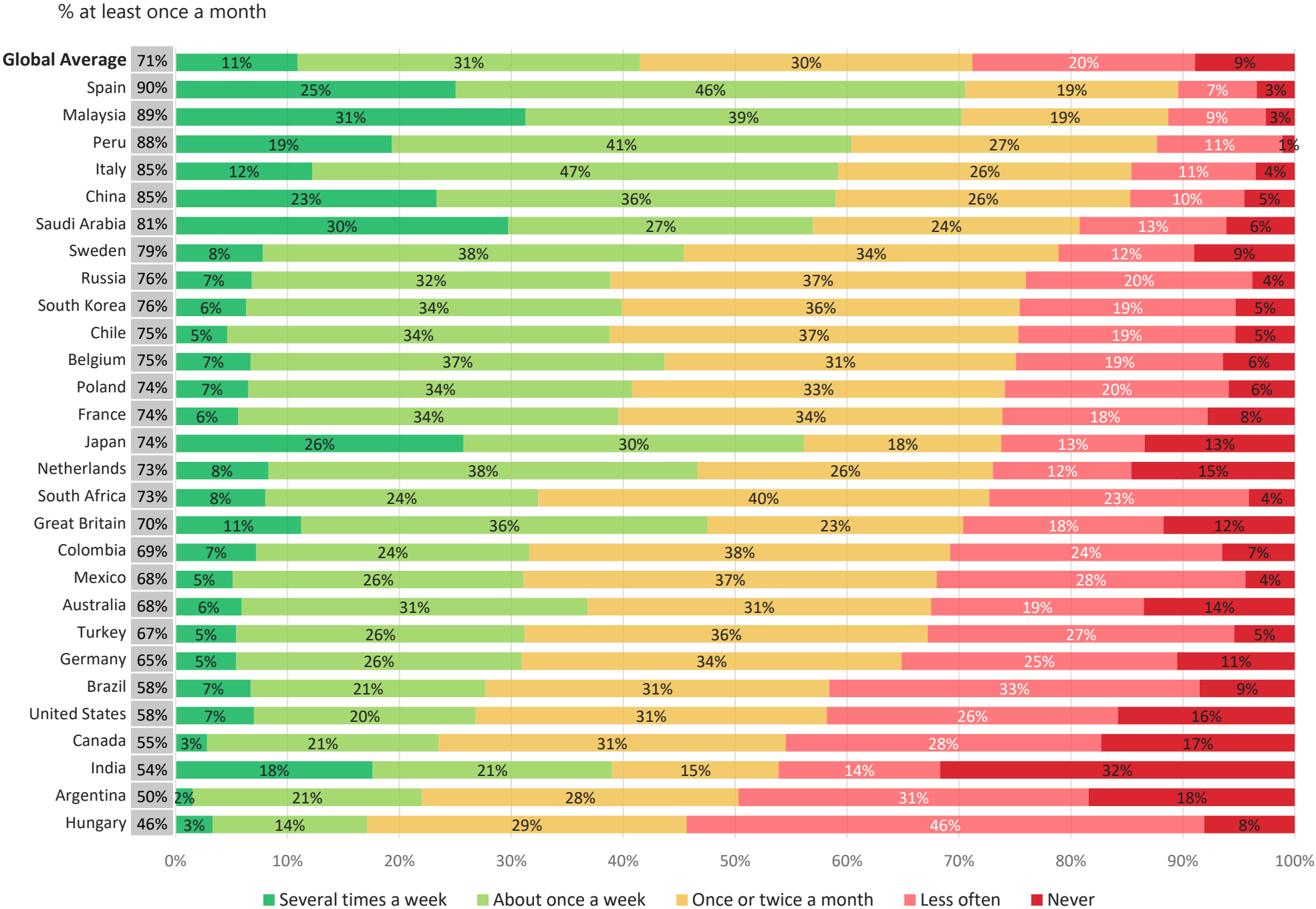
Q1. How often do you buy any kind of fish (whether fresh, frozen, canned, raw, or cooked)?

Globally, seven in 10 adults (71%) say they buy fish at least once a month.

Among 28 countries surveyed, those where consumers are most likely to buy fish at least once a month are: Spain (90%), Malaysia (89%), Peru (88%), Italy (85%), and China (85%); those where they are least likely to do so are: Hungary (46%), Argentina (50%), and India (54%).

At least one in four consumers in Malaysia (31%), Saudi Arabia (30%), Japan (26%), and Spain (25%) buy fish several times a week.

India is the country with the highest proportion of consumers who never buy fish (32%).



Base: 19,527 online adults aged 16-74 across 28 countries

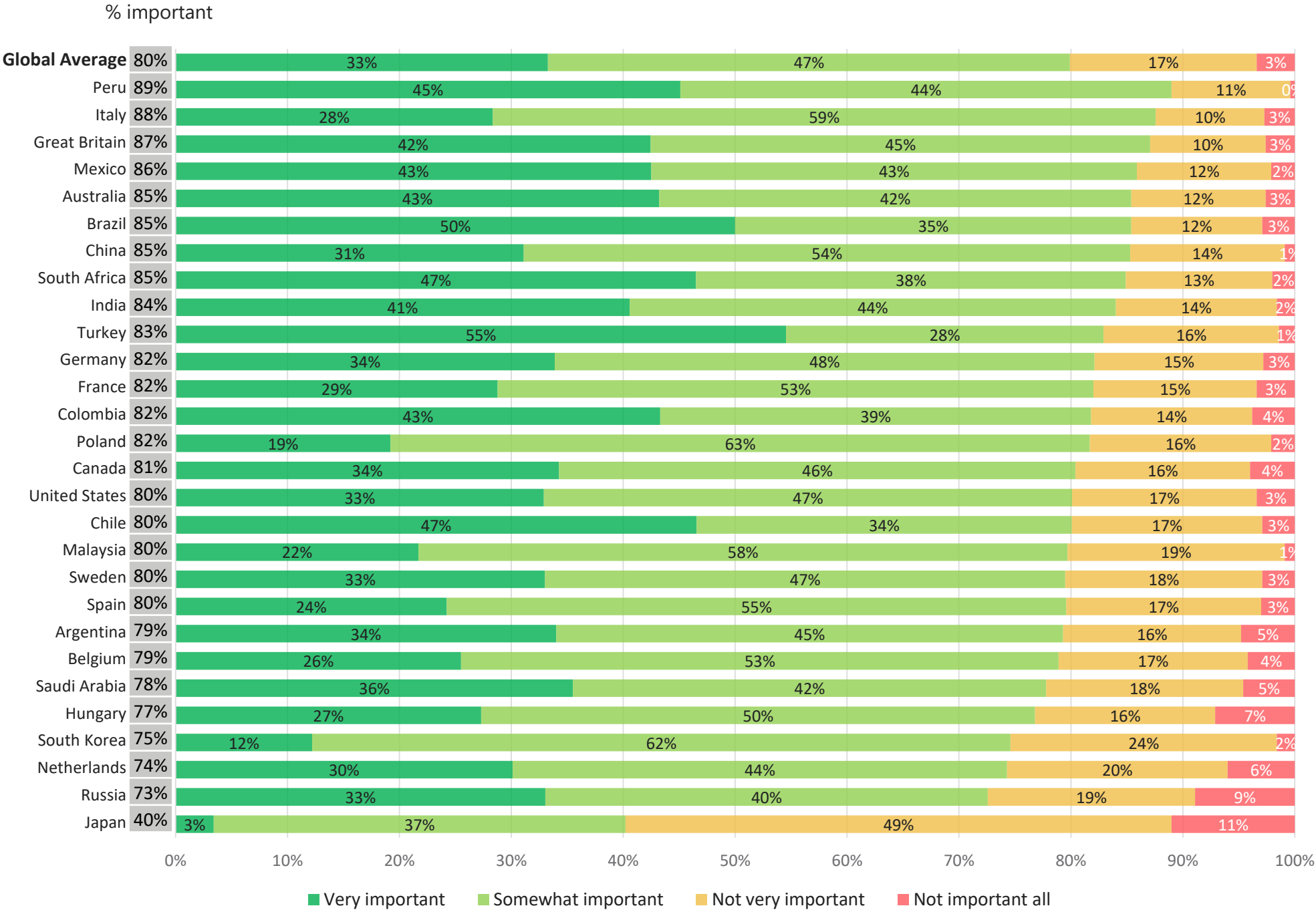
Q2. How important are each of the following to you when it comes to choosing a specific type of fish:

Sustainably caught or farmed (in a way that does not lead the fish population to decline over time)

Globally, eight in 10 consumers who buy fish at least monthly say that choosing fish that is sustainably caught or farmed is very important (33%) or somewhat important (47%) to them.

More than 70% say it is important to them in every single country surveyed with the notable exception of Japan (40%).

In Turkey (55%) and Brazil (50%), about half say it is very important to them compared to just 3% in Japan and 12% South Korea.



Base: Buy fish at least once a month, 14,057 online adults aged 16-74 across 28 countries

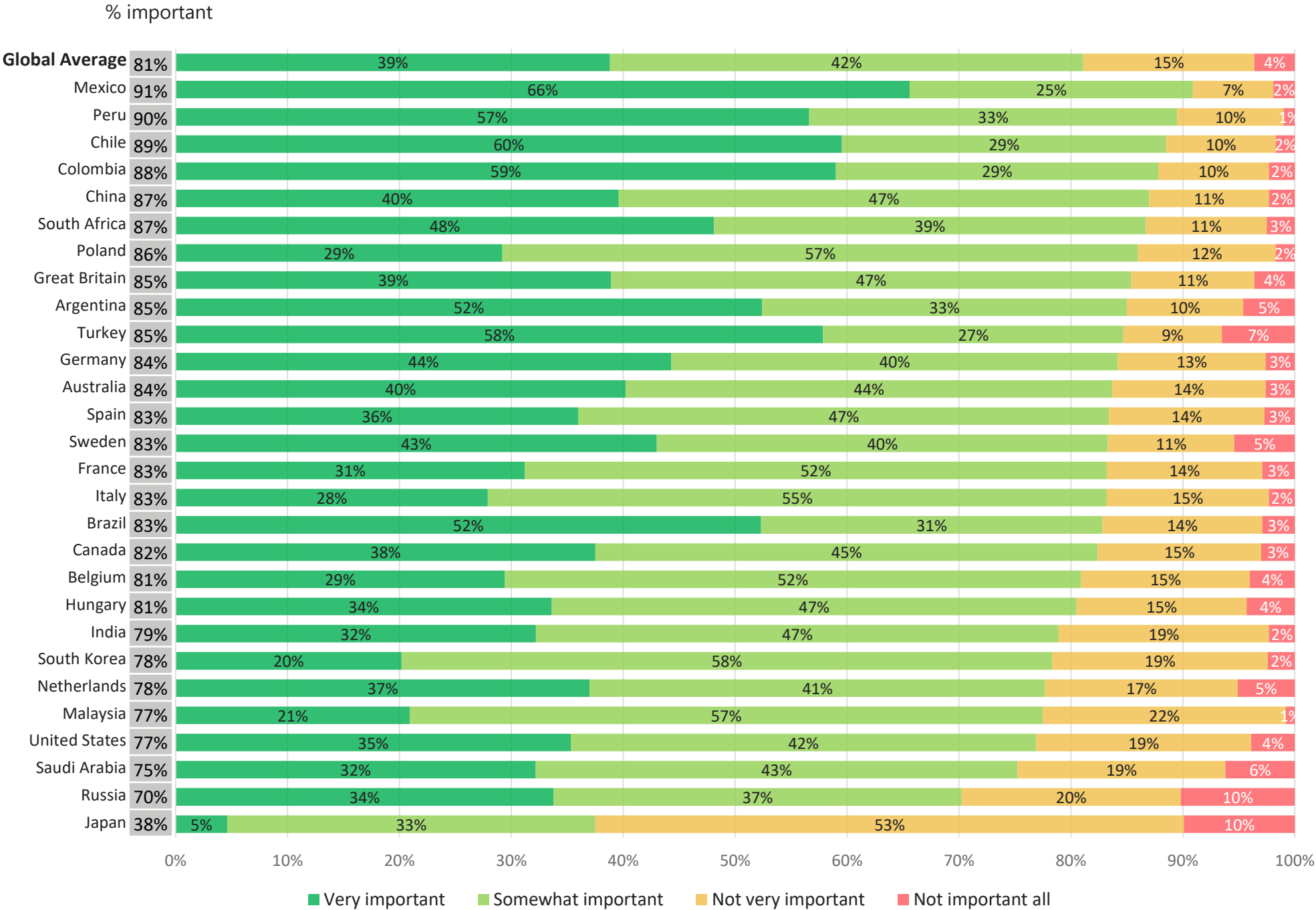
Q2. How important are each of the following to you when it comes to choosing a specific type of fish:

Not on a list of species at risk of disappearing (i.e., have seen their population decline sharply)

Across the 28 countries surveyed, eight in 10 (81%) consumers who buy fish at least monthly say that choosing fish that is not on a list of species at risk of disappearing is very important (39%) or somewhat important (42%) to them.

Except for Japan (38%), at least seven in 10 fish buyers in every single country surveyed say it is very or somewhat important to them.

In all six Latin American countries surveyed and in Turkey, more than half of fish buyers say it is very important.



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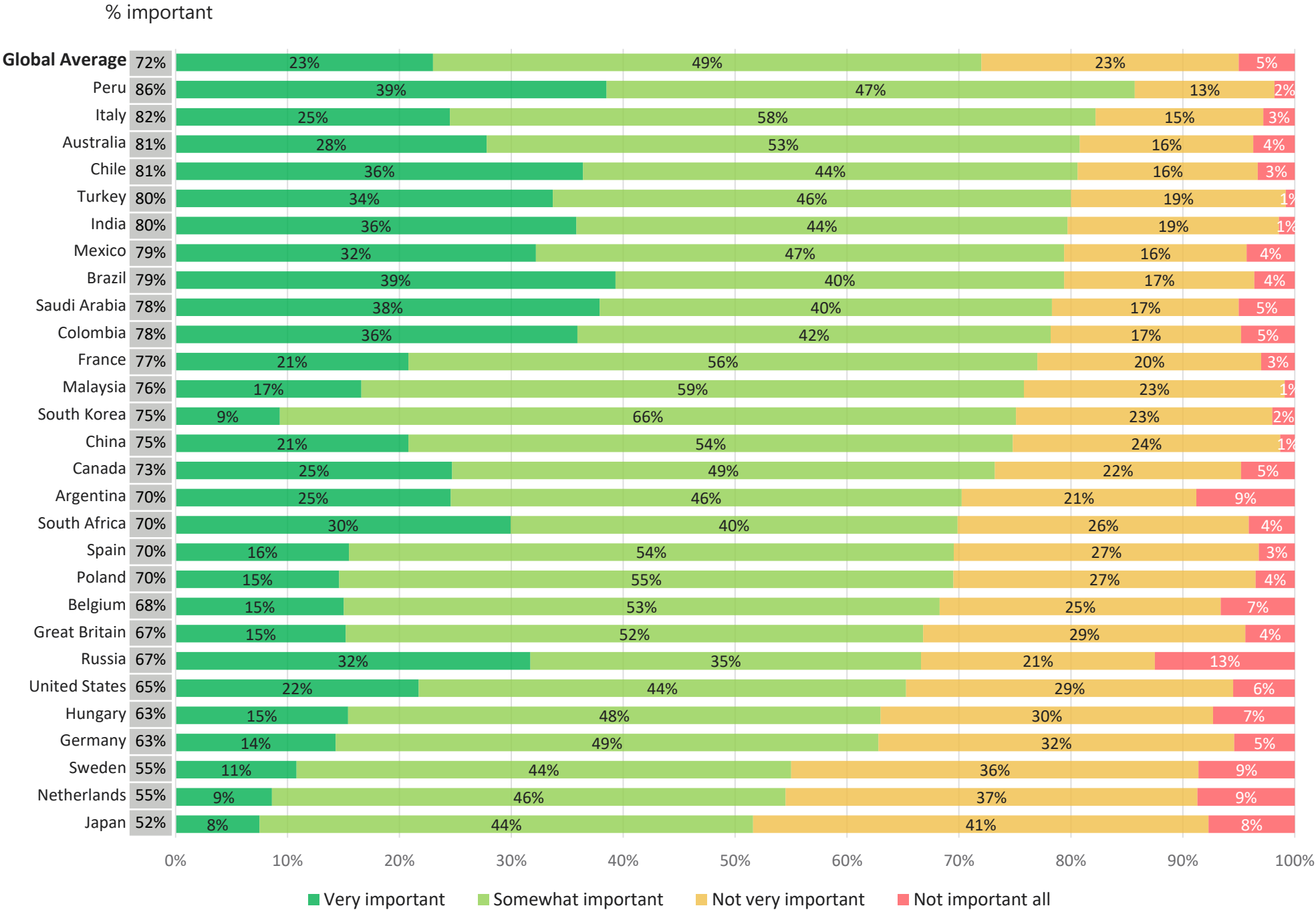


Q2. How important are each of the following to you when it comes to choosing a specific type of fish:

Caught or farmed locally

Globally, seven in 10 (71%) fish buyers say choosing fish that is caught or farmed locally is very important (23%) or somewhat important (49%).

Local sourcing is deemed very or somewhat important by a majority of fish buyers in every single country surveyed, ranging from more than 80% in Peru (86%), Italy (82%), Australia (81%), and Chile (81%), to just over half in Japan (52%), the Netherlands (55%), and Sweden (55%).



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Perceived Importance of Sustainable Fishing

Q2. How important are each of the following to you when it comes to choosing a specific type of fish?
(% important)

	Total	Argentina	Australia	Belgium	Brazil	Canada	Chile	China	Colombia	France	Germany	Great Britain	Hungary	India	Italy	Japan	Malaysia	Mexico	Netherlands	Peru	Poland	Russia	Saudi Arabia	South Africa	South Korea	Spain	Sweden	Turkey	United States
Not on a list of species at risk of disappearing (i.e., have seen their population decline sharply)	81%	85%	84%	81%	83%	82%	89%	87%	88%	83%	84%	85%	81%	79%	83%	38%	78%	91%	78%	90%	86%	70%	75%	87%	78%	84%	83%	85%	77%
Sustainably caught or farmed (in a way that does not lead the fish population to decline over time)	80%	79%	85%	79%	85%	81%	80%	85%	82%	82%	82%	87%	77%	84%	88%	40%	80%	86%	74%	89%	82%	73%	78%	85%	75%	80%	80%	83%	80%
Caught or farmed locally	72%	70%	81%	68%	79%	73%	81%	75%	78%	77%	63%	67%	63%	80%	82%	52%	76%	79%	55%	86%	70%	67%	78%	70%	75%	70%	55%	80%	65%



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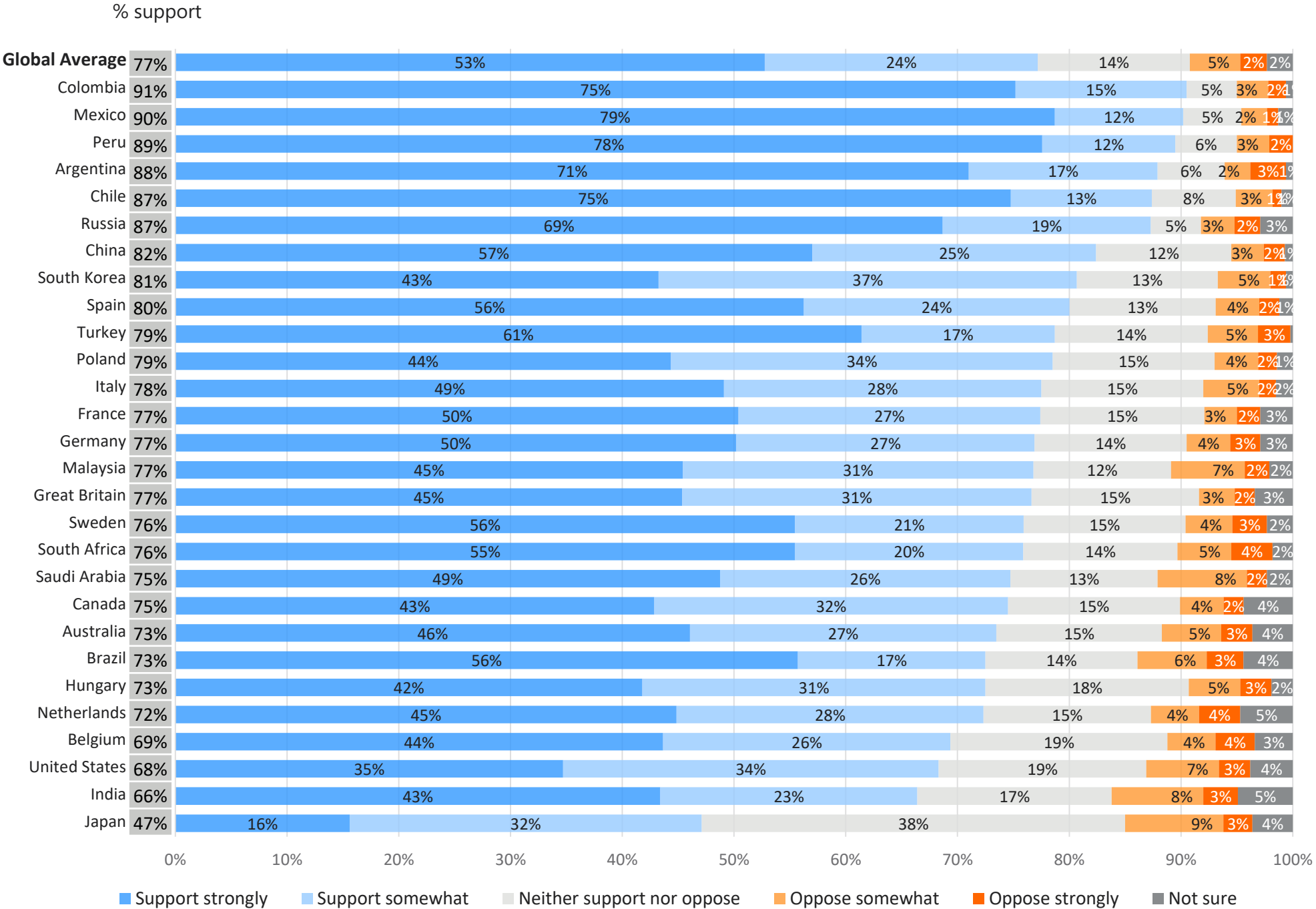
Q3. In order to curb overfishing, to what extent would you support or oppose each of the following:

Banning fishing of all endangered species altogether

Three out of four adults (77%) surveyed across 28 countries support a ban on fishing of all endangered species altogether: 53% support it strongly and 24% support it somewhat. Only 2% oppose it strongly and 5% oppose it somewhat.

With the exception of Japan (47%), those supporting a ban either strongly or somewhat make up a large majority in every country surveyed.

Strong support of a ban is expressed by more than two out of three adults in Mexico (79%), Peru (78%), Colombia (75%), Chile (75%), Argentina (71%), and Russia (69%), but only by 16% in Japan and 35% in the United States.



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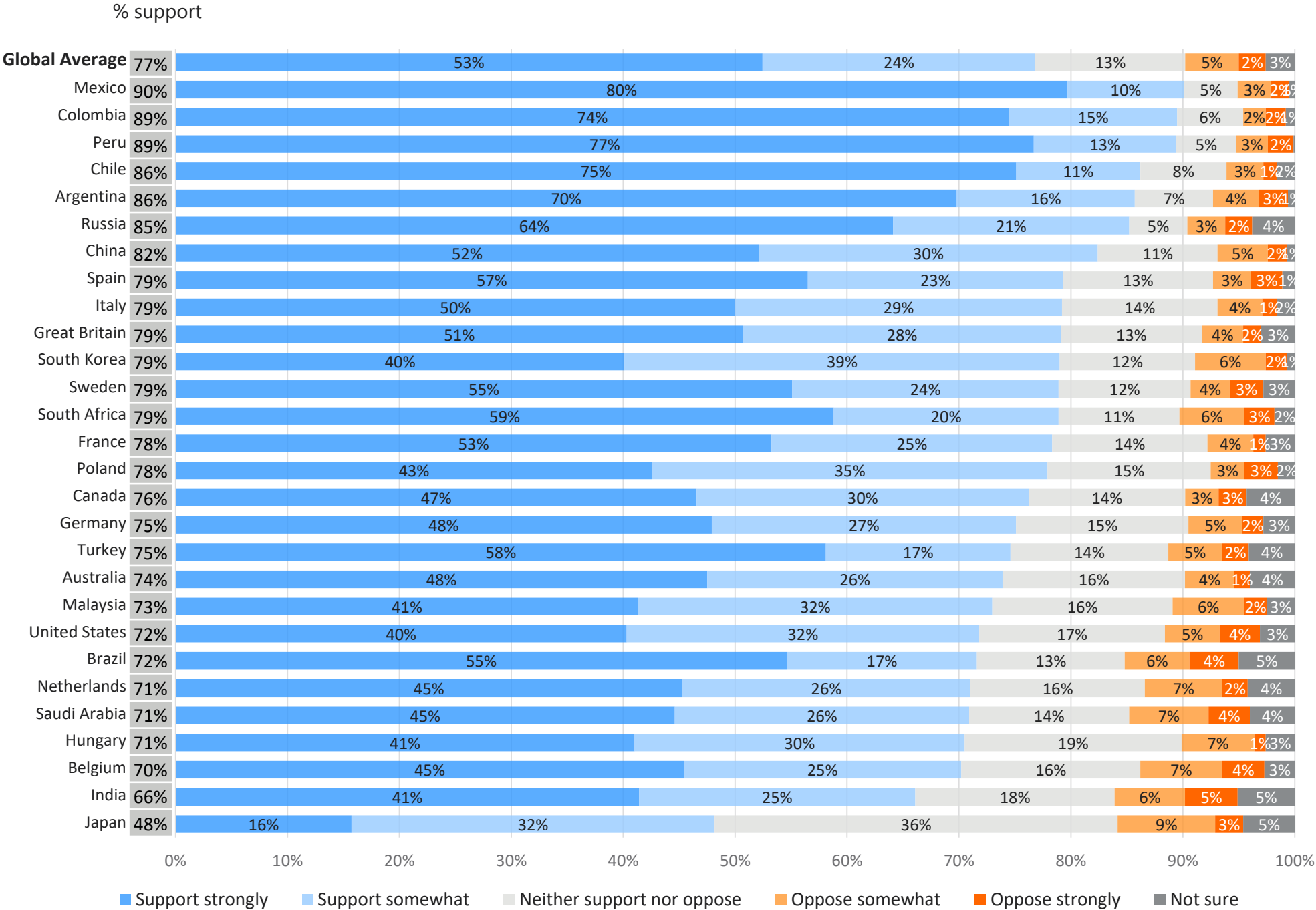
Q3. In order to curb overfishing, to what extent would you support or oppose each of the following:

Banning stores and restaurants from selling endangered species of fish

Three out of four adults (77%) support banning stores and restaurants from selling endangered species of fish: 53% support it strongly and 24% support it somewhat. Only 2% oppose it strongly and 5% oppose it somewhat.

With the exception of Japan (48%), those supporting a ban either strongly or somewhat make up a large majority in every country surveyed.

Strong support of a ban is most widespread in Mexico (80%), Peru (77%), Chile (75%), Colombia (74%), and Argentina (70%), but less so in Japan (16%), South Korea (40%), the United States (40%), India (41%), Malaysia (41%) and Hungary (41%).



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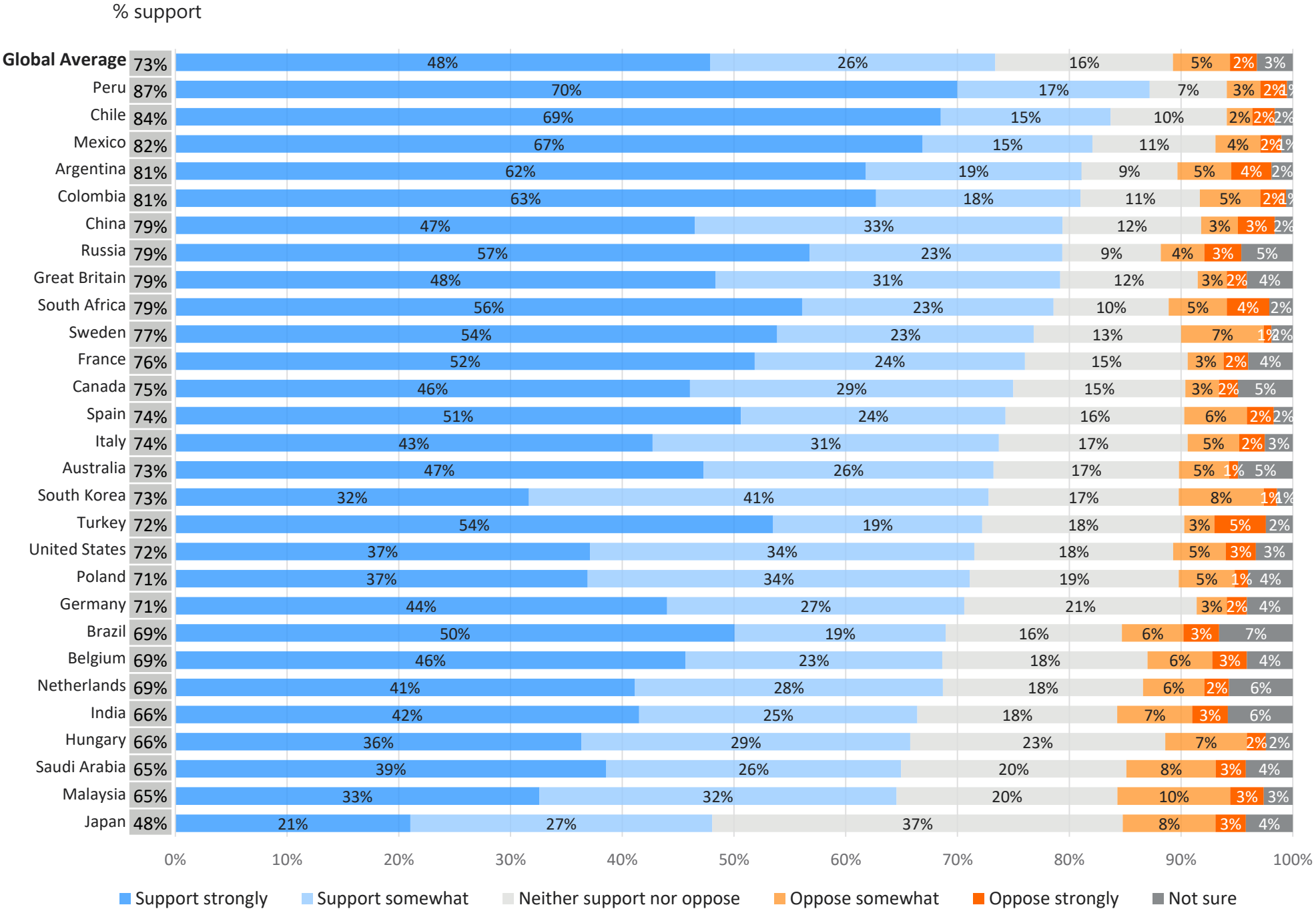
Q3. In order to curb overfishing, to what extent would you support or oppose each of the following:

Banning government subsidies to fisheries that contribute to overfishing, overcapacity and illegal fishing

Three out of four adults (73%) globally support banning government subsidies to fisheries that contribute to overfishing, overcapacity and illegal fishing: 48% support it strongly and 26% support it somewhat. Only 2% oppose it strongly and 5% oppose it somewhat.

With the exception of Japan (48%), those supporting a ban either strongly or somewhat make up a large majority in every country surveyed.

Strong support of a ban ranges from 70% in Peru, 69% in Chile, and 67% in Mexico to just 21% in Japan, 32% in South Korea, and 33% in Malaysia.



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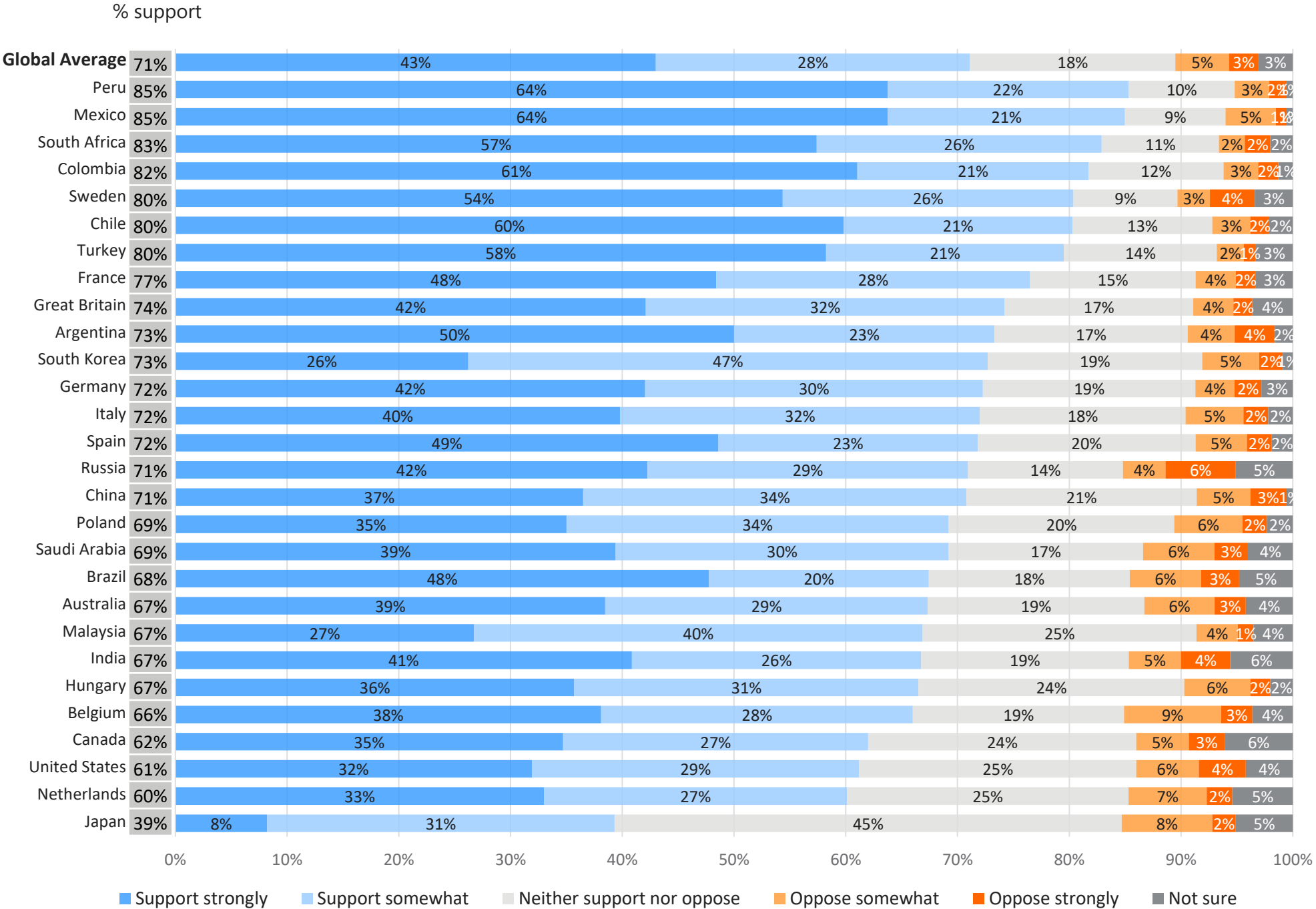
Q3. In order to curb overfishing, to what extent would you support or oppose each of the following:

Requiring stores and restaurants to inform consumers about the endangered status of the fish species they sell

Seven in 10 adults (71%) globally support requiring stores and restaurants to inform consumers about the endangered status of the fish species they sell: 43% support it strongly and 28% support it somewhat. Only 3% oppose it strongly and 5% oppose it somewhat.

In every country except Japan (39%), a majority (ranging from 60% to 85%) support a ban either strongly or somewhat.

Strong support of a ban ranges from 64% in Peru and Mexico to only 8% in Japan, 26% in South Korea, and 27% in Malaysia.



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Support for Policies to Curb Overfishing

Q3. In order to curb overfishing, to what extent would you support or oppose each of the following?

(% support)

	Total	Argentina	Australia	Belgium	Brazil	Canada	Chile	China	Colombia	France	Germany	Great Britain	Hungary	India	Italy	Japan	Malaysia	Mexico	Netherlands	Peru	Poland	Russia	Saudi Arabia	South Africa	South Korea	Spain	Sweden	Turkey	United States
Banning fishing of all endangered species altogether	77%	88%	73%	69%	73%	75%	87%	82%	91%	77%	77%	77%	73%	66%	77%	47%	77%	90%	72%	89%	79%	87%	75%	76%	81%	80%	76%	79%	68%
Banning stores and restaurants from selling endangered species of fish	77%	86%	74%	70%	72%	76%	86%	82%	89%	78%	75%	79%	71%	66%	79%	48%	73%	90%	71%	89%	78%	85%	71%	79%	79%	79%	79%	75%	72%
Banning government subsidies to fisheries that contribute to overfishing, overcapacity and illegal fishing	73%	81%	73%	69%	69%	75%	84%	79%	81%	76%	71%	79%	66%	66%	74%	48%	65%	82%	69%	87%	71%	79%	65%	79%	73%	74%	77%	72%	72%
Requiring stores and restaurants to inform consumers about the endangered status of the fish species they sell	71%	73%	67%	66%	68%	62%	80%	71%	82%	77%	72%	74%	67%	67%	72%	39%	67%	85%	60%	85%	69%	71%	69%	83%	73%	72%	80%	80%	61%



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- These are the results of a survey conducted by Ipsos on the Global Advisor platform.
- Ipsos interviewed a total of 19,527 adults aged 18-74 in United States, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa, and Turkey, and 16-74 in 23 other countries on its Global Advisor online survey platform between August 23 and September 6, 2019.
- The sample consists of approximately 1,000 individuals in each of Australia, Brazil, Canada, China (mainland), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, Great Britain and the U.S., and 500 individuals in each of Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Colombia, Hungary, India, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden and Turkey.
- The samples in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the U.S. can be taken as representative of these countries' general adult population under the age of 75.
- The samples in Brazil, Chile, China (mainland), Colombia, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Turkey are more urban, more educated, and/or more affluent than the general population. The survey results for these countries should be viewed as reflecting the views of the more "connected" segment of these population.
- The data is weighted so that each country's sample composition best reflects the demographic profile of the adult population according to the most recent census data.
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