

BUILDING A FULLY SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE SECTOR





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Agenda



13:30 - 14:00	Opening of the Event Time allocated for participants to connect. Event starts at 14:00 sharp.	
14:00 – 14:05	Welcome and Introduction WestMED National Hubs (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia), Chairs of the webinar	
14:05 – 14:15	Boosting sustainable Aquaculture in the southern Mediterranean Introducty remarks by <i>Maria Groueva,</i> INTERREG-MED & <i>Céline Dubreuil</i> , Plan Bleu	
Building a fully sustainable Aquaculture Sector: Learning from existing projects		
14:15 – 14:45	 Diversification of products and new technologies NewTechAqua: Alessio Bonaldo, Bologna University (Italy) BYTHOS: Dr. Alexia-Massa Galluci, AquaBioTech SME (Malta) 	
14:45 – 15:00	Q&A Session (with southern panelists and audience)	
15:00 – 15:30	 Small-scale production, circularity and safety Aqua Food Living Lab: <i>Michele Colavito</i>, Project Manager (Italy) POLE MER: Bluefasma project Tools, <i>Colin Ruel</i> (France) 	
15:30 – 15:45	Q&A Session (with southern panelists and audience)	
15:45 – 16:15	Role of clusters in fostering sustainable innovation • ACUIPLUS : Angela Debenedetti, Cluster Manager (Spain) • VALORMAR : Ana Nobre (Portugal)	
16:15 – 16:30	Q&A Session (with southern panellists and audience)	





16:30 – 16:45	BREAK

CAPITALISING THE EXPERIENCES IN THE SOUTH: Opportunities ahead for southern partners

16:45-17:15

'Tour de table' and discussion on southern opportunities

Southern stakeholders commenting the projects proposed, WestMED NHs to moderate the exchange through a set of pre-defined questions:

- What is the relevance of the presented practices for the southern Med?
- Do you foresee specific capitalisation projects to be generated?
- What other areas are critical for project development in the south Med?

9 participants selected in exchange with WestMED NHs:

- Rachid ANNANE, Ministry of Fish and Aquaculture Administration, Algeria
- Toufik MILLA, National Research Centre for Fisheries and Aquaculture Development (CNRDPA), Algeria
- Romdhane NAOUFEL, DGPA/Sub-director for Aquaculture, Tunisia
- Kamel Haj MBAREK, Technical Centre of Aquaculture, Tunisia
- Mohamed Salah AZAZA, Director of Aquaculture laboratory INSTM, Tunisia
- Mansouri Mohamed AMINE, Head of Studies at National Agency of Aquaculture Development, Morocco
- Jahid ASMAE, Head of Planning at National Agency of Aquaculture Development, Morocco
- Chadli HOUSN, Director of AQUA M'DIQ SA President of Aquaculture Association Morocco President of Aquaculture Commission at Mediterranean Maritime Fisheries chamber.
- Brahim MAHFOUDH, Director of inland fishing and aquaculture, Mauritania

17:15 - 17:30

Wrap-up and Conclusion: WestMED National Hubs (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia)



Welcome and Introduction

Chairs of the webinar
WestMED National Hubs
(Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia)





Boosting sustainable Aquaculture in the southern Mediterranean

Maria Groueva, INTERREG-MED *Céline Dubreuil*, Plan Bleu





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Learning from Existing Projects

Diversification of products and new technologies

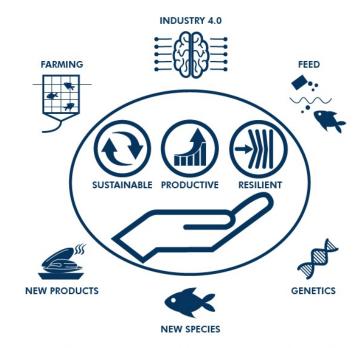




NewTechAqua: New technology Tools and Strategies for a Sustainable, Resilient and Innovative European Aquaculture.

Alessio Bonaldo, Bologna University (Italy)





NEW AQUACULTURE



To expand and diversify aquaculture production of finfish, molluscs and microalgae by developing and validating technologically-advanced, resilient and sustainable applications

- 4 commercially most **important finfish** species (salmon, trout, seabass and seabream)
- 4 economically emerging new species (amberjack, meagre, sole and mullet)
- 2 molluscs (oyster and mussels)
- 3 microalgae species





Challenges



- Three innovative sets of aquafeeds, each targeting a specific issue (pro-health, organic, zero waste)
- Monitoring systems will aggregate and combine spatiotemporal information (Big data) in dynamic complex statistical and Artificial Intelligence models for disease prediction and health management
- Welfare indicators, and microbiome analyses (NGS) will be used to evaluate the impact of different rearing systems (RAS, biofloc technology, aquaponics, ELOXIRAS) on fish condition.
- Satellite imagery by the development and validation of biosensors for supporting shellfish industry
- **Innovative breeding programmes** to improve performance, robustness and quality of farmed fish, mollusc and microalgae, using different genomics methods.
- Enhanced know-how of **the reproductive physiology** and on the reproductive dysfunctions of three emerging species: **greater amberjack, meagre and Senegalese sole** under rearing conditions.
- Development of innovative high-quality seafood products and of tailored sustainable techniques for valorisation of by-products through the preparation of functional ingredients.



Replicability potential



NewTechAqua is structured in 9 WPs

The core of the overall methodology are **the WPs 1 to 5**, which represents as a whole the Industrial Innovation

WP6 for impact assessment (Solution Integration)

WP7 for exploitation (Result Capitalization)

WP8 for communication, dissemination and training activities (Education and Outreach)







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BYTHOS: Biotechnologies for Human Health and Blue Growth.

Dr. Alexia-Massa Galluci, AquaBioTech SME (Malta)



PROJECT



General aims of the project

- Promote integration between research and the business sector so that results from research in the field of biotechnology for human health are taken forward to the market, thereby contributing to generating jobs and business opportunities, and increase investment in research and innovation in the economies of Sicily and Malta.
- Promote sustainable management of resources and 'cleaner production' in the fishing industry and food services sector in Sicily and Malta, thereby minimizing risks associated with waste for the environment.



Specific aims of the project

- Set up a joint living lab with 'spaces' in Malta and Sicily to work at the interface between research and enterprise.
- Define biotechnologies and procedures for the production and commercial exploitation of a range of innovative, stakeholder-driven health products, such as marine collagen and Omega-3 & 6 fatty acids.
- Minimize the quantity of fish waste from the fishing sector and food services sector.

CHALLENGES/ LESSONS LEARNT









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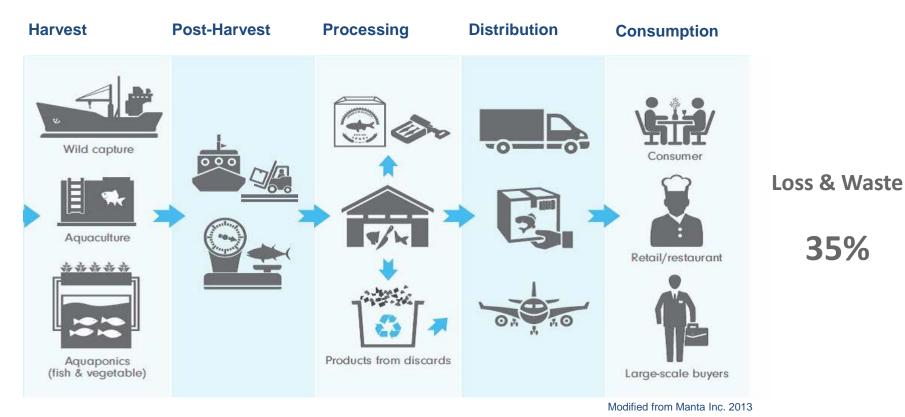
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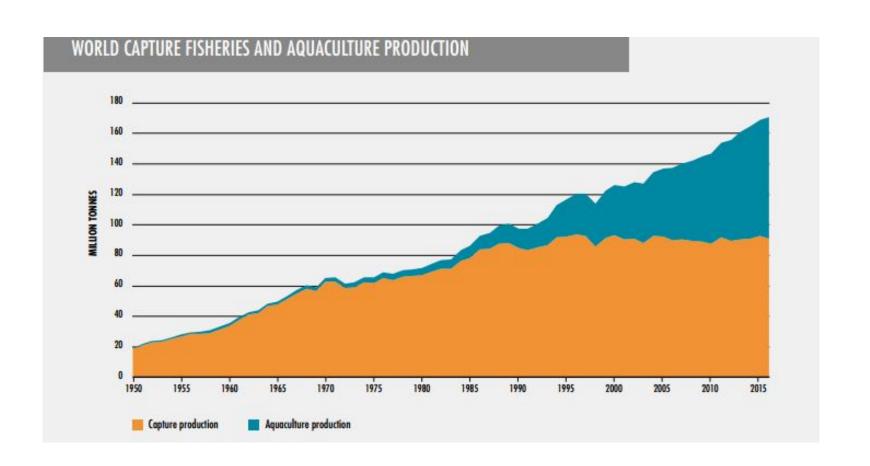


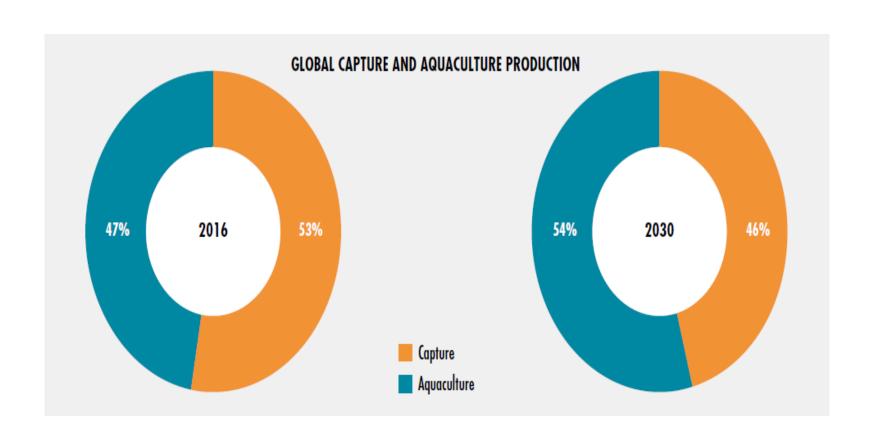
Fishmeal/Fish oil



Marine collagen







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Learning from Existing Projects
Small-scale production, circularity and safety





Sustainable Aquaculture in the western Mediterranean

Strengthening ties and opportunities with southern partners

Aqua Food Living Lab: Transborder (virtual) Living Lab for small-scale sustainable and innovative aquatic food.

Michele Colavito, Project Manager, Assoittica (Italy)



PROJECT

Transborder (virtual) Living Lab for small – scale sustainable and innovative aquatic food

Overall objective: To improve the employability of young graduates and to strengthen the institutional capacity to implement a sustainable aquatic food system

Specific objectives:

- 1. To empower technical skills of young graduates through living labs, in order to facilitate their access into the labour market;
- 2. To improve the capacity building of policy makers at national and local level through the strengthening of the availability of updated information and the support to research and innovation initiatives.

CHALLENGES/ LESSONS LEARNT

The INSTM promoted the establishment of a qualified partnership to define and implement a specific initiative, which is not only a project but also and mainly a process to strengthen cooperation, empower technical skills and improve capacity building at institutional national and local level in the specific field of the aquatic food system to face these challenges.

- 1. The fragility of food production systems (largely based on global investments towards greater export to an increasingly globalised demand).
- 2. The high capital intensive model let local communities and economies strongly dependent to global pandemics and other socio-economic shocks and as such very vulnerable.

If this underpinning challenges for the food-production/supply chains are not addressed, the Mediterranean region as a whole would remain vulnerable and its goal for sustainable and resilient growth would not be achieved.

At Mediterranean level, the potentials for innovation in local food systems are quite wide-spread — spacing from food security improvement, climate change adaptation, enhancement of food quality, safety and health standards, local production promotion through safeguard, as well as support to family farming and economic diversification of local small businesses and households.

The strength of this project will be the establishment of a transnational network involving stakeholders from different Mediterranean countries including Italy, Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt and Mauritania as a first step, but with the potential to include all the Mediterranean Countries. The medium long term goal, infact, is to promote other projects to be funded in the framework of the opportunities offered mainly, but not only, by Cooperation Programmes.



Sustainable Aquaculture in the western Mediterranean

Strengthening ties and opportunities with southern partners

BlueFasma: Tools, solutions and methods for circular fishing/aquaculture.

Colin Ruel, Pôle Mer Méditerranée (France)







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The BLUEfasma project

Presented by Colin RUEL

Sustainable Aquaculture in the WestMED: strengthening ties with southern partners, 11 December 2020

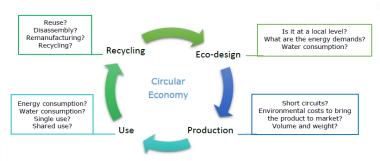


Key information

- Acronym: BLUEfasma
- **Full Title**: Empowering innovation capacity of SMEs, maritime clusters and networks in MED islands and coastal areas to support blue Circular Economy (CE) growth in fishing/aquaculture
- Led by University of Patras (Greece)
- 14 partners from Greece, France, Portugal, Montenegro, Croatia, Malta, Cyprus and Spain
- **Total budget:** 2,811,585.00 €
- **Duration**: 32 month (started on November 2019)

Overall objective

Promote circular economy principles to Fisheries and Aquaculture domains







Countries and territories participating







Main project activities

<u>BLUEfasma Circular Economy knowledge base</u>; systematizing best practices, tools, solutions and methods in fishing/aquaculture





The BLUEfasma partnership identifies, already developed, innovative best practices, tools, solutions, and methods related to the Circular Economy (CE) in the key blue growth sector of fishing/aquaculture. The BLUEfasma Circular Economy knowledge base systematizes them in order to deliver a well-organised online library to relevant SMEs and maritime clusters/networks assisting them to improve their innovation capacity on CE in fishing/aquaculture.

If you want to add your own CE best practice, tool, solution or method in the BLUEfasma CE knowledge base, feel free to contact projects partnership sending all relevant information via email to BLUEfasma@gmail.com and we will come back to you.





Project Concrete Results

<u>BLUEfasma circularity self-assessment tool</u> being used as a **unified MED measure** of SMEs readiness & willingness to invest in CE

114 stakeholders took part in the activities. (companies and individuals from the fishing and aquaculture sector, from primary production to secondary production and retailers)

Main conclusions and challenges

	There is a general lack of awareness about Circular Economy initiatives
Lack of knowledge on	and the benefits they can bring to companies. This is linked also to the
the Circular Economy	lack of awareness of the real meaning behind "Circular Economy".
process	Indeed, some circular practices are implemented without being labelled
process	as such. Therefore, there is a need for clarification on the definition,
	goals, and advantages of Circular Economy principles.
	This mainly concerns fishermen and small aquaculture farms. Most of
Most of the	them are small and independent and thus have limited control over
beneficiaries are small	waste flows. For instance, the use of crates is often governed by the
and independent	purchasing company and this gives little control over the use of recycled
	crates and managing processing waste.
	One of the biggest obstacles is economic investment. Investing in
Lack of financial	alternative practices or technologies, such as eco-friendly vessels implies
resources	a level of investments that small companies cannot usually reach.
resources	Additionally, there is often a lack of knowledge regarding financial aid
	which can support them in their shift towards Circular Economy .
	Another difficulty is the lack of assistance with the administrative
	procedures for financial aid or installation support. Stakeholders need to
Lack of administrative	be guided for the implementation of Circular Economy in their activities.
support	However, they have the feeling that there is not enough involvement of
	the different public administration stakeholders related to the sectors.
	There is a need for support in the implementation of CE.

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Circular Economy	Challenges
stage	
Eco-design	Reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions through better insulated cooling rooms or boat engines less dependent on fossil fuels Find alternatives to plastics by replacing single-use plastic bags by plastic from recycling or reusable bags
Production	Create added value for waste Use discarded fish/shellfish in other phases of the production cycle Link with other sectors (agriculture)
Use	Sharing or mutualise large equipment and boat Repair and reuse discarded nets/ropes/cages/ boxes and crates
Recycling	Recycle materials such as fishing nets, fishing gear and aquaculture equipments at the end of a product's life Recycle shells in aquaculture





Current activities

- established to facilitate experience exchange & networking among all actors of fishing/aquaculture sector
- A memorandum of understanding already signed by 45 organizations





Current activities

Implementation on Blue Livings Labs (BLLs) to integrate R&I and create user-centered open innovation ecosystems focused on circularity increase in fishing/aquaculture in each participating country

What is foreseen in our Living Lab

- From now to April 2021
- Focus on the management of production waste: shellfish waste (oyster and mussel) or fish waste (off size, fish mortality, processing product, bycatch).
- Key Activities:
 - Study other maritime facades to better understand how the problem of production waste is treated there;
 - Define strategies for improvement / organization of existing circuits in order to include SMEs which are not there today and collectively think about alternative systems allowing them to recover their waste.
- How: Working groups/ individual coaching for selected SMEs



Thank you for your attention

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Learning from Existing Projects
Role of clusters in fostering sustainable innovation





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ACUIPLUS: Competitiveness and sustainability of the aquaculture value chain.

Angela Debenedetti, Cluster Manager (Spain)



PROJECT





Spanish aquaculture cluster working on the promotion of competitiveness and sustainability of the Aquaculture value chain.



Strengthening of networking, professionalization and training in the field of aquaculture, through innovation and knowledge transfer

Identification of training needs and challenges

Network of Training and R+D at a national level

Organization of worshops focusing on relevant topics on Aquaculture Ententrepreneurship

Promotion of collaboration of stakeholders

Proposal of Roadmap for strengthening of training and professioanlization of sector

Implementation of Observatory









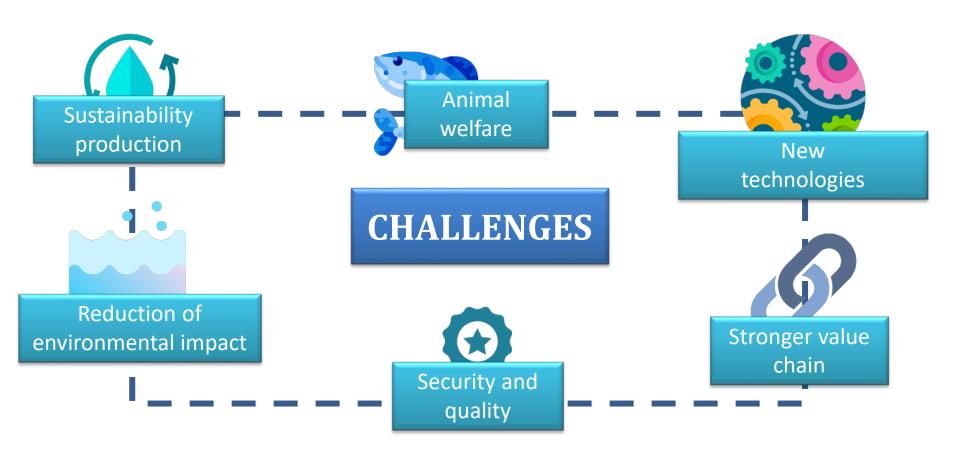








CHALLENGES/ LESSONS LEARNT



REPLICABILITY POTENTIAL



Extrapolation at a European level

Strengthening of the competitiveness of European aquaculture through innovation, knowledge transfer and improved professionalization

- ✓ Identification of needs and challenges in training at an European level
- ✓ Proposal of a international collaboration network with the representation of reference entities at European level
- ✓ Development of training and capacity building initiatives
- ✓ Exchange of researchers, companies and trainers at an European level
- ✓ Proposal of projects addressed to face the challenges in Aquaculture under the approach of a better training and professionalization of the sector



VALORMAR: IT tools to support aquaculture management and feeding optimization

Ana Nobre (Portugal)



PROJECT



Full valorisation of marine resources: potential, technological innovation and new applications



























































IT tools to support aquaculture management and feeding optimization













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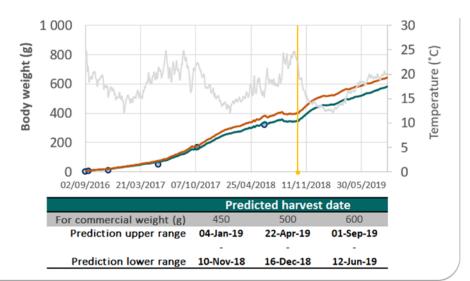


AFEEDNETICS

DAILY SUMMARY OF PREDICTIONS				
Current day	15-Oct-18	UPPER RANGE	LOWER RANGE	
STOCK				
Avg. body weight	g	349	404	
Number of fish	-	97 780	82 230	
Biomass	ton	34	33	
FEED	bags / day	9	9	
PERFORMANCE				
FCR (cumulative)	-	2.0	2.0	
WATER				
Temperature	°C	20.8		
FEED STOCK PLANNING FOR NEXT WEEKS				
		Feed bags (cumulative)		
1 WEEK	22-Oct-18	58	56	
2 WEEKS	29-Oct-18	111	105	
3 WEEKS	5-Nov-18	153	144	
4 WEEKS	12-Nov-18	192	180	

Real farm application

- Dashboard with daily updated estimates
- Long term and real-time predictions of relevant production site variables





REPLICABILITY POTENTIAL

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Meteooceanographic data and predictions







Nutritional based prediction tool for fish farmers



Field data acquisition and operations management







Data analysis service



blueminer



BREAK See you in 15 minutes!





CAPITALISING EXPERIENCES IN THE SOUTH

Opportunities ahead for southern partners

"Tour de table" and discussion on southern opportunities





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ALGERIA

Rachid Annane, Ministry of Fish and Aquaculture Administration





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ALGERIA

Toufik Milla, National Research Centre for Fisheries and Aquaculture Development (CNRDPA)





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TUNISIA

Romdhane Naoufel, DGPA/Sub-director for Aquaculture





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Kamel Haj Mbarek, Technical Centre of Aquaculture





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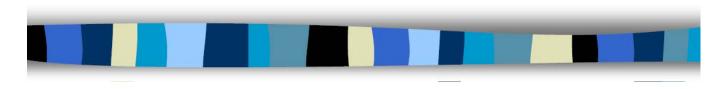
Mohamed Salah AZAZA, Director of Aquaculture laboratory INSTM





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La Recherche Aquacole En Tunisie

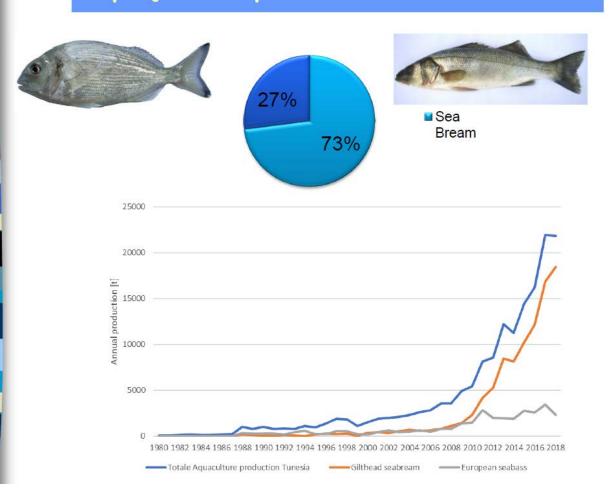


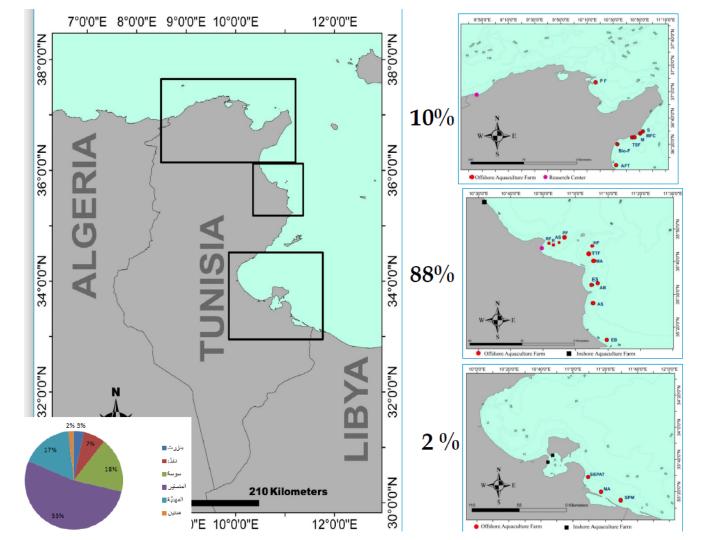
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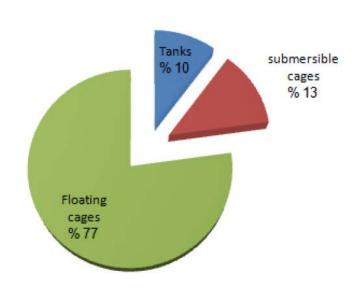


Aperçu sur Aquaculture Marine en Tunisie

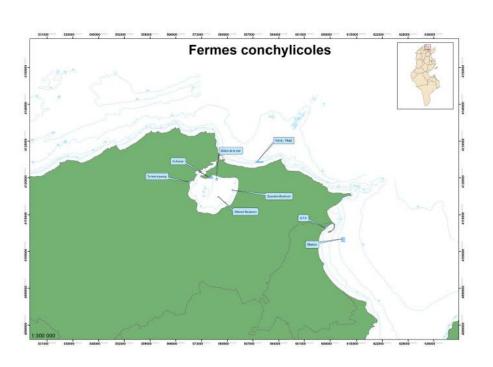




Le système de Production



Site de production conchylicoles

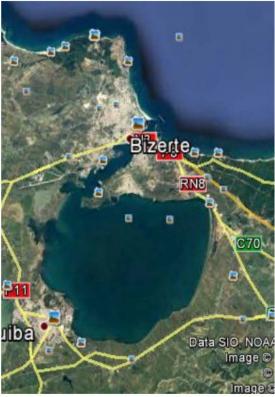




Shellfish culture





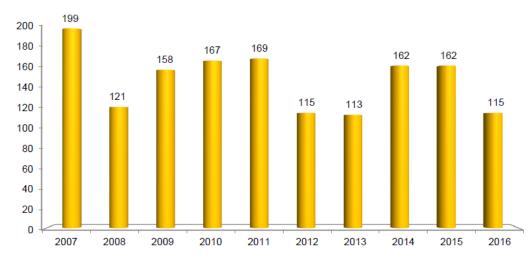








Evolution of shellfish culture production during 2007-2016



Employments	Production (Tons) 2016	Nb of farms
110	115 Tons = 1% of total production	7 active Farms



Bluefin tuna

- Production 2016: 218 Tons



Micro algae: Spirulina spp

- -5 Farms spiruline
- Production: 4 tons (DM)

Objectif général du programme de recherche

- La production aquacole actuelle est de l'ordre de 22 000 tonnes
- La stratégie (2030): 56 000 tonnes

Le programme vise à l'élaboration des outils scientifiques et techniques qui contribueraient à une gestion rationnelle de la production aquacole, permettant d'assurer un compromis entre les deux défis que l'aquaculture tunisienne doit relever;

- Nécessité d'accroissement de la production
- Impérativité de durabilité de ce secteur

Mise en œuvre du programme

➤ Priorités de la recherche agricole en Tunisie à l'Horizon 2030 (http://www.iresa.agrinet.tn/index.php/fr/actualites/item/2395-priorites-de-la-recherche-agricole-en-tunisie-a-l-horizon-2030)

> Stratégie de développement de l'Aquaculture 2030 élaborée par la DGPA (MARHP)

Concertation du CTA, de la FTA et de l'UTAP



Programme de recherche-Développement

Le programme de recherches

Intitulés des projets de recherche

Projet 1 : Appui au Développement de la Pisciculture et de l'Algoculture Marines. (**AD-PALM**)

Projet 2: Amélioration de la Production Aquacole Continentale (APAC)

Projet 3: Repeuplement et Diversification des Techniques et des Espèces de Bivalves (**Re-DiTEB**)

Projet 4 : Caractérisation et Atténuation des Pathogènes Aquatiques et des Interactions Aquaculture –Environnement (**CAPAIA**)

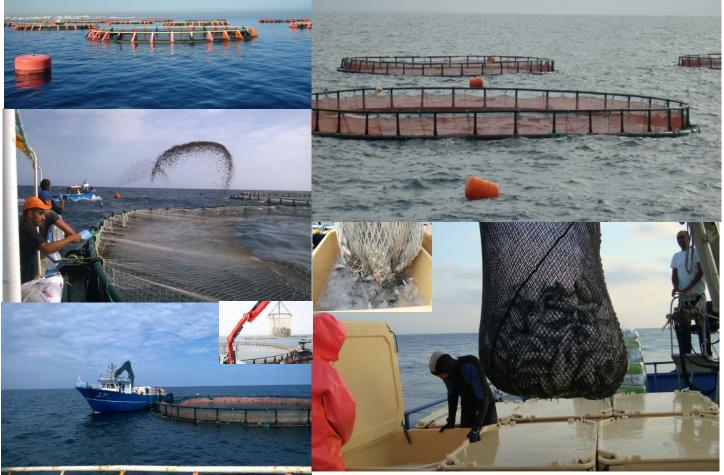
Projet 1: (AD-PALM)

Appui au Développement de la Pisciculture et de l'Algoculture Marines.

Action 1: Diversification des espèces Mugil cephalus et le maigre (Argyrosomus regius)



Action 2: Amélioration des performances zootechniques Loup et la Daurade (Nutrition et alimentation et bien être)



Compression du cout de l'aliment

- Substitution des ingrédients couteux
- Optimisation de la gestion des aliments:

Fréquences de nourrissage, hétérogénéité de taille,

- Bien être
- qualité du produit

Aspects Environnementaux et Acceptabilité Sociale

- Aménagement des sites de production:
 Approche AZA, capacité de charge des sites
 potentiels de production
- Suivi des interactions Aquaculture-Environnement

Promouvoir et développer une aquaculture multitrophique durable et intégrée

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Action 2: la mytiliculture en système intégré





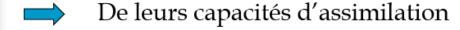


Objectif du PATINER

Le projet propose la mise au point de systèmes d'aquaculture intégrés équilibrés qui combinent, dans des proportions adéquates, l'élevage de poissons à la culture des coquillages, des algues, etc.).







- Améliorer la rentabilité économique de l'exploitation aquacole: (amélioration de la production, réduction des coûts, diversification des produits, création d'emplois ...
- Accroître la durabilité environnementale (services) écosystémiques et technologies écologiques pour améliorer la santé des écosystèmes)
- Améliorer l'acceptabilité pour la société (meilleures pratiques de gestion, appréciation de produits différenciés et sûrs)



Les principes du développement durable

Projet 3: (ReDiTEB)

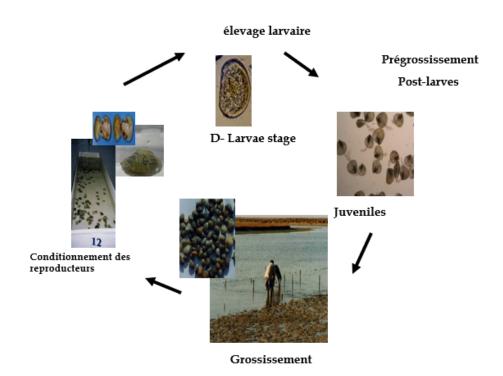
Repeuplement et Diversification des Techniques et des Espèces de Bivalves

Action 1:

Repeuplement: Palourde dans le Golfe de Gabès



Production artificielle de la palourde R decussatus.

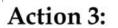


Repeuplement du stock dans les sites à problème

Augmentation de la production suite à la diminution des maladies et amélioration de la qualité des produits de la mer

- Carte spatio-temporelle de la distribution des pathogènes.
- Réduction du nombre de fermeture des zones de production de palourde suite aux alertes sanitaires.





Diversification: Solen marginatus





Projet 4:(CAPAIA)

Caractérisation et Atténuation des Pathogènes Aquatiques et des Interactions Aquaculture –Environnement

Action 1 : la maîtrise et le développement d'outils et d'approches visant à mieux prévenir et contrôler les maladies d'animaux aquatiques

- L'Amélioration et le renforcement des capacités de diagnostic des maladies d'animaux aquatiques selon les normes internationales l'OIE/EU
- L'identification et la recherche de nouveaux pathogènes/réservoirs: réduire le risque d'introduction et de propagation de maladies.
- L'étude de l'émergence et de la dissémination des résistances aux antibiotiques aux seins des fermes aquacoles

Action 2:

Utilisation des probiotiques: (alternatifs à l'antibiothérapie et les traitements chimiques)

Action 3:

L'étude des interactions des systèmes de production avec l'environnement aquatique

- Pisciculture (Baie de Monastir)
- Conchyliculture (Lagune de Bizerte)









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Wrap-up and Conclusion

WestMED National Hubs

(Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia)





THANK YOU

