



# Blue Bioeconomy

Workshop on the  
Implementation of the  
European Strategy for the  
Bioeconomy

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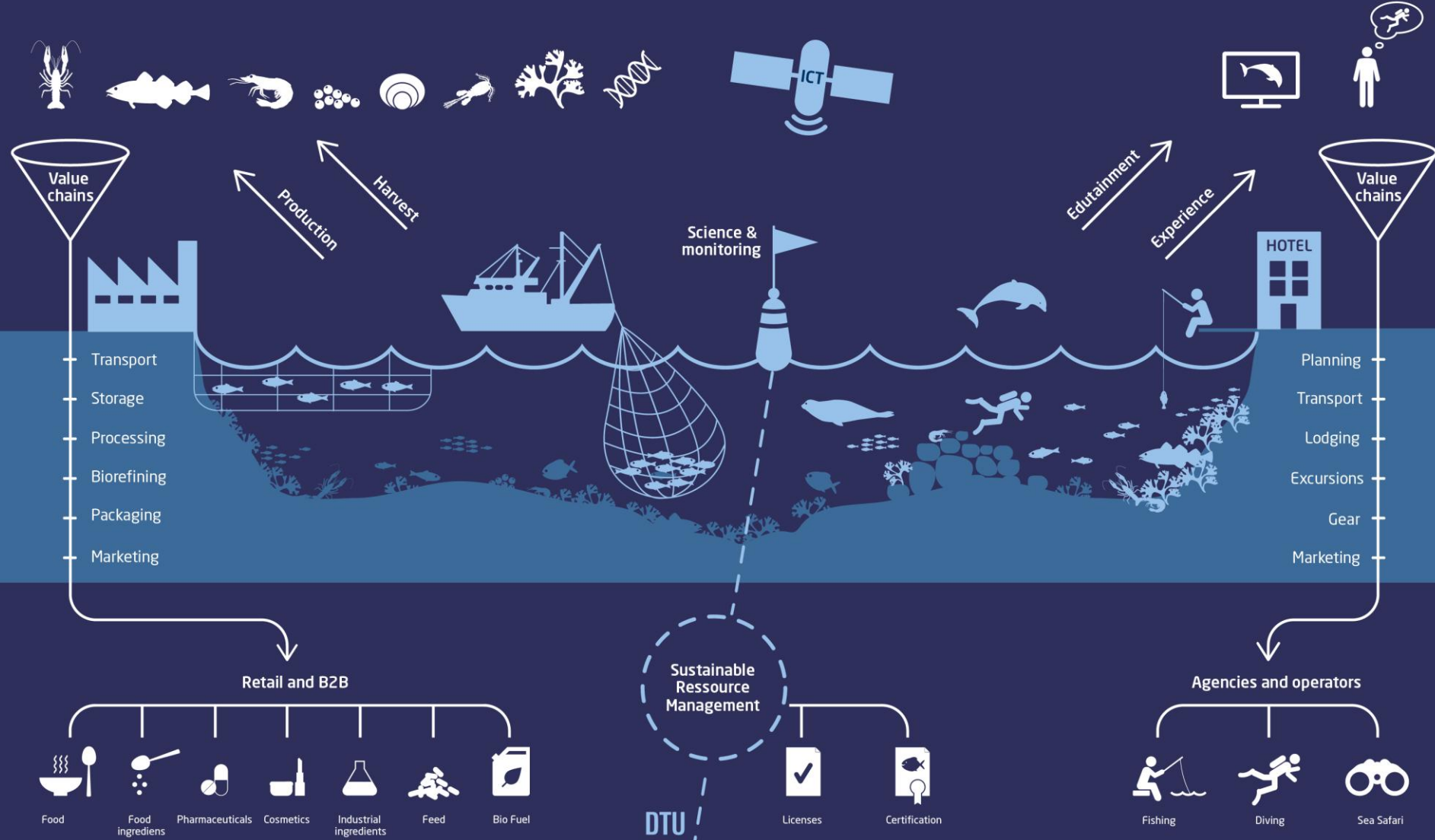
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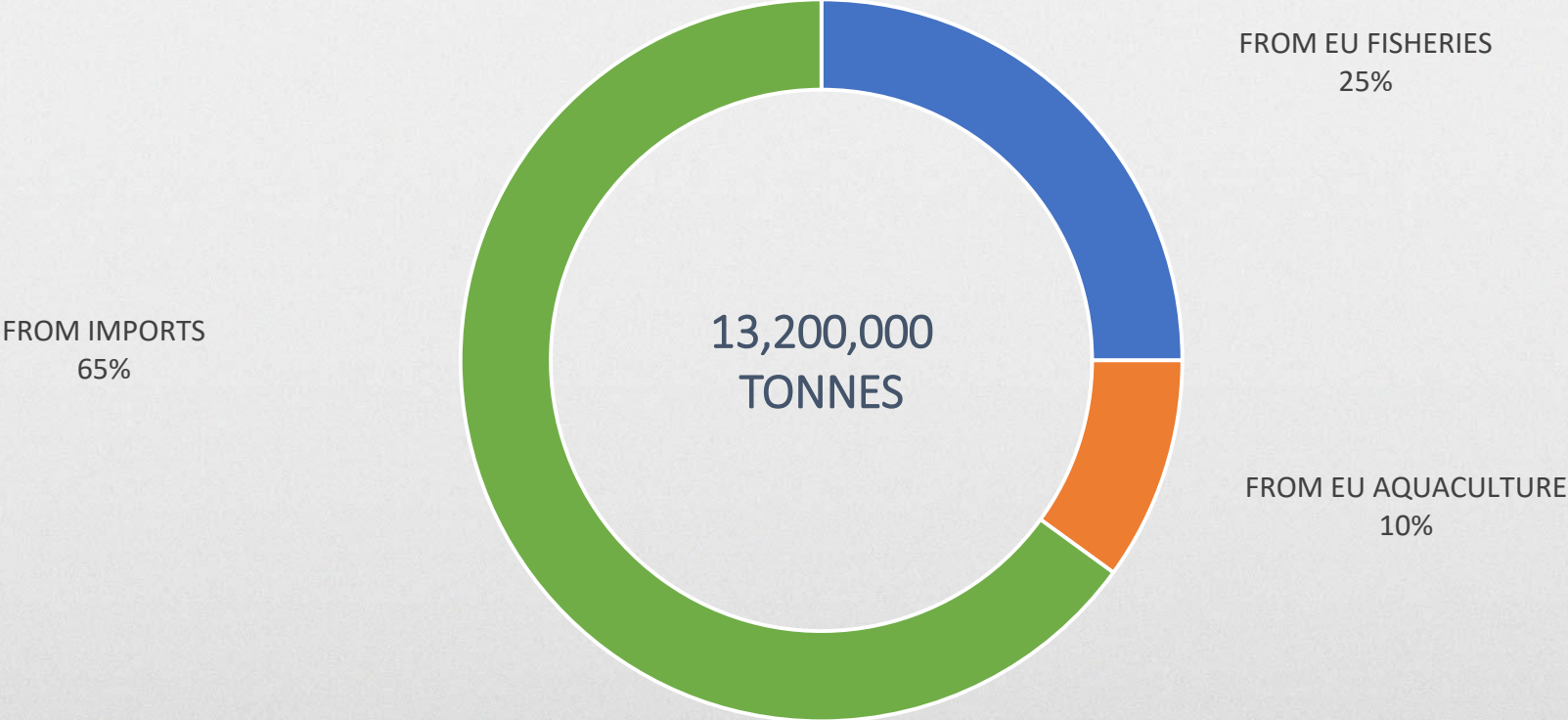
# BLUE BIOECONOMY

## BIO-RESOURCE EXTRACTION

## ECOSYSTEM INTERACTION

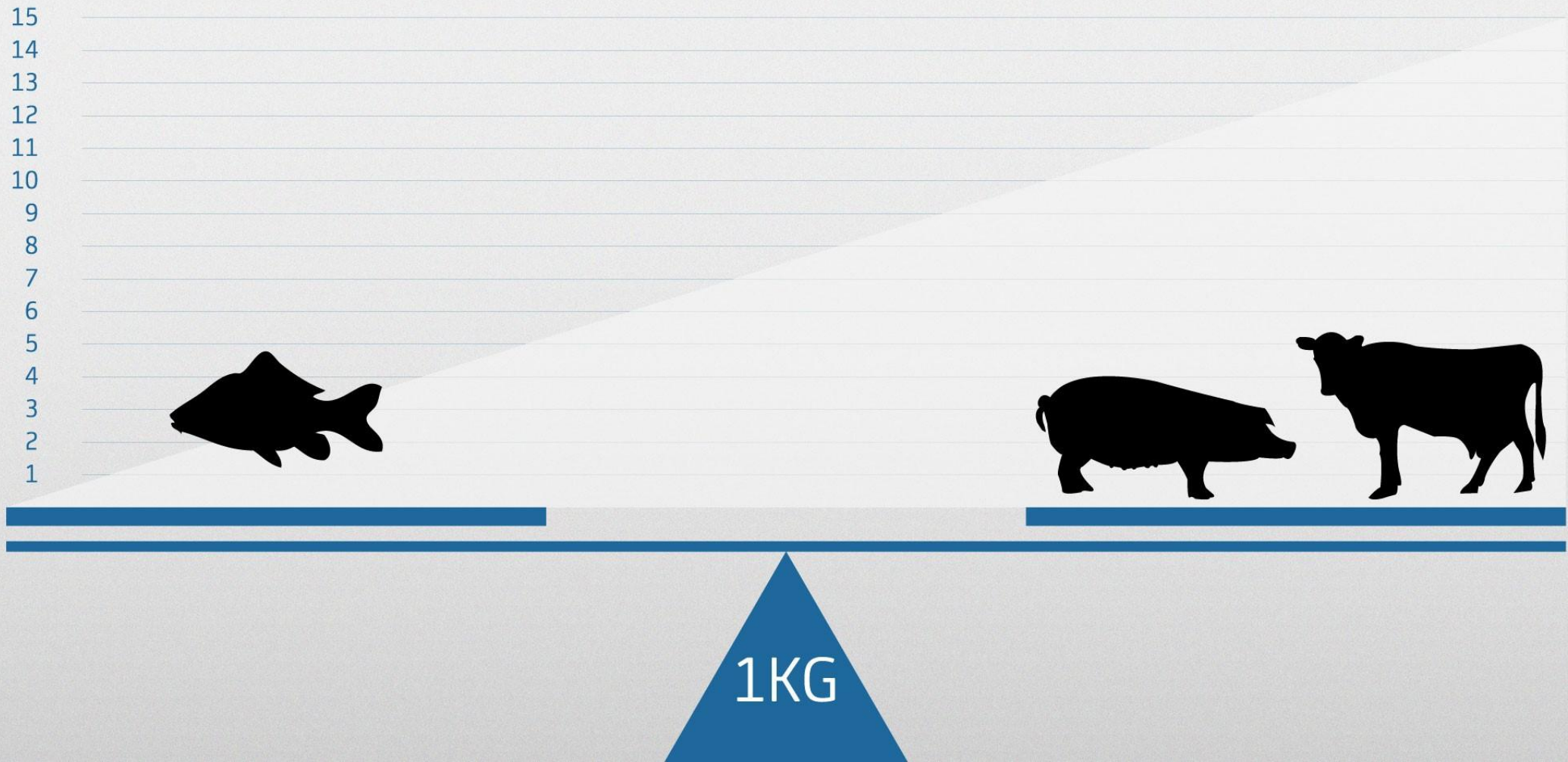


# THE EU SEAFOOD MARKET SUPPLY



# AQUACULTURE

IT TAKES 15 TIMES AS MUCH FEED TO PRODUCE 1 KILOGRAM OF BEEF AS TO PRODUCE 1 KILOGRAM OF CARP.

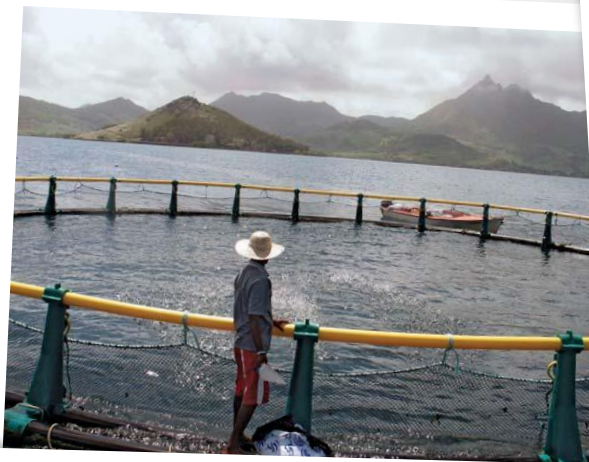


# AQUACULTURE

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN EUROPE



INTEGRATED MULTI-TROPHIC AQUACULTURE



CARP FARMING INTEGRATED WITH SERICULTURE  
IN CHINA



AQUAPONICS

# OTHER USES FOR MARINE-DERIVED COMPOUNDS

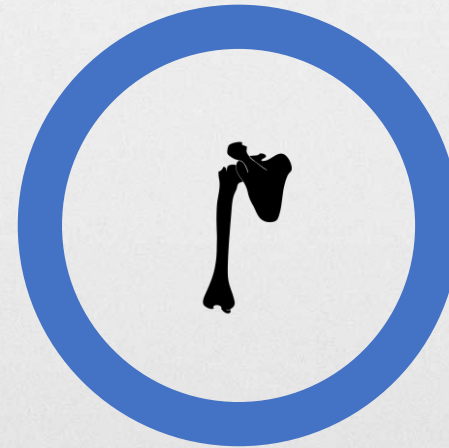
COSMETICS



NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS



ARTIFICIAL BONE



INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

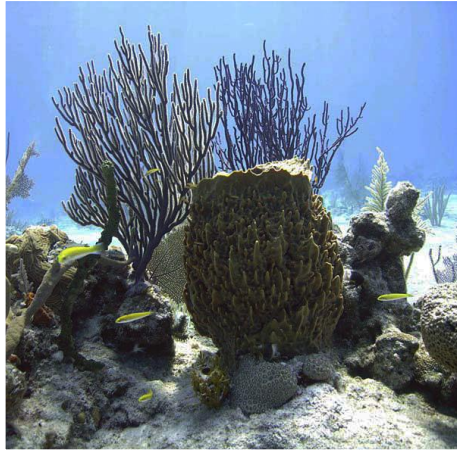


# POTENTIAL AND OPPORTUNITY

## MARINE BIOTECHNOLOGY – MEDICAL ADVANCEMENTS



ZOVIRAX – DRUG DERIVED FROM A CARIBBEAN SPONGE THAT TREATS HERPES, CHICKENPOX AND SHINGLES



YONDELIS – DRUG DERIVED FROM SEA SQUIRT THAT TREATS SOFT TISSUE SARCOMA



PRIALT - A PAINKILLER DERIVED FROM A CONE SNAIL





# JPI Oceans – an intergovernmental process

## ***Vision:***

Enabling Blue Growth and jobs whilst fostering the health and productivity of seas and oceans and addressing the pressures posed by climate change and human impacts.

## ***Mission:***

Providing a strategic platform for a long-term approach to marine and maritime research and innovation to increase impact of investments.

## ***Members***

### **21 member countries**

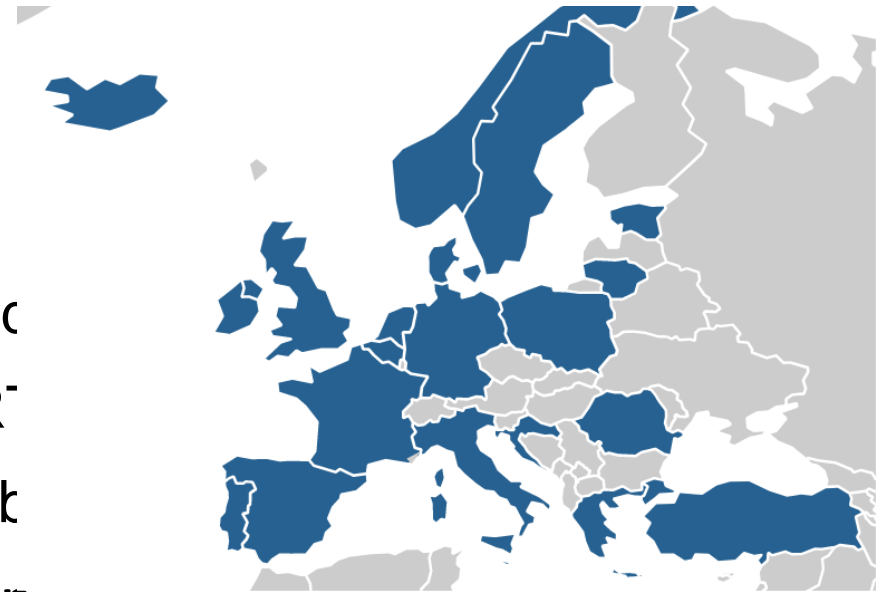
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International Partners may engage in actions case k

**JPI Oceans covers all European sea basins and European**

**interests in the global ocean**



# Blue Bioeconomy Cofund

Unlocking the potential of aquatic bioresources



National and regional funding organisations from 16 European countries

## 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Call 2018

29 million Euro

with 8 million Euro EU top-up

- Priority area 1: Exploring new resources
- Priority area 2: Exploring improvements in fisheries and aquaculture
- Priority area 3: Exploring synergies with other sectors
- Priority area 4: Exploring Biotechnology and ICT



# Blue Bioeconomy Cofund

Unlocking the potential of aquatic bioresources



Achieving zero waste by optimising the use of underutilised material

Applying biotechnology and ICT to develop smart, efficient, traceable food systems

Creating synergies between aquaculture and fisheries

Unlocking the potential of microbiomes in aquaculture, fisheries, and food processing

Creating predictive tools to conserve biodiversity hot-spots in the oceans

Exploring synergies with land-based production

Improving aquaculture and fisheries

# Strategies...



# Blue Bioeconomy Forum

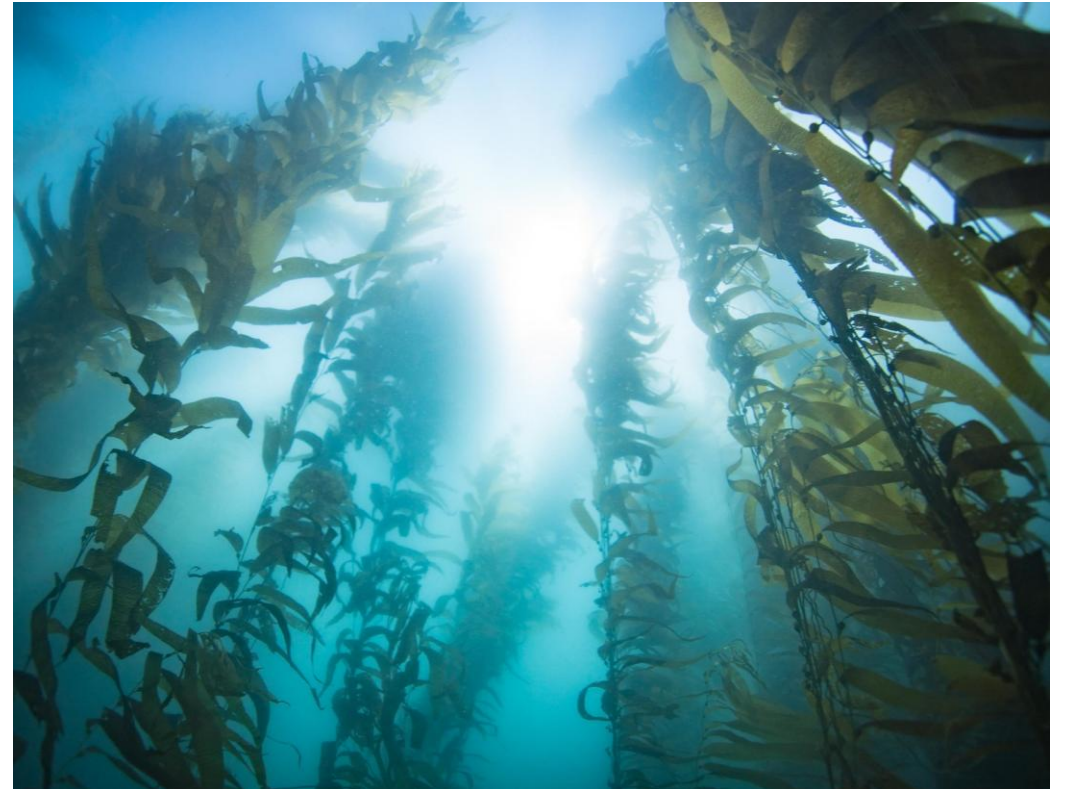
Unlocking the potential of aquatic bioresources

Brings together a partnership of industry, public authorities, academia, and finance in order to strengthen Europe's competitive position in the emerging Blue Bioeconomy

Aims:

- Develop a shared understanding of the current status of the Blue Bioeconomy in Europe
- Identify strategic developments, market opportunities, appropriate financial assistance, regulatory actions and research priorities to advance the Blue Bioeconomy in Europe

**Next Stakeholder Conference: 25 June, Brussels**





# Synergies with other areas of the Bioeconomy



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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Effect of the macroalgae *Asparagopsis taxiformis* on methane production and rumen microbiome assemblage

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**Abstract**

**Background:** Recent studies using batch fermentation suggest that the red macroalgae *Asparagopsis taxiformis* has the potential to reduce methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) production from beef cattle by up to ~99% when added to Rhodes grass hay; a common feed in the Australian beef industry. These experiments have shown significant reductions in CH<sub>4</sub> without compromising other fermentation parameters (i.e. volatile fatty acid production) with *A. taxiformis* organic matter (OM) inclusion rates of up to 5%. In the study presented here, *A. taxiformis* was evaluated for its ability to reduce methane production from dairy cattle fed a mixed ration widely utilized in California, the largest milk producing state in the US.

**Results:** Fermentation in a semi continuous in vitro rumen system suggests that *A. taxiformis* can reduce methane production from enteric fermentation in dairy cattle by 95% when added at a 5% OM inclusion rate without any obvious negative impacts on volatile fatty acid production. High-throughput 16S ribosomal RNA (rRNA) gene amplicon sequencing showed that seaweed amendment effects rumen microbiome consistent with the Anna Karenina hypothesis, with increased β diversity, over time scales of approximately 3 days. The relative abundance of methanogens in the fermentation vessels amended with *A. taxiformis* decreased significantly compared to control vessels, but this reduction in methanogen abundance was only significant when averaged over the course of the experiment. Alternatively, significant reductions of CH<sub>4</sub> in the *A. taxiformis* amended vessels was measured in the early stages of the experiment. This suggests that *A. taxiformis* has an immediate effect on the metabolic functionality of rumen methanogens whereas its impact on microbiome assemblage, specifically methanogen abundance, is delayed.

**Conclusions:** The methane reducing effect of *A. taxiformis* during rumen fermentation makes this macroalgae a promising candidate as a biotic methane mitigation strategy for dairy cattle. But its effect in vivo (i.e. in dairy cattle) remains to be investigated in animal trials. Furthermore, to obtain a holistic understanding of the biochemistry responsible for the significant reduction of methane, gene expression profiles of the rumen microbiome and the host animal are warranted.

**Keywords:** 16S rRNA community profiling, *Asparagopsis taxiformis*, Feed supplementation, Greenhouse gas mitigation, In vitro rumen fermentation, Macroalgae, Rumen microbiome

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