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Identification of Challenges and Improvement for Sustainable Seafood Supply in Europe

(iSea)



Research Areas

Aquaculture Division

- Breeding and genetics
- Fish nutrition and feed technology
- Fish health
- Production biology
- BioLab

Fisheries, Industry and Market Divison

- Consumer and markets
- Industry and corporate development
- Seafood industry
- Processing Technology
- Marine biotechnology

Food Science Division

- Food and health
- Raw materials and processing
- Sensory and consumer science, innovation
- Food safety and preservation



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Research Objectives of the Norwegian Food, Fisheries and Aquaculture Industry





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World rewiew of fisheries and aquaculture 2010 Volume:148 million tonnes – Value: 218 billion US\$

	Million tons	% change from 2006
TOT. CAPTURE	88	-1,5 %
TOT. AQUACULTURE	60	25 %
TOT WORLD FISHERIES	148	8 %
HUMAN CONSUMTION	128	12 %
NON FOOD USES	20	-12%
PER CAPITA FOOD SUPPLY	18.6 kg	7 %





Sustainable development

"...development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"

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Brundtland Commissions, 1987



Sustainability must be viewed in a wide perspective, involving several disciplines



Four perspectives

Perspective	Description
Environmental	Maintenance of the functions of the ecosystem and evolution
Economic	Economic development in harmony with the nature
Social	Social cohesion, just treatment, justification and solidarity between people
Institutional (governance)	Safeguarding the environment, realizing justification between people (income, wealth and poverty), securing participation
	(Omann, 2004)



Different perspectives



Modified from Heijungs et. al 2010

Unbalanced and weak construction Sustainable development Enviromental Economic Social Institutional

What is the problem?



Wild capture fisheries Relevant contextual indicators

- Management of wild fish stocks
- Over-capacity in the fishing fleet
- Energy consumption
- Fuel consumption related to the harvesting operation
- Conflict of interest

Salmon farming Relevant contextual indicators

- Escapes of farmed fish and genetic interaction with the wild stock
- Diseases and parasites transfer to the wild stock
- Pollution from excess feed nutrients and chemicals
- Feed and feed resources
- Use of areas
- Tourism
- Transport distance



Balanced and strong construction



Complexity

In-house indicators		Management indicators	Stakeholder / business partners & product indicators		
Bribery and corruption	Fair trade	Workload	Auditing	Reputation	Corporate citizenship
Transportation	Code of conduct	Diversity and equal opportunities	Management systems	Product representation	Ethical products
Air	Working environment	Sickness	Business performance	Family friendliness	Suppliers / contractors
Environmental training	Quality	Training and personal development	Compliance	Local community	Shareholders
Water	Environmental costs	Employee benefits	Safety and occupational health	Social performance reporting	Business partners
Energy	Waste	Job creation	Health and safety	Reporting	Customers

More complex to collect

Keeble et al, 2003

Increasingly external focus

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Broader perspective is necessary



Multidisciplinary approach needed



Summary

- Sustainable management and production is necessary for further growth of the world's seafood supply.
- Sustainability is a complex and multi-disciplinary field
- International framework provides guidelines on sustainability, which should include environmental, economic, social and institutional perspective.
- A too narrow focus on only environmental sustainability limits the potential for further growth of seafood supply.
- The objectives of the project is to:
 - Clarify the concept of sustainability in general and specifically how it relates to seafood industry in Europe
 - Identify challenges of a sustainable seafood supply in Europe and suggest how these challenges could be met to achieve a sustainable growth, which includes environment, people, employment, innovation, regulations, and a strong blue economy in Europe.



Thank you for your attention

We would like to work with you on this important issue!

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