



What future for Mediterranean Marine Aquaculture ? A PROFET Policy Workshop

Athens, Greece, 22nd-23rd November 2007
Draft Agenda & Programme

- Target audience of the Workshop : fish farmers and aquaculture associations, government representatives, research institutions and other stakeholders.

Duration: 1 ½ days

DAY 1		
SESSION 1: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ROLE OF RESEARCH		
Time	Issue	Speaker
8:30	Registration in Hotel	
09:30	Official opening	
09:45	Opening Remarks on Profet Policy <i>Background on Research Compilation (and poster presentations?)</i>	Courtney Hough (FEAP) - Project Coordinator
10:00	EU Maritime Policy and the implications to Mediterranean Aquaculture	Waddah Saab, Member of Cabinet for Commissioner Joe Borg (Fisheries and Maritime Affairs)
10:30	European policies and their effects on the development of Mediterranean Aquaculture	Prof. Basil Stephanis
11:00	Relevance of European and National aquaculture research to the Mediterranean Producers	Mr Gustavo Larrazábal
11:30	Coffee Break	

This session is an introductory session.

- Opening remarks to explain the background on Profet Policy.
- Looking at the Maritime Policy and its implication to Mediterranean Aquaculture.
- Looking at the CFP/FIFG and the EFF and how these have helped the development of Mediterranean Aquaculture - current importance
- Looking at how the professional sector views the relevance of research activities to its function - strengths/weaknesses and gaps.

Effectively, the idea is to generate a review of the approach of European and national planning and research - complementarity within the region, key issues and topics.



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SESSION 2: POLICY & REGULATORY FRAMEWORK		
Time	Issue	Speaker
11.50	Review of the Strategy for the Sustainable Development of Aquaculture	Jean Weissenberger, Aquaculture Unit - European Commission
12.30	Aquaculture and its interface with the Environment	Despina Symons
12:50	Questions and Answers with Speakers of Sessions 1 & 2	

This session will give the policy background to aquaculture in Southern Europe - providing a general position on the sector within the Common Fisheries Policy/Sustainable aquaculture development.

- The first talk will reflect on the policies, particularly the current review of the Strategy for the Sustainable Development of European Aquaculture
- The role of spatial planning/coastal zone management and their effects on the issues of competition for space and development.
- Links between the content of the CFP and other European policies that affect aquaculture will be highlighted, mainly environmental policies and the joint IUCN/FEAP developments

Discussion should provide positions on how national/regional issues affect the application/development of national policies in the Region and provide information on how different States are approaching the topics raised.

SESSION 3: RTD NEEDS RELATED TO EUROPEAN POLICIES		
Time	Issue	Speaker
14.00	Fish Health Management - RTD contributions and needs and choices available for the future	Panos Christofilogiannis
14.30	Marine Protected areas or aquaculture in the coastal zone? Choice or combination? The needs of governance	Nikos Anagnopoulos
14.50	Are aquaculture products adapted to consumer demands? Consumer studies	Filiep Vanhonacker
	Are aquaculture products adapted to consumer demands? Fish farmers perspective	Massimo Caggiano

This session will focus on the broader issues of development and how policies are influencing the response and viability of the sector. It will present an analysis on the policies and legislation that are driving or hindering development and identify research requirements.



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SESSION 4: RTD NEEDS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT		
Time	Issue	Speaker
16.00	Community Research Support for Mediterranean in FP6	Stamatis Varsamos, DG Fisheries and Maritimes affairs European Commission
16.20	What do we mean by 'sustainability'? - CONSENSUS	Alistair Lane (EAS)
16.40	Sustainable feeds for fish farming - a review of progress and the issues (FORM and Aquamax)	Douglas Tocher
17.00	Present and future status of Mediterranean fry production	Pavlina Pavlidou
17.00	Effluent treatment in aquaculture: science and practice - AQUAETREAT	Georgia Bressani
17.30	Questions and Answers with Speakers of Sessions 3 & 4	

This session will target some of the broad issues identified within sustainable development discussions that affect aquaculture, looking particularly at the interactions with the environment.

DAY 2		
SESSION 5: SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT		
Time	Issue	Speaker
09.00	Introduction	MP
09.10	Morpho-anatomical abnormalities in reared fish - FINEFISH	G Koumoundouros
09.30	AQUAGENOME - how genomics can help the fish and shellfish sectors	G.Kotoulas
09:50	Tuna - Closing the cycle: a dream or reality?	C. Mylonas
10:20	The need for knowledge on the professional sector - Data collection	Jon Arne Grottum
10.40	Interactions with the Environment - a review of current knowledge	Prof. I. Karakassis

The 5th session will examine different measures that provide support for the development of aquaculture.

- How Mediterranean aquaculture is affected by malformations.
- How genomic work can help development - AQUAGENOME is a project that looks to coordinate current and future genomic RTD projects
- Blue-fin tuna - will reproduction be possible? (REPRODOTT)
- The need for data on the sector - review of the new Data collection directive and its implications



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SESSION 6: FUTURE RESEARCH NEEDS		
Time	Issue	Speaker
11.15	Questions that need answers - future research requirements and European Aquaculture Technology Platform	C.Hough & J.Stephanis
11.30	Skill development and technology transfer mechanisms	David Murphy, Aquatt
11.45	7 th Framework Programme - impact on and opportunities for aquaculture	Mario Lopes Santos European Commission
12.00	Discussion with Workshop Participants	Moderated by Prof Margaris/JS
12.45	Conclusions and recommendations	Rapporteur Member of Cabinet for Commissioner Joe Borg (Fisheries and Maritime Affairs)

The closing session on the workshop will focus on assessing future research needs for Mediterranean aquaculture, including

- A presentation on the proposal for a European Aquaculture Technology Platform will also be made.
- A presentation on the importance of technology transfer and training
- A presentation of the 7th Framework programme and its contribution to aquaculture research
- An assessment of the main questions that need answering (including those that have been raised already)

It will be concluded by an open discussion with workshop participants to discuss policy issues and needs for future research.

Conclusions and recommendations will be provided by the Workshop Rapporteur.

Poster Presentations on specific European projects to request (draft list)

1. Consensus - prepared by EAS
2. Aquamax - prepared by NIFES/FEAP
3. Finefish - prepared by Akvaforsk/FEAP
4. Wave - prepared by AquaTT

Plus others relative to the Med

Other handouts placed on registration desk or Profet Policy presentation desk/stand:

- Aquaetreat manual
- Aquaculture and the Environment (IUCN)