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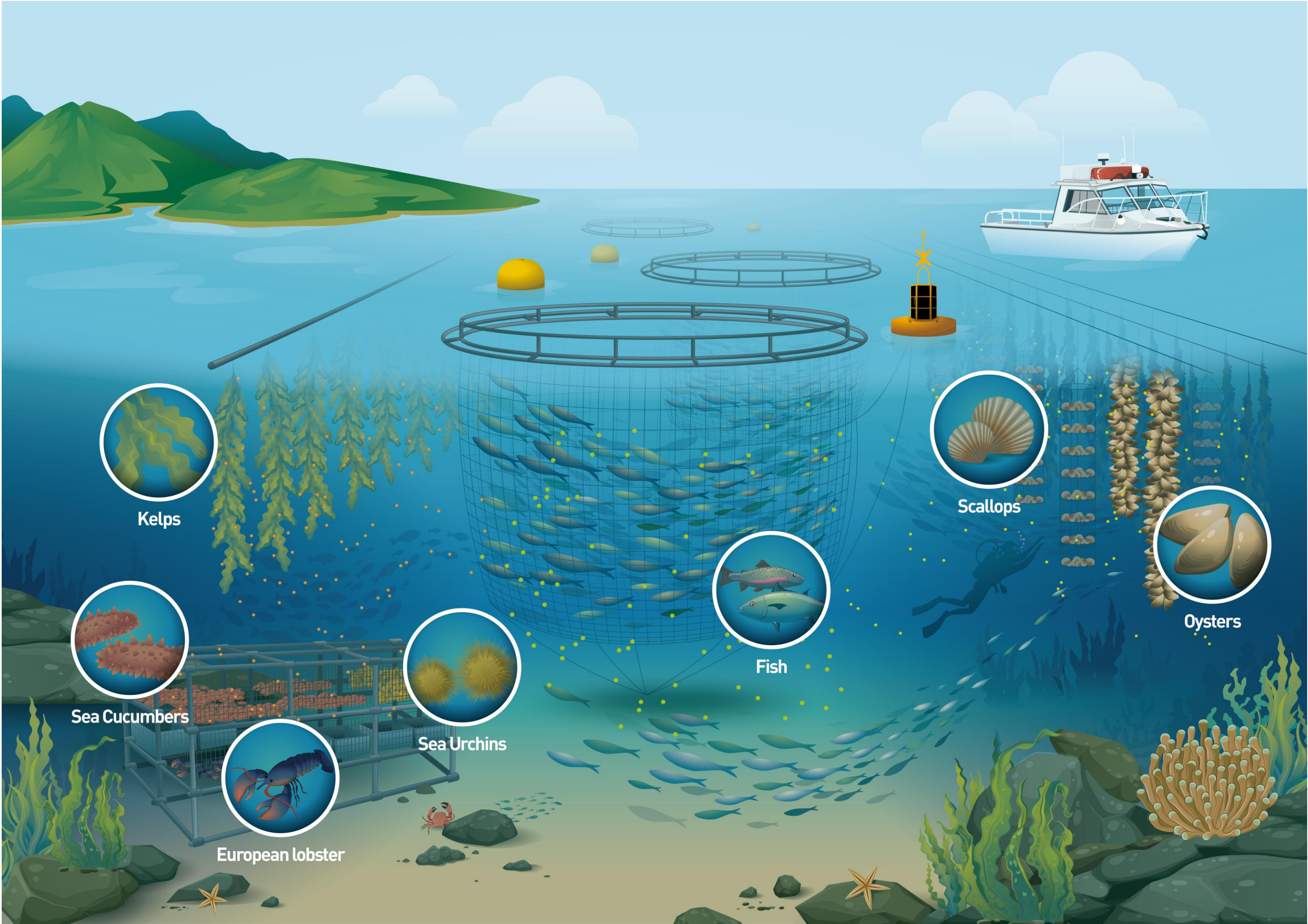
An intelligent management system for integrated multi-trophic aquaculture

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# Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture - IMTA





# IMTA

- IMTA or 'imta' = Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture.
- A term to describe a specific concept in aquaculture – not new.
- Acronym was coined in 2004 by Thierry Chopin at a conference in Canada.
- Current aquaculture practices involve single species mono-culture.
- Additional species to that area known as polyculture.
- IMTA is a specific type of polyculture – it required growing 2 or more species, and for those species grown to be complementary to each other in some way.
- Concept with 3 elements...



# IMTA - 3 elements

## The Aquaculture element

is the farming of aquatic organisms (marine & FW) - interventions in the rearing process to enhance production.

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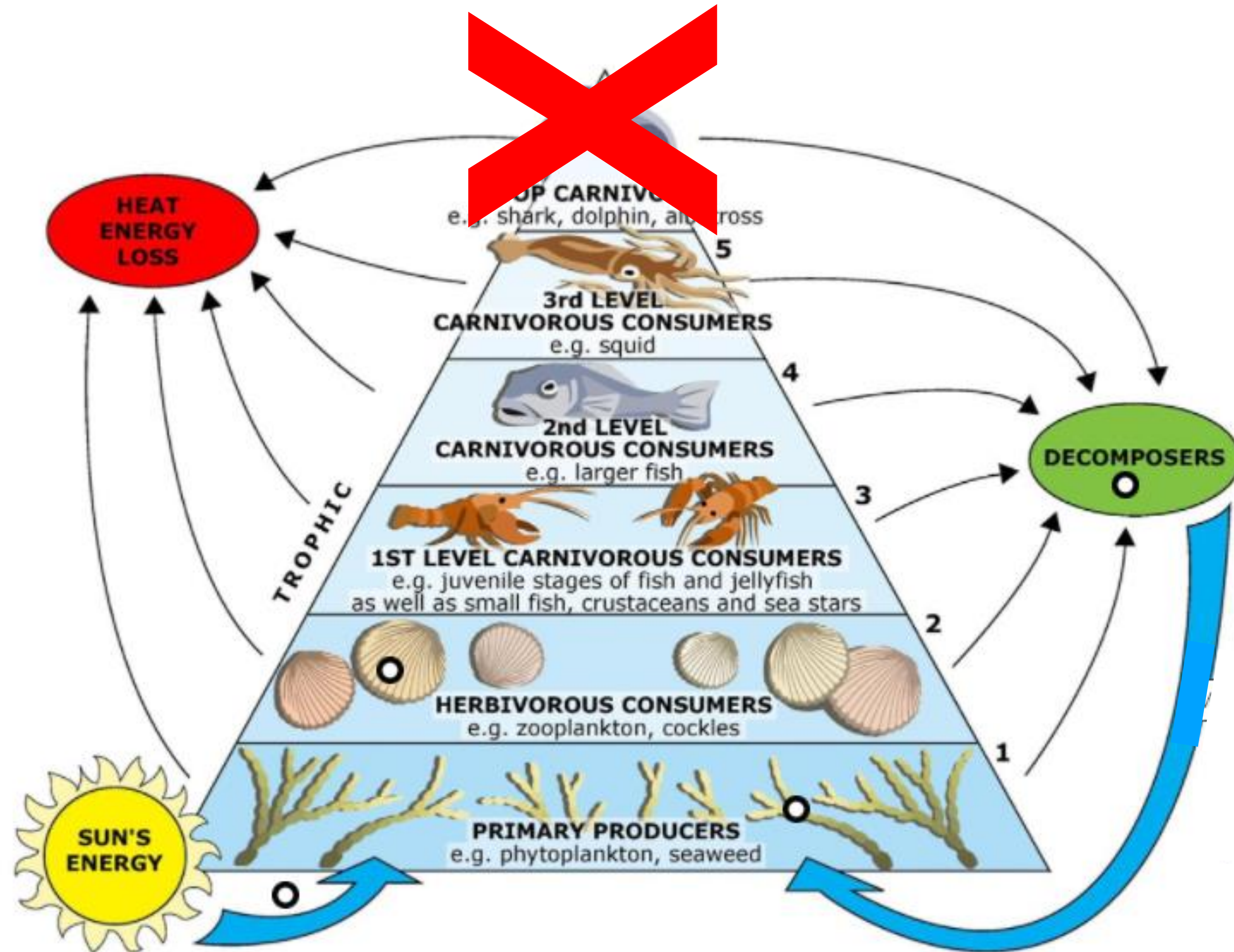




## IMTA - 3 elements

### The Multi-Trophic element

- the species must come from different levels on the food chain.





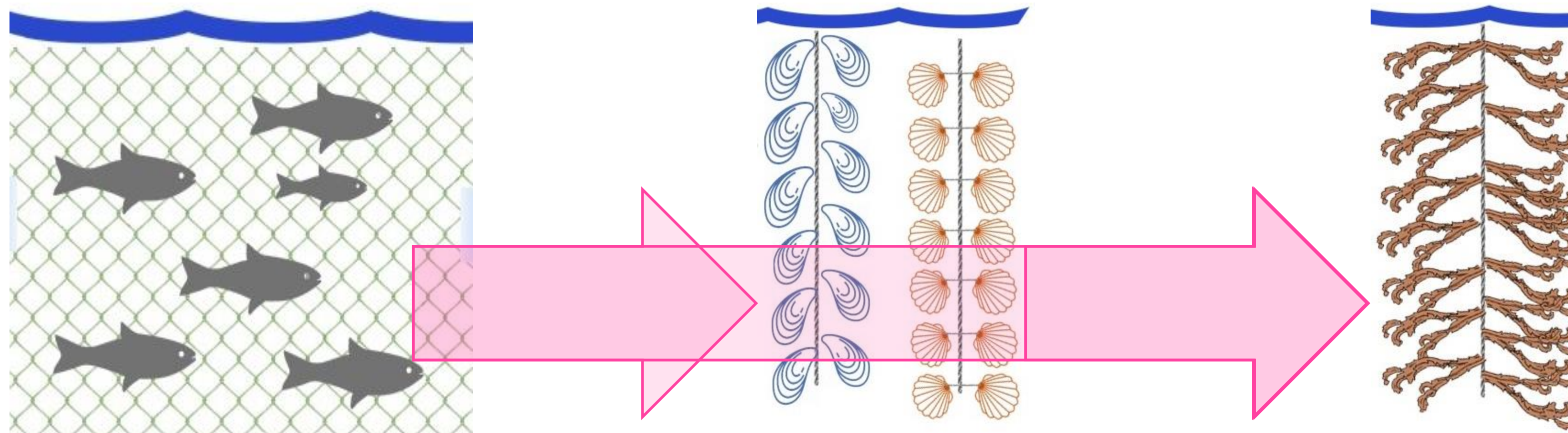
## IMTA - 3 elements

### The 'Integrated' element – Key!

The species farmed are linked - serving complementary functions within the ecosystem.

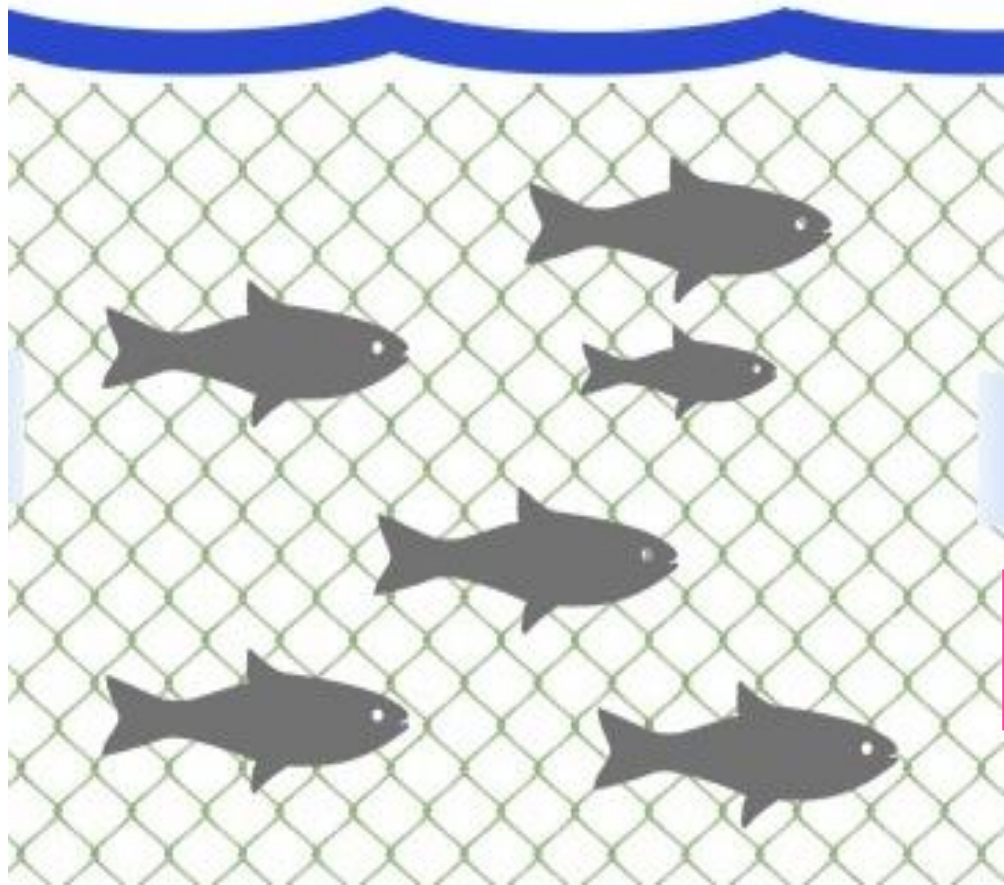
Organic and inorganic waste serves as nutritional inputs

Waste reused as nutritional inputs, becoming a useful by-product.

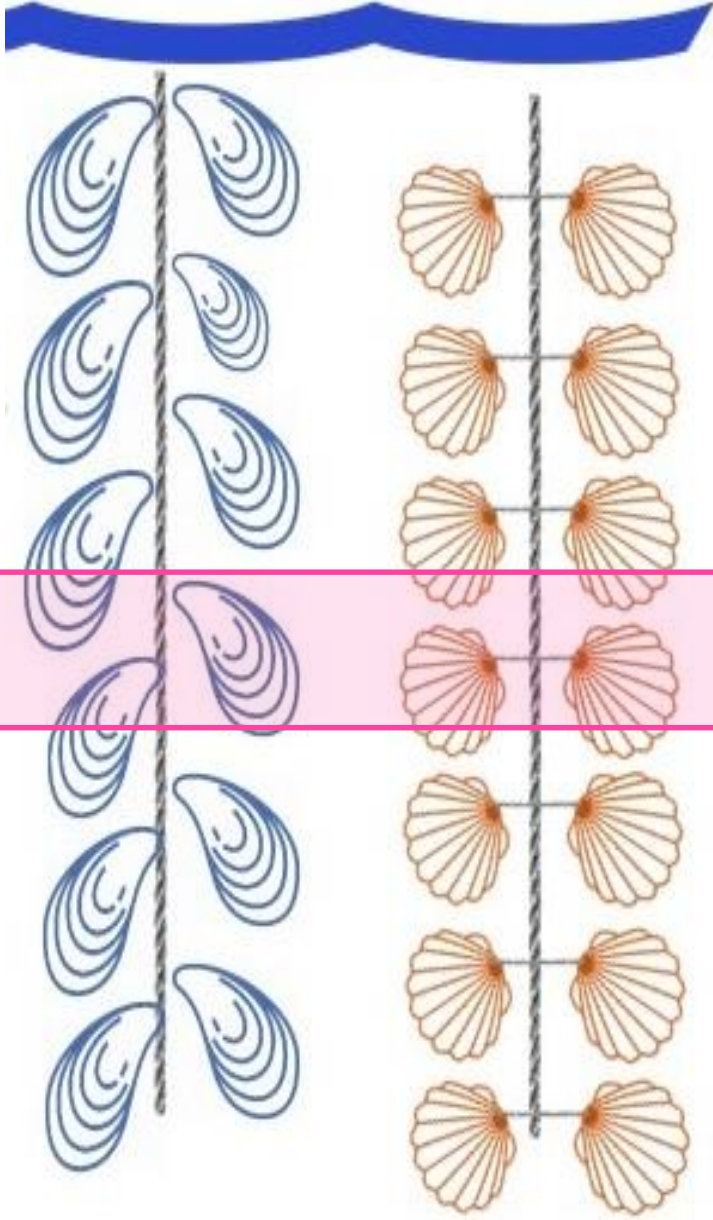




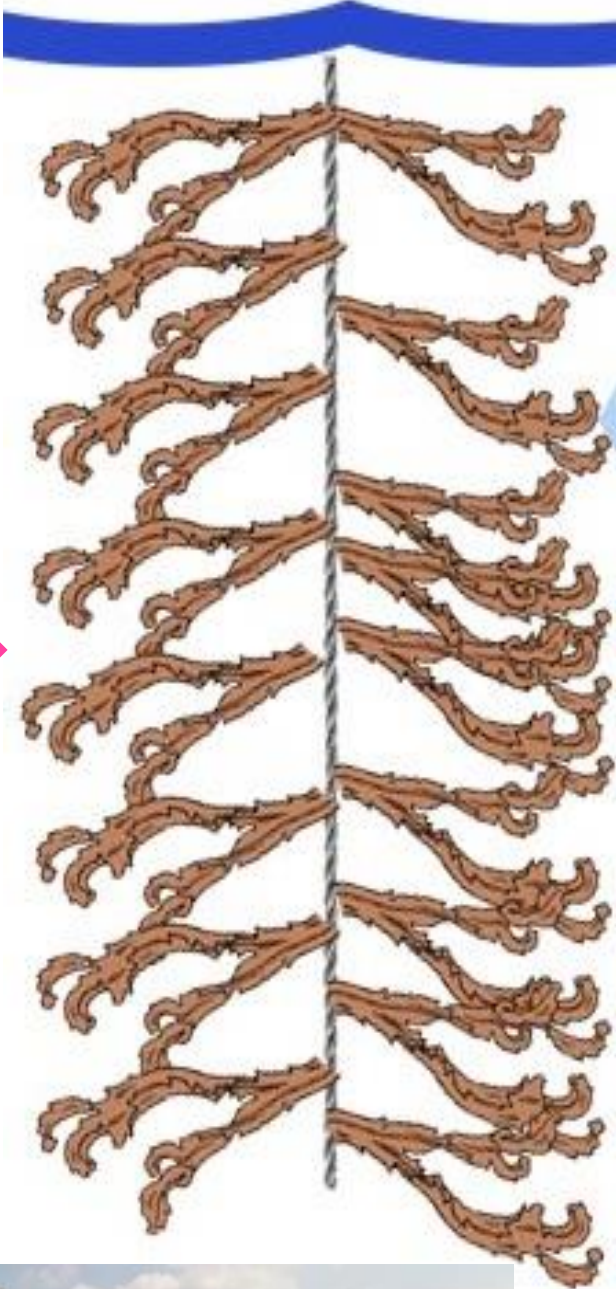
# IMTA - Typical



Nitrogenous waste (Nitrogen (N) in the form of ammonia and ammonia ions ( $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ))

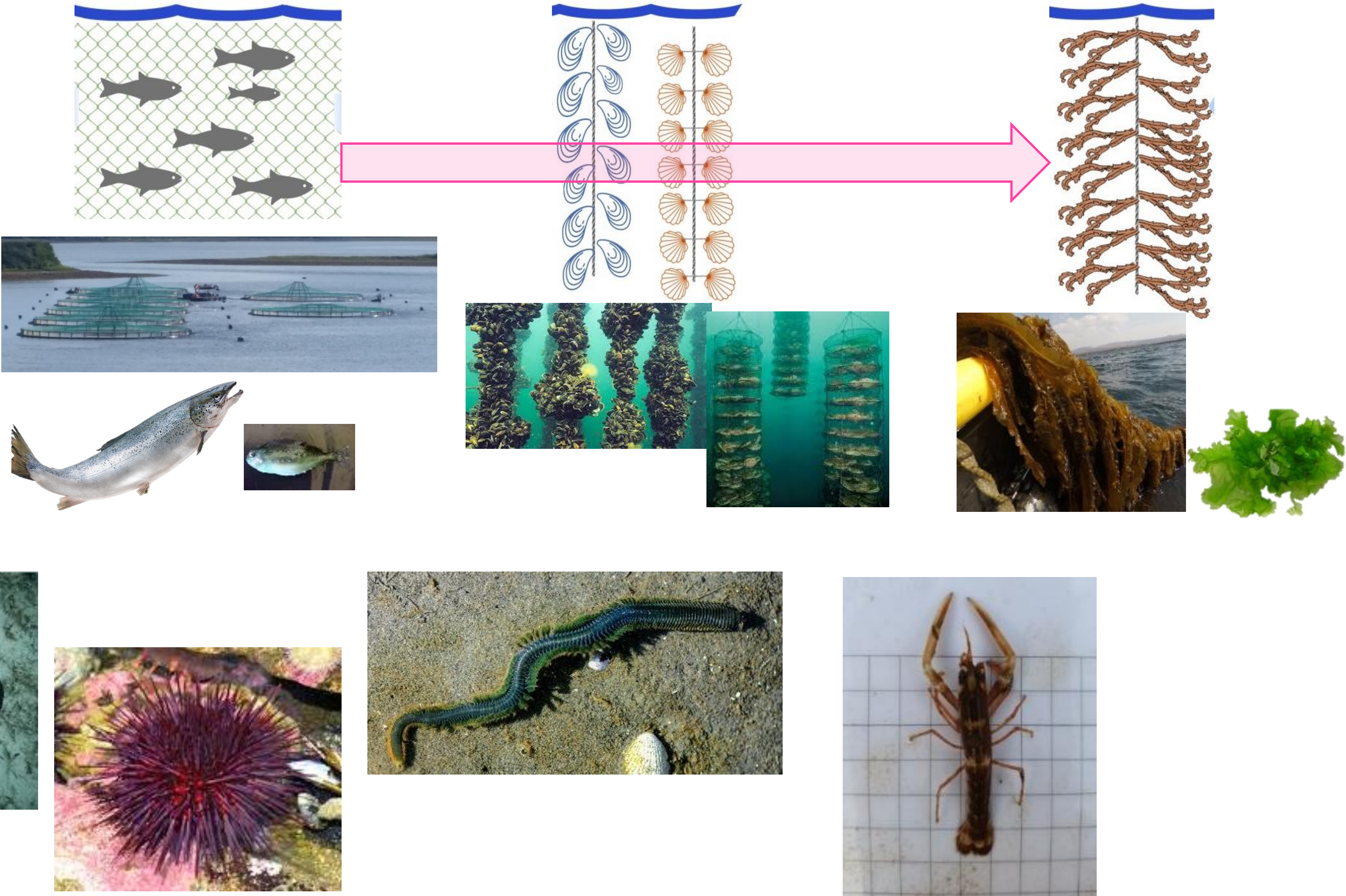


Phosphorous waste (phosphorus (P) in the form phosphate ( $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ ), and waste carbon.



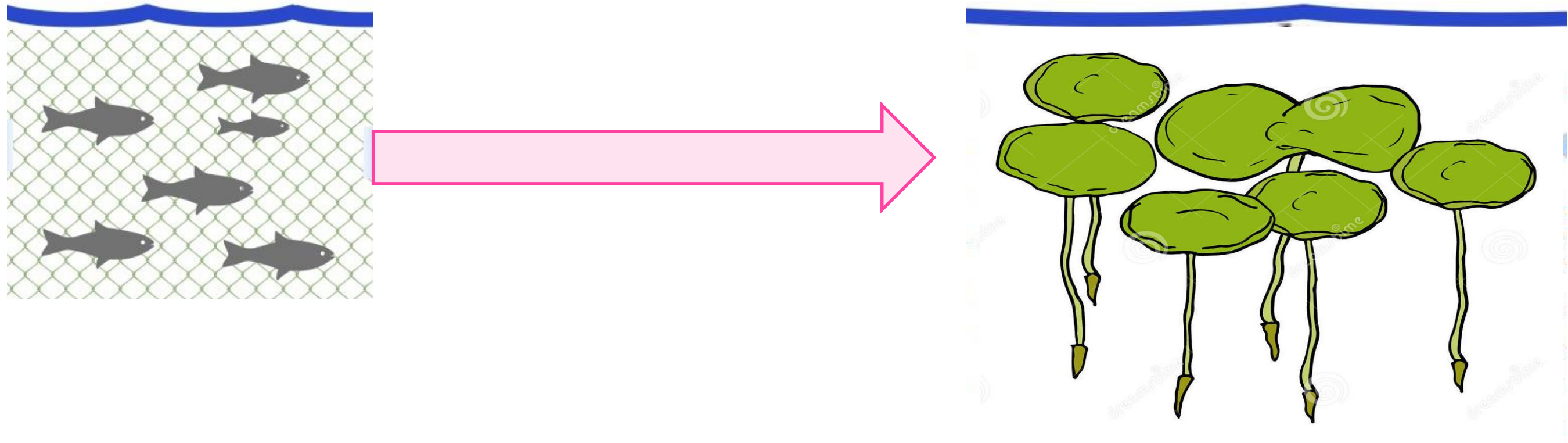


# IMTA - Less Typical



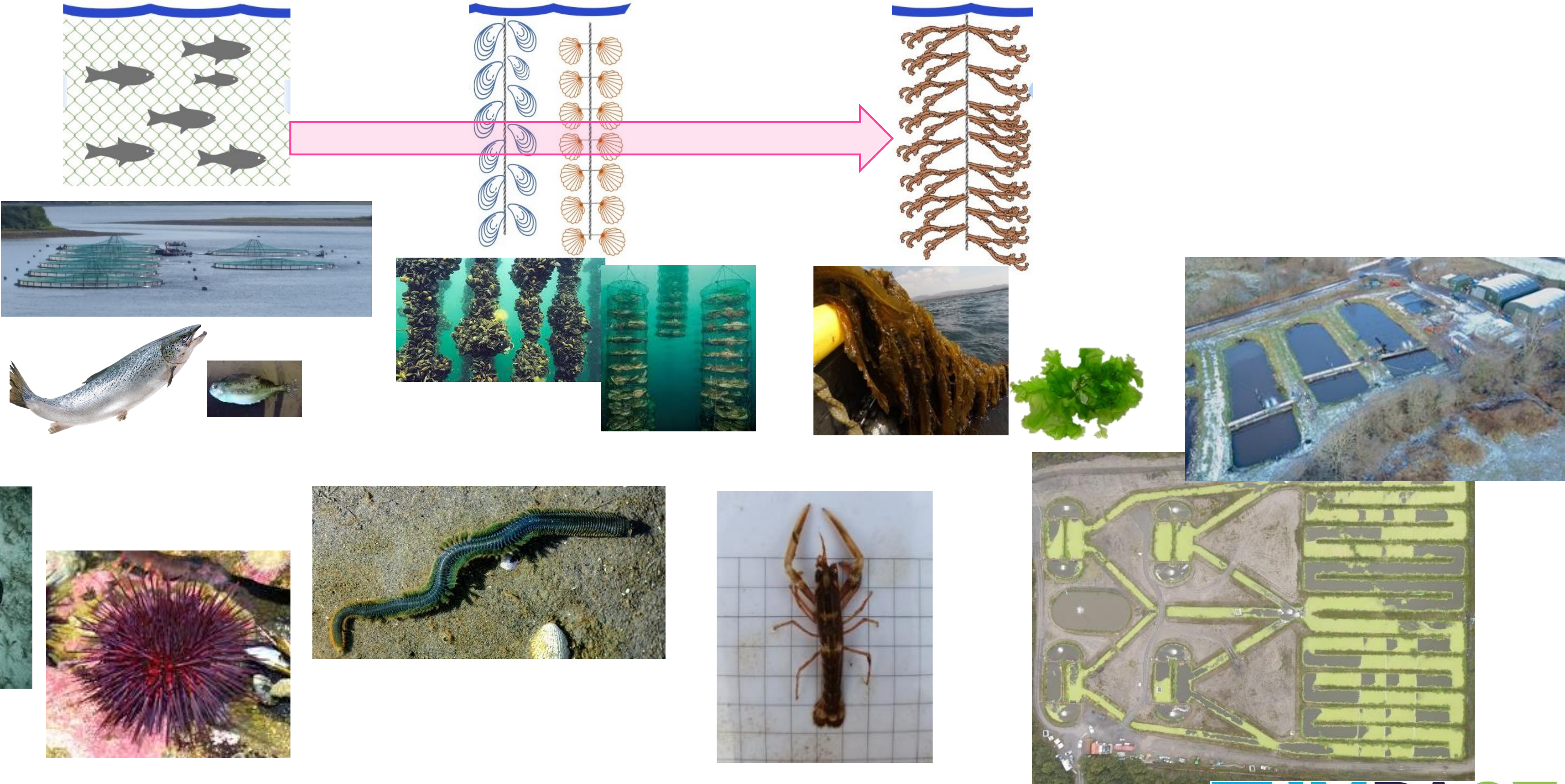


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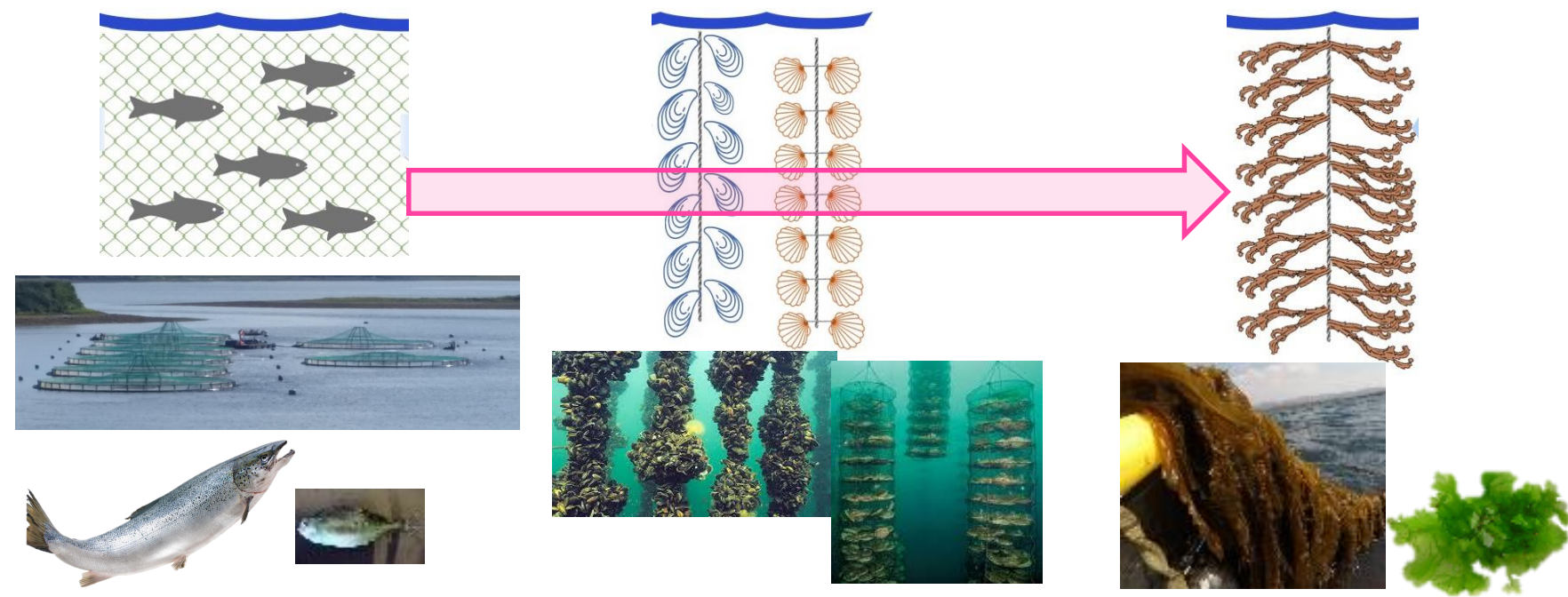


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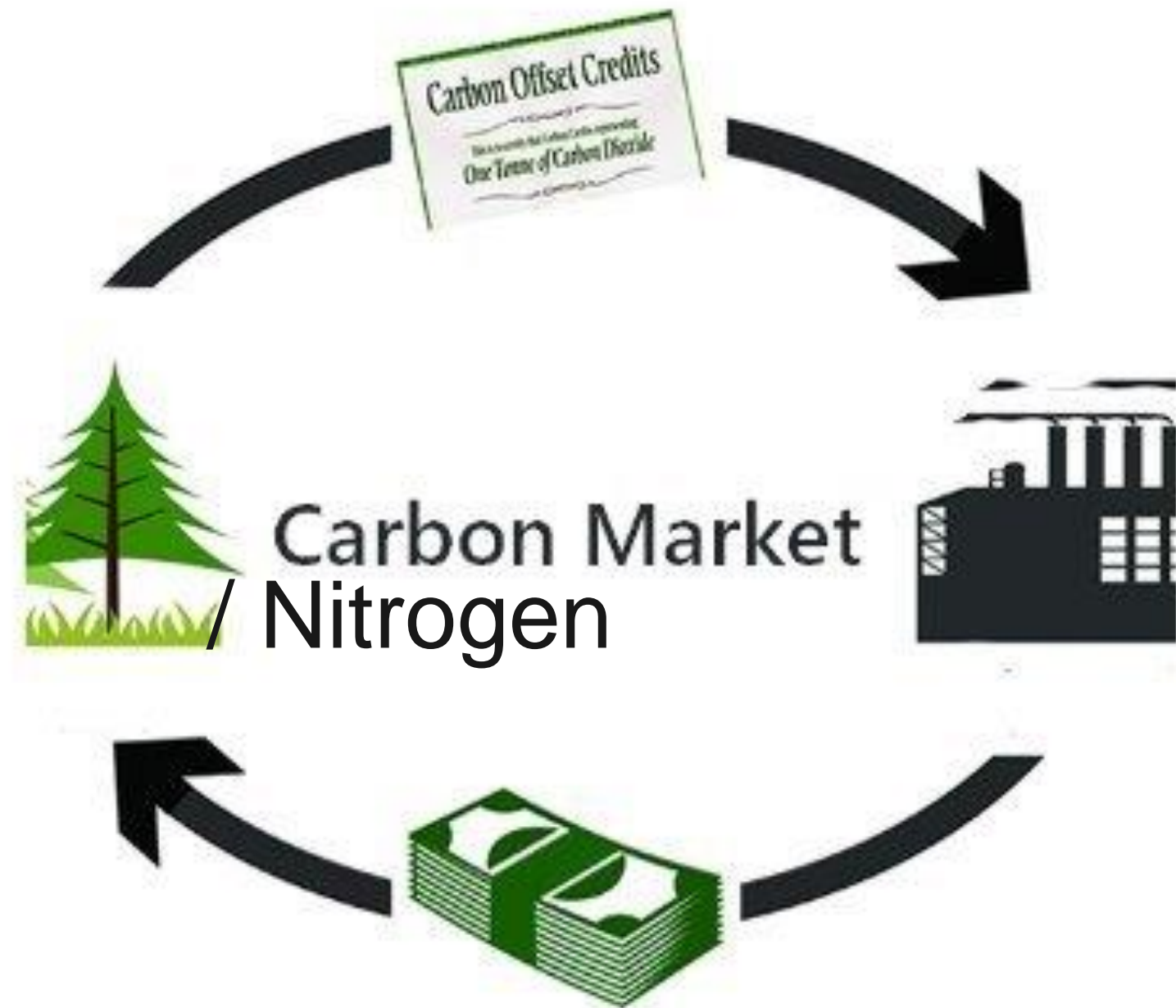
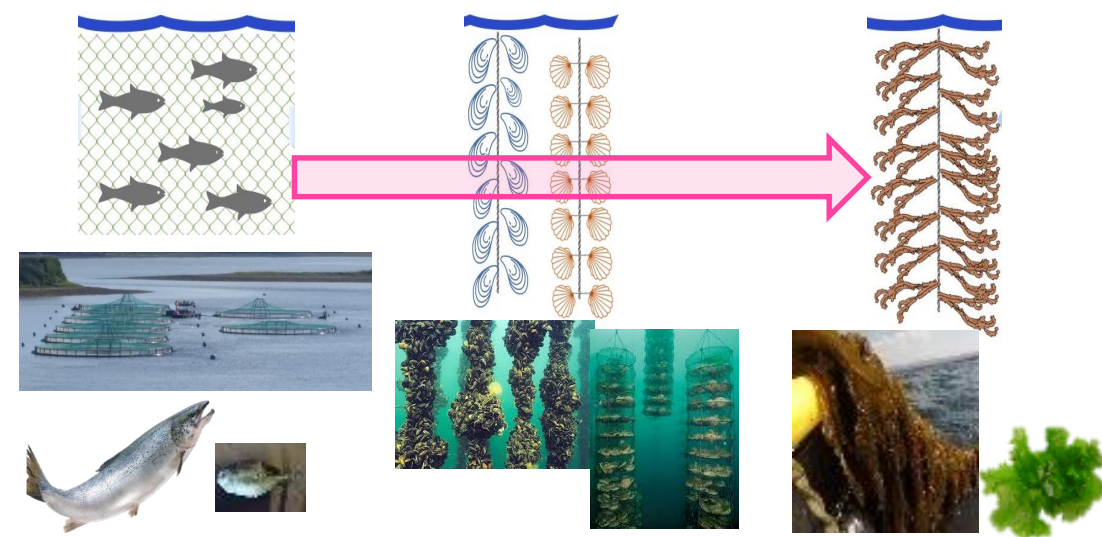


# IMTA - Broader



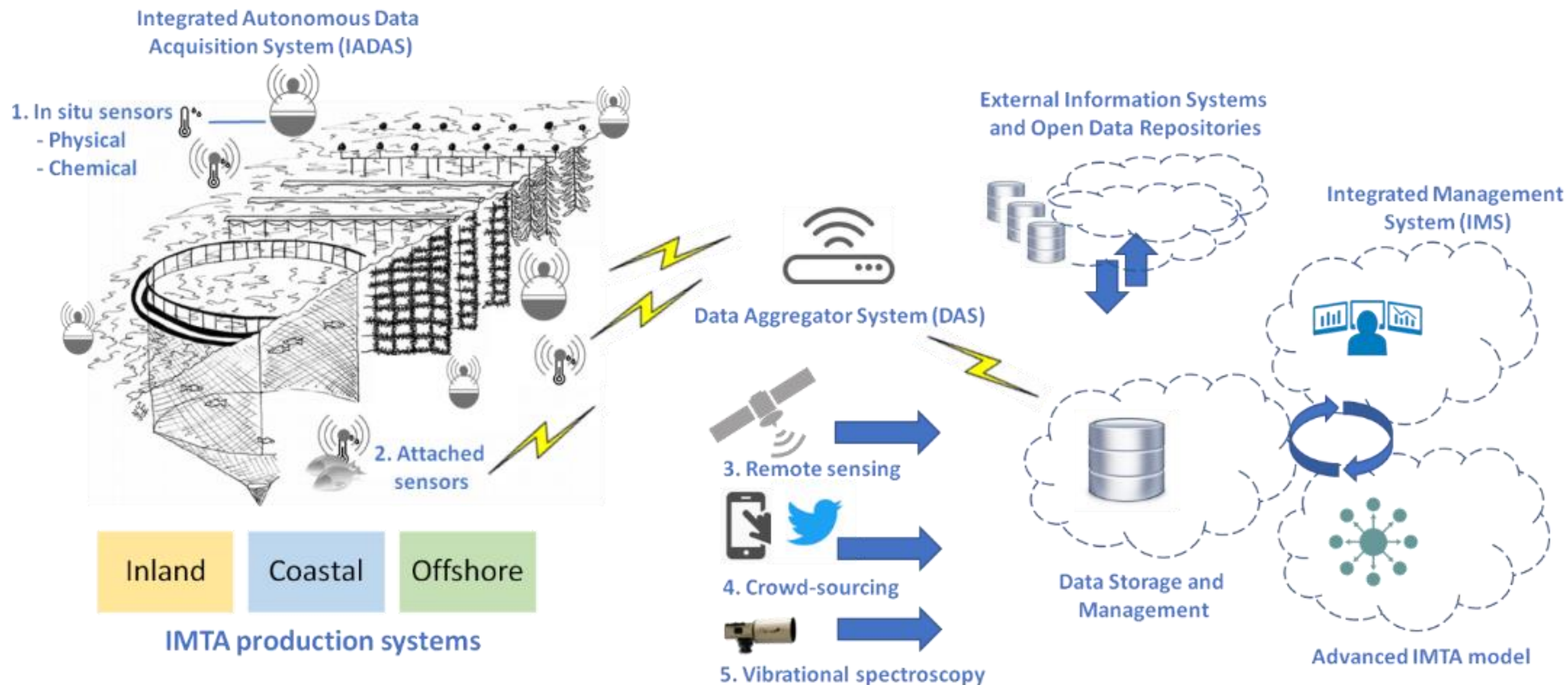


# IMTA - Wide scale?





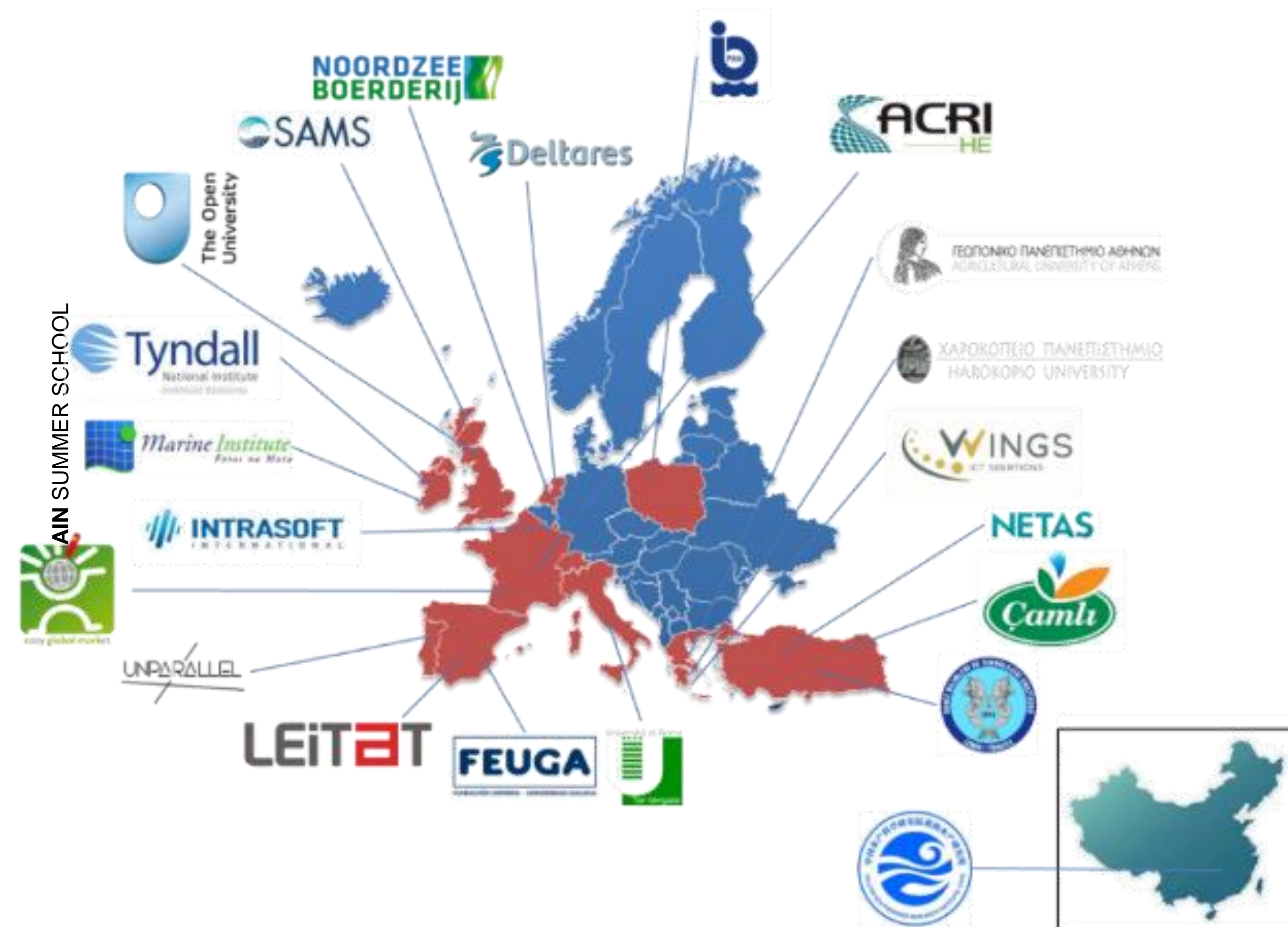
# The IMPAQT Project



← Semantic aquaculture data interoperability and harmonization →



# The IMPAQT Project



- Sensors (Tyndall, UNITOV, UI, EGM, LEITAT, WINGS)
- Remote sensing based on satellite observation (IOPAN, ARGANS)
- Data analytics (WINGS)
- Modelling tools (Deltares)
- Crowd-sourcing applications (ARGANS)
- Management systems (INTRA, WINGS, NETAS)
- Food safety and biofouling (AUA)
- Communication systems (EGM, NETAS, UI, WINGS, LEITAT)
- Semantic interoperability (OU, EGM, UI, WINGS)
- System integration (INTRA, NETAS, WINGS)
- Environmental-socio-economic sustainability (LEITAT, Deltares, HUA)
- Exploitation management and ecosystem building (FEUGA)
- Integrated aquaculture (SAMS, MI, NSF, Camli, YSFRI, DEU)



# IMPAQT Pilot sites

SAMS, UK



NSF, The Netherlands



Keywater Fisheries, Ireland



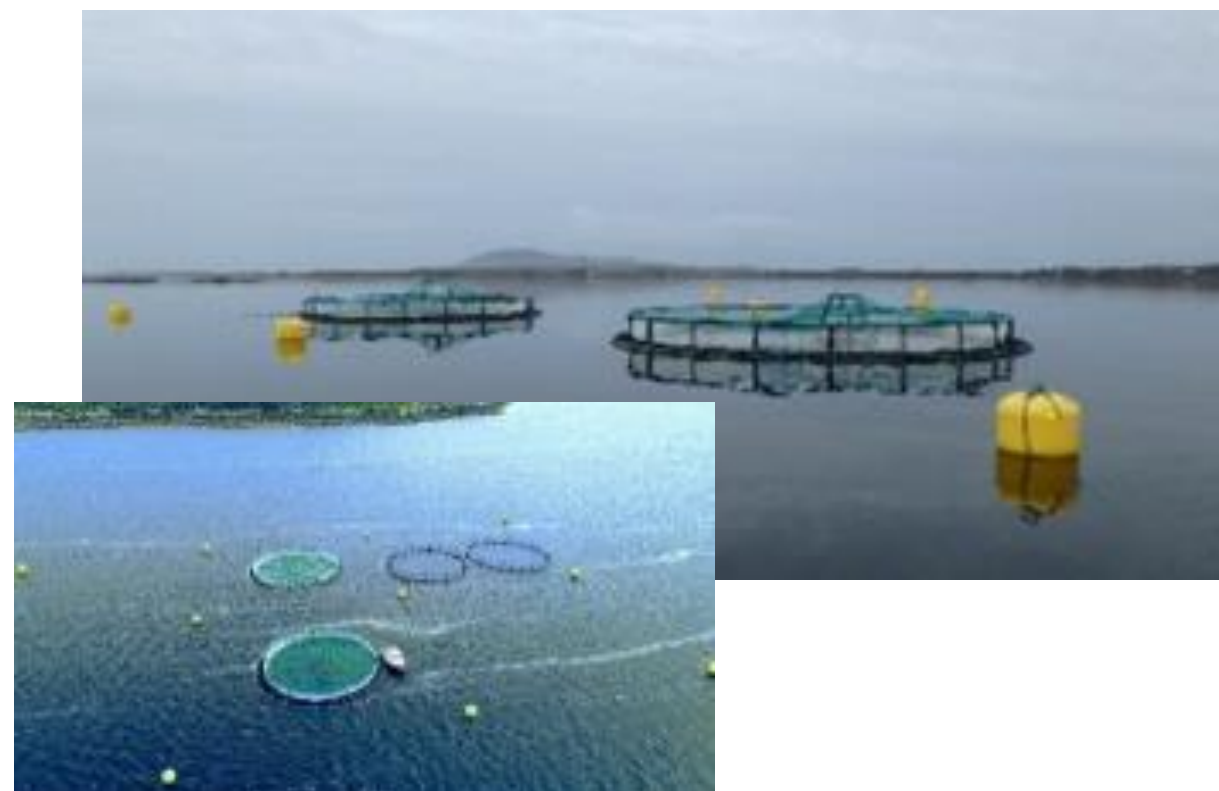
YSFRI, China



Camli, Turkey



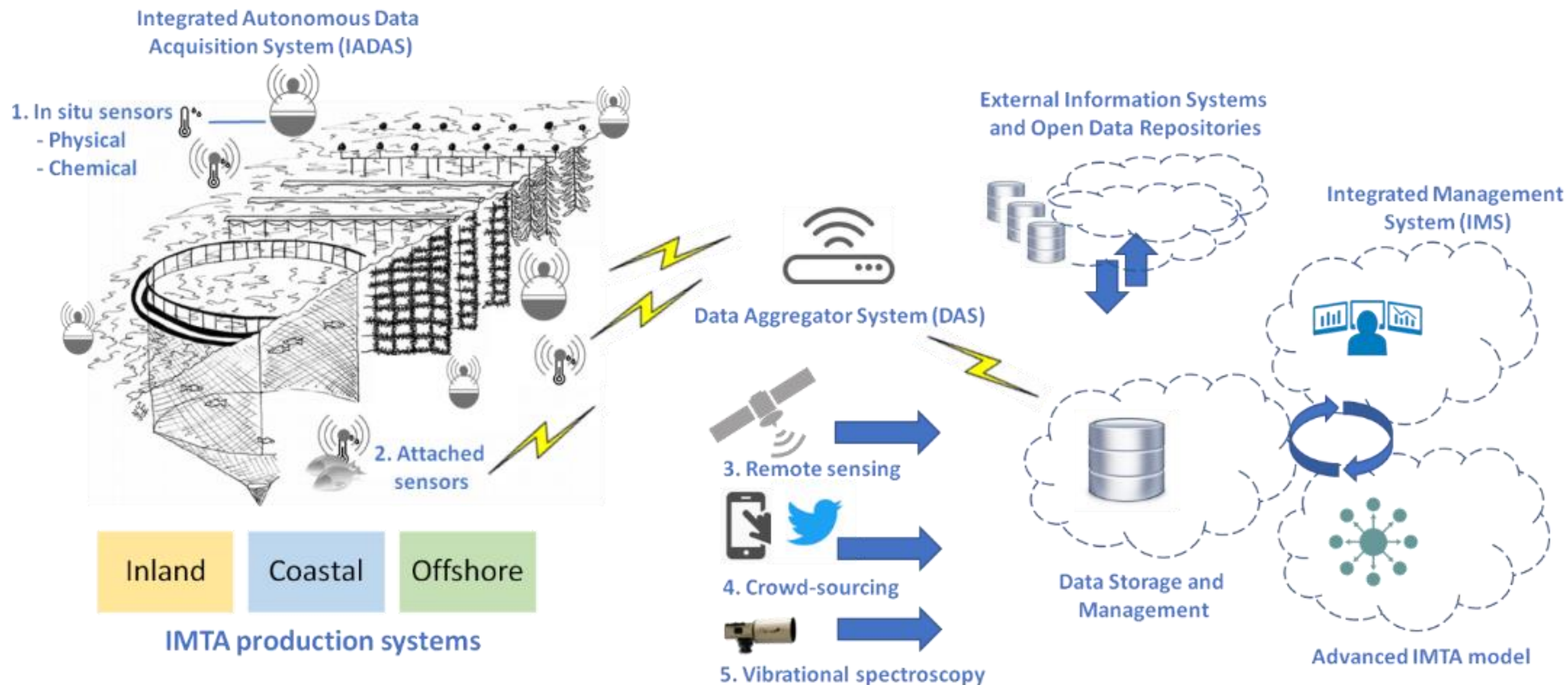
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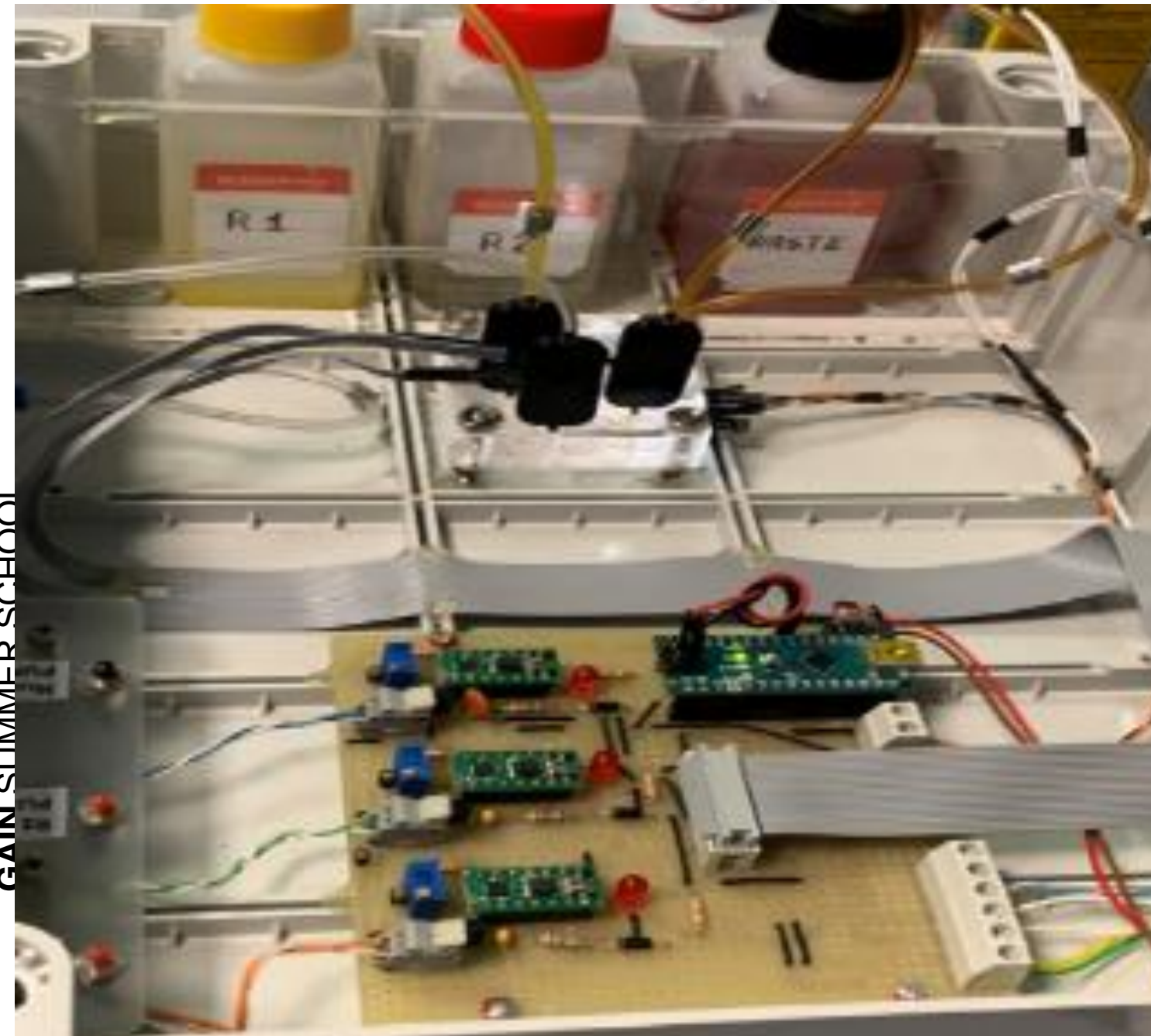
# The Technology



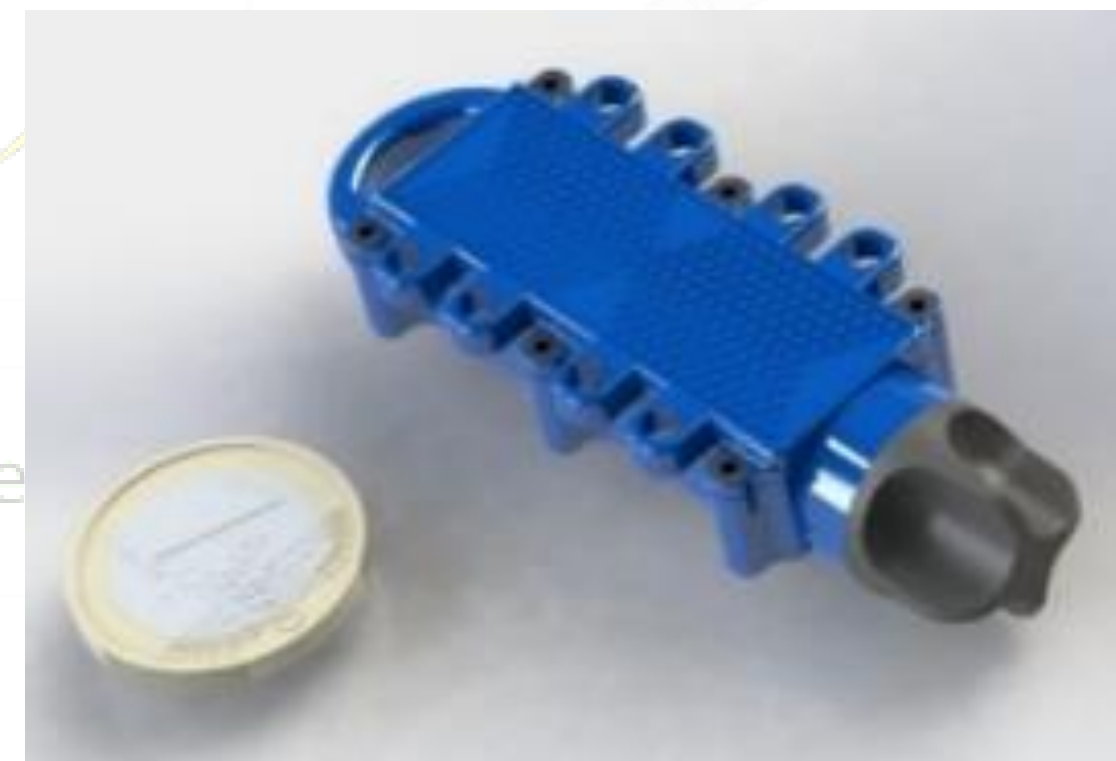


# Autonomous data acquisition and communication system

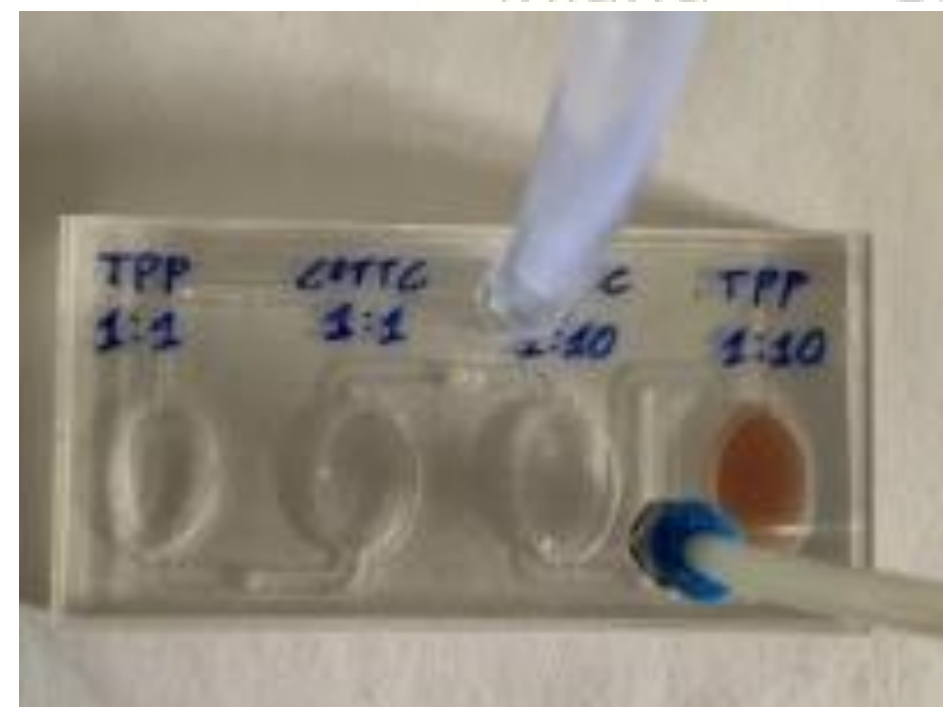
## Sensors & sources



- Nitrite and phosphate sensors



- Attached sensors



- Electronic 'tongue'



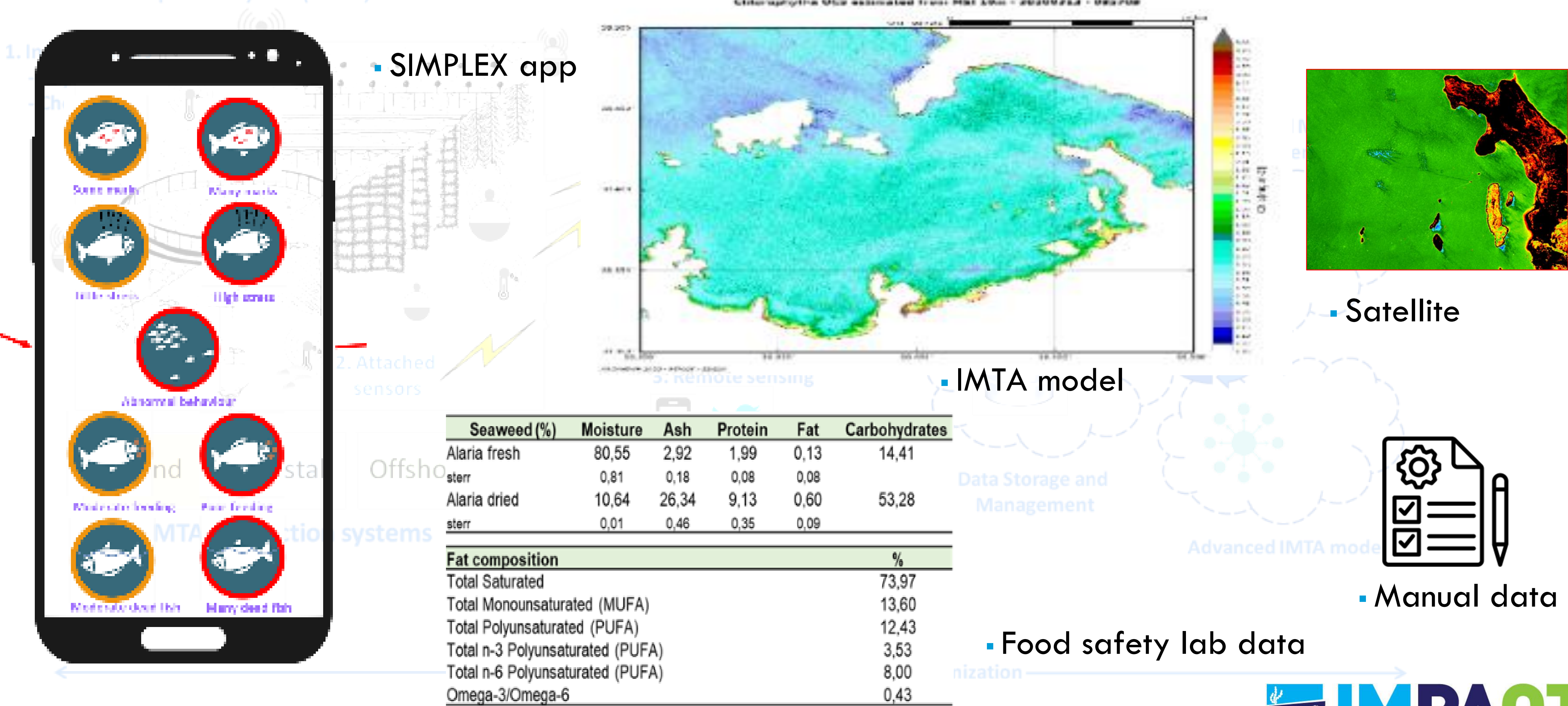
- Databuoy  
System (IMS)

- Conventional sensors



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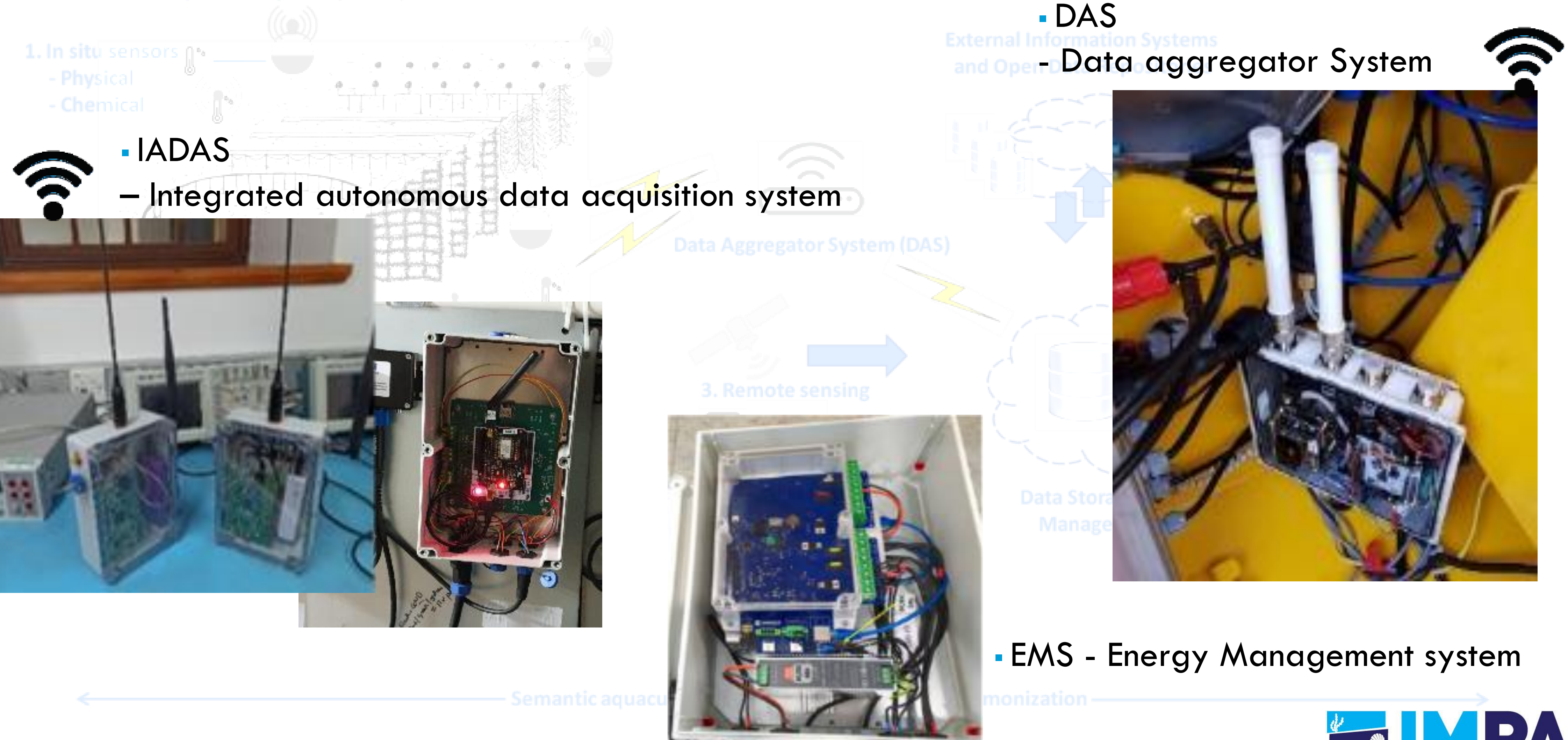
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# Autonomous data acquisition and communication system

## Communications



### ■ IADAS

– Integrated autonomous data acquisition system

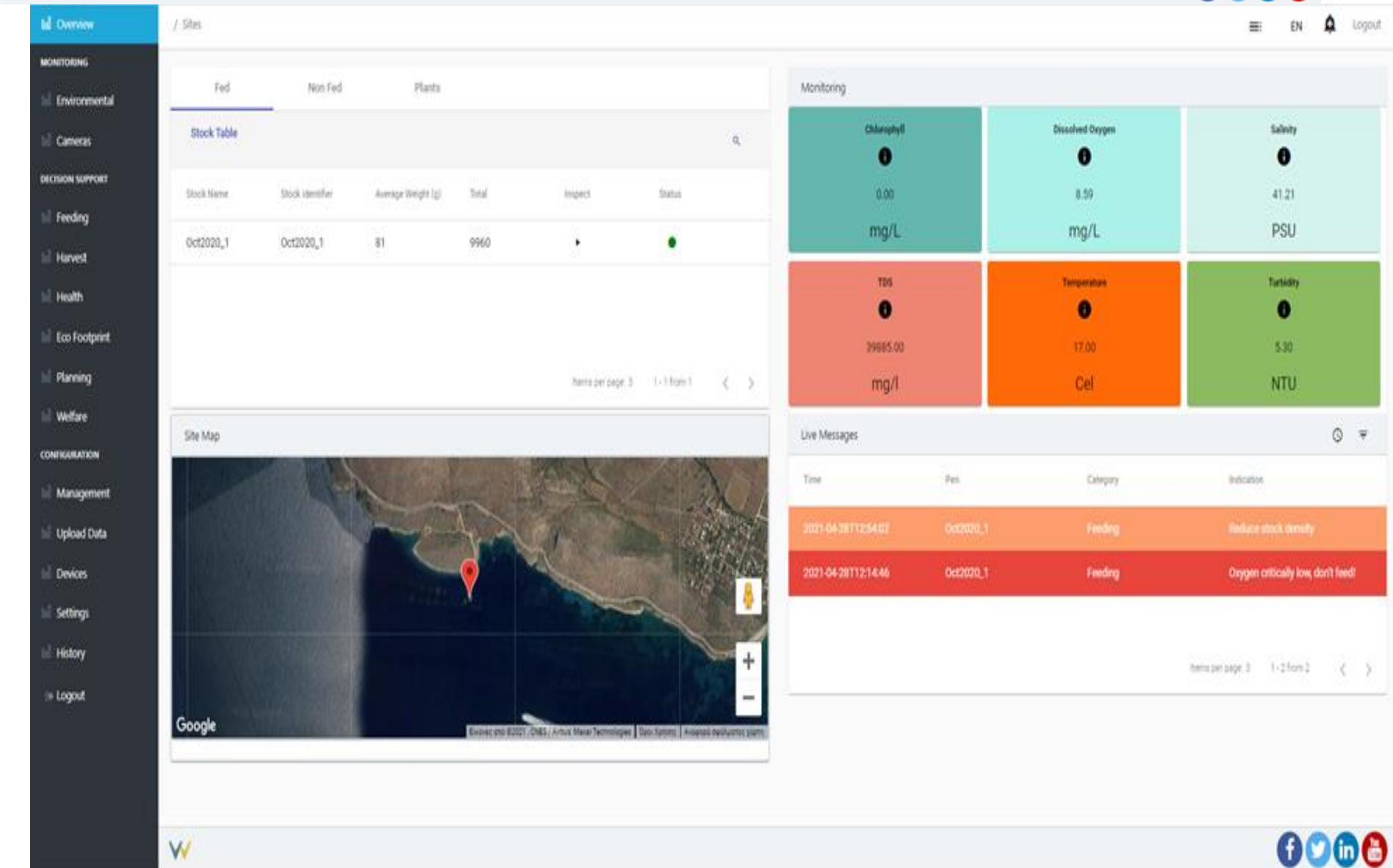
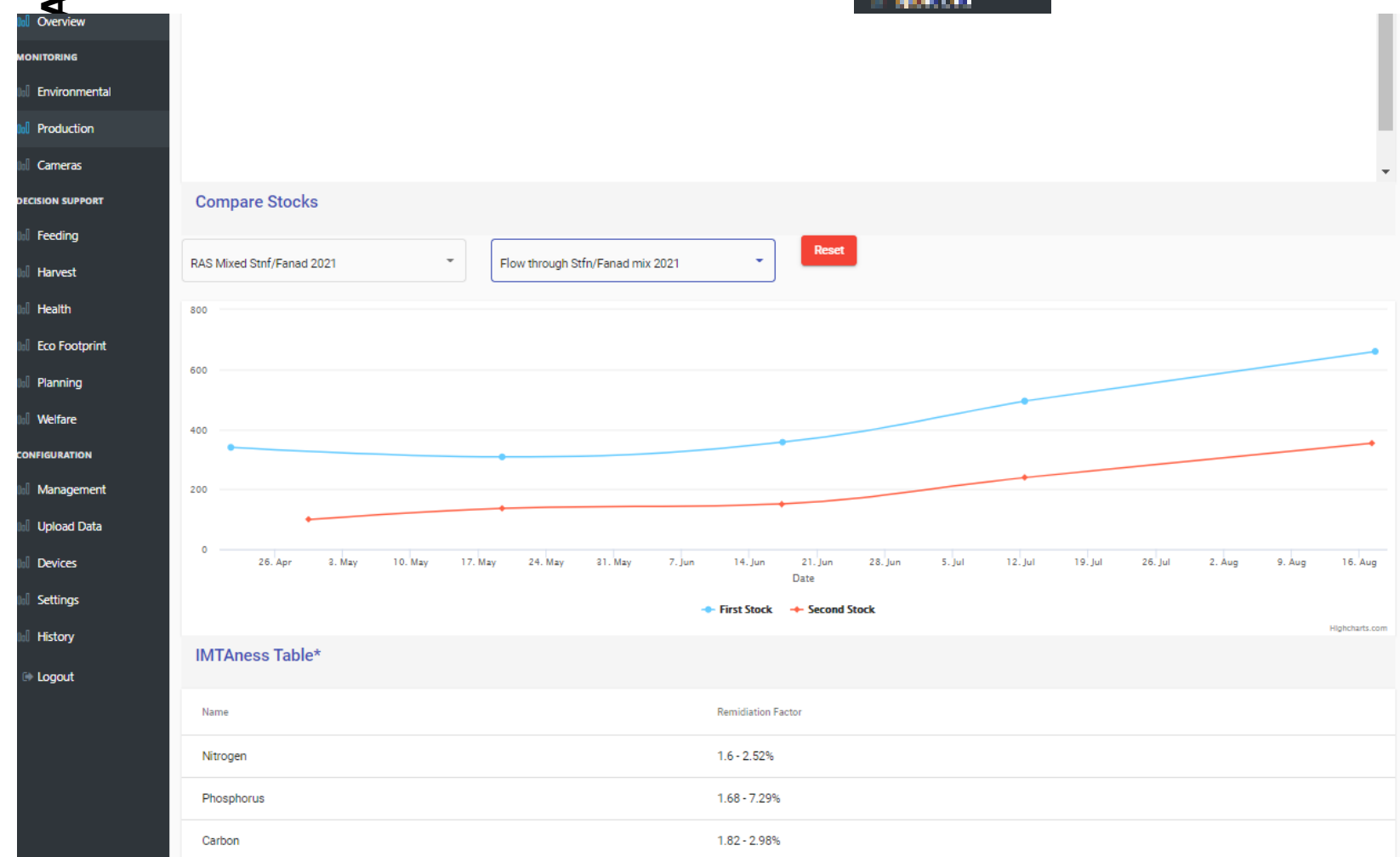
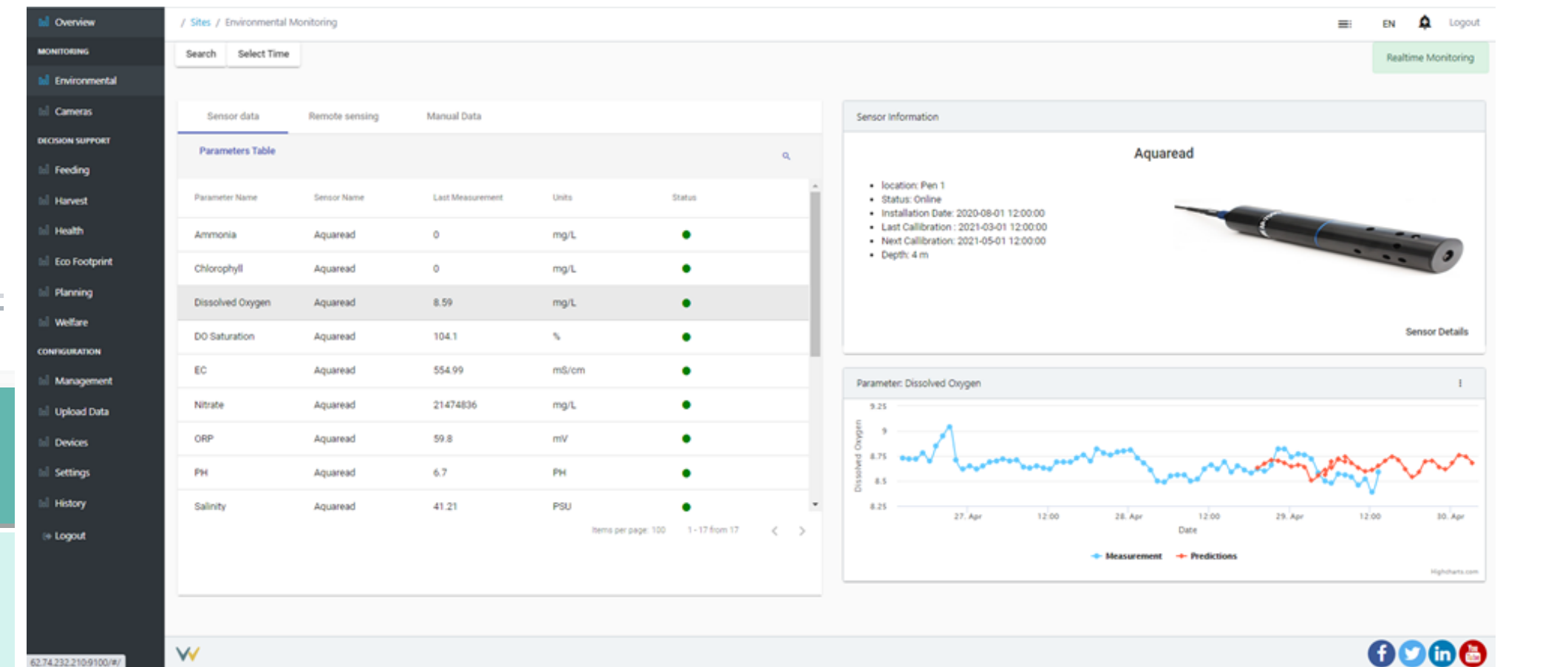
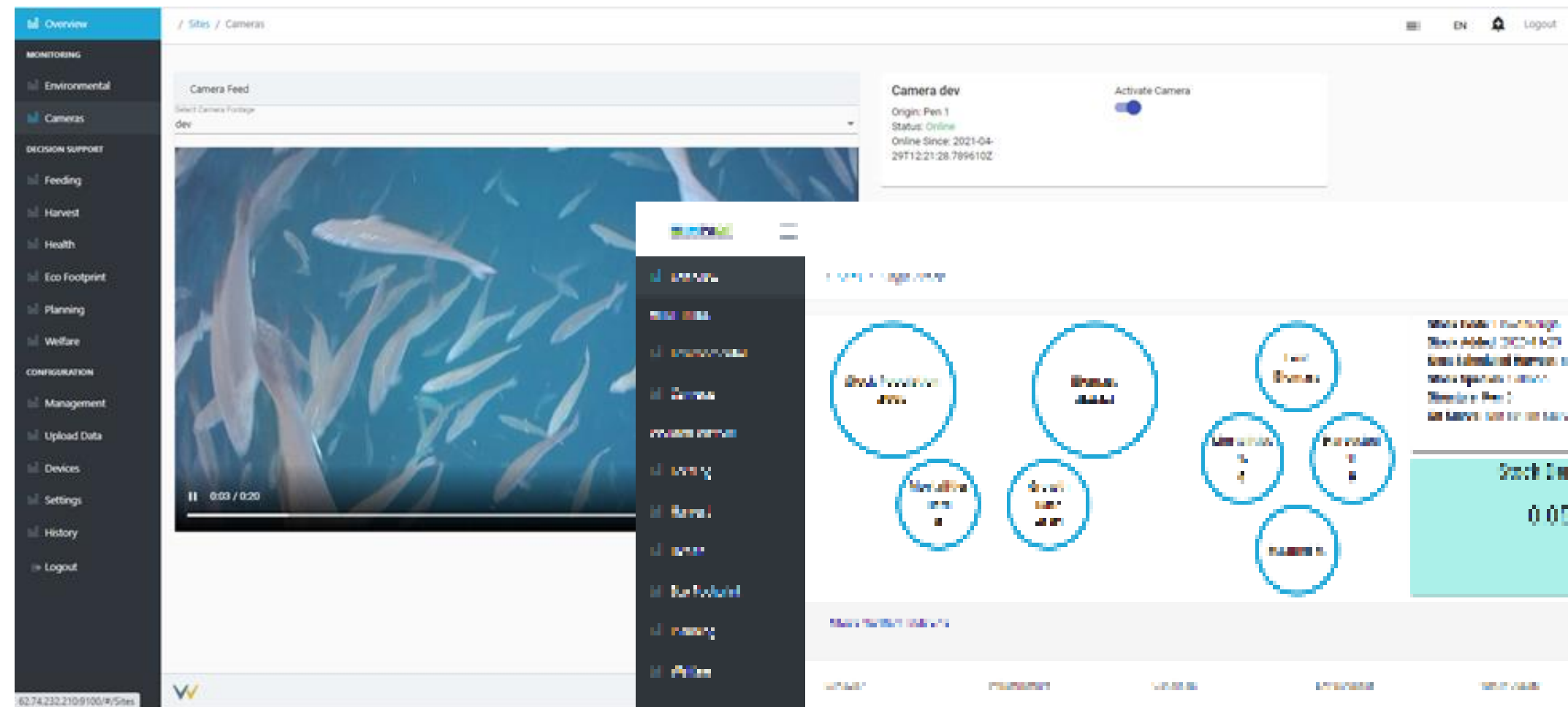
### ■ DAS

– Data aggregator System

■ EMS - Energy Management system

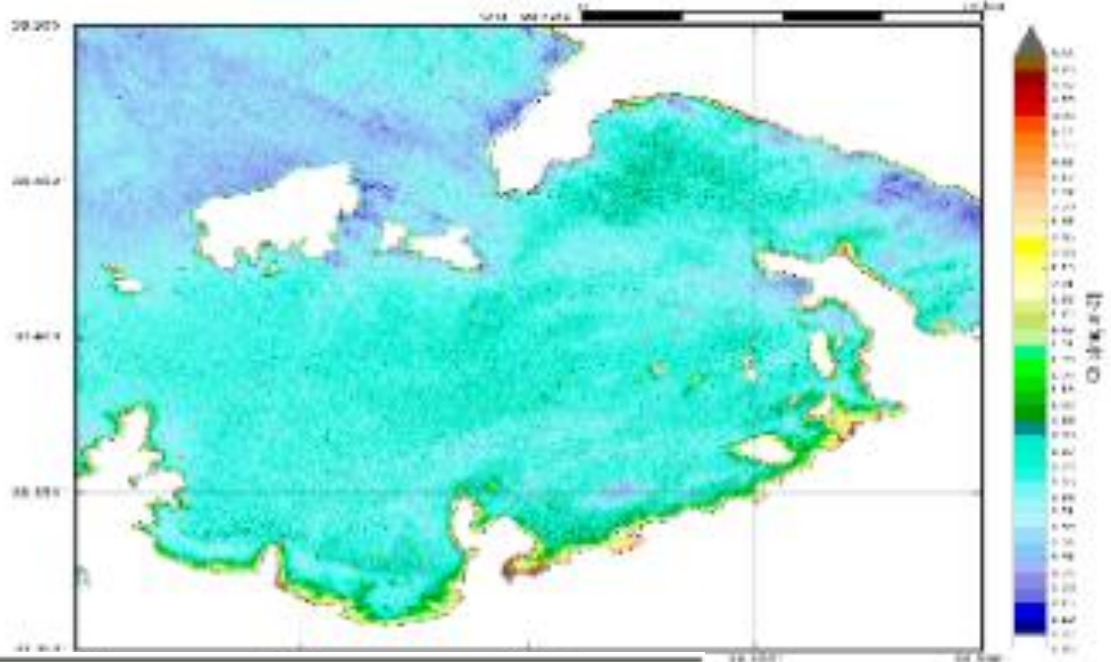
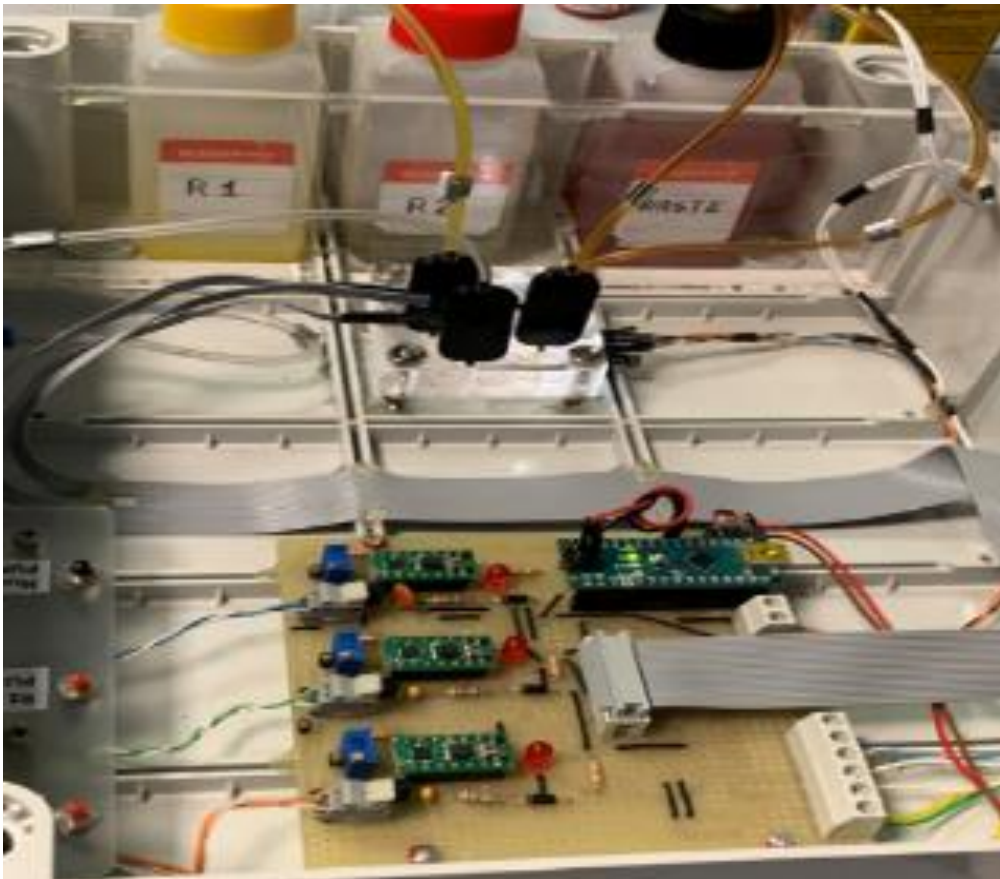


# Autonomous data acquisition and communication system IMS

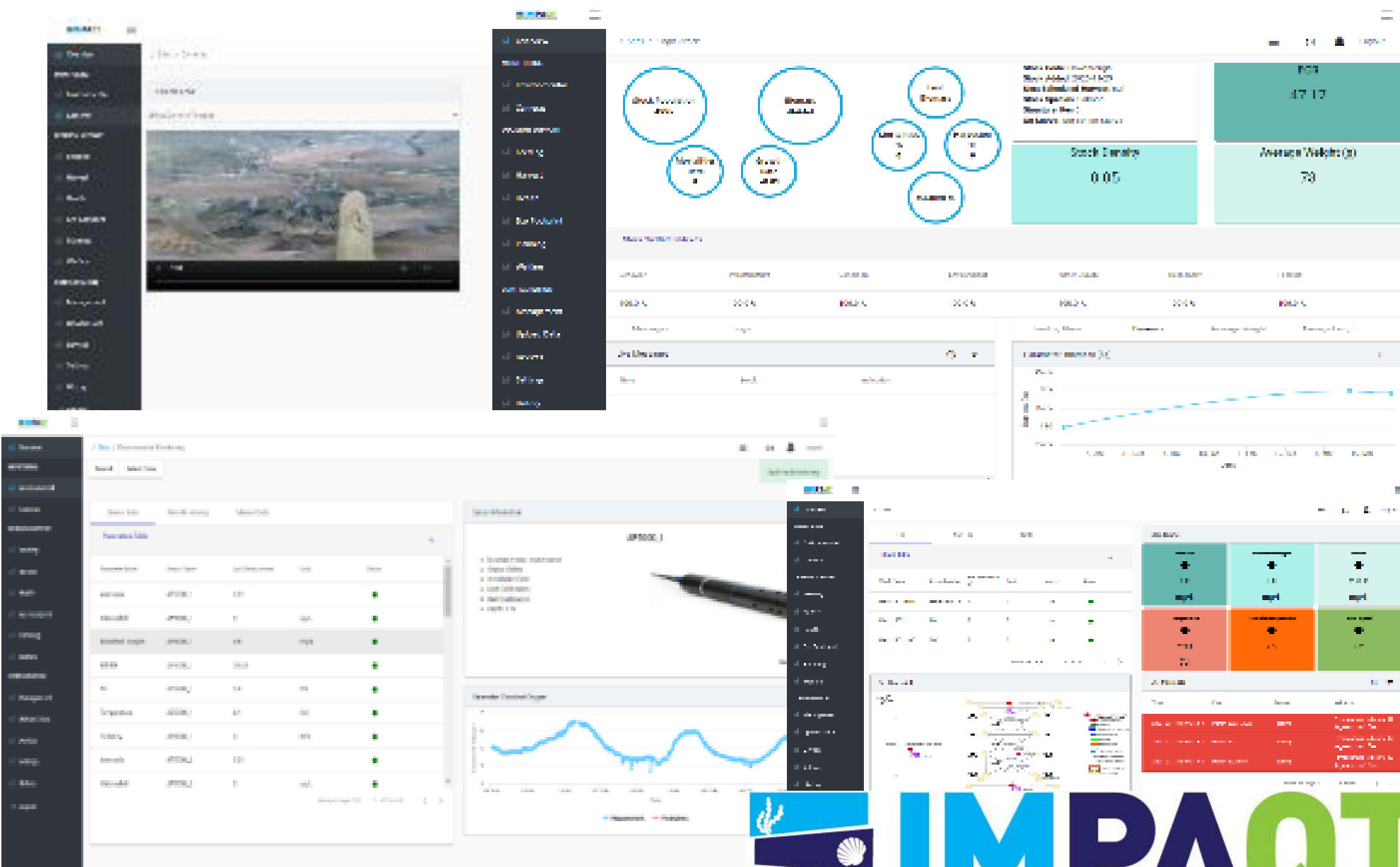




# The IMPAQT platform

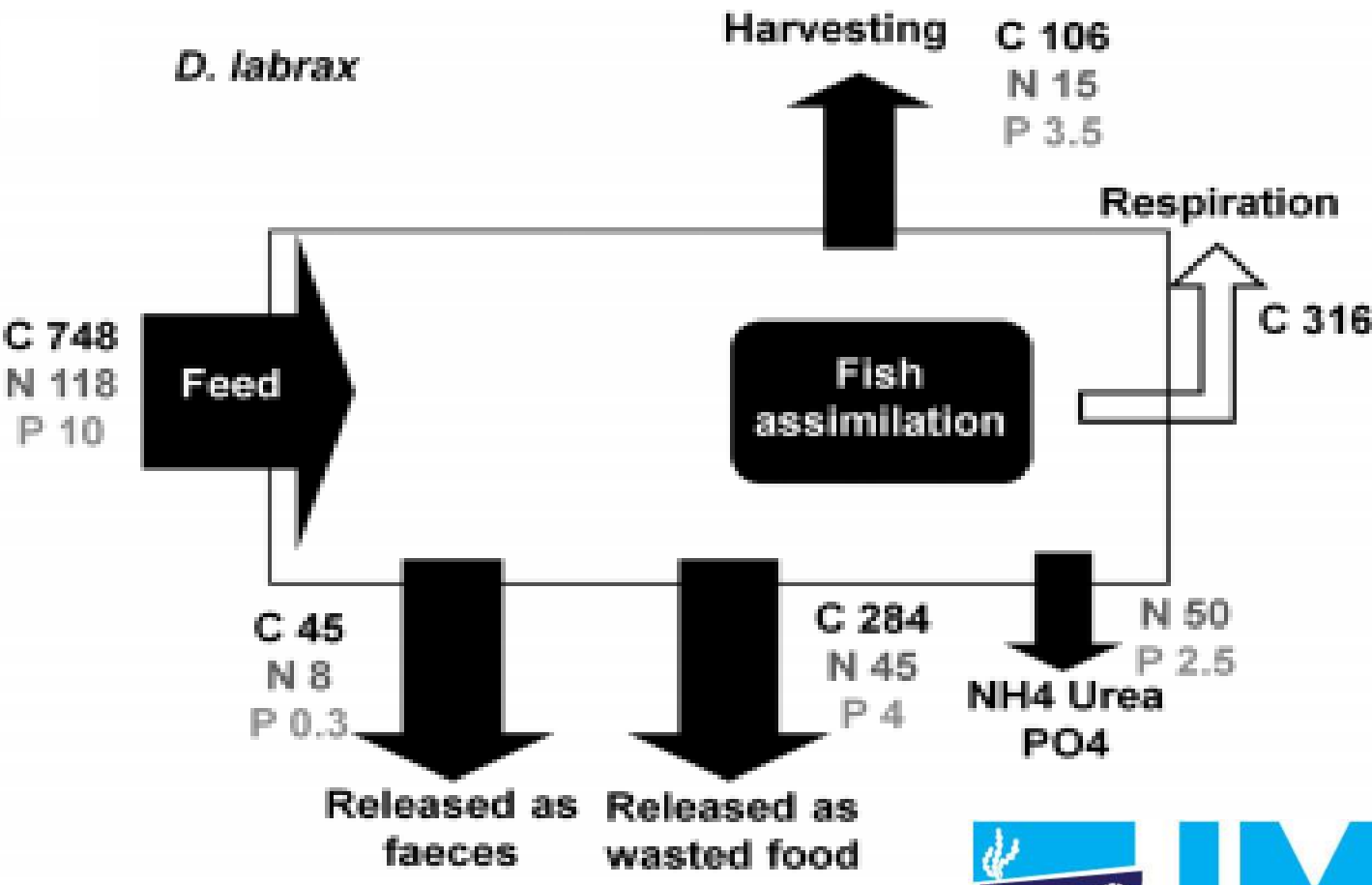
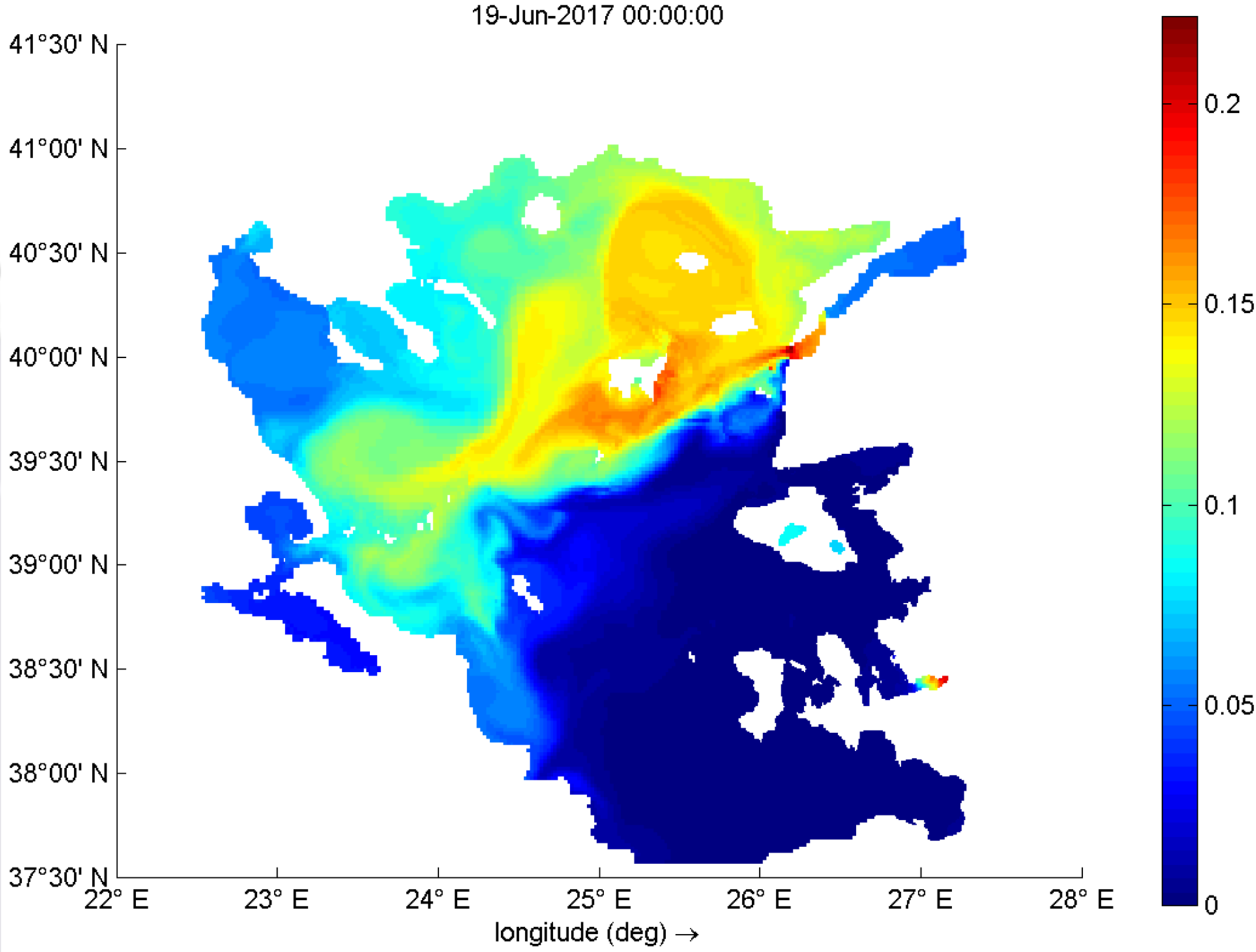
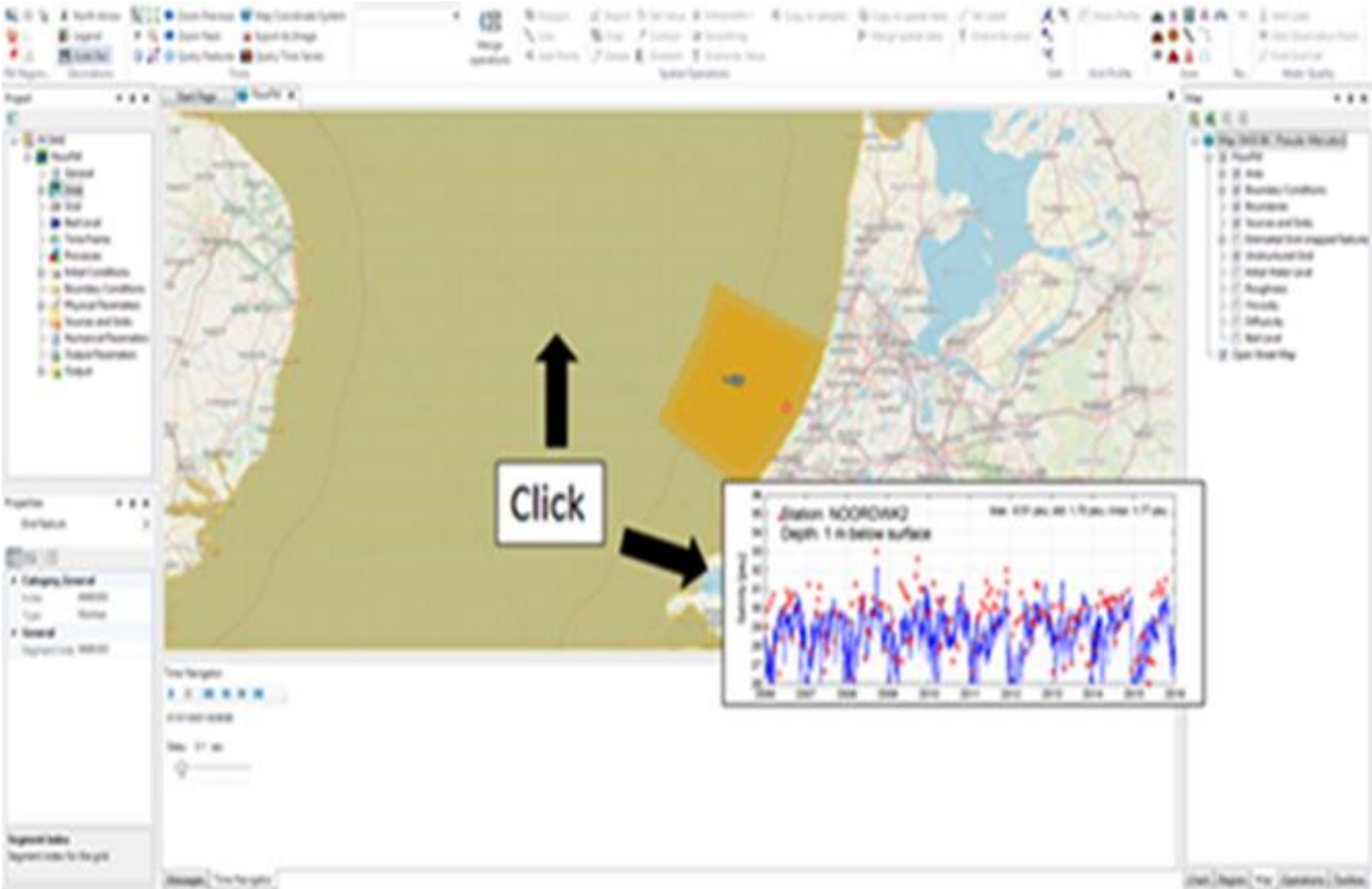


Seaweed (%)	Moisture	Ash	Protein	Fat	Carbohydrates
Alaria fresh	80,55	2,92	1,99	0,13	14,41
sterr	0,81	0,18	0,08	0,08	
Alaria dried	10,64	26,34	9,13	0,60	53,28
sterr	0,01	0,46	0,35	0,09	
Fat composition					%
Total Saturated					73,97
Total Monounsaturated (MUFA)					13,60
Total Polyunsaturated (PUFA)					12,43
Total n-3 Polyunsaturated (PUFA)					3,53
Total n-6 Polyunsaturated (PUFA)					8,00
Omega-3/Omega-6					0,43





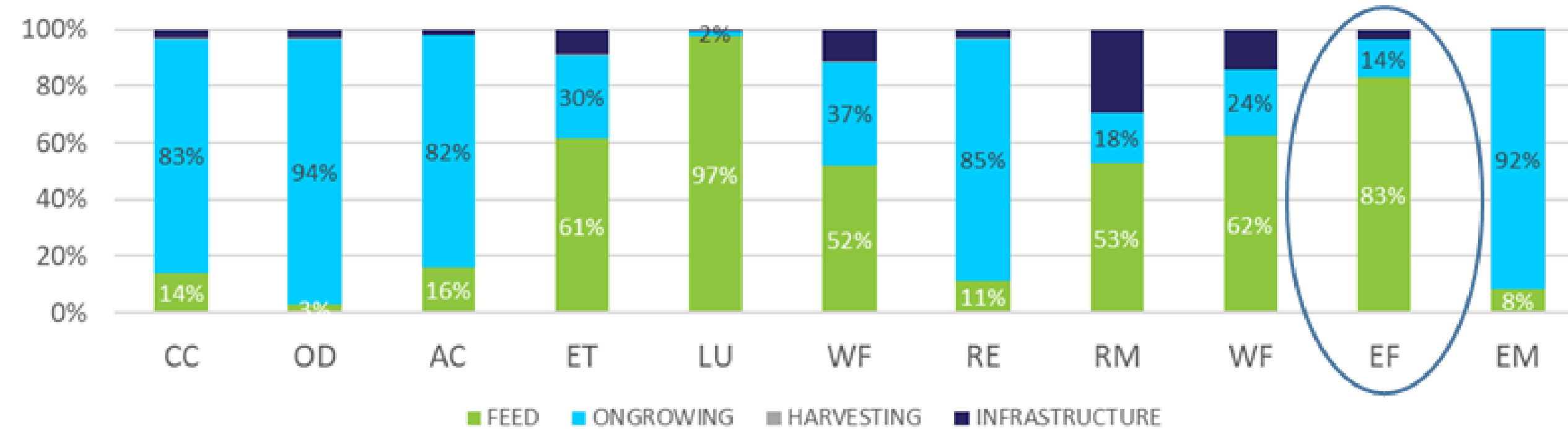
# IMTA Model



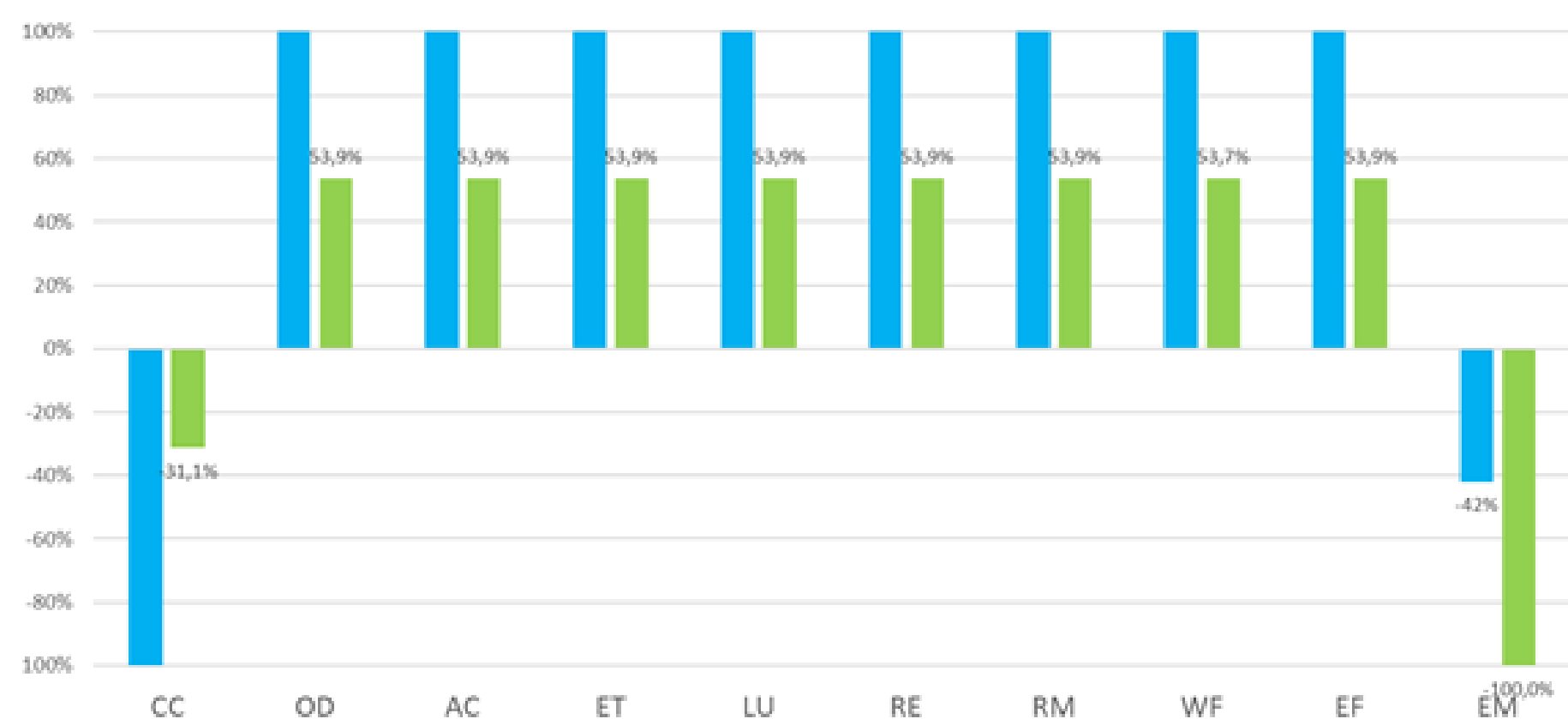


# Sustainability and Circular Economy

## Environmental impacts: Outcomes



Environmental profile of Monoculture (fish). Marine eutrophication would be reduced during the on-growing phase due to the introduction of extractive species (IMTA Conditions)



Environmental benefits associated with more efficient use of infrastructure when growing multiple species

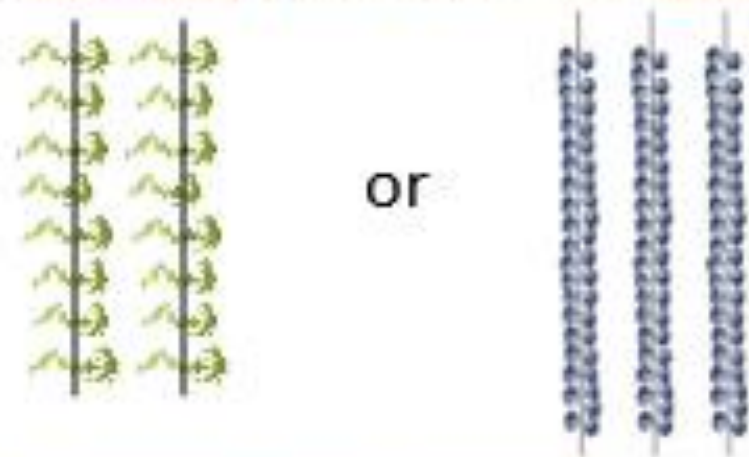


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## Ecosystem services : Outcomes

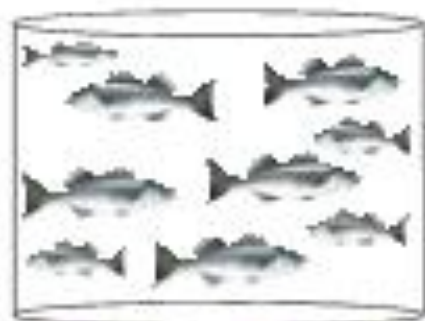
Extractive  
aquaculture  
Fed  
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IMTA

Extractive aquaculture: macro algae or shellfish

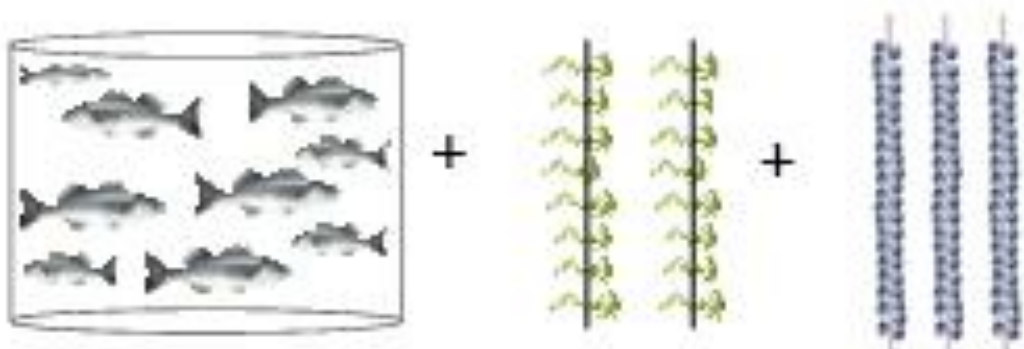


or

Fed aquaculture: fed finfish



IMTA: combination of practices often fed and extractive



Marine Ecosystem Service Working Name			
Plants and algae from in-situ aquaculture	+		+
Animals from in-situ aquaculture		+	+
Fibres and other materials from plants, algae and animals for direct use or processing	+		
Materials from plants, algae and animals for agricultural use	+	+	++
Plant-based resources	+		+
Animal-based resources		+	+
Bio-remediation by micro-organisms, algae, plants, and animals	+		+
Filtration/sequestration/storage/accumulation by micro-organisms, algae, plants, and animals	+		+
Filtration/sequestration/storage/accumulation by ecosystems	+		+
Flood protection			
Pollination and seed dispersal	+		
Maintaining Nursery Populations and Habitats			
Pest control			+ -
Disease control		-	+ -
Chemical condition of salt waters	+ -	-	-
Global climate regulation by reduction of greenhouse gas concentrations	+	-	-
Scientific	+	+	++
Educational	+	+	++



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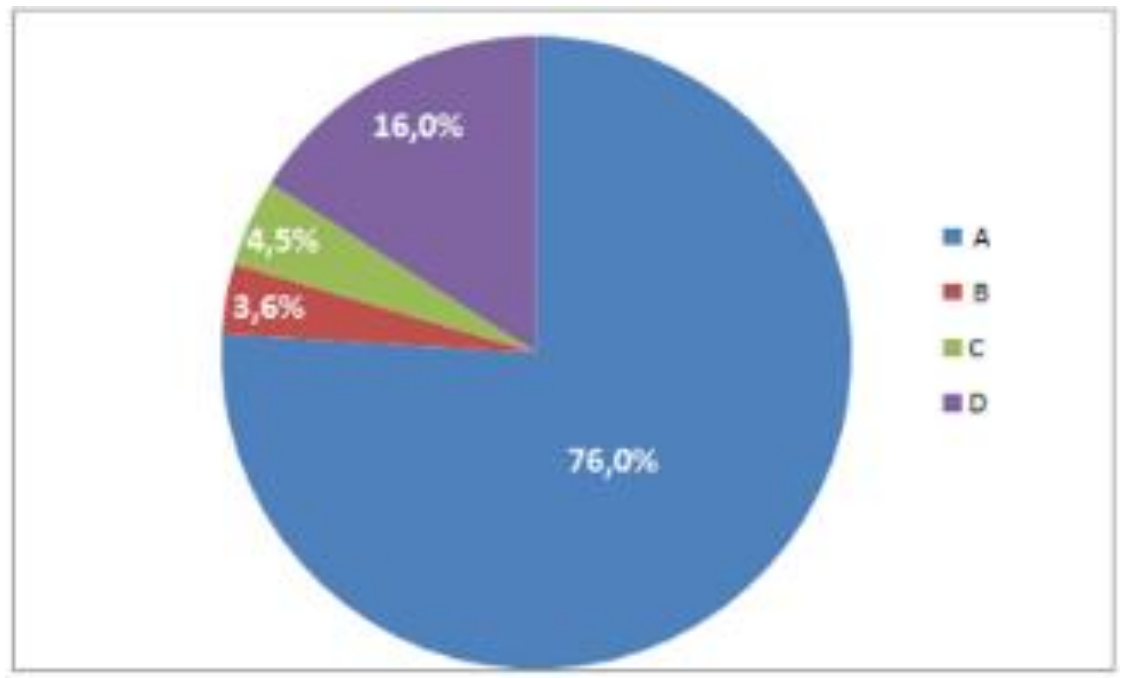
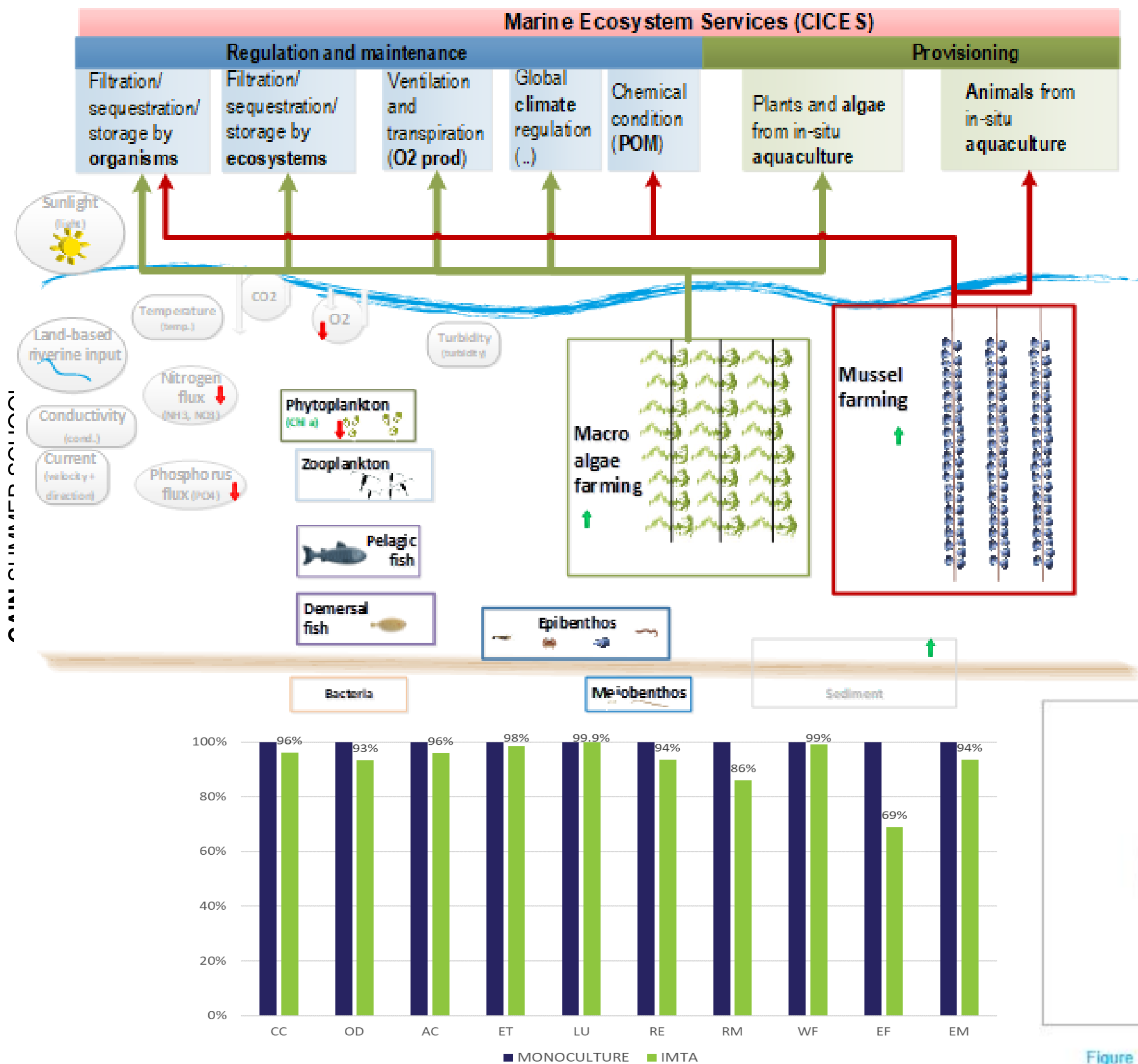
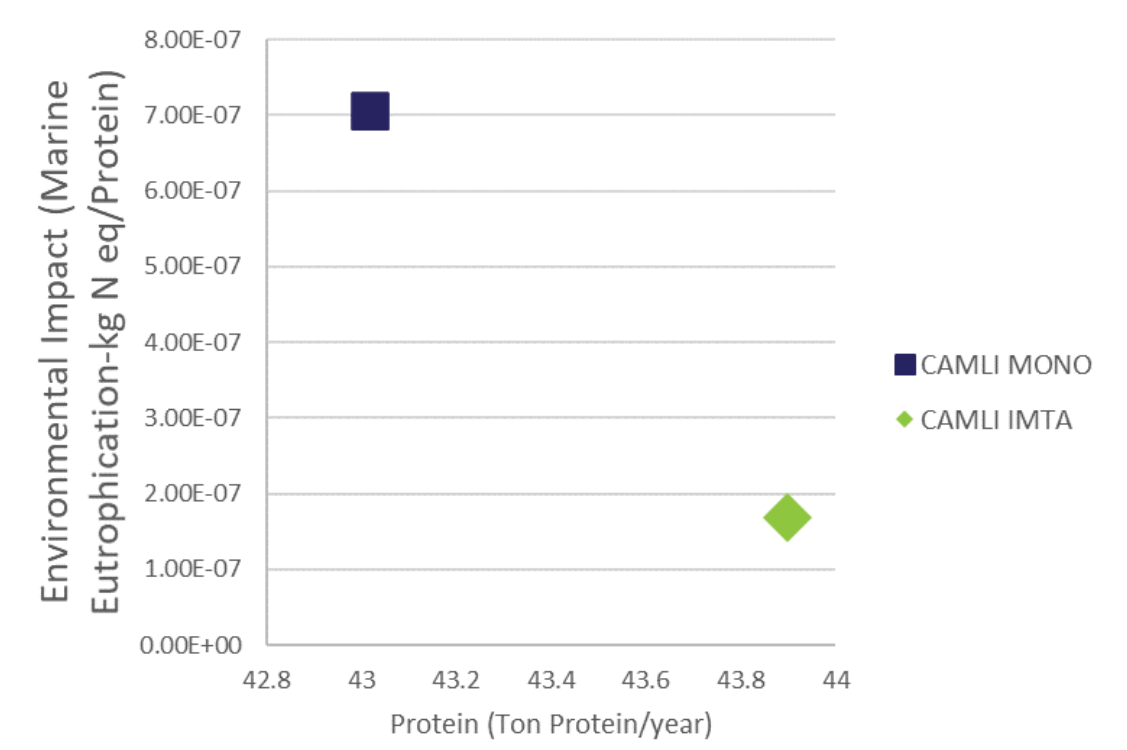


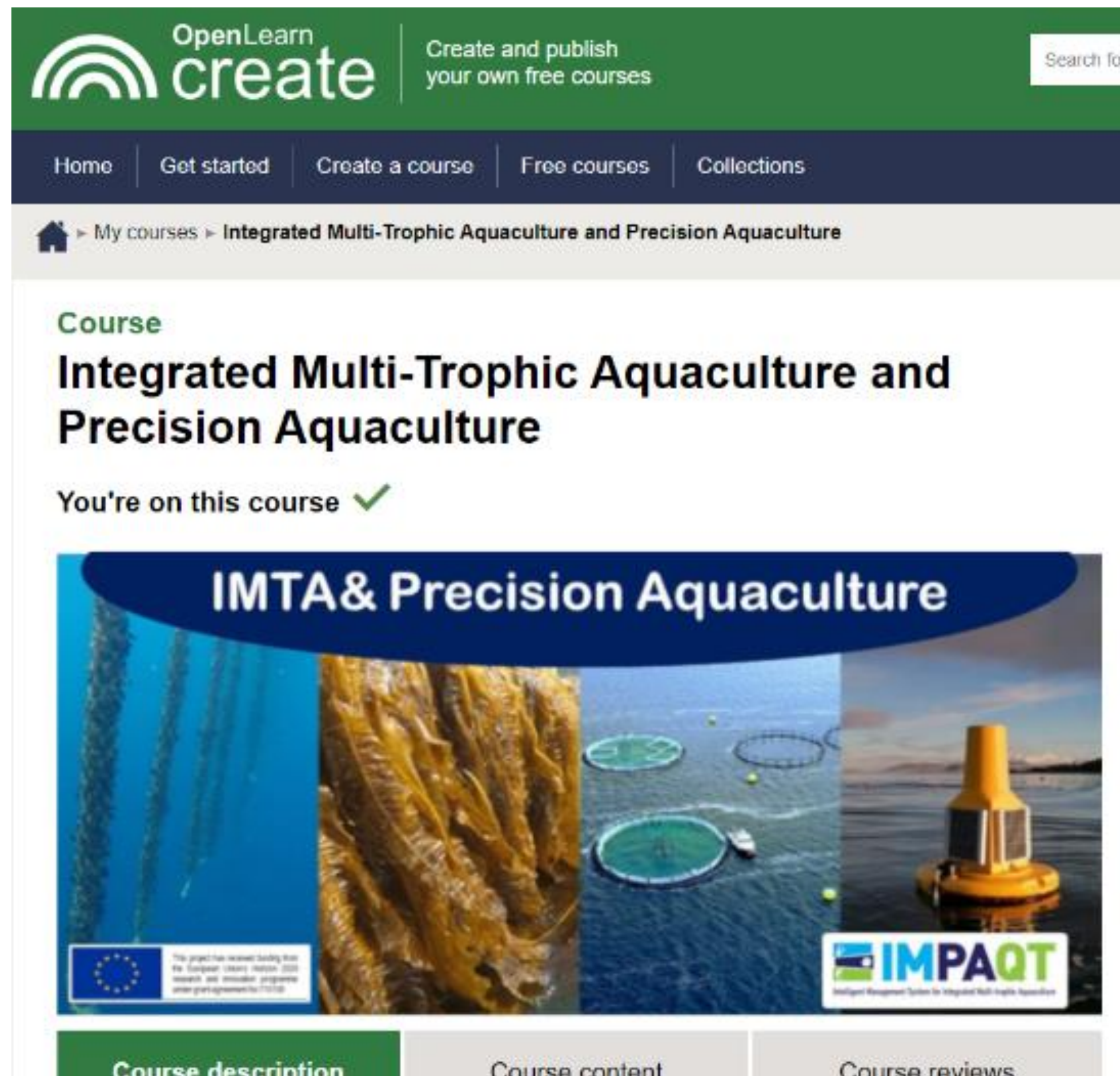
Figure 16. OPEX per species and IMPAQT platform (CAMLI)



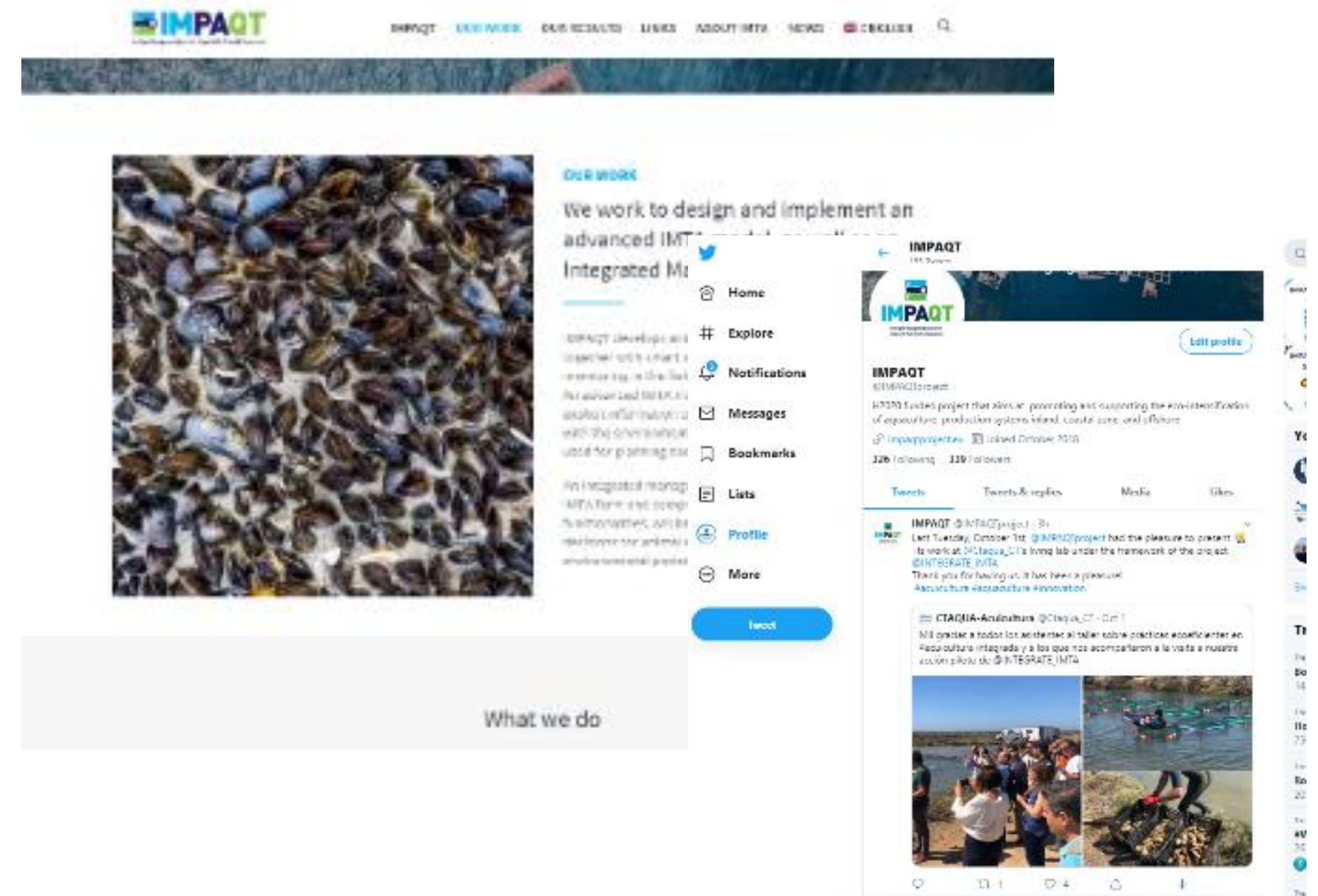


# IMTA MOOC

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The screenshot shows the OpenLearn Create website. At the top, there's a green header with the OpenLearn Create logo and the text 'Create and publish your own free courses'. Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, Get started, Create a course, Free courses, and Collections. The main content area shows the course title 'Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture and Precision Aquaculture' with a green checkmark indicating the user is enrolled. Below the title is a large image with the text 'IMTA & Precision Aquaculture' and the IMPAQT logo. At the bottom, there are three tabs: 'Course description', 'Course content', and 'Course reviews'.



The screenshot shows the IMPAQT project website and a Twitter profile. The website header includes the IMPAQT logo and navigation links: IMPAQT, OUR VISION, OUR RESULTS, LINKS, ABOUT IMTA, NEWS, and CONTACT. The main content area features a large image of a mussel farm and the text 'Our work: We work to design and implement an advanced IMTA system'. Below this is a section titled 'What we do'. The Twitter profile on the right shows the IMPAQT account with 144 tweets, 126 following, and 119 followers. A tweet from IMPAQT is visible, mentioning a presentation at the CTACIA-Aquaculture event.

Project website  
<https://impaqtproject.eu/>

Online course link

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