



Press Release

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Subject: The FEAP delivers its 2023 Award to Gustavo Larrazábal during its AGM in Malta

The Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP) held its 2023 Annual General Meeting in Saint Julian's (Malta) on May 25th and 26th. During the meeting this year's FEAP Award was delivered. The FEAP Award represents the recognition by the federation of the exceptional contribution, by an individual, to the development of fish farming in Europe. The person selected to receive this acknowledgement is decided by the previous recipients of the award following the proposals received from national fish farming associations throughout Europe.

The recipient of the FEAP 2023 Award has been Mr Gustavo Larrazábal. Mr Larrazábal, an engineer by education, initiated his path in aquaculture in 1984 in Spain. He drives today with mastery one of the most successful fish farming companies in Europe: Aquanaria SL. After almost forty years in the very complex seabass and seabream sector Gustavo has been able to build a company that excels in the production of a specialised fish product: extra-large fresh sea bass. Its fish are farmed offshore in the Canary Islands and are placed on high-level markets free from the risks and volatility of the usual fish commodities. A fish of superior quality that has raised the reputation of farmed fish in general to their highest position ever, well above wild fish, in the most reputed European restaurants. To reach this situation Mr Larrazábal has skilfully survived during 39 years the deadly boom and bust cycles of the Mediterranean sea bass and sea bream sector.

His company was previously called Tinamenor SA, based in North Spain. A name already engraved in the history of European aquaculture. This was one of the first hatcheries of seabass and seabream in Europe, besides of other species like turbot, sole and several molluscs. Since the early days of Mediterranean aquaculture, when mass production of juveniles was a dream, Gustavo pioneered the production of juveniles and successfully delivered them throughout Europe. His enthusiasm and hard work boosted Mediterranean aquaculture from its first required stage in the early eighties: hatchery production of quality juveniles. This undertaking expanded its activities to on-growing sea bass in the Canary Islands and there it continues successfully today under the Aquanaria brand.