

Climate change, resilient aquaculture and mitigation strategies workshop

The European fish farmers' views

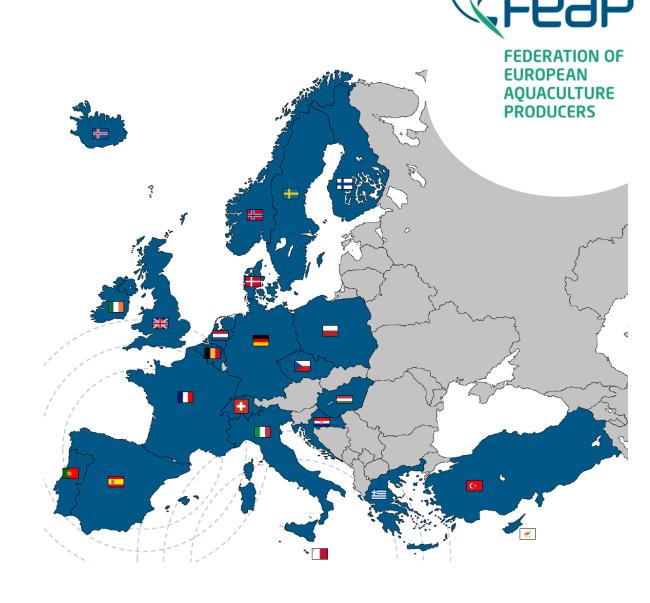
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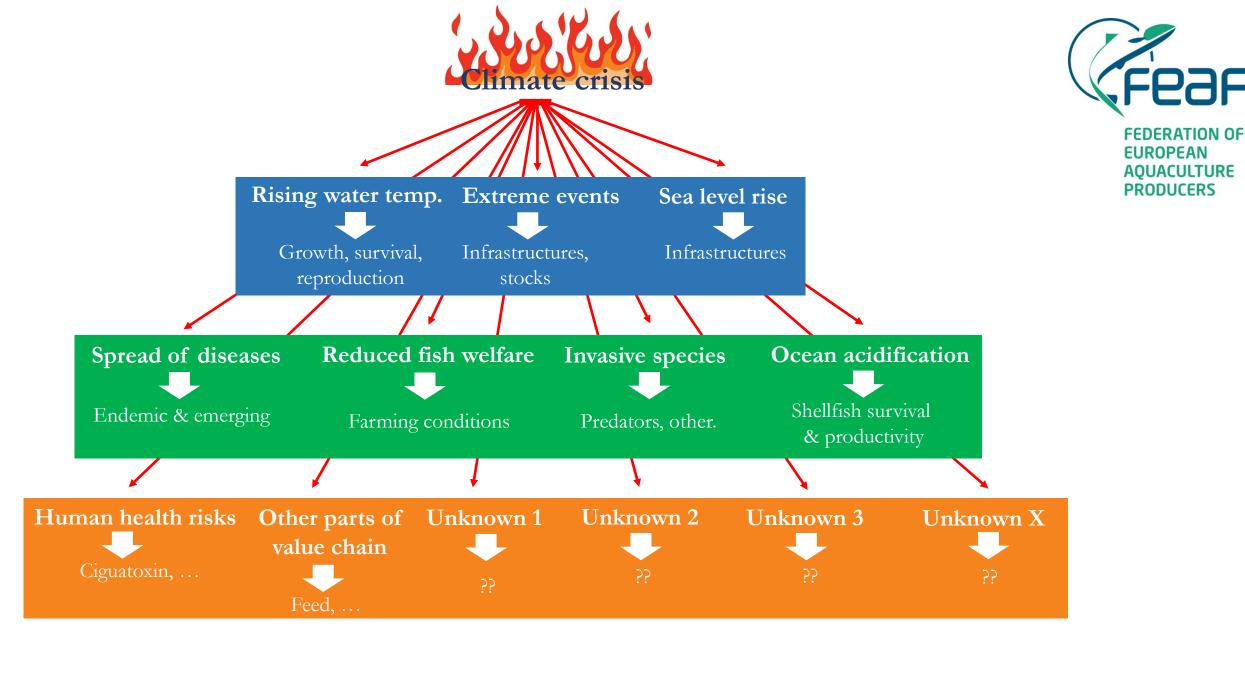
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The FEAP membership

- O The Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP) is composed of national fish farming associations representing 24 national associations from 23 countries.
- o European-wide, not only EU.
- o Salmon, rainbow trout, seabass & seabream, turbot, sole, meagre, sturgeon/caviar, bluefin tuna, arctic char, carp... (and many more).
- o Close ties with GFCM.





AQUACULTURE IN THE CLIMATE CRISIS

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More unexpected impacts will arrive:

- o Going over environmental tipping points.
- o Continued population growth and need for sustainable food.
- O Business is business and the whole economy faces a challenging future.

Other environmental issues will continue to affect the sector:

- o Eutrophication.
- o Persistent chemicals.
- o Plastics.
- O Biodiversity loss (for other reasons than CC).

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Aquaculture can contribute positively to climate change mitigation:

- Energy transition.
- Low carbon footprint.

Let's not lose focus: the usual challenges for aquaculture continue to be out there:

- Licensing complexities.
- Difficulties in the administrative procedures.

 Influenced by too strict envir. laws.
- Unachieved social acceptance of the activity and products.
- Insufficient consumer information and education.
- Unachieved coexistence with other activities in coastal areas and rivers.

AQUACULTURE PURSUING CARBON NEUTRALITY



Need for effective and resilient strategies for sustainable development:

- O Introducing an adaptive approach to the legal framework.
- o Innovation, innovation and more innovation.
- o Promoting all types of responsible aquaculture: both intensive and extensive.
- o Engaging with other actors of the value chain in the quest for solutions.
- O Reducing the use of natural resources (land, water, ...).
- o Enhancing the circularity of the sector.
- o Reducing food waste.
- o Financing the transition (public aid and private).
 - → Taking a pre-competitive collective approach through Farmers' Associations.



Fish farming has a bright future and we are working for it!

I hope you found this presentation interesting.

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