

13-16th of July 2015

University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
Canary Islands, Spain

2015 EcoAqua Workshop

INTRODUCTION:

European aquaculture offers good quality products, respecting strict environmental sustainability, animal health and consumer protection standards. The excellent quality of EU seafood constitutes a competitive advantage of EU aquaculture. A close cooperation among diverse stakeholders can further improve job creation and competitiveness of the sector. Aquaculture is one of the EU's Blue Economy Strategy's pillars and its sustainable development under an Ecosystem Approach can contribute to the European 2020 Strategy. It is also noteworthy that EU's overseas regions (ORs) & Overseas territories and countries (OTCs) cover an area of 4.4 million km², equivalent in size to continental Europe, and have a combined Exclusive Economic Zone of over 15 million km², the largest in the world.

OBJECTIVES:

As part of the Ecoaqua project, this workshop is organised by the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria with the following objectives:

1. Analyse the **status and issues of Aquaculture** in ORs and OCTs
2. Define **Guidelines to foster the Development of Sustainable Aquaculture under an Ecosystem Approach**.

VENUE:

The Aquaculture facilities of Marine Park of the University of Las Palmas

TARGET AUDIENCE:

European Outermost regional authorities, aquaculture producers, scientists involved in aquaculture, environment, sustainability or marine special planning; other stakeholders concerned with aquaculture development. Representatives of the Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Pacific Overseas Countries and Territories as well as neighbouring countries are potential participants.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

The Workshop will focus on the following outcomes:

1. Create a platform of interaction between EU and OR / OCT actors involved in aquaculture research and development
2. Exchange of information and networking actions among different stakeholders concerned with Sustainable Aquaculture Development through «face to face» interactive discussions.
3. Develop Guidelines on Sustainable aquaculture development under an Ecosystem approach for ORs and OCTs.

PROGRAMME:

Workshop dates: The Workshop will start on **Monday 13th** and finish on **Thursday 16th of July 2015**, The activities will be spread over 4 days (including the day of arrival) to allow plenty of time among attendants for exchange of ideas, enriching and inspiring discussions as well as to taste a little bit of the Canarian charming atmosphere / gastronomy.

Workshop structure: Morning Sessions will cover thematic presentations and the Afternoon Sessions will focus on discussions and drafting of the Guidelines. The Afternoon Sessions will be structured in such a way to facilitate the flow of diverse viewpoints and the exchange of ideas among the different stakeholders. An appointed Chairperson as well as the corresponding Rapporteur will moderate each Session.

The expected Guidelines resulting from this Workshop will be framed around 2 Major pillars:

- I. Society and Aquaculture
 - a. Labour, Jobs and Women
 - b. Economics and Markets
 - c. Legislative Measures
 - d. Education and Training
 - e. Food Security
 - f. Tourism
- II. Environment and Aquaculture
 - a. Carrying Capacity
 - b. Escapes, Parasites and others
 - c. Key Habitats
 - d. Marine Ranching
 - e. Site selection
 - f. Technology & Innovation

Workshop Location: All Workshop's sessions will be held at the Scientific and Technological Marine Park of the Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC), Taliarte, Gran Canaria, Spain. The building is located near the Taliarte Lighthouse, 10 min. by car / taxi from the Gran Canaria Airport.

Registration fees: a registration fee of 150 € is compulsory for all participants. Please fill up the official Workshop Registration Form. Selected attendants from other ORs and OCTs will be funded by the Ecoaqua ERA Chair project.

Space is limited to a maximum of 45 attendees. Registration is on a first come, first served basis and we have limited space so register today! [Click here](#)

Please contact the Secretariat for further details.

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WORKSHOP AGENDA

DAY 1

Monday July 13th

- 09:00 PARTICIPANTS ARRIVAL**
- 17:00 REGISTRATION**
- 18:00 OPENING CEREMONY**
Welcome Speech (ULPGC's Rector)
- PLENARY LECTURES**
- 18:15** Seafood from Aquaculture (EAS, Sachi Kauschik)
- 18:30** EcoAqua ERA Chair Programme (ULPGC, Ricardo Haroun)
- 18:45** EcoAqua Platform (FPCT-ULPGC, Gercende Courtois de Viçose)
- 19:30 WELCOME RECEPTION**

DAY 2

Tuesday July 14th

- SESSION ONE**
Ecosystem approach for Sustainable Aquaculture Development (from global to local)
- 09:30** FAO Ecosystem Approach for Aquaculture (FAO, Jose Aguilar)
- 09:50** State of the Art of Spanish Aquaculture (Spanish Fisheries and Aquaculture department, Ramón de la Figuera Morales)
- 10:10** IUCN Ecosystem Approach (IUCN, François Simard)
- 10:30 COFFEE BREAK**
- SESSION TWO**
The State of the art of aquaculture development in EU's ORs & OCTS
- 11:00** Spanish territories: Aquaculture research, Grupo de Investigación en Acuicultura (Juan Manuel Afonso, ULPGC)
- 11:20** Aquaculture Development in the Azores and Madeira Archipelagos: constraints and perspectives (Fisheries Directorate of Madeira, Carlos Andrade)
- 11:40** French territories: (Union des Aquaculteurs d'Outre Mer, François Herman)
- 12:00** New Caledonia and the Pacific (ADECAL, Manuel Ducrocq)
- 12:20** OCTA Association: Procedures and management of European Development Funds for aquaculture projects in OCT's and potential links with OR's (SODEPAR, Olivier Gaston)
- 13:00 LUNCH**
- 14:30** Working groups (Economics measures, Technology & Innovation, Environmental issues, Legal and Societal issues, Education & Training)
Outcomes of Working groups, reporting

DAY 3

Wednesday July 15th

SESSION THREE

Stakeholders presentations

- 09:00** Marine Spatial Planning supported by EU environmental legislation (Andrej Abramic, European Research Center)
- 09:20** Ecosystem perspective on ORs & OCTs. (IUCN, François Simard)
- 09:40** Analysis and evolution of aquaculture production in the Canary Islands: Planning tools. (Fisheries Agency, Canarian Government)
- 10:00** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:30** Spanish aquaculture multiannual strategic plan (Spanish Biodiversity Foundation, Cristina García)
- 10:50** Aquaculture Law and Policies in the European Union: Applying Ecosystem-Based Management. (National University of Ireland Galway, Ronán Long)
- 11:10** EU aquaculture policy: challenges and opportunities for OR and OCT (European Commission-DG MARE, Dario DUBOLINO)
- 11:30** Tour of Ecoaqua's Main Facilities
- 13:00** **LUNCH**
- SESSION FOUR**
- 14:30** Working groups (Economics measures, Technology & Innovation, Environmental issues, Legal and Societal issues, Education & Training)
- 17:00** Outcomes of Working groups / General Discussions
- 18:00** Next steps/Guidelines requirements
- 20:30** Workshop Dinner **+**

DAY 4

Thursday July 16th

SESSION FIVE

- 09:00** Working groups reporting and general challenges identification
- 10:30** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:00** Workshop General Discussion on Guidelines
- 12:30** Workshop Summary
- 13:00** Closing Ceremony (Vice-Chancellor ULPGC's International relations)
- 13:00** **LUNCH**
- 14:30** **PARTICIPANTS RETURN TRIP/POST-WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES ++**

++ Participants could enjoy diverse Post-Workshop scientific and/or tourism visits in Gran Canaria Island and/or to other Canarian destinations. Please contact the Secretariat for travel suggestions and potential arrangements.