

6-9th 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.

OBJECTIVES:

The Ecoaqua project organises this Workshop at the aquaculture facilities of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria aiming to:

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.**

TARGET AUDIENCE:

European Outermost regional authorities, scientists involved in aquaculture, environment, or marine special planning; other EU 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.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME:

Workshop dates: The Workshop will extend from **Monday 6th to Thursday 9th July 2015**, with dedicated morning and afternoon sessions. The activities will be spread over 4 days (including the arriving day) 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 be devoted to participant discussions and drafting of the Guidelines. An appointed Chairperson as well as the corresponding Rapporteur will moderate each Session.

The expected Guidelines as result of 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: The morning and afternoon 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. Please contact the Secretariat for further details.

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DAY 3

Wednesday July 8th

SESSION THREE

Stakeholders presentations

- 09:00** European Aquaculture, Do they apply an Ecosystem Approach? FEAP
- 09:30** Ecosystem perspective on ORs & OCTs. IUCN
- 10:00** The Canarian Regional Aquaculture Plan Fisheries Agency, Canarian Government
- 10:30** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:00** Aquaculture Sustainability Indicators. Spanish Biodiversity Foundation (Aquaculture Observatory)
- 11:30** Sustainable Issues and Aquaculture. Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC)
- 12:00** Aquaculture Development in French Caribbean Regions. Comité régional des pêches Guadeloupe
- 12:30** Tour of Ecoaqua's Main Facilities
- 13:00** **LUNCH**

SESSION FOUR

- 14:30** Working groups (Economics and Legislative measures, Technology & Innovation, Environmental issues, Societal issues, Education & Training)
- 17:00** Outcomes of Working groups / General Discussions
- 17:30** Guidelines drafting
- 20:30** Workshop Dinner ++

DAY 4

Thursday July 9th

SESSION FIVE

- 09:00** Fine-tuning of Guideline texts
- 10:30** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:00** Workshop General Discussion
- 12:30** Workshop Summary
- 13:00** Closing Ceremony
- 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.