



SUDEVAB – Sustainable development of European SME's engaged in abalone aquaculture

Project Details

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Project Description

SUDEVAB brings together SMEs and leading RTD providers from the abalone aquaculture sector in Europe with the aim of developing sustainable abalone aquaculture. Abalone have long been considered a potential candidate for European aquaculture. However, while abalone aquaculture in other parts of the world has surged ahead, European production has been restricted by the lack of reasonably priced juveniles, technological problems, and legislative issues.

The core of the research work of SUDEVAB is aimed at solving the main technical problems encountered by abalone growers in Europe in the areas of; pathology, genetics, nutrition, and sustainable culture technology. However, for a sustainable abalone sector to develop, producers and regulators must also meet challenges in legislation, hygiene, food safety and marketing. These issues are integrated within the research programme to maximise the impact of the project. For the long term benefit of the sector, the project will also establish an abalone producers' organisation that will serve as a network, dissemination point and hub for future collaboration within the sector, allowing trans-national development and marketing support to continue beyond the lifetime of the project.

| Project Partners | |
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| UK | South-West Abalone Growers Association (SWAGA) |
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