STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT IN AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT: THE EXPERIENCE OF SPAIN

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Legal framework and background in coordinating aquaculture

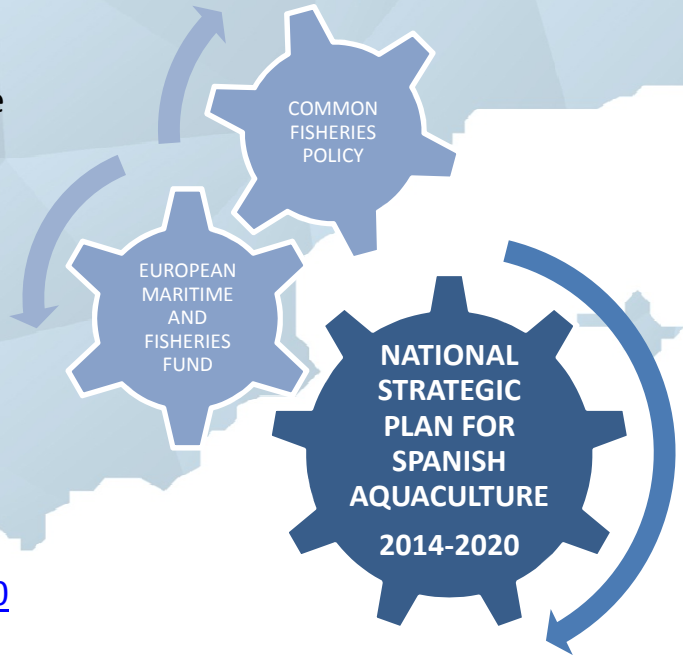
The article 148.1.11 of the Spanish Constitution, reserve to the regional authorities the exclusive competence about the inland waters and aquaculture.

The central authorities have not competence in the management of the aquaculture sector, playing the role of coordination and establishing the Spanish position in European Union and other International Bodies.

JACUMAR-JACUCON (National Advisory Board for marine and inland cultures) 1984-2016: cooperation between the General Secretary of Fisheries, regional authorities and producers in aquaculture. Set up by the Act 23/1984 of marine culture

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE ITS FOUNDATION

- Harmonious development of aquaculture during the transfer of aquaculture competences to regional authorities.
- Platform to exchange experience between authorities
- Forum for participation of the main producer organisations
- White Paper on Aquaculture (2001)
- National Plans of Marine Cultures
- Development of the National Strategic Plan for Aquaculture2014-2020



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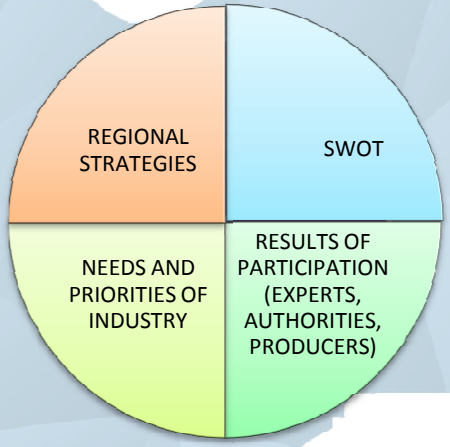
STRATEGIC NATIONAL PLAN: STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING

Stage I: Diagnosis

Analysis of participation
Selection of experts

Stage II: Development

Workshops:
authorities, producers, scientists



Integration of strategies

Objectives and lines of work

Priorities and production forecast

- 4 Strategic Objectives
- 8 Lines of work
- 37 National actions
- 321 Regional actions

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STAGE III. MONITORING COMMITTE AND WORKING GROUPS

National Advisory Board (JACUMAR-JACUCON)

Monitoring Committee

ACTIONS

- Monitor national and regional actions
- Monitoring reports
- Presentation of actions and results in JACUMAR-JACUCON

- Priorization
- Working plan
- Starting priorized actions

WORKING GROUPS

- Identification of participants, desing and validation of work methodology. Set up of the working groups:

- GROUP 1: Legal and administrative framework OE1 and 2
- GROUP 2: Environmental aspects, innovation and health OE3
- GROUP 3: Fair competition OE4

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIC LINES OF WORK	PRIORIZED ACTIONS IN PROGRESS
SO1. Simplify and standardize the legal and administrative framework and enhance the representativeness of the sector	• LE1. Simplify legal and administrative framework	✓ Aquaculture Act ✓ Analysis of administrative procedures
SO2. Increase aquaculture production, from improved sectorial planning and site selection	• LE2. Improving spatial planning and site selection	✓ Homogenization of criteria for the selection of Aquaculture Aloocated Zones ✓ Development of a Geographical information System for spanish aquaculture
SO3. Strengthen the sector's competitiveness through R + D + i, the closer relations between the scientific community and industry, health management and animal welfare	• LE3. Strengthen environmental aspects • LE4. Enhance health and animal welfare • LE5. Strengthening competitiveness of the sector through R & D + i • LE6. Support and visibility of the training tools	✓ Analysis of interactions between RN2000 and aquaculture ✓ Guide to Health Management in Aquaculture ✓ Standard AENOR Slaughtering of marine fish ✓ Homogenization of criteria for EIA and PVA
SO4. Strengthen aspects related to the processing and marketing of aquaculture products through innovation, promotion and support for producer organizations	• LE7. Promote market-related aspects: processing, marketing and internationalization • LE8. Valorization of aquaculture through communication and image	✓ Support Plan for Producer Organisations and improving coordination ✓ Quality plan for fisheries products ✓ Support for creation and implementation certificates, collective marks

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DRAFTING AQUACULTURE ACT: NEEDS AND OBJECTIVES IDENTIFICATION

Why we need it?

- Define what is aquaculture, establish the principles and basic concepts and collect basic rules for collaboration and information exchange
- Planning the activity, ensure that the activity has enough space and work for their integration into other instruments
- Define the authorization procedure, management and monitoring of the activity
- Ensure the aquaculture sustainability and explain how it contributes to environmental protection
- Establish mechanisms to cooperate and join efforts; analyze the activity and the compliance with the principles

What do we get?

- Have a basic rule for planning activity
- Have a basic regulations for inland aquaculture
- Provide legal certainty to the activity
- Promote and improve aquaculture image
- Strengthen aquaculture against other activities that are in competition for the same space and resources

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DRAFTING AQUACULTURE ACT: PROCESS AND TOOLS

Definition of contents

Drafting technical document

Definition of specific contents: public domain, environmental assessment and monitoring, animal health and registration, marketing, marine strategies, etc.

Technical Draft Revisión

Final text (in process)

Consultations and interviews

Workshops

Bilateral meetings

Thematic workshops

Public consultation

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Preconditions for successful stakeholder engagement

- Proper identification of **needs**
- Delimitation of the **objectives**
- Proper identification of **actors** and key actors
- Identify the entity that will exercise **leadership** and distribution of **responsibilities**
- Delimitation of competences (both in the management of the activity and in the engagement process)
- Evaluation of available resources

Benefits of stakeholder's engagement in aquaculture

- **Acceptance** of measures to implement
- **Commitment** / active collaboration
- Increases the **chance of success** in implementing measures
- Adequacy of measures to the reality of the industry and other actors
- Facilitate the continuous review and reformulation of the strategy, if necessary

How to improve stakeholder engagement for better input?

- Participation **from the design** of the initiatives
- Workshops at **technical level**
- Establish **methodologies and tools** for efficient participation and adapted to the different actors
- Participatory **monitoring** of the implementation of the results
- Inform and engage stakeholders on achievements, goals achieved, implemented measures, etc.

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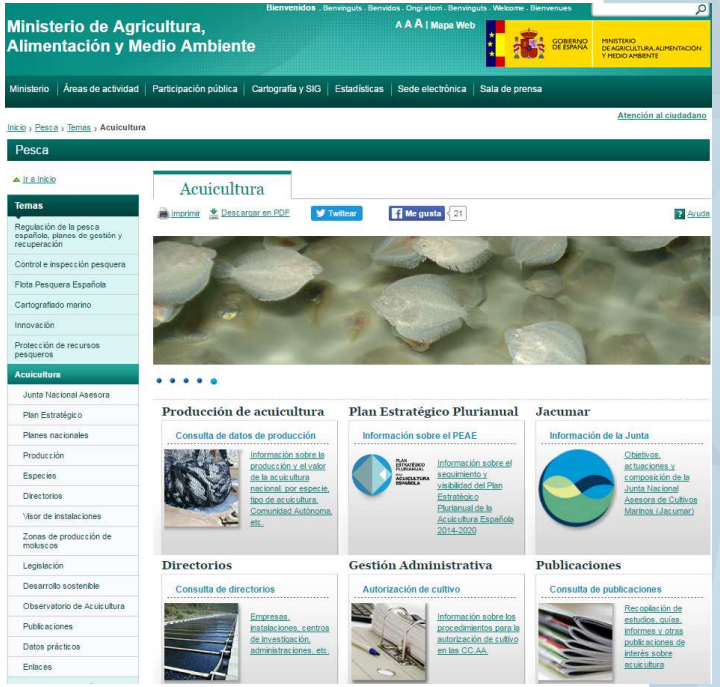

Strategic Plan documents

Monitoring reports

Workshop documents

National and regional reports

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