The Netherlands: Multiannual national plan for the development of sustainable aquaculture an overview

Current situation

- **Total volume (2013):** 46 605 tonnes
- **Total value (2013):** 93 million euro
- **The Netherlands contribution to EU aquaculture:**
  - 3.8% volume
  - 2.7% value

Main species by volume

- **Oysters:**
  - 2 958 t
  - 6.4%
- **Mussels:**
  - 37 112 t
  - 80.6%
- **Catfish:**
  - 3 100 t
  - 6.7%
- **Eels:**
  - 2 885 t
  - 6.3%

Source of data: Eurostat

National Growth Objectives (2014-2023)

- **Production value A:** 3% increase in value by 2023.
Response to the strategic guidelines

Simplify administrative procedures:
- Set up a website containing various types of information regarding aquaculture, including a full list of administrative documents which are obligatory for new as well as existing producers.

Level playing field:
- Better communication, certification and shortening of the production chain.
- Husbandry criteria are developed for species farmed in the Netherlands. These criteria are offered to ASC for further use.

Coordinated spatial planning:
- Use of multi-purpose space at sea, in particular in combination with offshore wind farming areas.

Enhance competitiveness:
- Cooperation of producers and research institutes.
- Innovation to be promoted through setting up “knowledge circles” (groups where knowledge is exchanged, an approach earlier applied in agriculture and fisheries).
- Better cooperation of the fresh fish farming sector will be stimulated through provision of the necessary funding from EMFF.

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