



# Extraction of nutrients from fish farms by mussel production in the Baltic



- Description of the IMTA facility
- Loss and extraction of nutrients
- Ecosystem impact – conflict and support management targets
- The R&D project Baltic Blue Growth

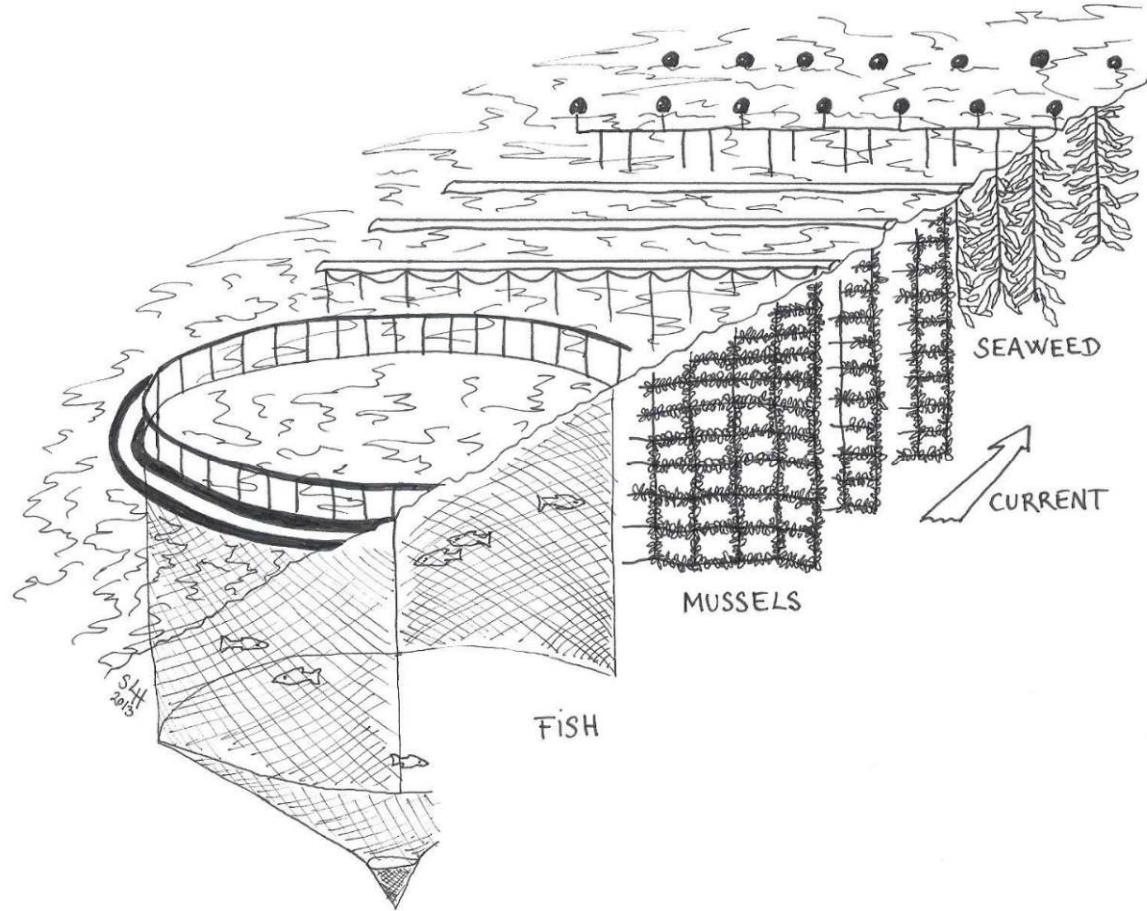
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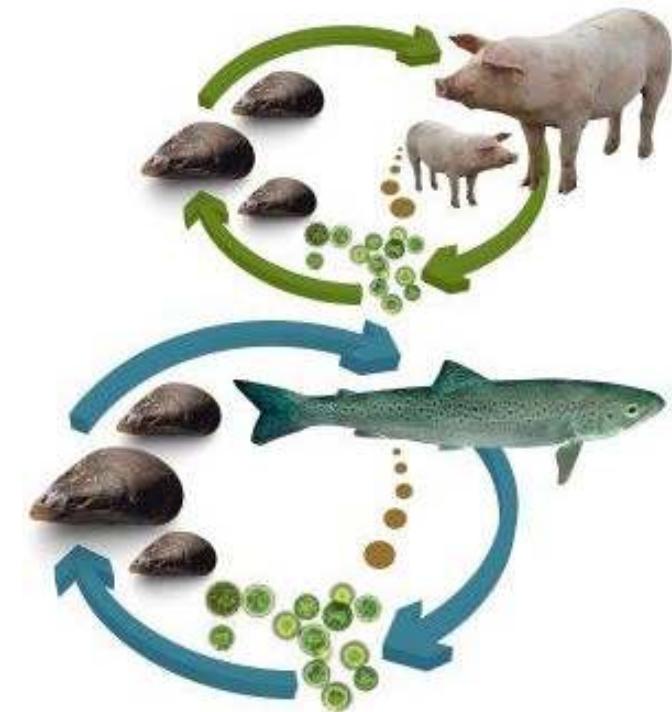


# Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture

## BUT only 12 % of the N is incorporated in particles



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# Blue Mussels are filtrators



5-7 l water /h  
Particles > 2-5 µm

Filtration improve transparency  
of water

Loss of organic matter to the  
sea bed

http://www.havbrug.dk/da/ Hjarnø Havbrug - Opskrift... □

**hjarnøhavbrug**  
...fish farming since 1952

Produkter Havbrug Dambrug Fisk i mad Aktuelt Hvem er vi Kontakt os

## Moderne havbrug...

Hjarnø Havbrug har fokus på nulpåvirkning af miljøet og bruger erfarene fodremestre der tilser fiskenes velfærd... læs mere her



**Lokal området**  
**Endelave havbrug får en miljøtilladelse**  
Miljøministeriet har svaret på modstandernes klager og finder stadig at driften af Endelave Havbrug er inden for lovens rammer...

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**TV2 østjylland om tang**  
Hjarnø Havbrugs havbiologer fortæller om dyrkningen  
Tang bruges allerede i mange produkter, og det kan dyrkes i de indre danske farvande. Se her indslaget fra TV2 østjylland med Teis og Peter fra Hjarnø Havbrug.

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**Kombi Opdræt**  
Produktion er ikke nok, der skal også udvikles...  
Forsking og udvikling er fokus punkter, for at opnå nulpåvirkning af miljøet. Nyeste projekt opsamles resultaterne afsluttende i et Phd projekt.

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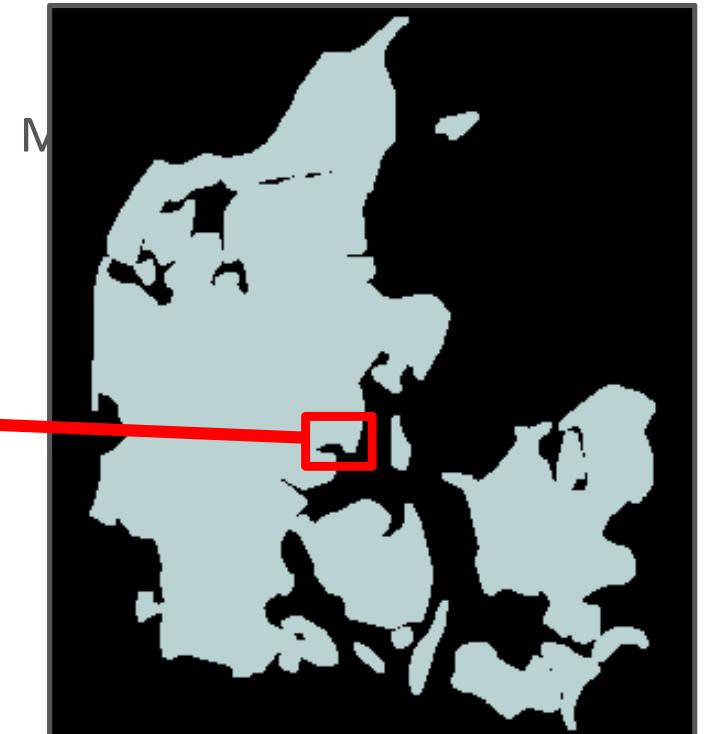
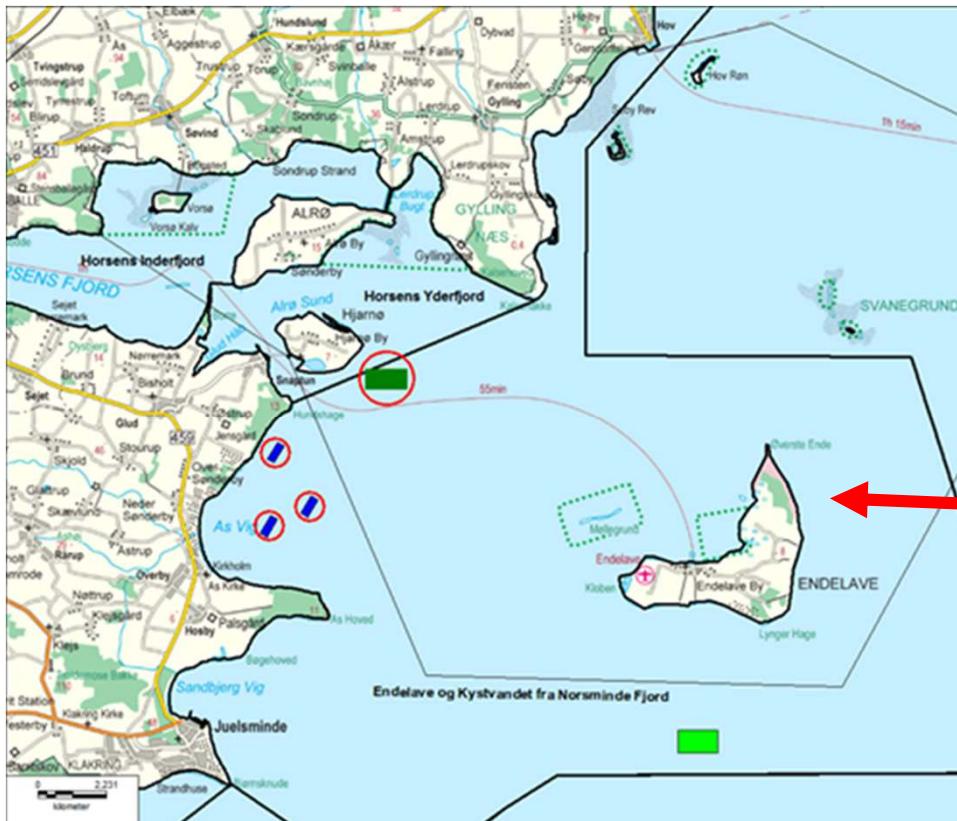
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helt tæt på, og find ud af hvem vi er...  
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# Nutrient Extraction at Hjarnø Havbrug



- 2105 t rainbow trout
- 7500 t blue mussels
  - Nutrient extraction decoupled
  - Located in same WFD water body



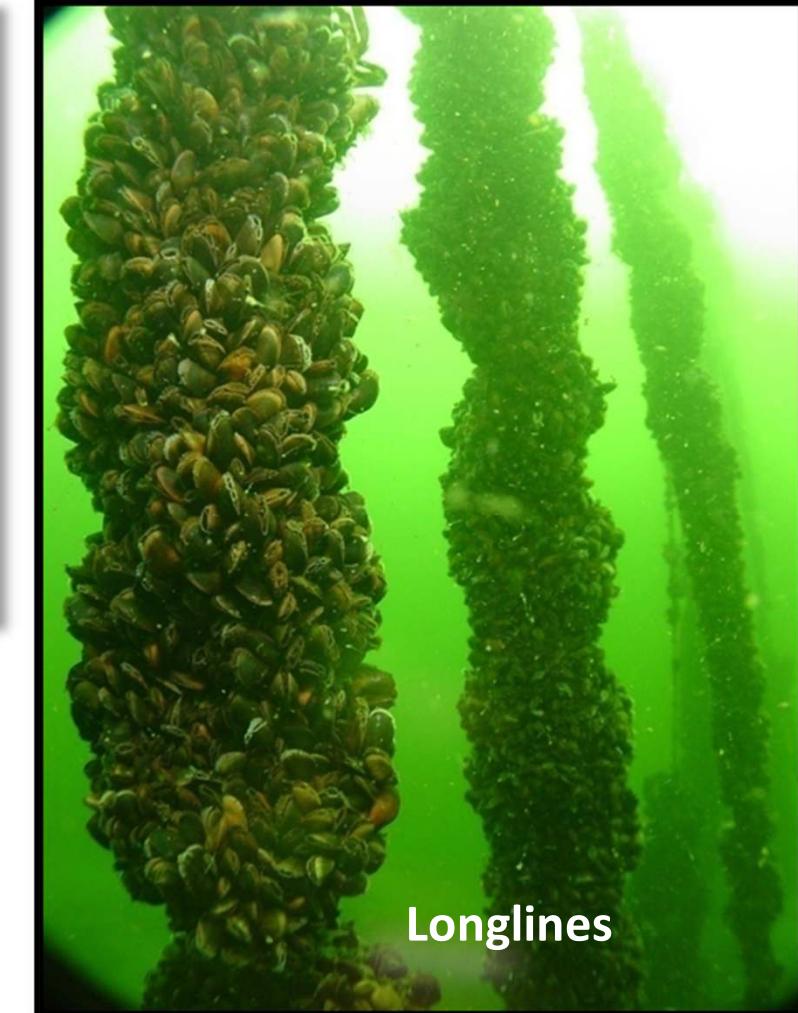
# AQUACULTURE: Production of mussels



Smartfarm



Bottom culture



Longlines

# Smartfarm produce 20-25 t of mussels per unit



Musselfarm area= 18 ha  
100 smartfarm units  
20-25 tons mussels per unit  
1,37 % N for small mussels  
1,18 % N for large mussels

2000-2500 tons of mussels per farm

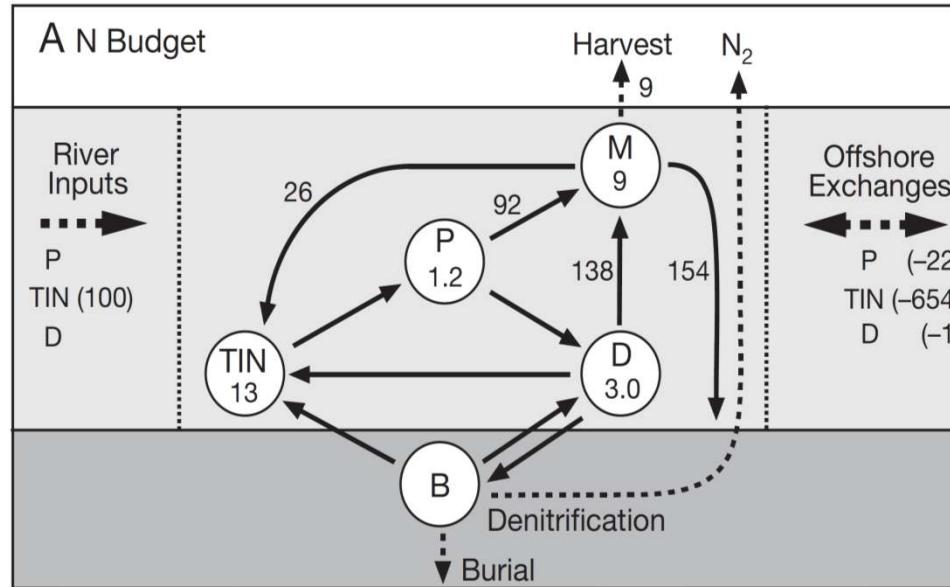
## **Small mussels - May to Oct**

No problems with ice or eider  
27-34 tons N per musselfarm  
1.5-1.9 tons N/ha (x2 for longlines)

## **Large mussels – May to May**

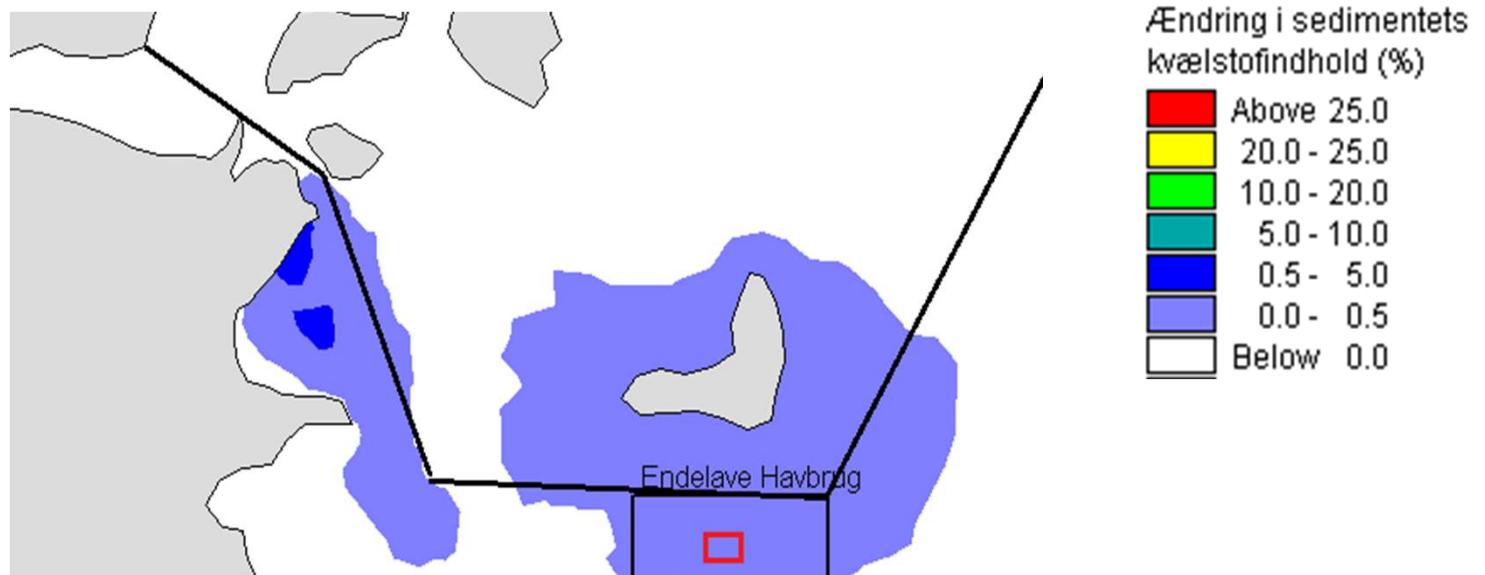
Mussels for human consumption  
*24-29 tons N per musselfarm*  
1.3-1.6 tons N/ha

# Impact on the ecosystem - sedimentation



Cranford et al (2007). Flow of N in Canadian Bay.  
**The mussels (M) annually extract 92 t of N as plankton (P) and 138 t as detritus (D). 9 tons are harvested and 152 is lost to the sea bed.**

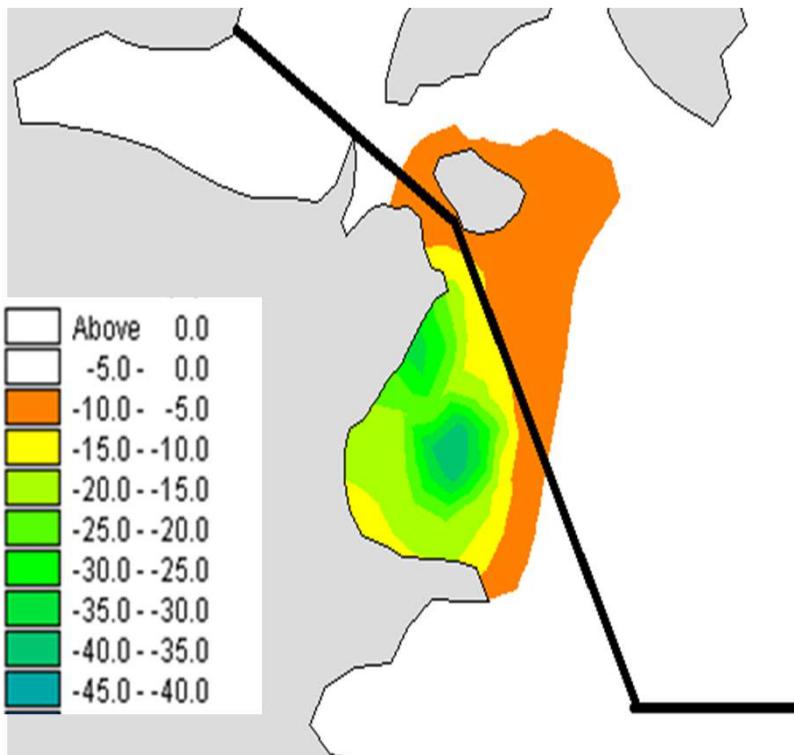
# Nitrogen in the sediment below musselfarms at Hjarnø Havbrug



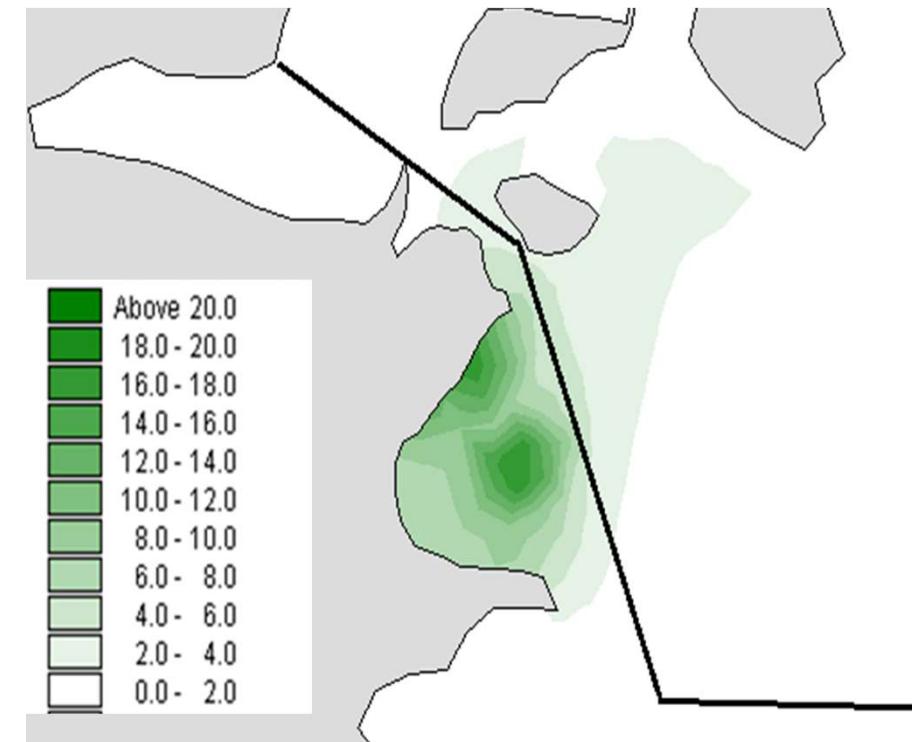
At seabeds at sites with stronger currents no impact of the sedimentation.

# Goods and services – waterquality

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Transparency



# Good and services

## Reef effects



## Food for Eider



# Challenges for implementation of nutrient extraction by mussel farming



**Optimize production at low cost**

Production

Predation

Harvest

**Impact on ecosystem**

**Development of a market for the mussels**

**Optimization of management - get payed  
for ecosystem restoration not nutrient  
extraction – Holistic approach**

**Not in my backyard – Perception, site  
selection and regulation**



# Baltic Blue Growth

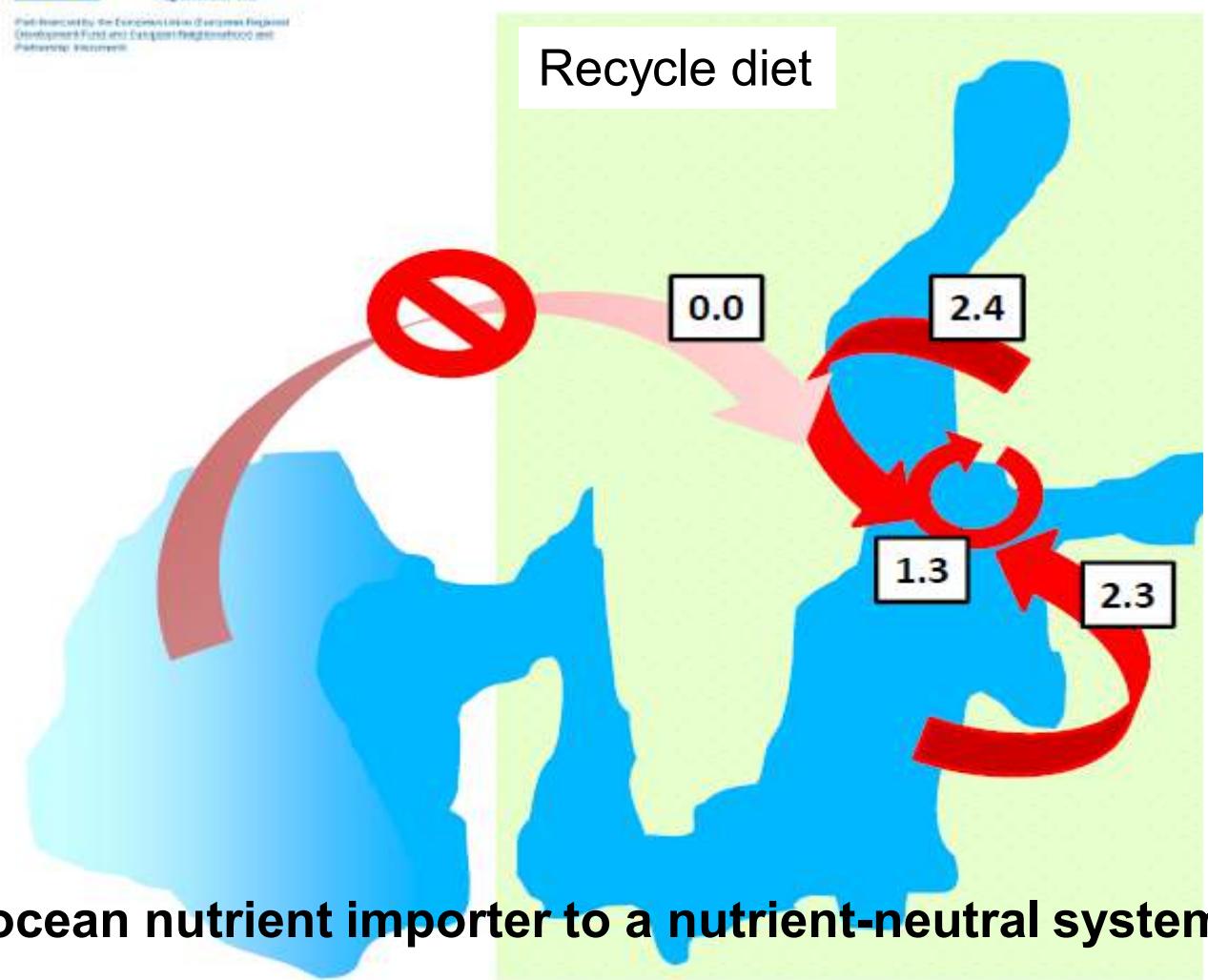
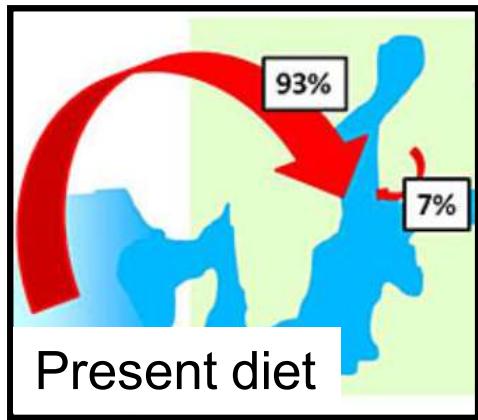
**Initiation of large-scale, business based, mussel farming to harvest nutrients from the Baltic Sea**



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# Closing the nutrient loop

AQUABEST



Turn aquaculture from net ocean nutrient importer to a nutrient-neutral system.

# Baltic Blue Growth - Aim

We will go from pilot scale....



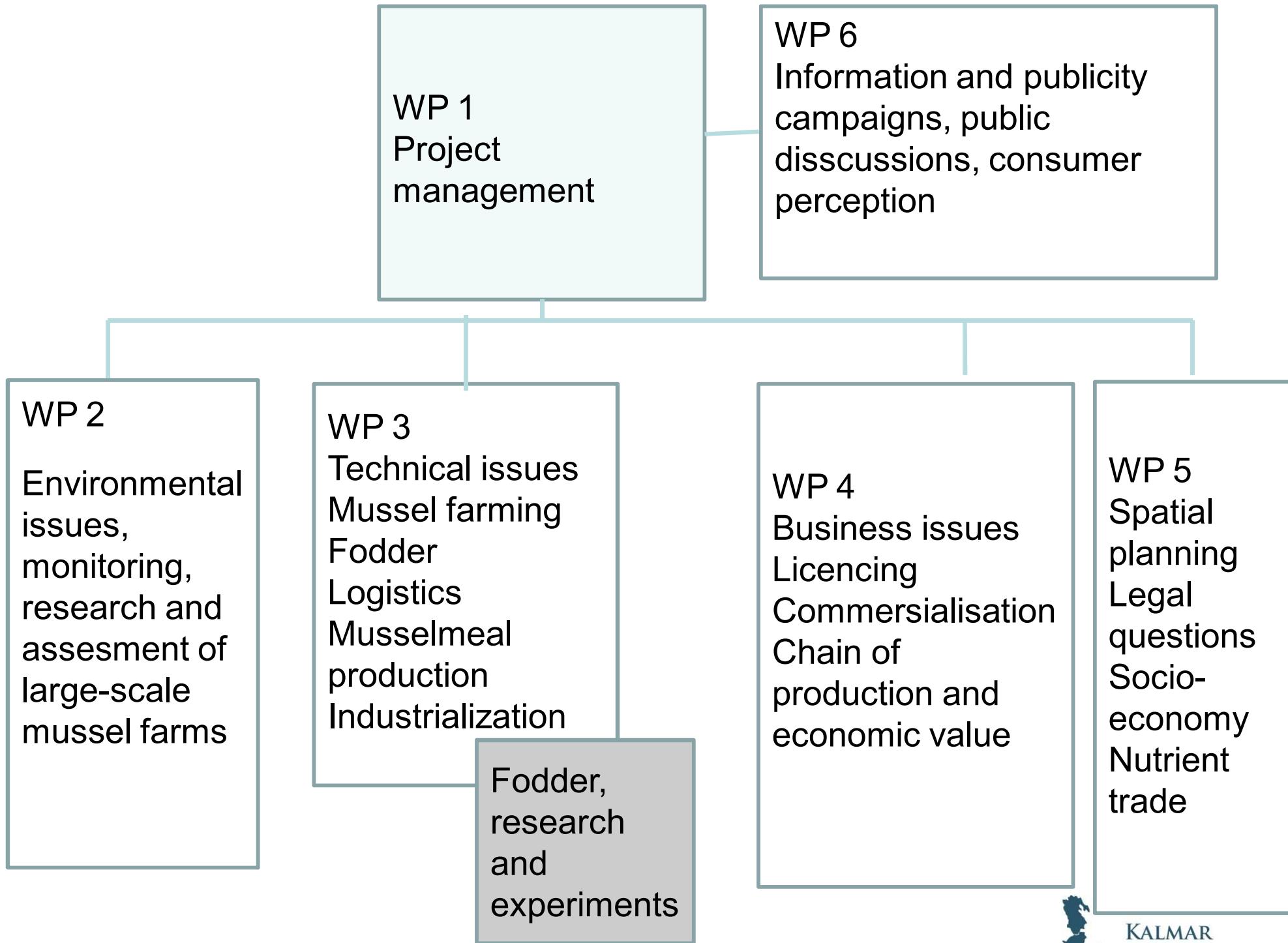
-to large scale  
mussel farms  
in the Baltic Sea!



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# Long-term goal: Large-scale processing of mussel meal to replace fish meal in aquaculture and livestock farming





For more details, see project description from 5 May at [www.kalmarsundskommissionen.se/bbg](http://www.kalmarsundskommissionen.se/bbg)



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