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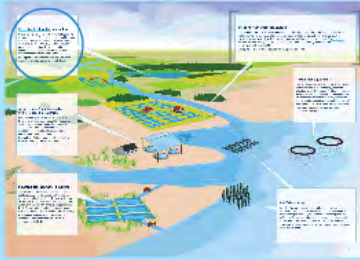


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### Aquaculture of marine species in shore-based installations

Marine fishes (particularly flatfishes) can also be bred in artificial shore-based tanks supplied with seawater. Recirculation of the water creates a closed and controlled environment that is necessary for optimal production in hatcheries and nurseries for marine species.

**Examples** – Turbot, common sole, Senegalese sole, sea perch, gilt-head sea bream.

### Extensive brackish water aquaculture

The animals (often brought in by the marine flow) are kept in lagoons developed for this purpose (ex.: Italian valliculture, Spanish esteros). The semi-extensive nature of this breeding is reinforced by introducing hatchery fry and providing additional feed. This type of aquaculture plays an important role in conservation of the natural coastal heritage.

**Examples** – Sea perch, eel, common sole, Senegalese sole, sea bream, mullet, sturgeon, shrimps and shellfish.

### Intensive fresh water aquaculture

In intensive systems, fish are bred in tanks until they reach marketable size. There are two techniques: continuous flow (river water enters tanks upstream and leaves downstream) and recirculation (the water remains in a closed circuit and is recycled and 'recirculated' in the tanks). Recirculation systems are more costly (energy), but offer better control of breeding conditions (temperature and oxygen) and water quality.

**Examples** – Rainbow trout, eel, catfish, sturgeon, tilapia, etc.

### Marine cage aquaculture

The fish are kept in cages anchored to the seabed and maintained on the surface by means of a floating plastic framework. This form of breeding is practiced mainly in sheltered zones near shore, but more sophisticated techniques (submersible cages, remote monitoring, automatic feeding, etc.) may make it possible to move further from shore.

**Examples** – Atlantic salmon, sea perch, sea bream, meagre, etc.

### Shellfish farming

Shellfish farming is based on the collection of wild or hatchery spat, which feed on natural nutrients found in the environment (filter-feeding animals). Oyster and mussel farming account for 90% of European production and use a wide range of techniques: bottom-farming, on tables, wooden posts, ropes, etc.

**Examples** – Oysters (oyster farming), mussels (mussel farming), clams and abalones.



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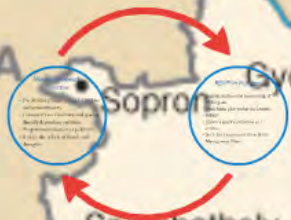
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**Aquaculture and WFD**

Strategic participation in the Danube IRR water and nature

**Actions**

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- EU suggestion guideline for the content
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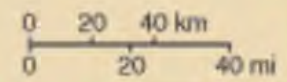
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- Increased environmental risks
- Increased market
- Climate activities

2019-2021 EU Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Operational Program

- Carp: 16,000 t, 1,000 ha
- Rainbow trout: 1,000 t, 500 ha
- Atlantic salmon: 1,000 t, 1,000 ha
- Other: 100 t, 100 ha

Current potential: 18,000 t





# WFD and RBMP

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National Aquaculture



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## Actions

### Simplify administration

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- Clear environmental rules
- Simplified licensing for integrated systems
- Overview of fish health legislation

### Limiting planning

- Map of inland environmental needs
- GIS database of aquatic nature including fish ponds
- Aquaculture as a sub-project of large economic, professional and business zones of water basins
- The results from WFD monitoring

### Enhance competitiveness

- More fish in public schools: Pilot project
- Reduce the amount of "black fish" from rivers: new national law
- Research of new technologies (Horizon 2020)

### Less planning goals

- Promote crop as essential fish from the EU
- Adapt national legislation and good practices of agriculture PCBs
- Encourage to develop environmental systems and habitats through National Rural Development Strategy implementation

## Fish farm

- More fish
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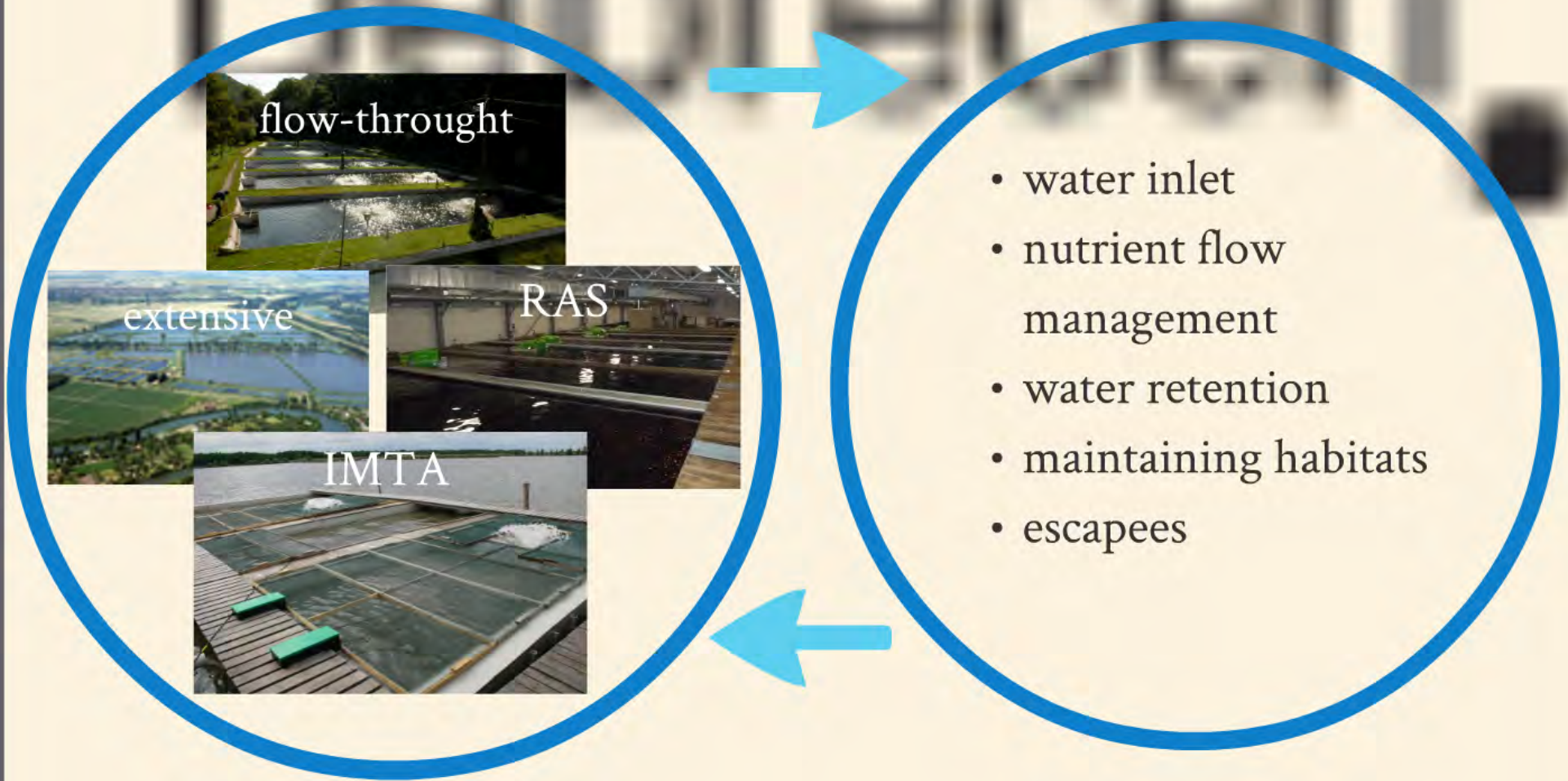




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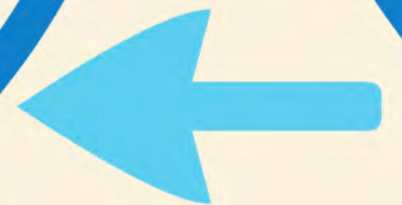
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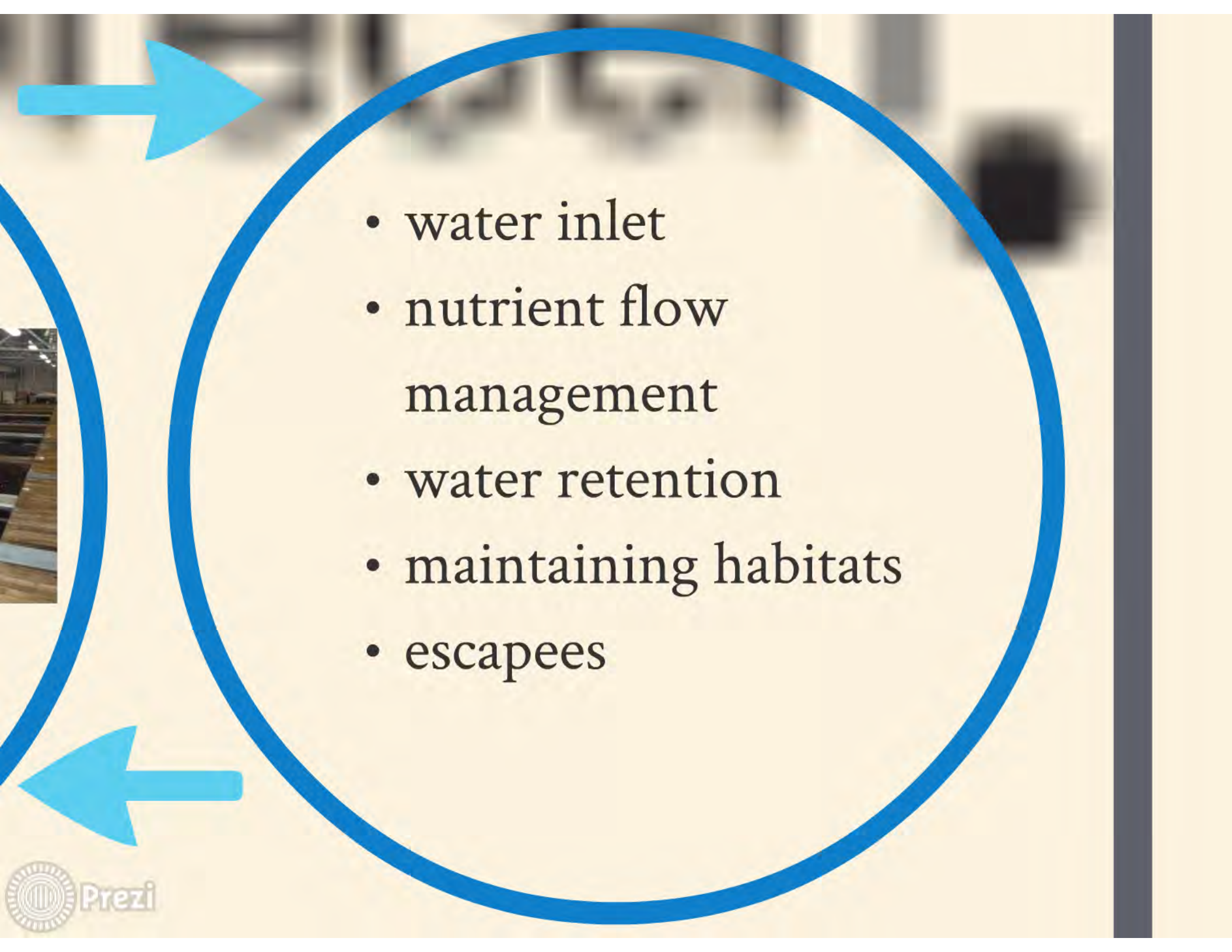


RAS



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- water inlet
  - nutrient flow management
  - water retention
  - maintaining habitats
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Closed intensive system, RAS

Wetland ecosystem

Pond recirculation

Production and treatment pond

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Google earth

83 m

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- Species diversity**
- Skip at least 30 different water
  - 125 different water species
  - No listing risk groups
  - Research into the impact of large reservoirs: greenhouse effects, nutrient management
  - The evaluation of RAS development

- Streamlining fish**
- Encourage the use of water from the RAS
  - Allow national legislation of good practices of aquaculture RAS
  - Enhance water quality and water resources, and fishing through National Fund (as Foreign administration)

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*Contribution to the  
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2020*

Carp: 16.000 to 19.000 tons

Herbivores: 3.000 to 5.000 tons

African catfish: 2.000 to 3.000 tons

Others: 500 to 2.500 tons

Growth potential: 8.000 tons



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