

Biorefining of marine biomass

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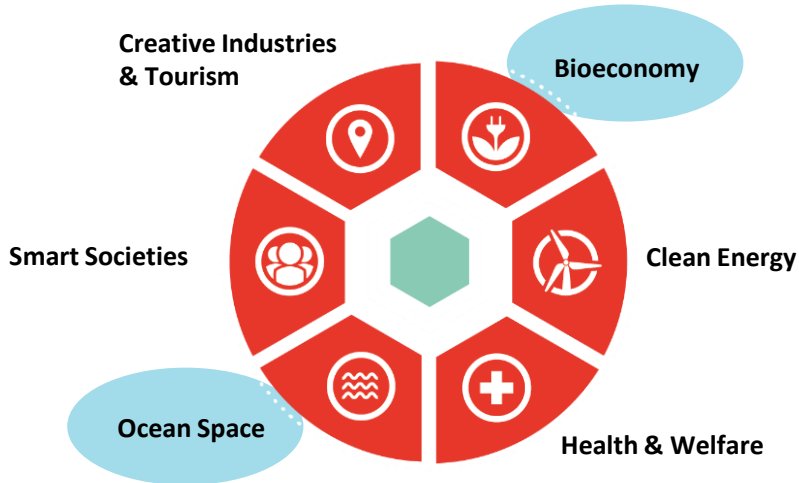


The main Government agency for innovation and industry development

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- ❑ ***Investing in businessled projects***
 - ❑ ***€ 600 mill in grants/loans annually***
 - ❑ ***~700 people (21 domestic offices, 38 offices in 31 countries)***



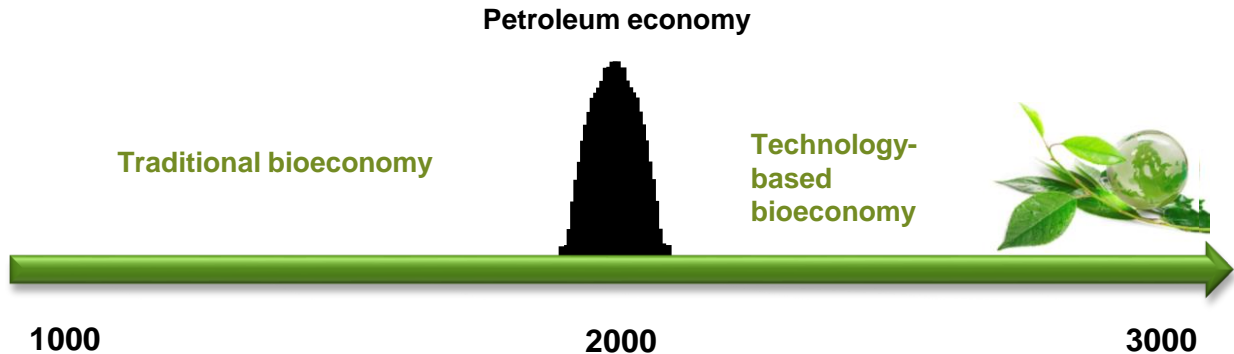
Nurturing a sustainable economy





"What ever happens in this century, we will have to learn to live without fossil hydrocarbons."

Prof. David Goldstein, CalTech: "Out of Gas: The End of the Age of Oil", 2004



Technology is the mother of change



The Stone Age did not end
due to shortage of stone!



What about the Petroleum
Age ???

Turn of the tide ?



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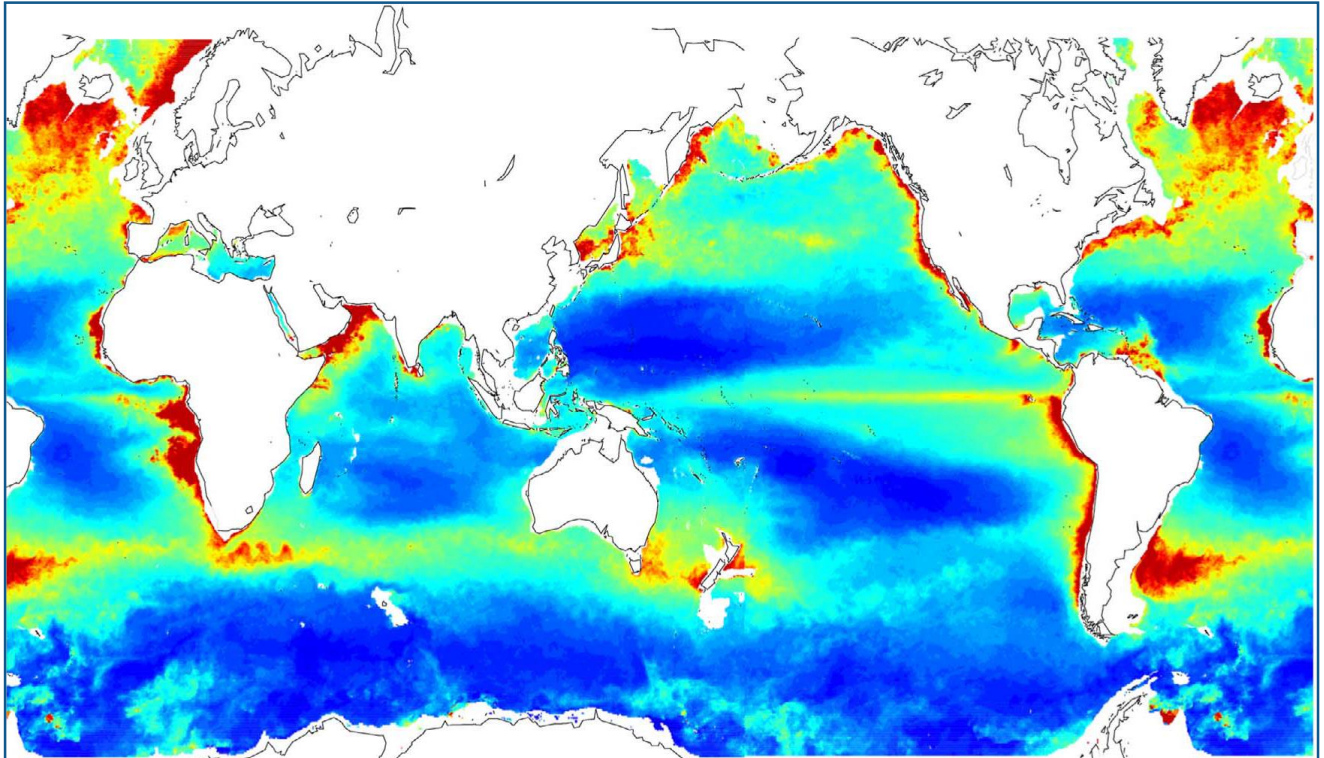
**A 5 kg salmon:
45 USD**

**A barrel of crude:
46 USD**

As of July 2016

The blue bioeconomy

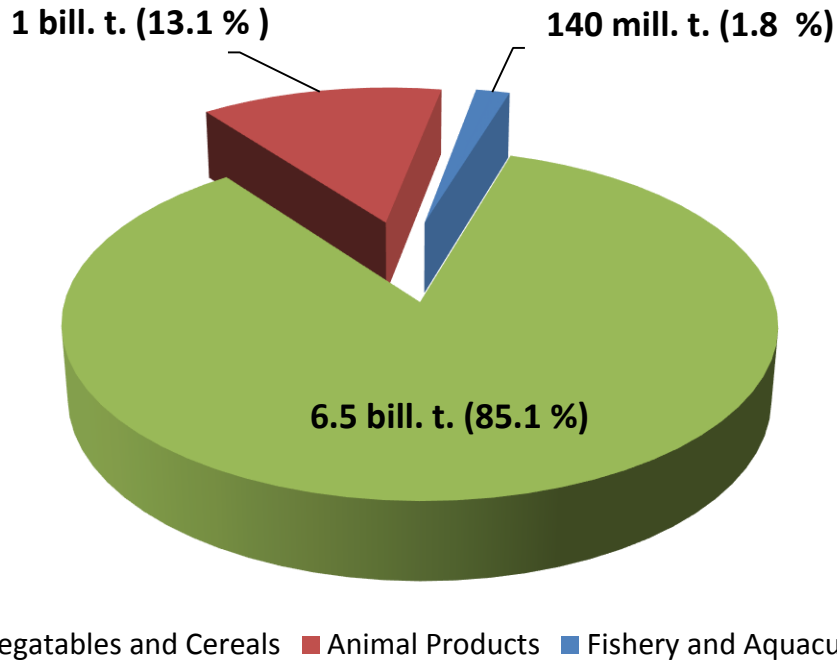
Marine primary production



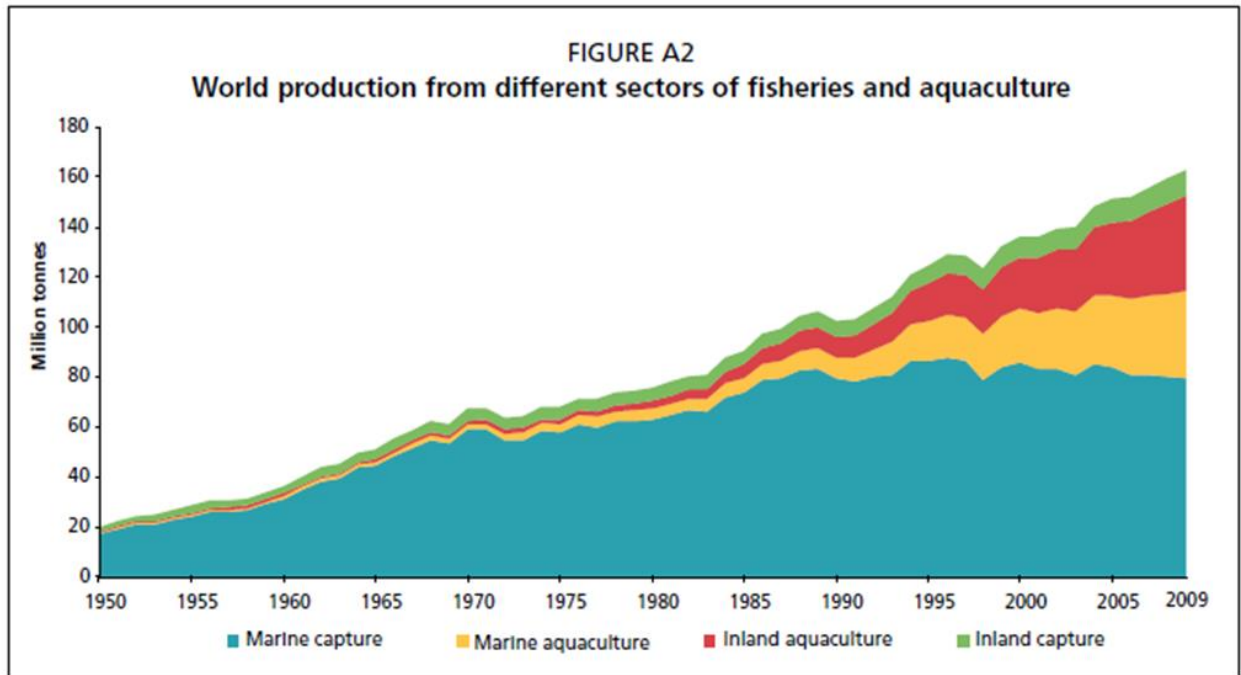
1000 500 0 (mg C m² d⁻¹)

Source: Irigoien et al., 2014

The global food production

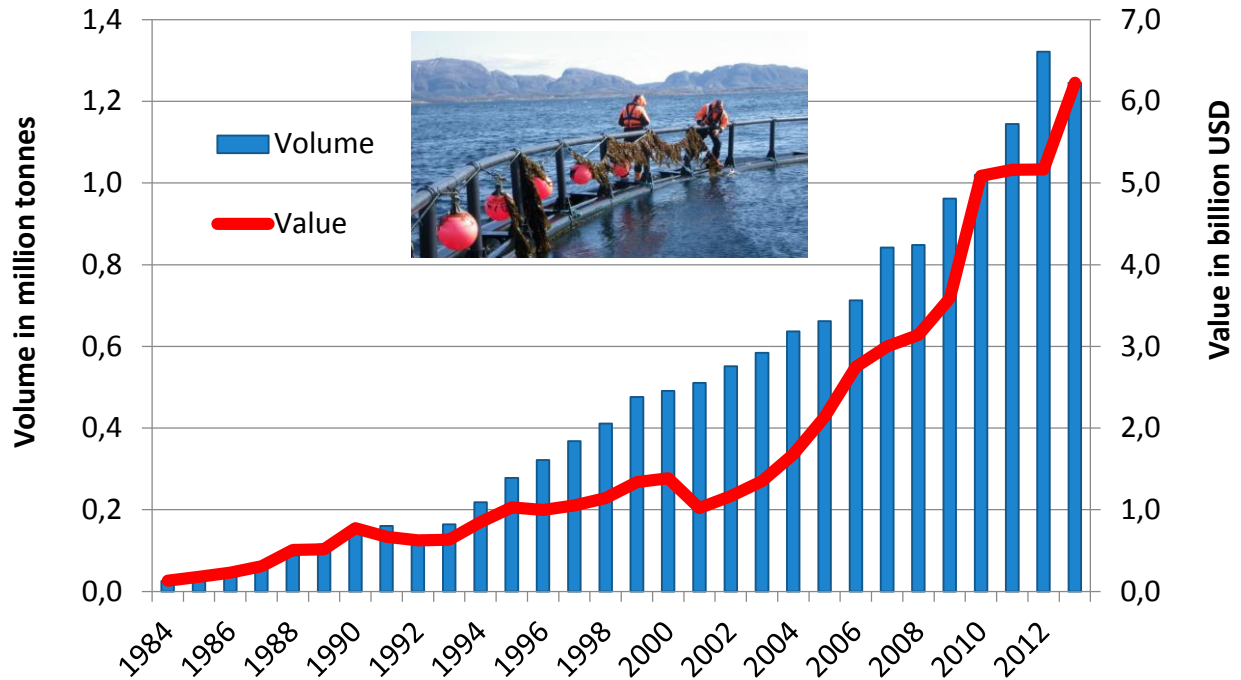


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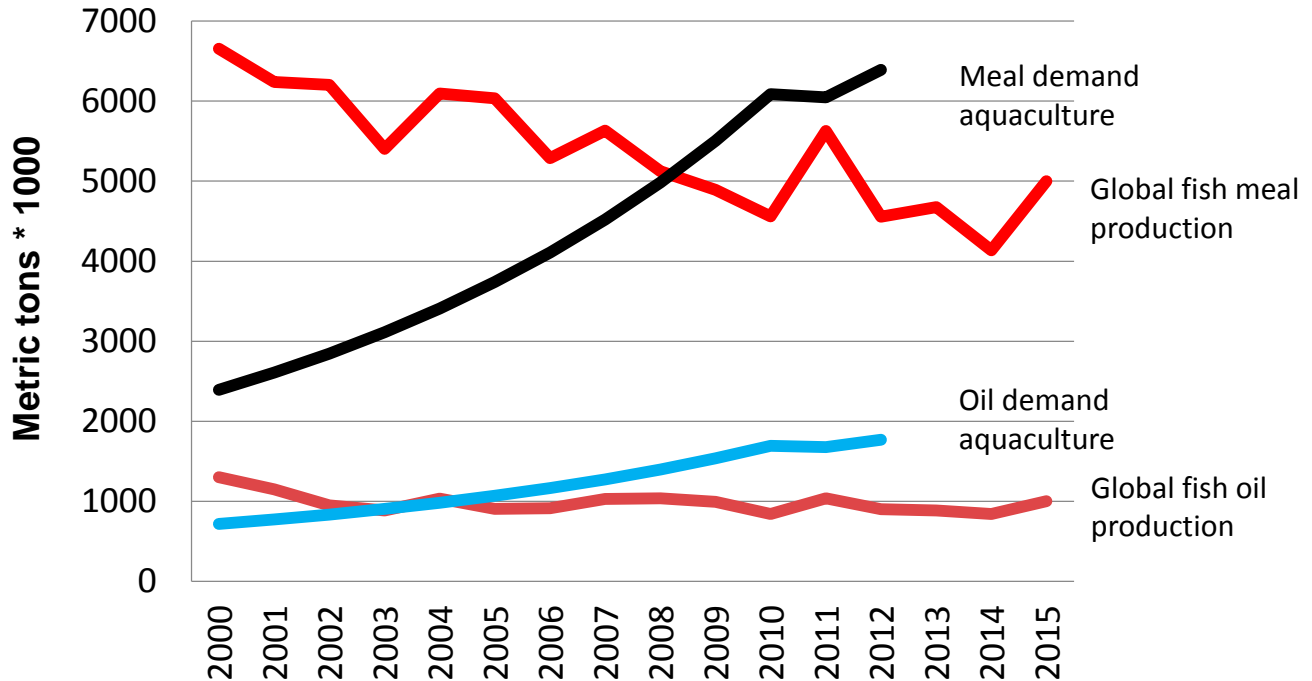




Norwegian aquaculture production



Feed ingredients demand vs production



A 3-fold increase in salmon production ?



But from where do we source the 5 mill tons of feed?

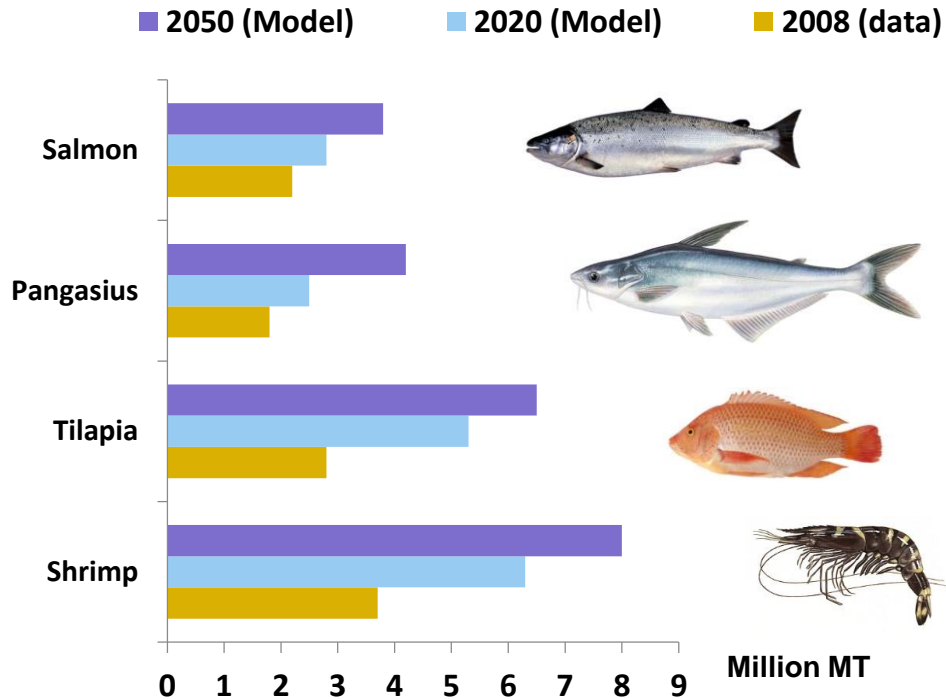
OMEGA-3 LIPIDS

- Anchoveta
- Lower tropical species (krill or Calanus)
- Microalgae
- GMO microbial production
- GMO plants (Camelina)

PROTEIN

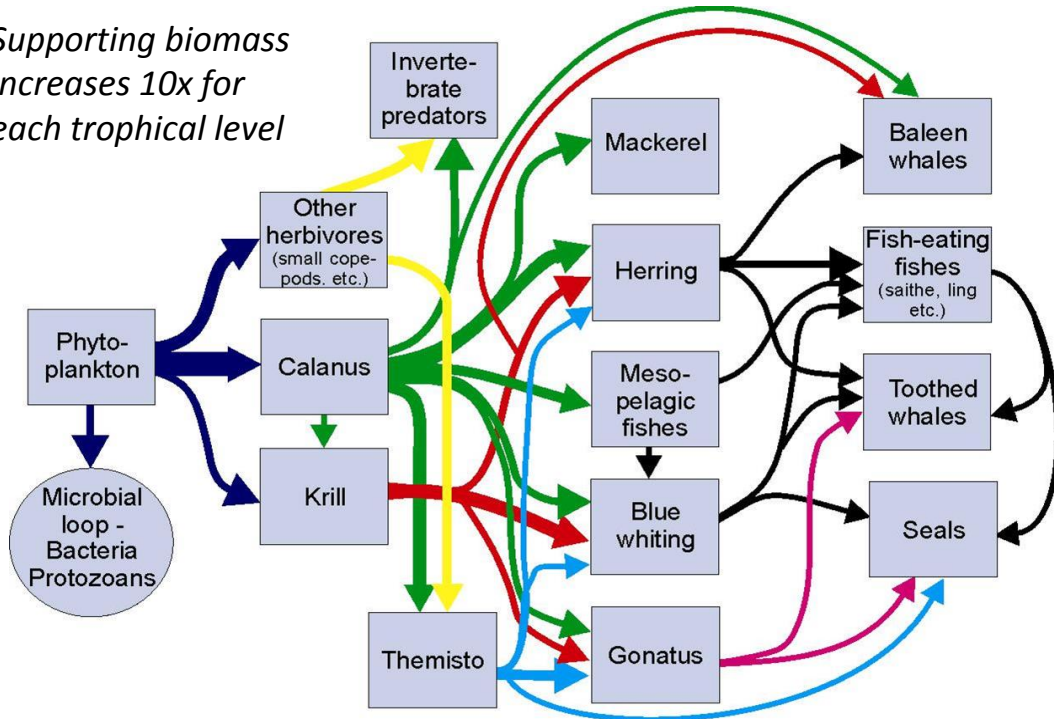
- Fish meal
- Soy
- Yeast from cellulosic sugar
- Methylococcus from methane

Aquaculture: Four major industrialized species

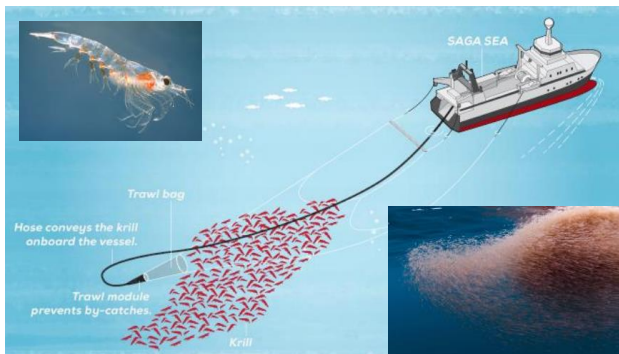


Managing the marine value chains

Supporting biomass increases 10x for each trophical level



Krill – a large international resource



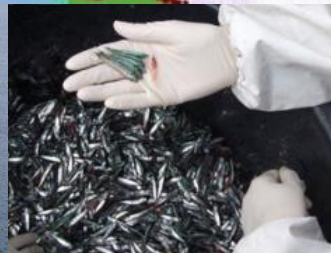
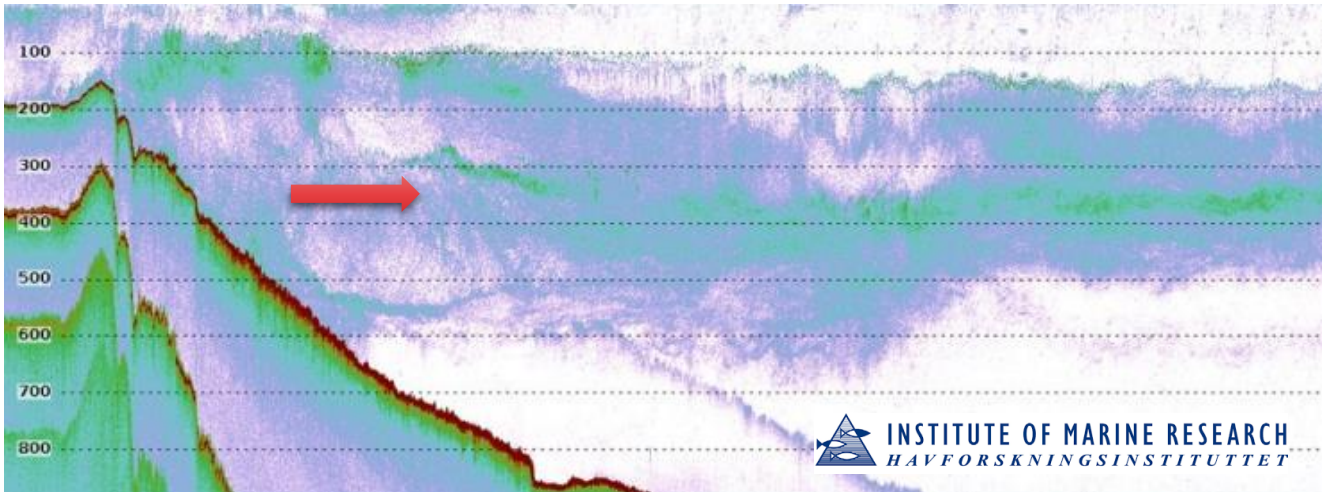
Antarctic quota 600.000 tons (few schooling species in North-Atlantic).

- Chitin component not exploited.
- DHA/EPA variable up to 20% of lipids.
- Some species high in wax esters.
- Rich in valuable phospholipids.

Difficult to process at sea:

- ✓ Dried meal taken on shore for extraction of phospholipids.
- ✓ NOK 1500,- per kg (120 GBP).

Mesopelagic fish – an unexploited resource



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Large mesopelagic fishes biomass and trophic efficiency in the open ocean

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Mesopelagic fish – global opportunities



- Many potential species, mostly myctophids, e.g. *lantern fish*
- Global biomass > **10 billion tons** (Norw. Inst. Marine Research, 2014).
- Harvesting 1% = 100 mill tons, i.e. equal to total current fisheries !
- Autolyse quickly and not well suited for direct consumption.
- Lipid content 20-60% of dry matter.
- **Enabling technology:**
 - ✓ Harvesting technologies adapted from krill
 - ✓ Novel refining technologies on board

What else to harvest from the blue garden?



Kelps:

Laminaria hyperborea

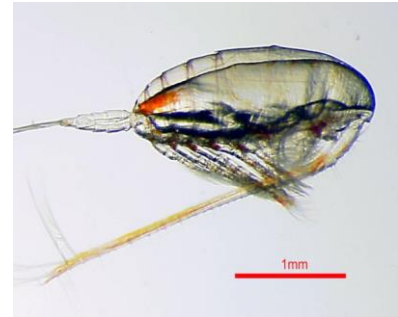
FMC Biopolymer AS



Invertebrates:

Tunicates sp.

Tunichore AS



Zooplankton:

Calanus finmarchicus

Calanus AS

... and what new value chains can thus be created?

Kelps; a marine sugar platform

Mono-sugar



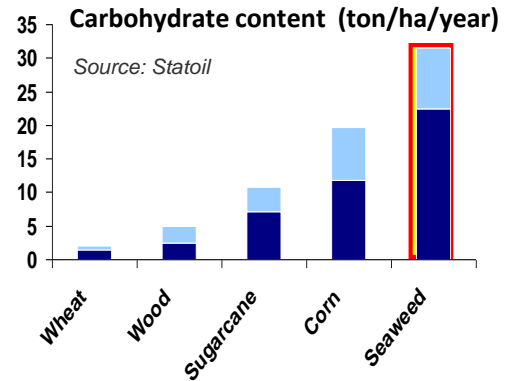
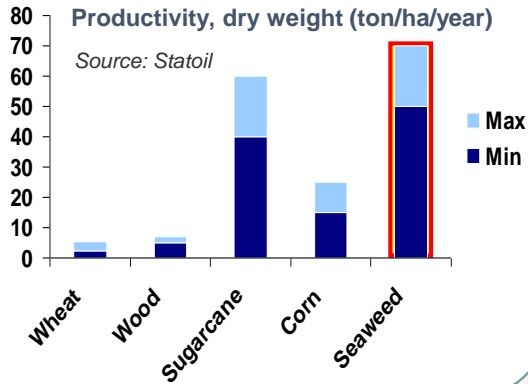
Starch



Cellulose



Alginat



The sugar platform

Mono-sugar



Starch



Cellulose



Alginat



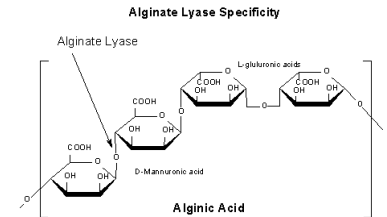
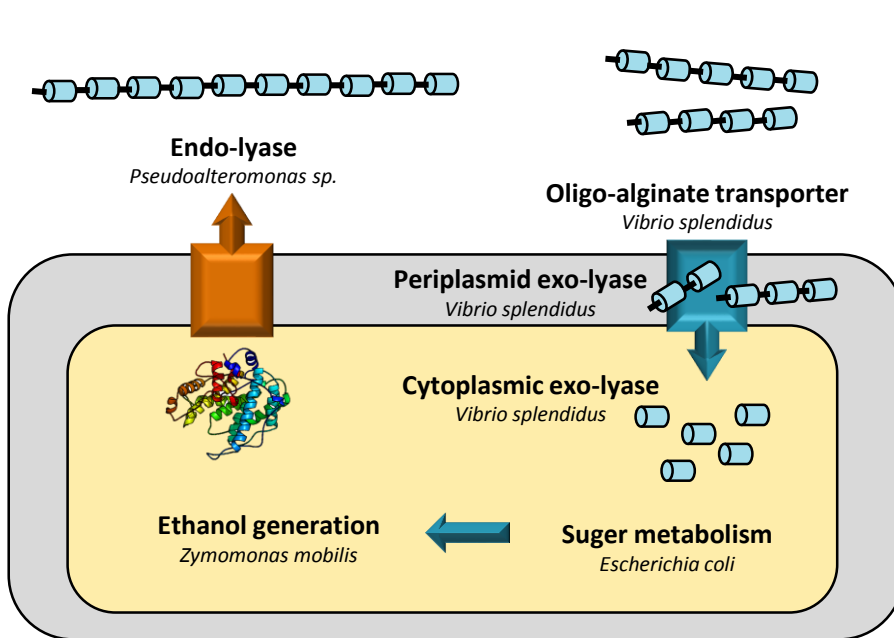
Enzymatic hydrolysis



**Industrial
fermentation**



Consolidated bioprocessing of kelp



Consolidated bioprocessing:

- Enzyme production
- Feedstock degradation
- Feedstock metabolism
- Product formation

Ethanol yield:

4.7 % (v/v),... 3.9% after 48 h
80% of theoretical maximum

An engineered microbial platform for direct biofuel production from brown macroalgae.
Wargacki et al, 2012. *Science* 335, 308-313 – **Bioarchitecture Lab/Statoil**

Tunicates – from problem to products



Tunicates from **Tunichore AS**, Bergen

Component	Raw	Inner	Tunic
	biomass	organs	
Ash	40.9+0.1	18.9+0.1	6.5+1.4
Protein*	52.8+0.8	73.5+2.1	37.4+0.3
Cellulose*	18.7+0.2	3.0+0.3	44.8+0.9
Lipids*	1.2+0.0	2.8+0.1	1.3+0.1

Lignin-free cellulose !

Zooplankton – *Calanus finmarchicus*



- Copepod in Northern Atlantic.
- 150-300 mill tons in the Nordic region (20x all fish).
- New technology increases catchability.
- High content of antioxidants (astaxanthin).
- Lipids mainly as wax esters (WE).
 - Potential source of PUFA (30-40% of total WE)
 - WE difficult to digest by Atlantic salmon
- Potential to increase bioavailability by in vitro enzymatic hydrolysis?



Integrated biorefining

1,3 mill MT



50%

FOOD PROCESSING



~~50%
waste~~

Co-products

**ENZYMATIC
HYDROLYSIS**



e.g. proteases



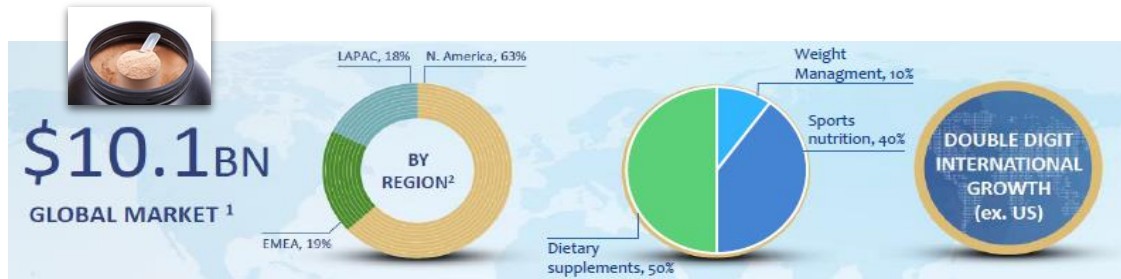
Protein

Lipid

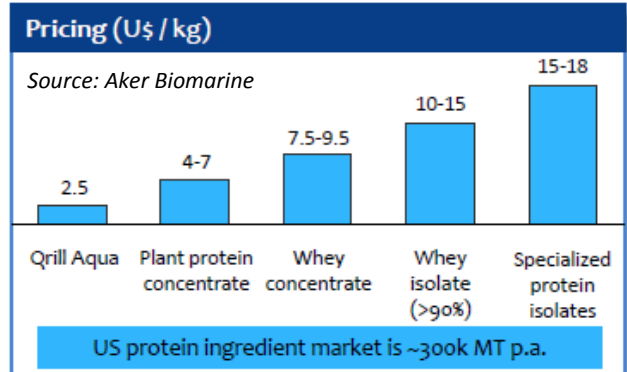
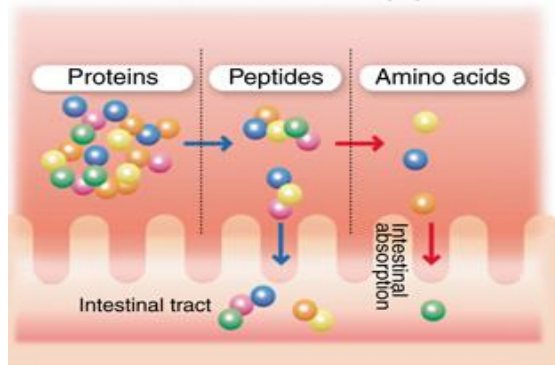
Bone

- ❖ PROTEIN SUPPLEMENTS
- ❖ BIOACTIVE PEPTIDES
- ❖ COLLAGEN
- ❖ PEPTONES
- ❖ LIPID SUPPLEMENTS
- ❖ MODIFIED LIPIDS
- ❖ PHOSPHOLIPIDS
- ❖ GLUCOSAMINE
- ❖ CHONDROITIN
- ❖ MARINE MINERALS
- ❖ FLAVOURS

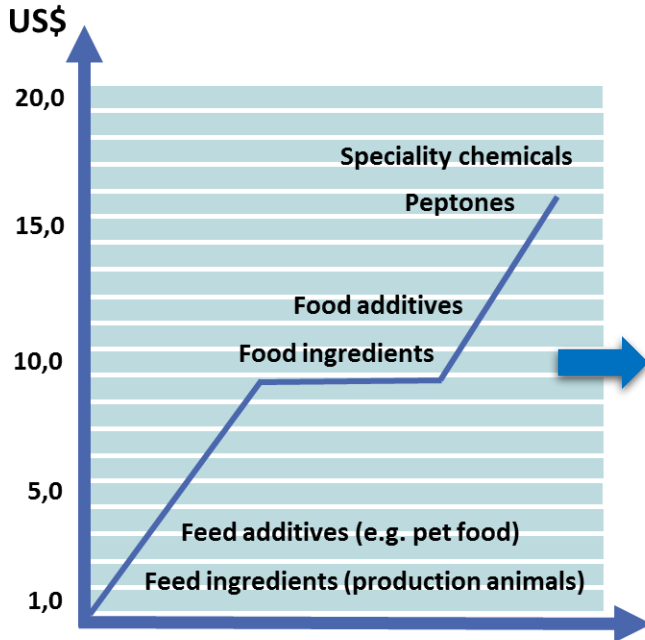
Reaching out to high end markets



Proteins, amino acids, and peptides



Barriers to the human market



«Fishy» taste

Caused by the post-mortem production of trimethylamine

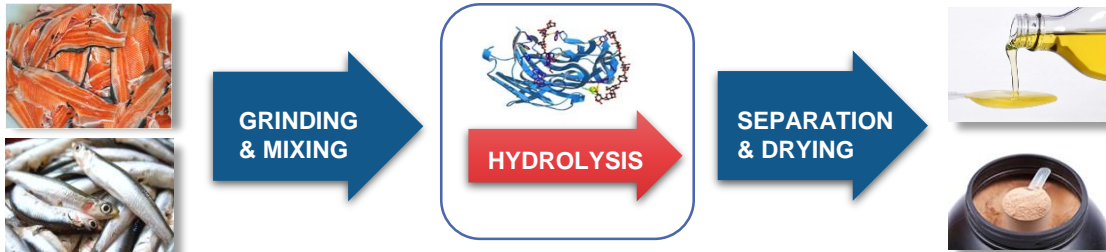
Bitterness

Undesirable peptide spectrum and molecular configurations

Rancid taste and smell

Unsaturated lipids common to fish, are easily oxidized

Key features and profitability




- **Continous flow rather than batch, increases reproducibility.**
- Avoid mechanical stirring creating emulsions where oil and protein are difficult to separate.
- Closed reactors to reduce oxidation of lipids.
- **Gentle enzymatic degradation retains nutritional value of proteins.**
- Enzyme-mix optimised for the feedstock in question, improving functional and sensoric properties.
- Enzymes approved for human grade processes.

Norwegian national facility for marine process scale-up

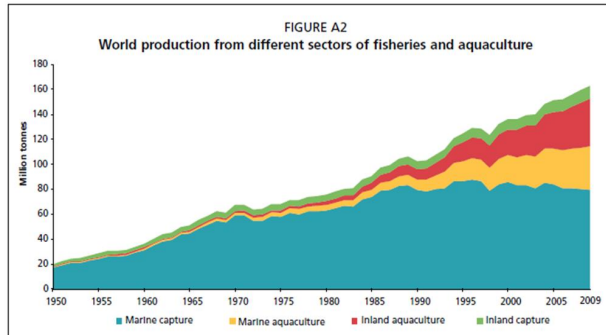
BIOTEP – at Kaldfjorden, close to Tromsø



- A **open access** pilot facility for processing of marine co-products.
- Inaugurated in 2013 by the Minister for Coast and Fisheries.
- State of the art equipment for scale-up, optimization and test production, including a full process line for enzymatic hydrolysis.
- Operated by 

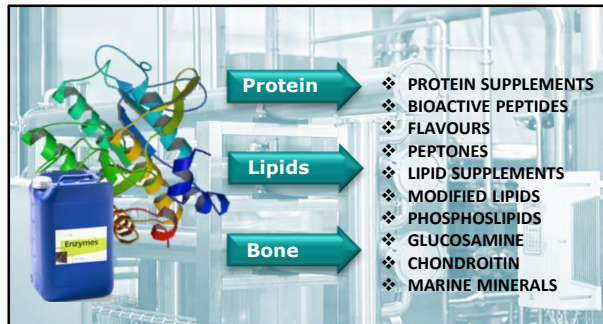
www.biotep.no

Capturing the full marine potential



Solve the feed problem
to expand aquaculture

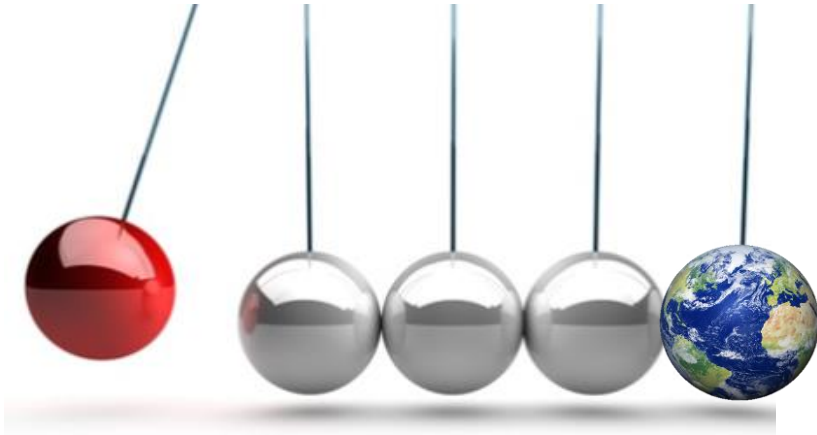
Harvest sustainably at
lower trophical levels



Reduce discharge and
utilize the whole fish

Make co-products of
superior quality and value

Biotechnology...



...sets great things in motion