

KB Marine Low trophic Production Systems

7 februari 2020

M. Poelman, on behalf of KB team



KB kernteam demands

- **Specifically for your project** we would like to see included in your work plan:
- Assure that you continue to develop the integrated program, as you started to do after the progress meeting in September, the actual multidisciplinary collaboration is an absolute condition for this project
- A clear communication plan with activities on how to share also the preliminary outcomes of the project.
- Alignment with the work of Martin Scholten on the 'circular fishery' vision (we can support you with that aspect)

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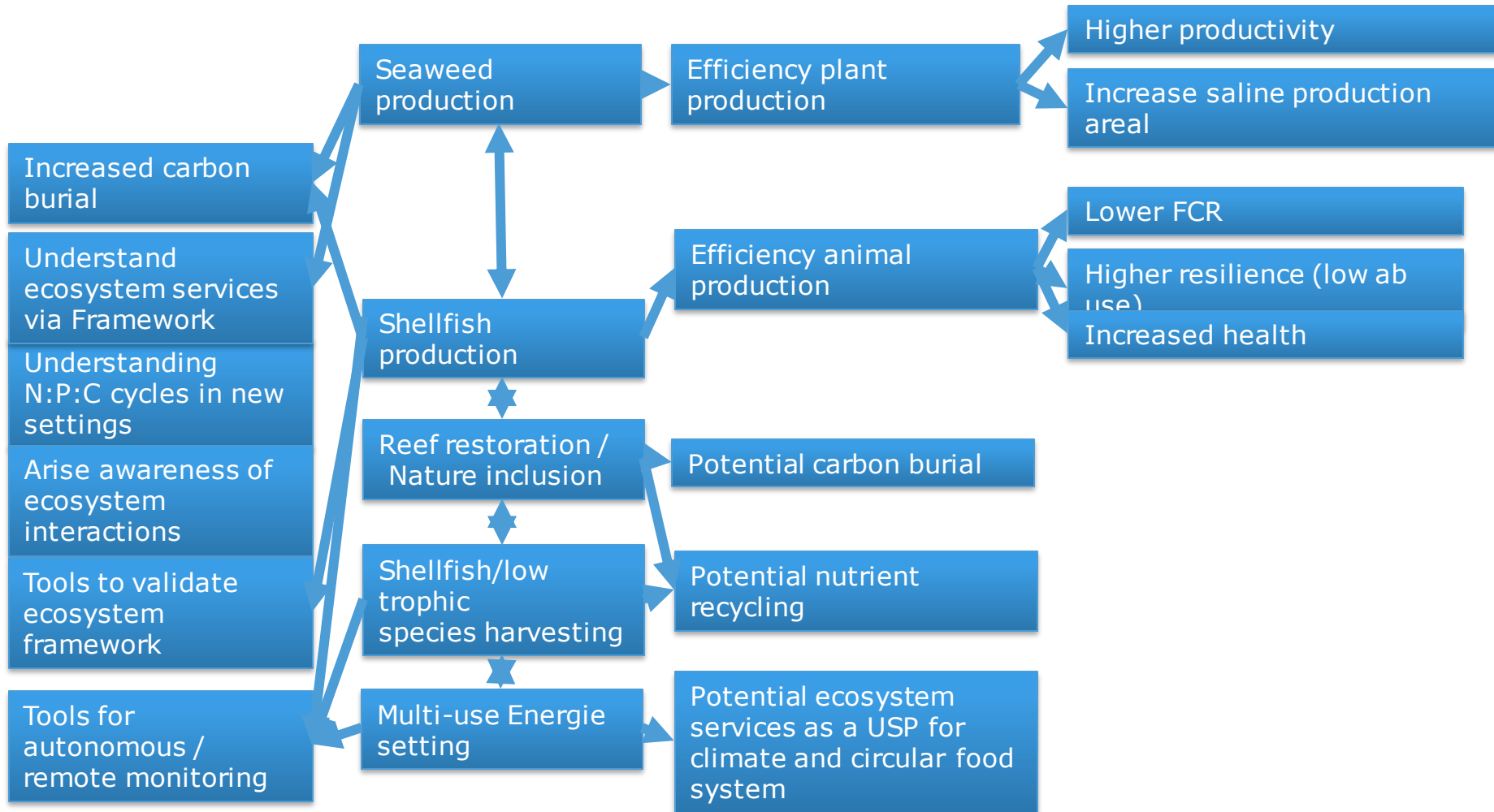
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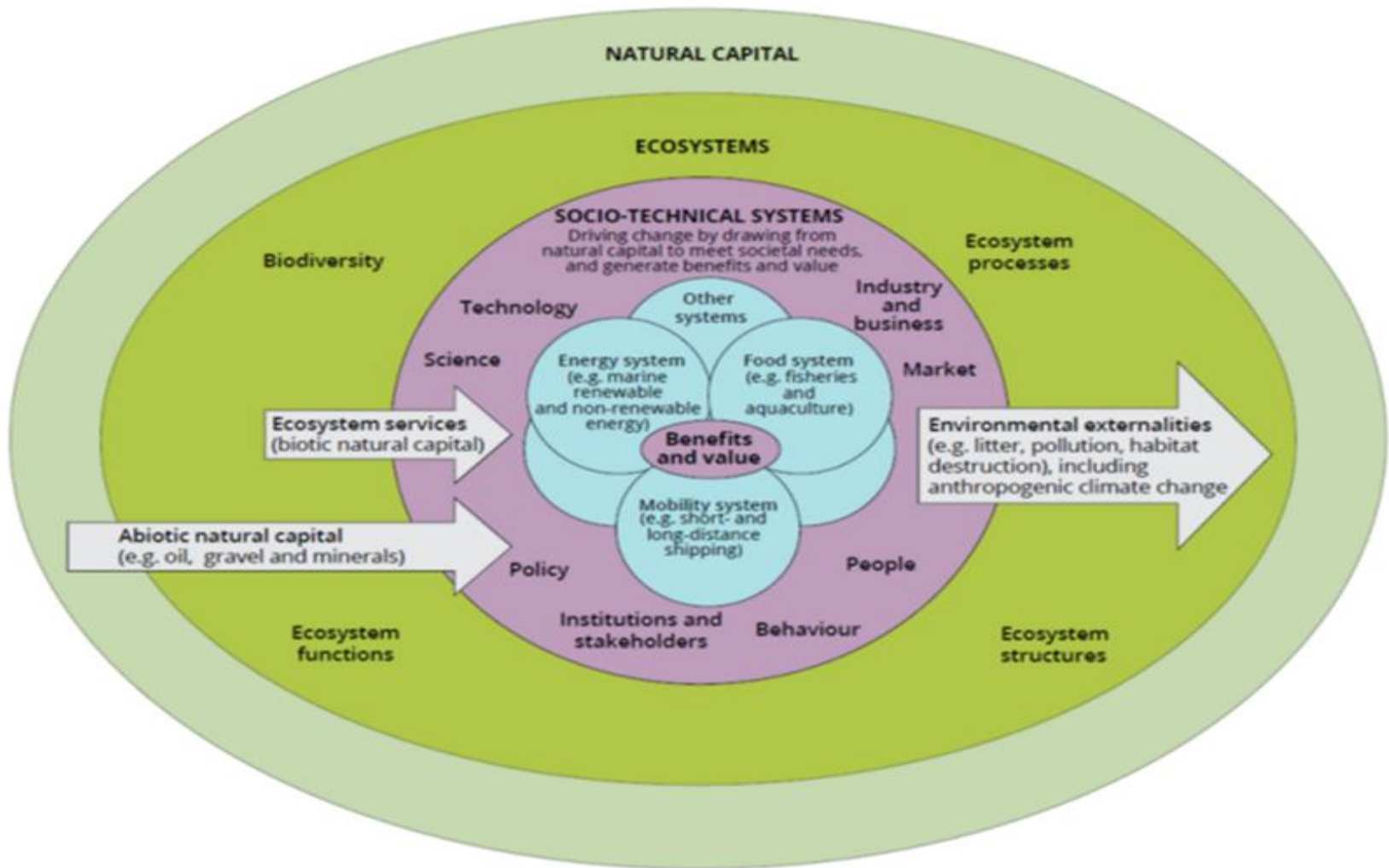
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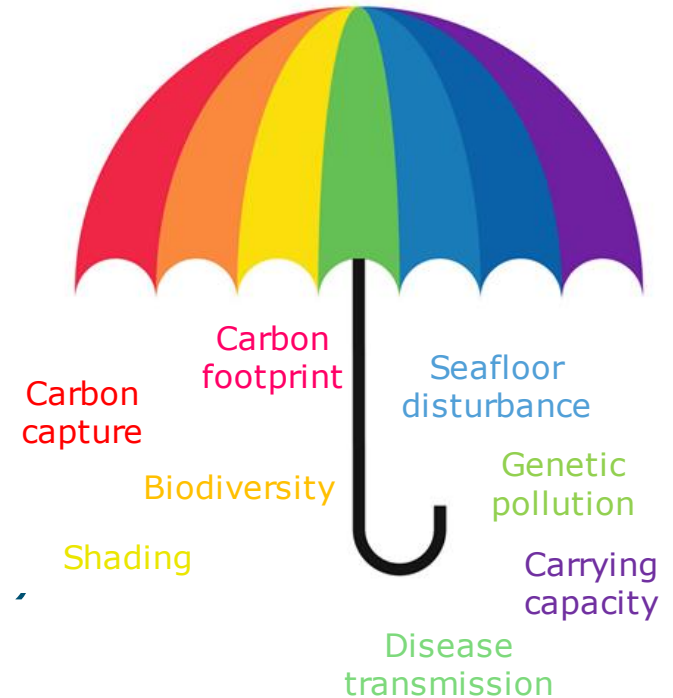
Aim:

Develop an overarching framework, to monitor and evaluate interactions between seaweed cultivation and the surrounding ecosystem

Outline & quantify cumulative effects (negative impacts, supportive processes)

Long term scenario's

Environmental impact assessment

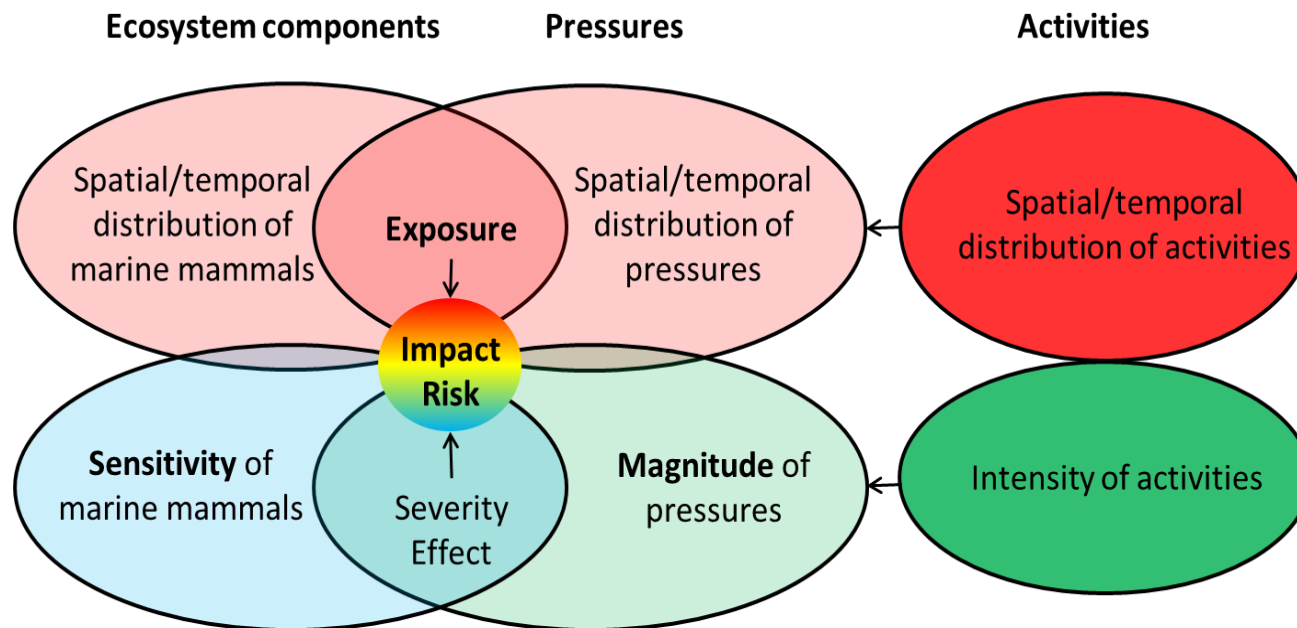


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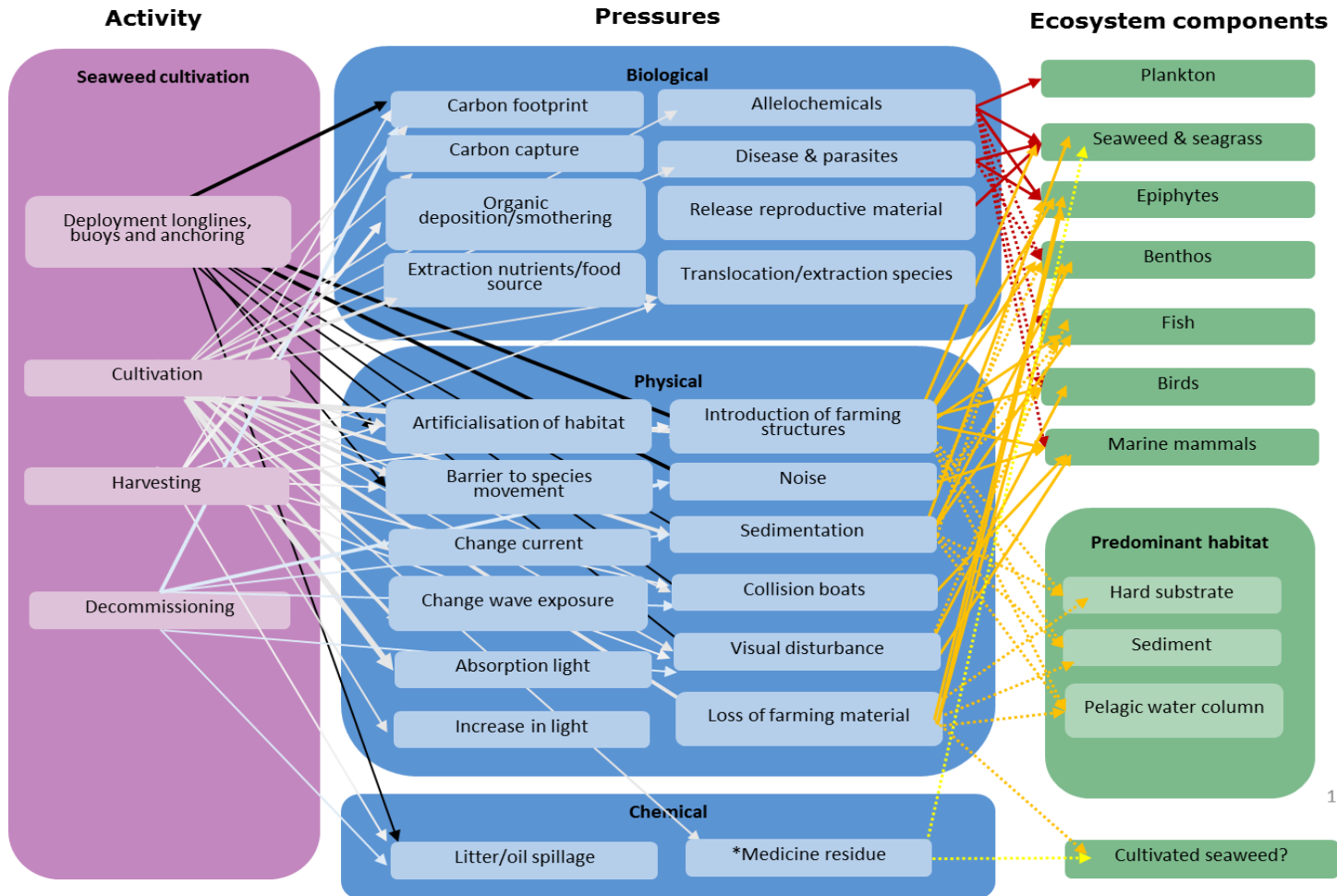
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Approach:

- Link to existing frameworks (applied in North Sea):
DPSIR (Driver>Pressure>State>Impact>Response)



The framework



Including development of a Toolbox for measurement of Seaweed-Ecosystem interactions

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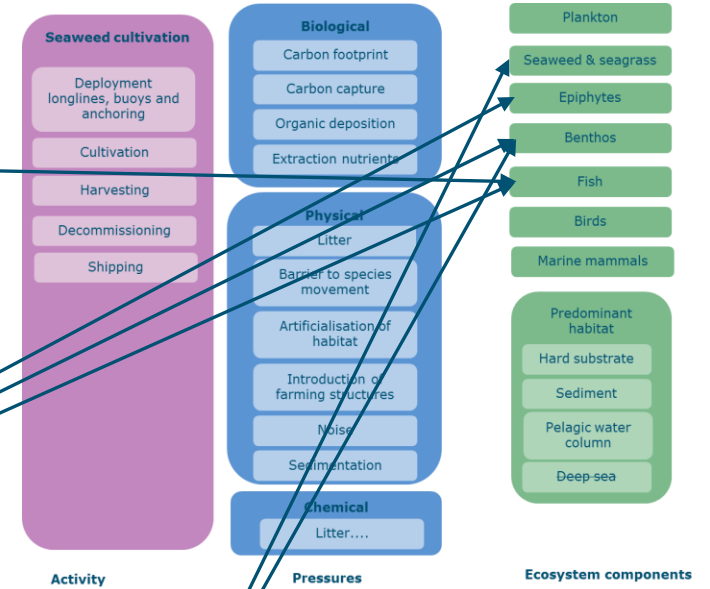
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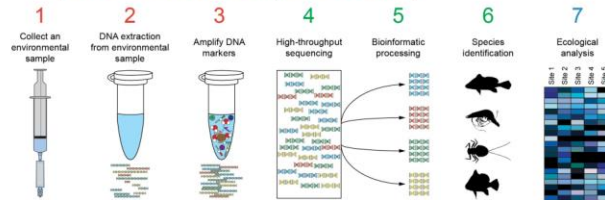
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Autonomous and remote tools (seaweed)



DNA analyse

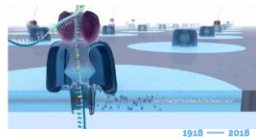
DNA analyse kan alles waar DNA van aanwezig is identificeren (mits er een referentie-sequentie bekend is)



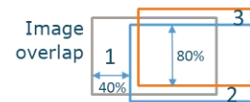
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Nanopore DNA sequencing met de MinION

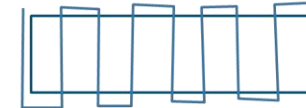
Kleine, handzame DNA sequencer, aanschaf: 900 €
 Draagbaar, in te zetten in het veld
 Van (water)monster naar soortenlijst in 4 a 5 uur



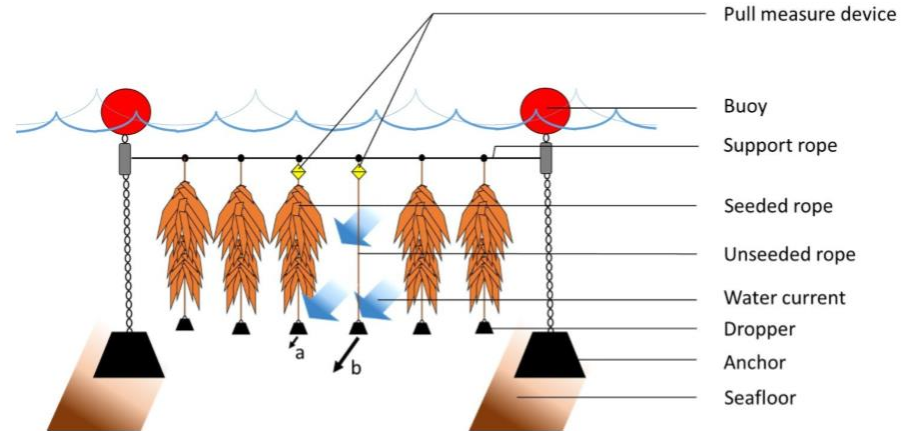
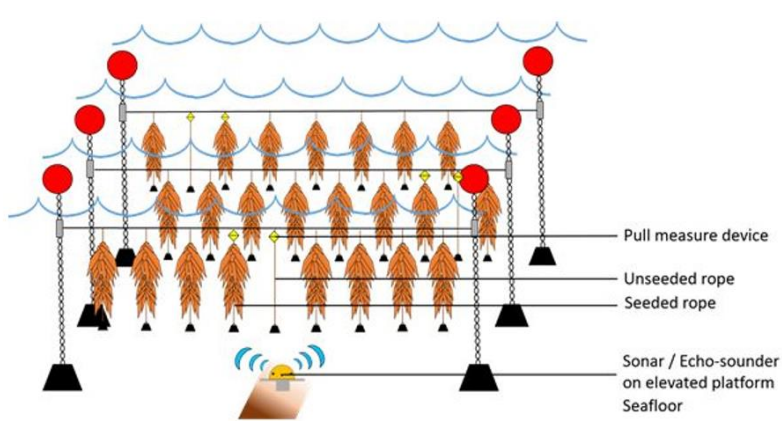
Stitch & geo-ref



Transect



Remote monitoring of seaweed (pre-feasibility study)

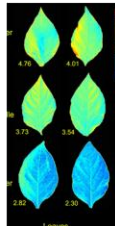


Measuring nitrogen content

- *Ulva* sp.: N content correlated to proteins, ash, starch and fiber
- *S. latissima*: No clear correlation
- is it useful to monitor nitrogen content in kelps?

Method to measure nitrogen:

- Hyperspectral imagery
- Fluorescence



Underwater cameras

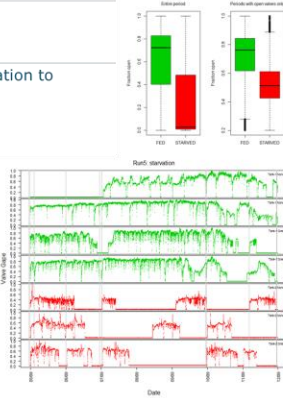
- Numerous models are available
 - Data easily human interpretable
 - Simultaneous biodiversity assessment
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- Huge data files
 - High energy demand
 - Vulnerable to bio-fouling
 - North sea is turbid



Autonomous and remote tools (shellfish)

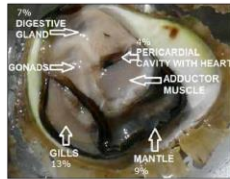
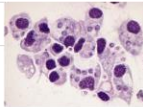
Valvometer

- Monitor shell gape in relation to environmental factors



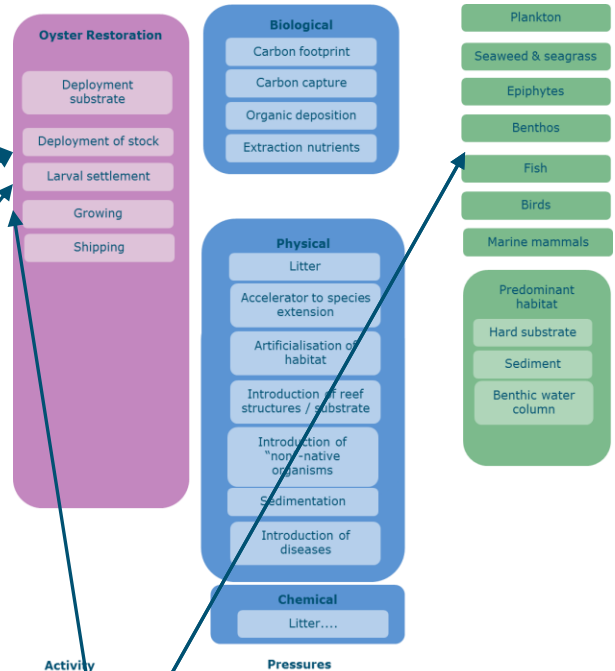
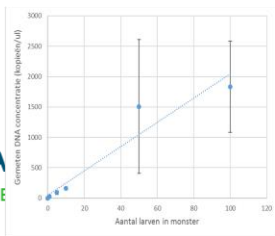
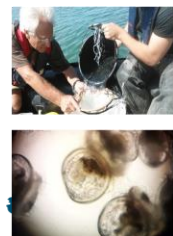
Bonamia-free oysters

- Non destructive sampling: anaesthetise, cut piece of gill, keep dry until results of analysis available, separate into Bonamia positive and negative
- Is gill representative?

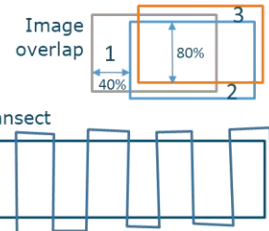


qPCR for larval detection (Arjen)

- Larval concentrations low in new oyster areas
- Difficult to detect microscopically



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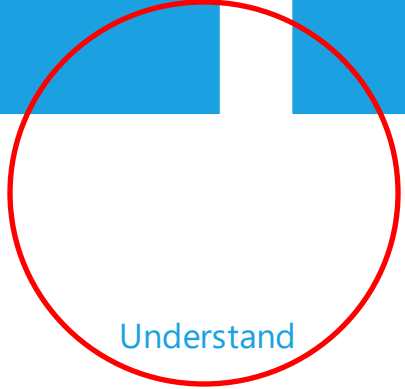


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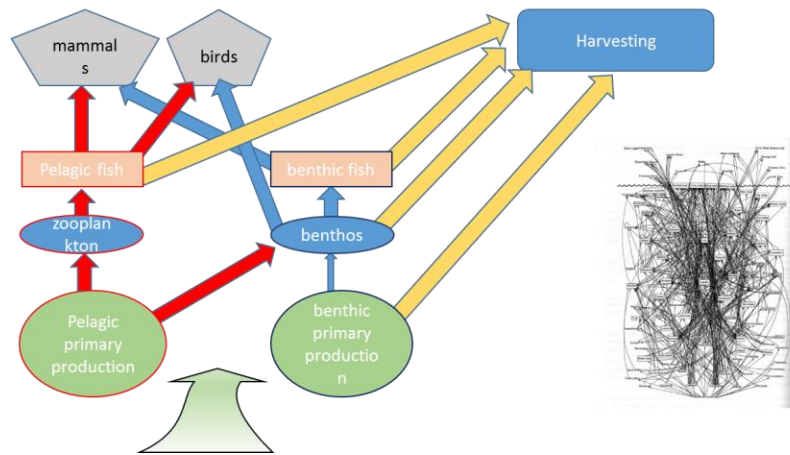
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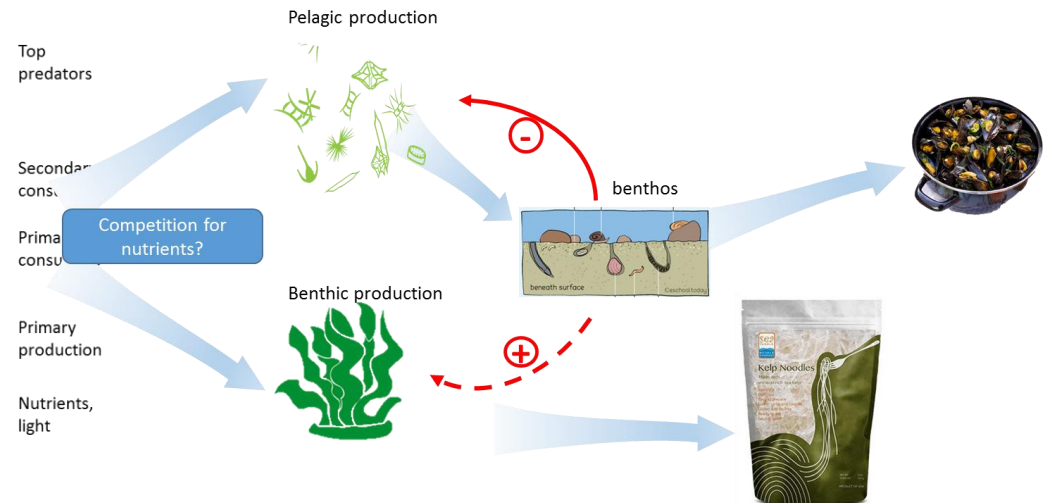
Nature inclusive concept and their influence (including CNP trade offs)

- 1) Memo: "Carrying capacity of seaweed culture limited to 400-500km²."
- 2) Modelling N:P extraction and the effects on the ecosystem components

Fluxes of energy...



and food web interactions

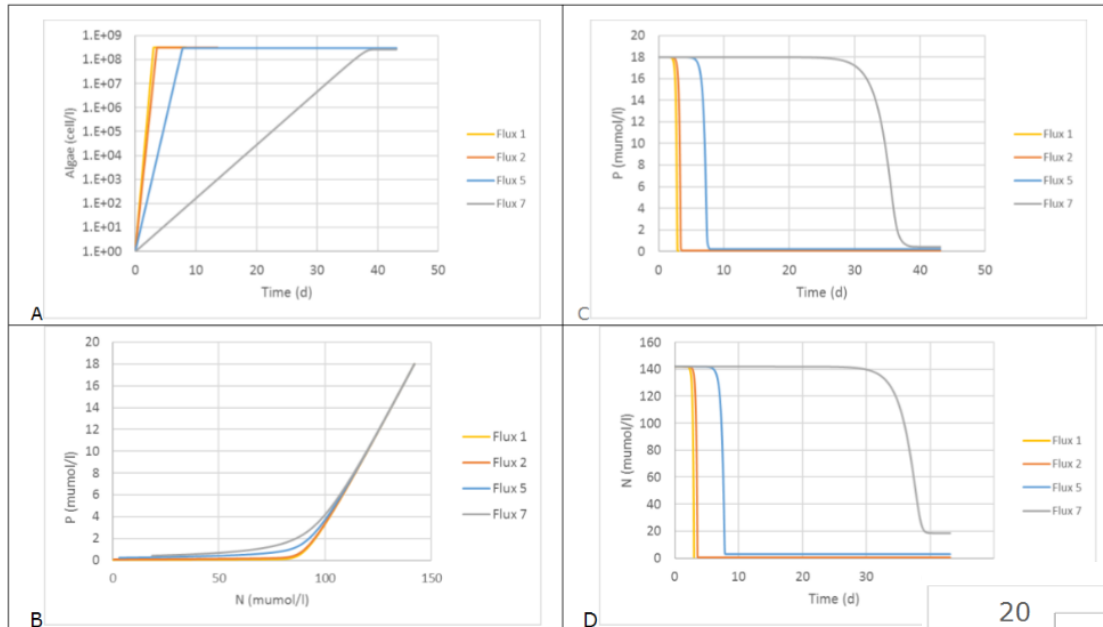


Case study: seaweed cultivation in the North Sea (Dutch)

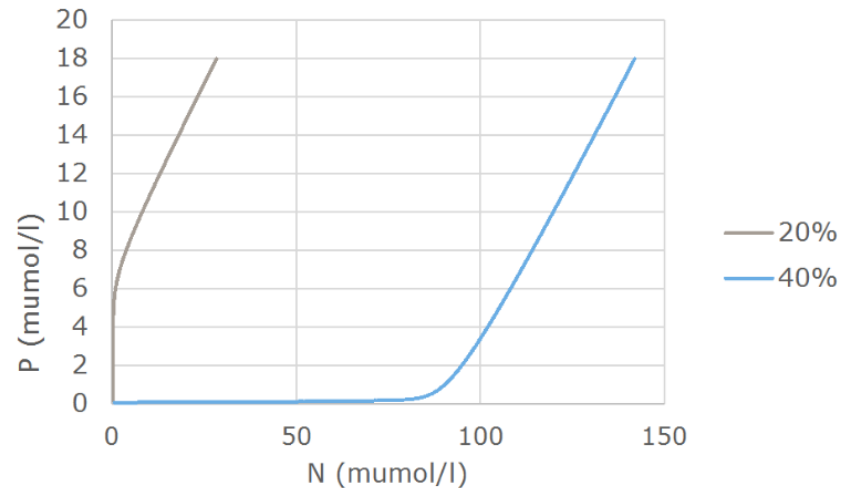
- Ambitions of Dutch Govt. & Noordzee Boerderij (2050):
 - 14,000km² co-use space for windfarm and seaweed production
- A realistic examination (*WMR memo BO-43-023.03-005*)
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 - Based on ecological capacity and usable space, it's estimated that ~2,900km² is feasible if all 'new' nutrients go to seaweed
 - Realistically, if 5% of nutrients go to seaweed, this yields only ~145km² space for seaweed farming in Dutch waters
- Theoretical co-culturing benefits: seaweed can reduce wave effects in wind farms, improve safety to vessels by restricting access to wind farms, and provide biodiversity benefits (e.g. habitat provision for fish species)

Model development

Testing parameterisation



Testing scenarios

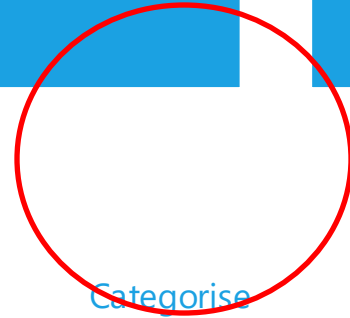


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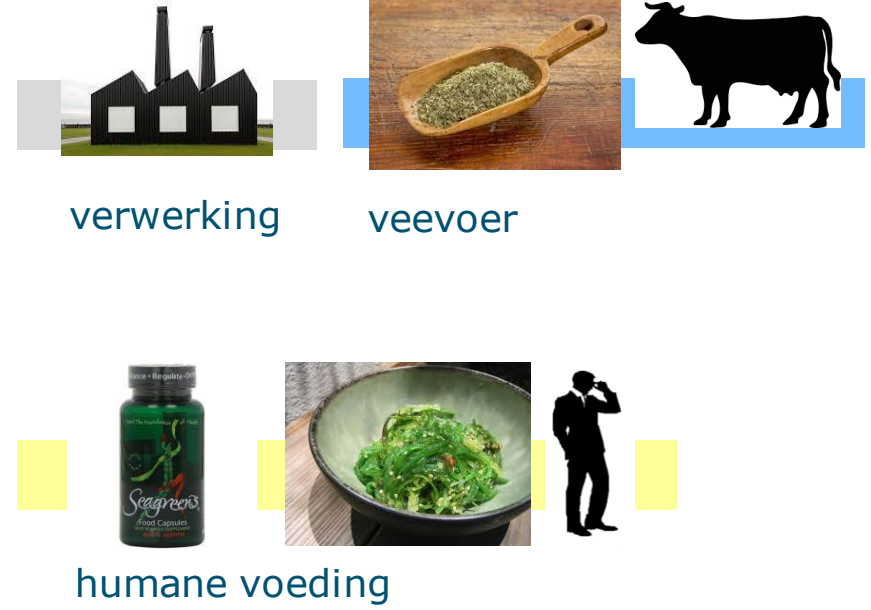
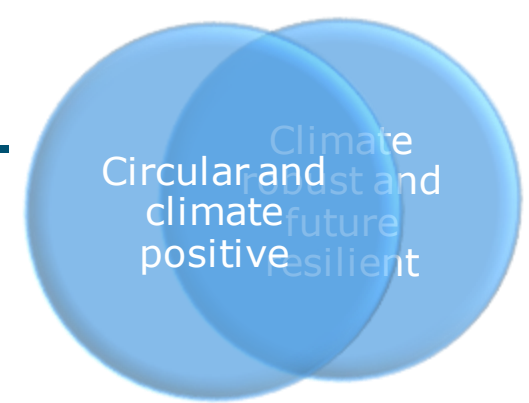
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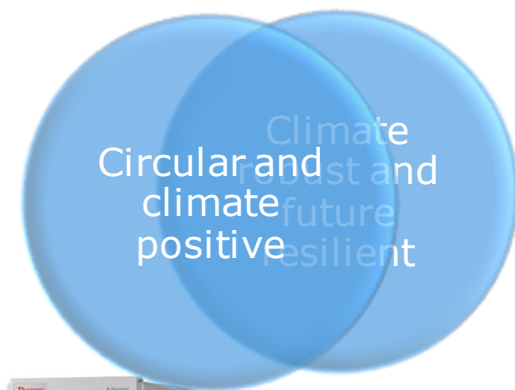
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Wat zijn de voedselveiligheids- risico's van zeewier?

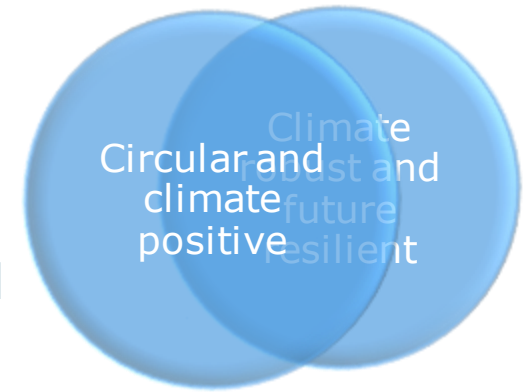


Stap 1: Brede screening voor voedselveiligheid

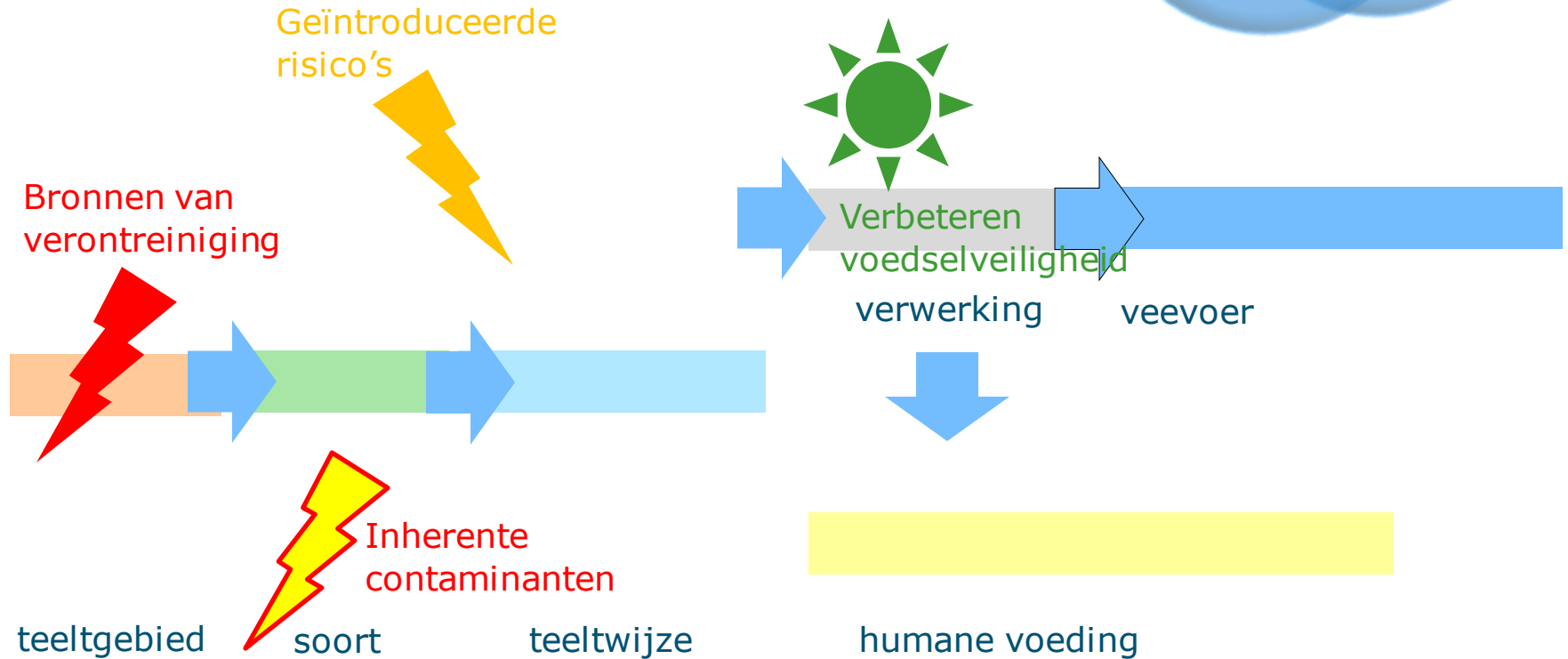
- Chemische analyse (e.g. LC-MS/MS)
 - Zoeken naar bekende stoffen
- Biologische tests (bioassays)
 - Zoeken naar biologische effecten
 - Waaronder effecten van (nog) onbekende stoffen
 - Hormoon verstorende stoffen
 - Zenuwgiffen
 - Dioxine-achtige stoffen



Stap 2: Safety by design



Data acquisitie voor zeewier in NL deels uitgevoerd

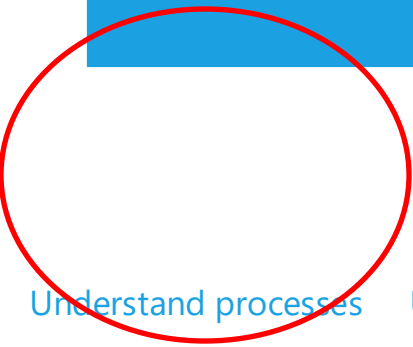


Calux (bioassay) voor dioxine-achtige stoffen worden een aantal positieve monsters gevonden welke niet worden bevestigd met de GC-MS methode (analytisch chemisch).

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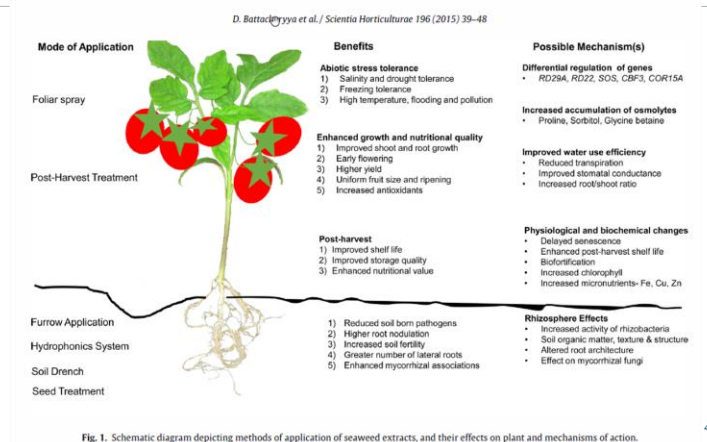
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New ways for terrestrial plant resilience

Seaweed materials



Extracts as biostimulants and/ or stress alleviators



* Kennis over biochemische variatie in inhoudsstoffen van verschillende zeewierextracten

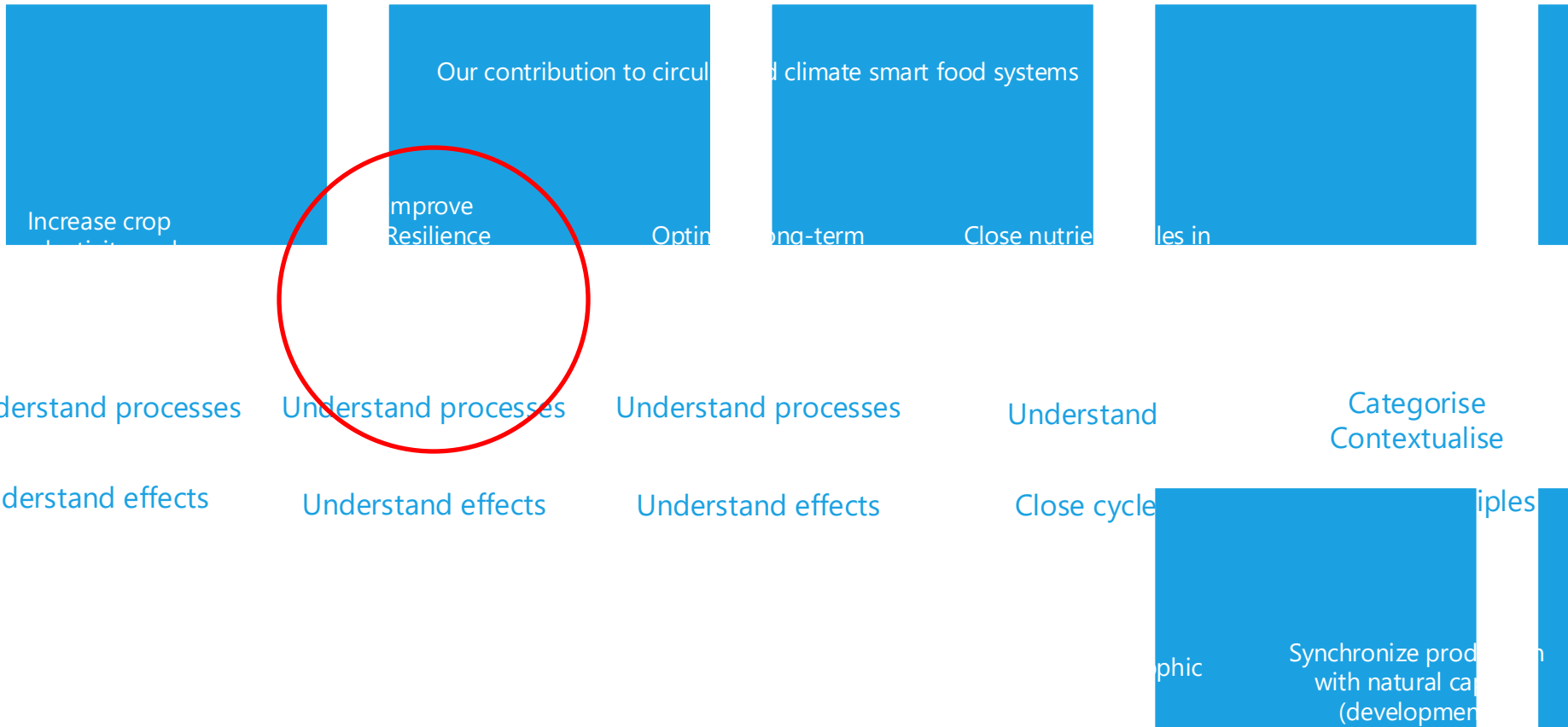
* Kennis over zeewiercomponenten die betrokken zijn bij verhogen van stress-resistentie van planten tegen droogte en zout

* Kennis over mogelijk mode of action in de plant, geïnduceerd door zeewierextract

Results plant experiments

- *Zeewierextract verhoogt de productie van broccoli (en sla) onder zowel optimale als suboptimale zoutomstandigheden.*
- *Metabolomics analyse van blad en wortel samples -> 300-400 individuele metabolieten in de samples met een verschillend effect van zowel de zoutstress als de zeewierextract behandeling.*
- *Het grootste deel van de metabolieten is nog niet geïdentificeerd, na identificatie kan het een eerste indicatie geven van mogelijke mechanismen die een rol spelen bij zowel zoutstress als het biostimulanten effect van het toedienen van een zeewierextract.*

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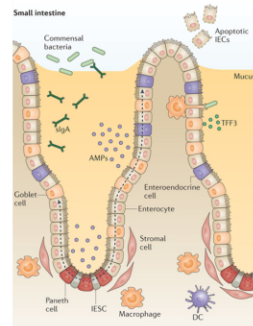


Adapting and improving animal production with sea sources

Circular and climate positive

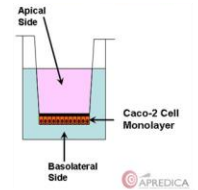
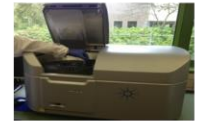
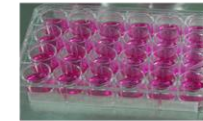
How to assess gut health in farm animals (*in vivo*)?

- Gut tissue
 - Gut morphology
 - Genes expression of gut enterocytes
 - Quantification of immune cells
- Gut microbiota (caeca, colon, ileum)
- Blood cytokines/chemokines
 - IFN α , IFN γ , IL-13, IL-1 α , IL-1F5, IL-21, IP-10, MIG, MIP-1 β , and TNF α
- Faeces inflammation proteins
 - MPO
 - IFAB
 - Calprotectin



In vitro models available for assessing gut health

- Use of cell lines (2-D)
- Use of organoids (3-D)
- Gut permeability tests
- Bacterial adhesion tests
- Mycotoxin preventing prop
- Immune modulation
- (Methane production)



Testing relationships between in vitro and/or in vivo parameters for gut health in running studies with piglets, broilers and laying hens fed with marine resources

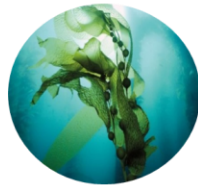
Seaweed and micro algae in weaned piglets

- Effect of micro and macro algae on performance and some health parameters
 - Negative control
 - Intact *Saccharina*
 - Intact *Ascophyllum*
 - *Ascophyllum* extract
 - Intact *Chlorella* (not processed)
 - Intact *Chlorella* (cell wall disrupted)
- Parameters: growth performance, inflammation proteins in manure
- Experiment in facility just finished



Planning 2019

- Digestibility study (July 2019)
 - Desalted protein extracts from *Ulva* and *Soleira* (+/- enzyme treated with a protease)
 - Nutrient digestibility, gut health parameters
- Doses-response study with *N. Limnetica* in laying hens (August 2019)
 - Impact on fatty acid profile in the eggs
 - Health parameters of the hen (to be defined)



Effect of graded levels of microalgae (*Chlorella vulgaris*) in the diet on performance and health status of broilers

Aim of the study

To measure the response in terms of performance and (gut) health in:

- i. nutritionally challenged broilers, when fed increasing doses of *Chlorella vulgaris* (4 graded levels)
- ii. unchallenged broilers, when fed increasing doses of *Chlorella vulgaris* (2 graded levels)

Experimental design

Diet

Animals groups in the experiment

1	6 (replicate)*10	broilers	diet 0.0 % micro algae+ rapeseed meal (25%)
2	6 (replicate)*10	broilers	diet 0.4 % micro algae+ rapeseed meal (25%)
3	6 (replicate)*10	broilers	diet 0.8 % micro algae+ rapeseed meal (25%)
4	6 (replicate)*10	broilers	diet 1.6 % micro algae+ rapeseed meal (25%)
5	6 (replicate)*10	broilers	diet 0.0 % micro algae + soybean meal
6	6 (replicate)*10	broilers	diet 0.8 % micro algae + soybean meal

Blood Haptoglobin, IL-13 & INF results

SBM: 14 d

Diet	Soybean meal based		P-value	LSD	
	Algae level	0%			0.8%
Haptoglobin ¹ (ng/ml)		0.345 ^a	0.239 ^b	0.023	0.0833
IL-13 ¹ (pg/ml)		1.60 ^a	0.72 ^b	0.005	0.441
INF ^{1,2} (pg/ml)		0.930	0.470	---	---

¹) Log-transformation on original values. ²) Most values below detection limit

- Reduced blood haptoglobin concentration, indicating less inflammation in these birds
- Reduced blood IL-13 concentration, indicating less allergic inflammation in these birds

Review

Prebiotics from Marine Macroalgae for Aquaculture Health Applications

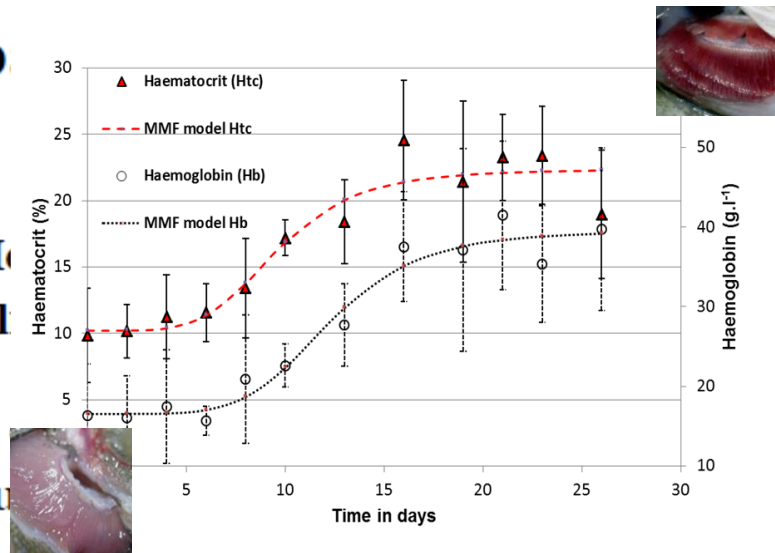
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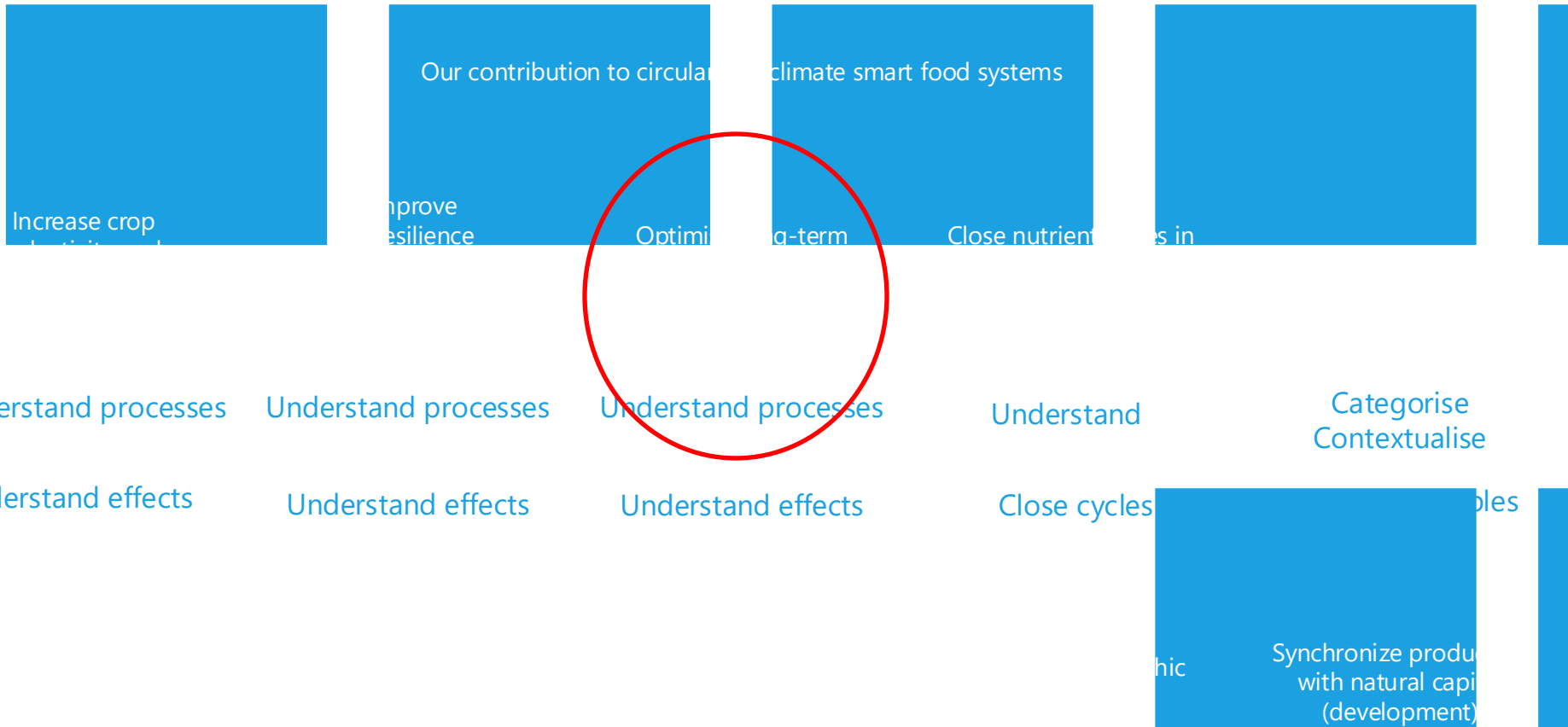
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To test the effect of low-trophic marine resources on anaemia status of sole

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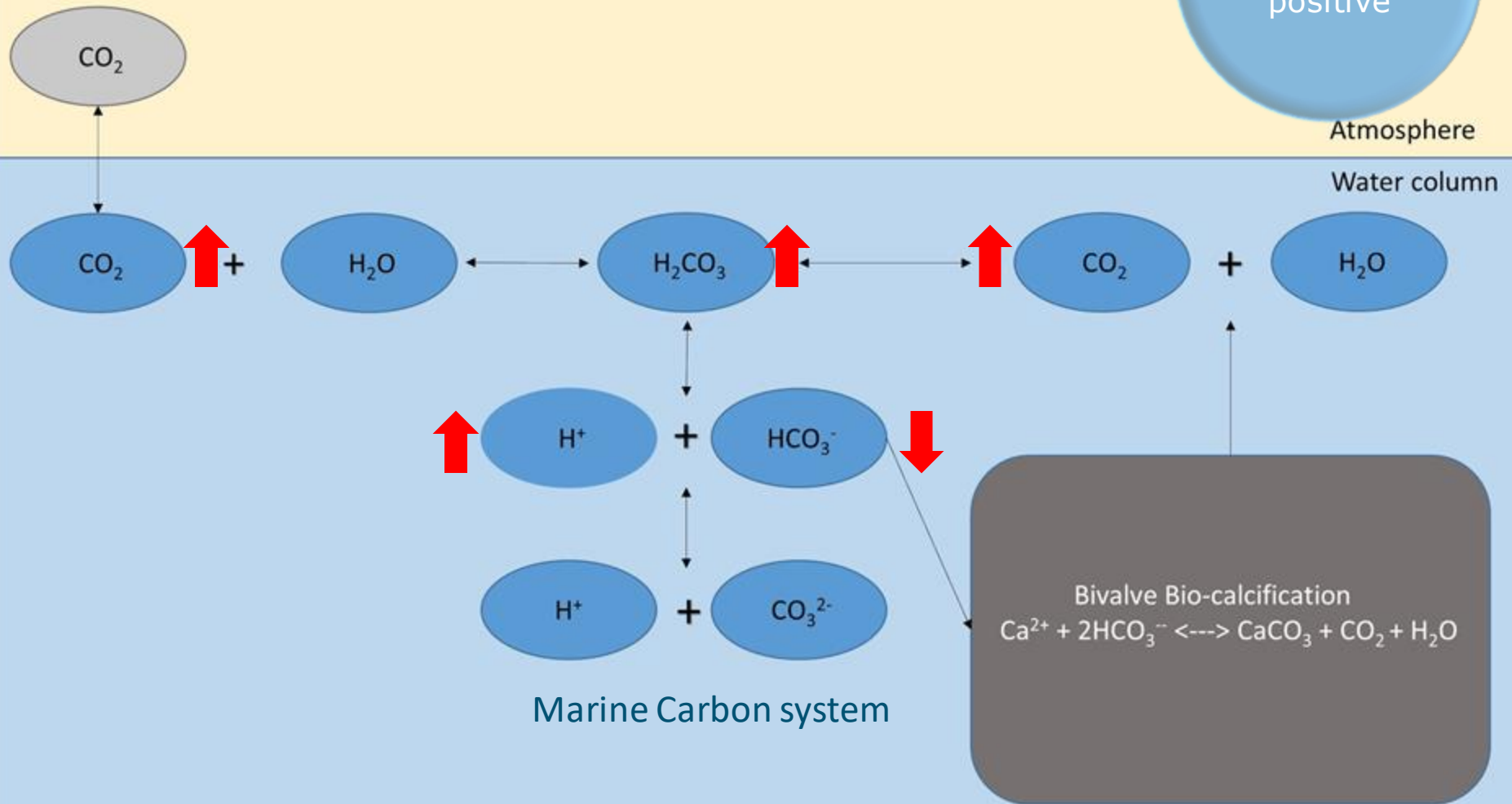
Societal relevance Blue Carbon

- Food production from land to sea
- Paris Agreement: emission reduction & verification
- Challenge: climate positive marine food production

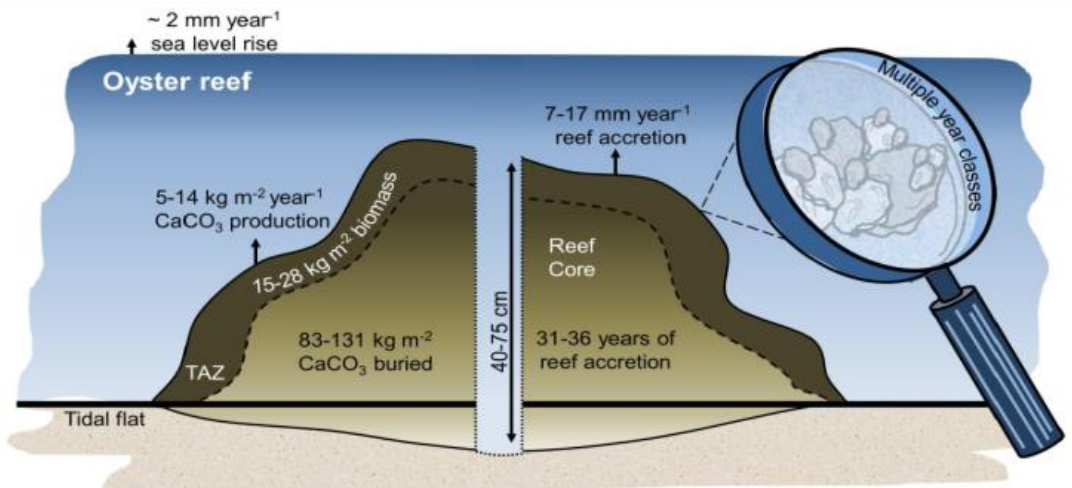
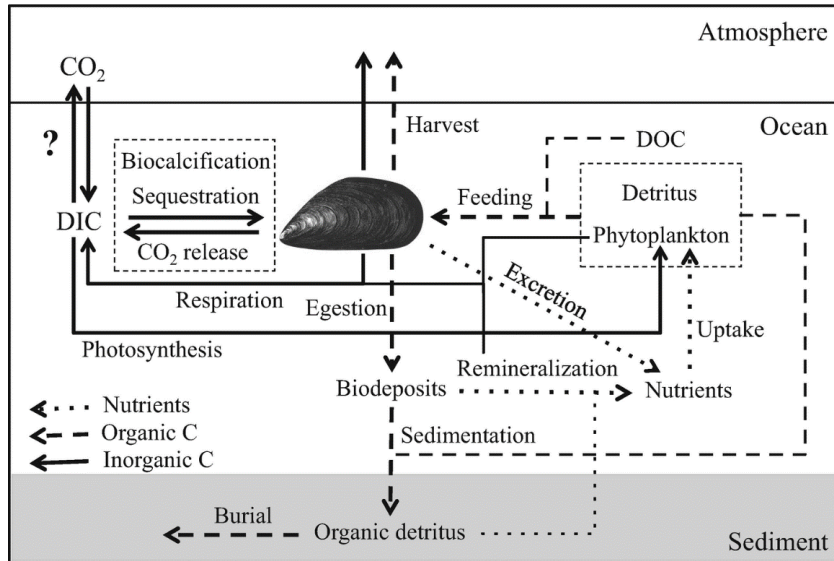


Carbon sequestration in production

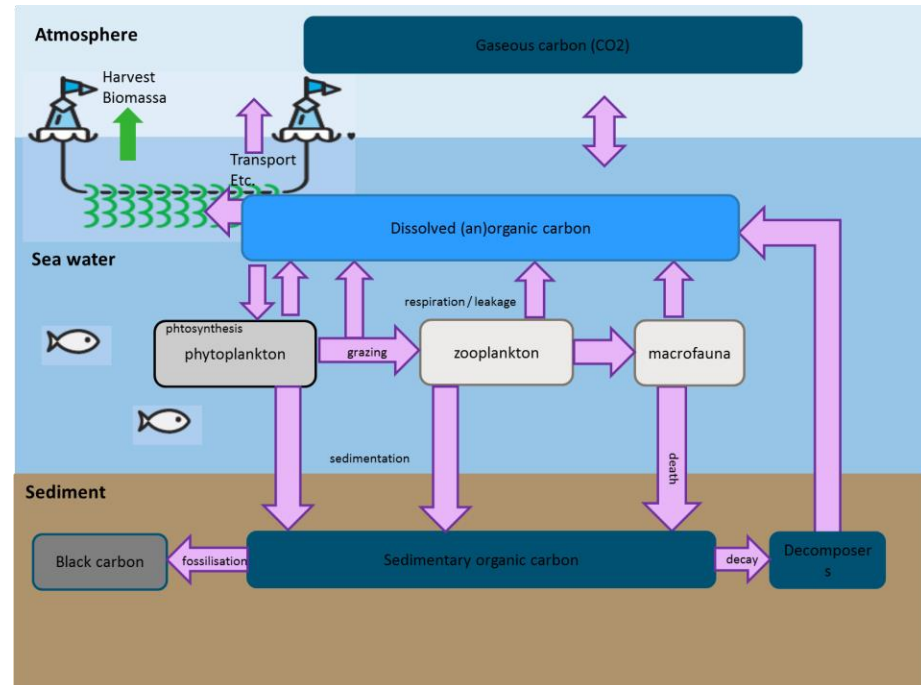
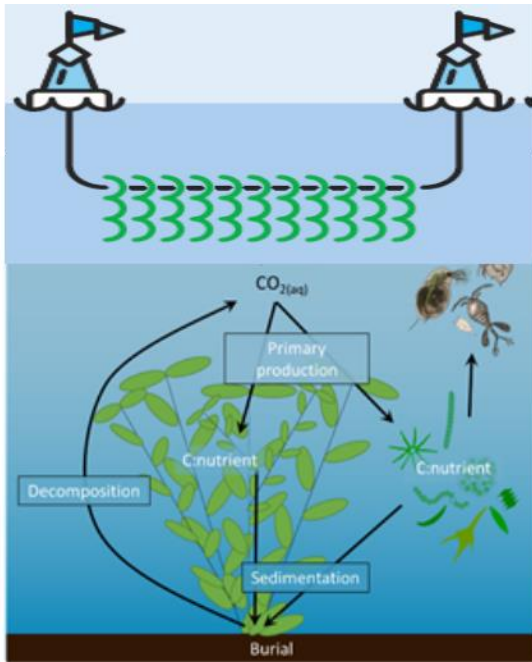
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Carbon capture as a climate tool in shellfish, seaweed and energy production



Feasibility study of **combined** monitoring systems for carbon budgeting



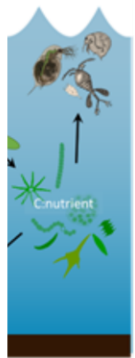
Criteria for the feasibility study

- Climate Policy needs (“rapportages”)
- Manageable / user-friendly (model/report tool)
- Technical Applicability (including opportunities)
- Scientific logic (Do I measure the right thing)
- System approach
- Cost-effective
- Possibility to benchmark CO₂ seq. for private partners (seafarmers, wind energy, etc.) [JEROEN]

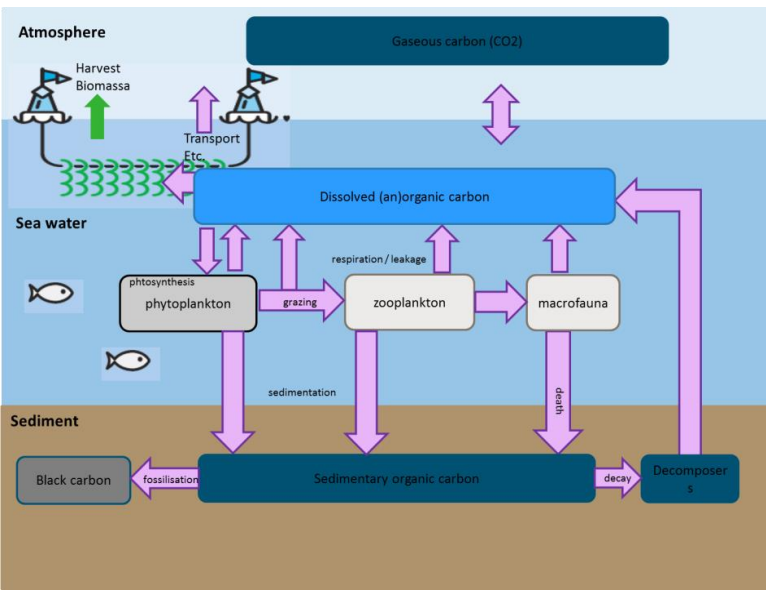
E-DNA en plankton

Mogelijke proxies voor C-burial onder zeewier:

- Verhouding silicate phytoplankton versus overig
(Bopp et al. 2005; Reinfelder 2010; Treguer & Pondaven 2000)
- Verhouding micro vs mesozooplankton
(Beaugrand, 2010; PNAS)
- Diversiteit van mesozooplankton



Kortom: brede diversiteitscreening = metabarcoding approach, in combi met schatting van totale biomassa per groep



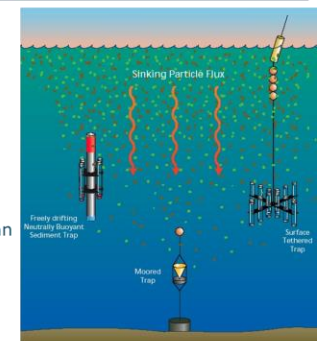
Sediment traps (Mandy Velthuis)

Voordelen:

- Gecombineerd toepasbaar op korte en langere periode
- Low-cost methode (inhangen, ophalen, drogen en wegen; evt koolstof bepalingen)

Nadelen:

- Geen contact met bodem: Onderschatting van decompositie?
- Te weinig inval bij minder productieve systemen?
- Langer inhangen: sedimentatie + decompositie
- Waterdiepte: uitdaging op Noordzee?

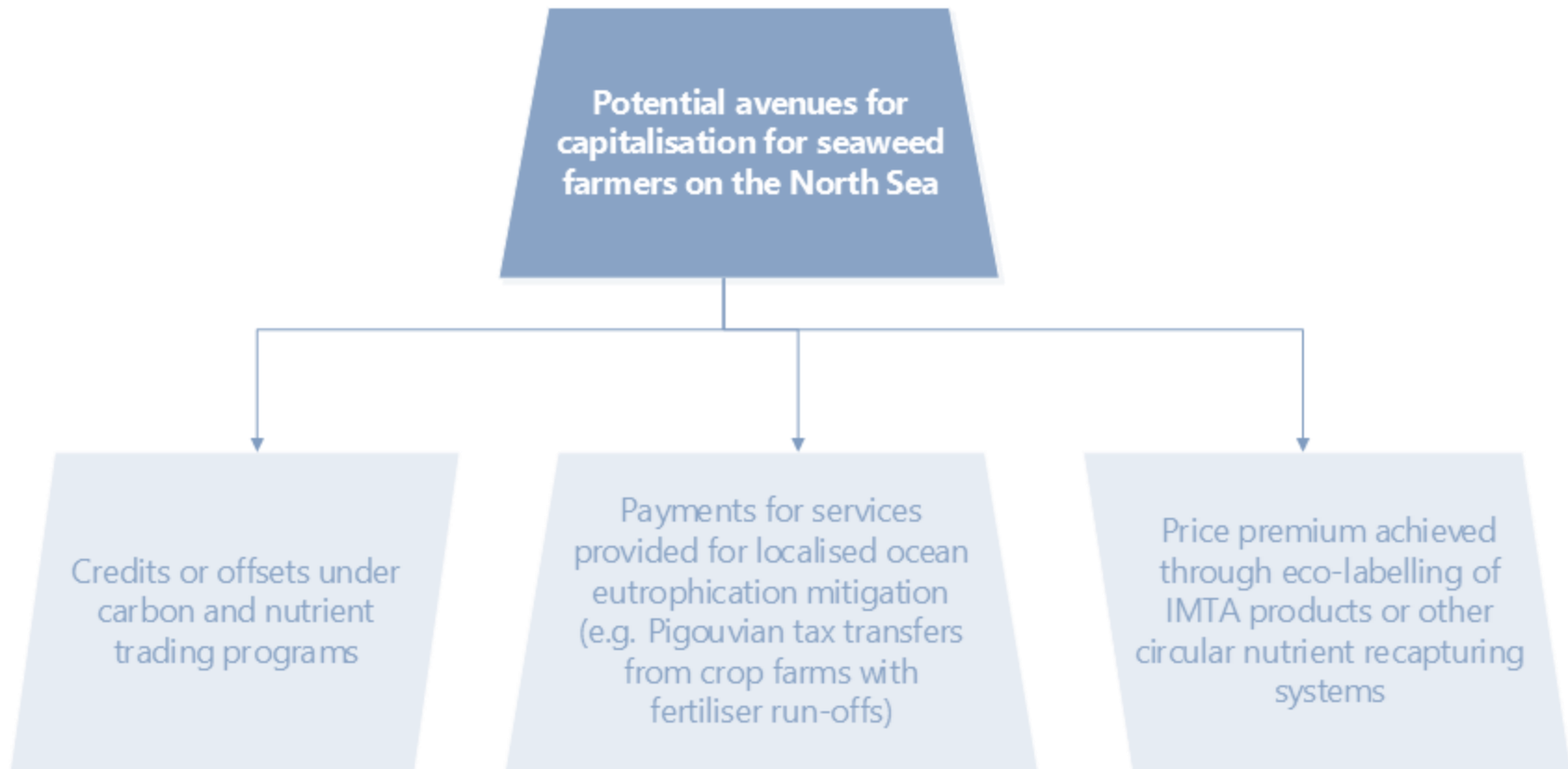


Correlatie Δ sedimentatie en CO₂ en CH₄ flux
Kosten et al., in prep.

Case study: seaweed cultivation in the North Sea

Seaweed species	Kelp (<i>Saccharina latissima</i>)	<i>Laminaria digitata</i>	<i>Chondrus crispus</i>
Space available	145 km ²	350 km ²	~250 km ²
Dry weight eqv.	145,000 mt	350,000 mt	250,000 mt
Carbon content	45,820 mt (eqv. 31.6%) ¹	105,000 mt (eqv. 30%) ²	75,000 mt (eqv. 30%) ²
Nitrogen content	4,785 mt (eqv. 3.3%) ¹	4,900 mt (eqv. 1.4%) ³	5,000 mt (eqv. 2%) ³
Traded price	N: US\$30/kg, C: US\$10-30/mt ² N: US\$11/kg, C: US\$6-60/mt ⁴		
Economic value	€48.3m	€50m	€50.7m

Avenues to capitalise



Contribution to the Themed Section: 'Marine aquaculture in the Anthropocene'

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Towards sustainable European seaweed value chains: a triple P perspective

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Seaweeds are seen as important future feedstock for Europe, providing biomass for food, feed, and other applications. Seaweeds can contribute to a circular food system a protein transition and bio-based economy. Europe is a minor player in the world market dominated by the Asian producers and processors. According to the FAO, total production of aquatic plants (dominated by seaweed) was 30 million tonnes in 2016, with China (47.9%) and Indonesia (38, 7%) dominating production. This article discusses the challenges to seaweed production and use in Europe and formulates future directions for upscaling the European seaweed sector. From a People, Planet, Profit perspective, there is no need to focus on producing large volumes of seaweed per se. We need to focus on nature-inclusive production systems, producing the right amount of the right seaweeds, based on the carrying capacity of the European seas. The seaweed sector must avoid developing along the "old" economy's way of cost leadership but develop along the way of the "new" circular economy. Seaweeds should not be seen as a new product "added" to the market but become an integral part of the European food system, being used for human consumption, feed and improving production processes.

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The context of our work

Increase crop
productivity

Our contribution to circular
economy
Improve
resilience
Optimize

climate smart food systems
Long-term
Close nutrient

Reduce
losses in



Understand processes

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Understand

Categorise
Contextualise

Understand effects

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Close cycles

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- ALL=((crustacean* OR crab* OR crayfish* OR lobster* OR krill OR barnacle*) SAME (bioactivity OR bioactive OR bioactives OR biostimulant* OR antimicrobial))

Deliverables 2020

Aim	Deliverables 2020
<p data-bbox="79 291 1062 351">Exploring an integrated framework for climate smart and circular inclusion of the sea in agricultural systems</p> <p data-bbox="79 386 1097 505">Scientific analysis to map the economic and sustainability effects of the development of seaweed chains and thereby provide input to the discussion about the desirable development of the seaweed sector.</p> <p data-bbox="79 925 1068 985">Blue Carbon in marine production systems: Feasibility of methods and applicability</p>	<p data-bbox="1141 291 1779 409">Building blocks for a position paper on climate smart and circular inclusion of sea and agriculture systems. (prep. Integrated work for paper 2021)</p> <ul data-bbox="1141 451 1773 701" style="list-style-type: none">- Integration of data on production, products, applications end combining of gross climate and circular parameters.- Inventory of pros and cons, including data on carbon and nutrient, fixation, burial, harvest, application effects, processing outputs. <p data-bbox="1141 798 1634 825">- Detailing of MAGNET model</p> <p data-bbox="1141 862 1702 922">- Optimised DIPSR Framework for aquaculture production</p> <p data-bbox="1141 925 1785 985">Develop approaches for integral carbon fixation/burial assessment for Blue carbon</p> <ul data-bbox="1141 1022 1789 1176" style="list-style-type: none">- Model development (carrying capacity and externalities (seaweed/mussel)- Scenario's for carbon offset- Tool development carbon burial and exchange

Deliverables 2020

Further development and in-situ application of measurement techniques for determining ecosystem services (focused on biomass, biodiversity, carbon fixation determination)

The intended product of these developments is a first estimate of the feasibility of using these techniques and practical tests. The development agenda for new technologies is also being drawn up fitting the potential for quantification of ecosystem interactions framework

Exploring avenues for capitalizing the value of ecosystem services for marine production

First development selected technique remote monitoring (to be selected in 2019)

eDNA analysis implementation seaweed biodiversity

Implementation and protocols ROV technology

Identification oyster larvae mortality indicators

Optimalisatie methode (qPCR) oesterlarven detectie.

Quantification of ecosystem interactions Framework

**Position paper:
Monitarise Ecosystem services
Biodiversiteit, Carbon fixatie, Nutriënt extractie.**

Deliverables 2020

Knowledge about biochemical variation in ingredients of various seaweed extracts

Knowledge about seaweed components that are involved in increasing the stress resistance of plants against drought and salt

Knowledge about possible fashion or action in the plant, induced by seaweed extract

Optimization of the seaweed extract and the extraction method for the (set of) seaweed ingredients that act as a biostimulant

Patent application on optimized extraction method of the subset of components that act as a biostimulant / stress alleviator

Screening effects of seaweed extracts on plant production.

First insight in the mode of action.

Define most promising low trophic marine resources, or extracts thereof, to improve efficiency, health, robustness and resilience of firstly poultry and fish.

Create extracts of, or process low trophic marine resources for optimal use in an in vitro and/or in vivo setting.

Develop in vitro and/or in vivo tools to relatively quickly and accurately scan and monitor different marine resources on their effects on efficiency, health, robustness and resilience of firstly poultry and fish.

Report on: Identification which species, compounds or extracts from marine resources are most potential, including optional wildcards, aiming to reduce the carbon output of the target production animals (poultry and fish) and increase their robustness, resilience, efficiency and health

Deliverables 2020

Overview of the main characteristics of seaweed/shellfish relevant for process and product development based on literature databases combined with e-science

Document

An assessment of the quality of the diverse data and their consistency with respect to different literature sources. The diverse methods that are used to quantify main components are reviewed. Data will focus on both fresh/raw seaweed and in purified biopolymer and the processing method of purification used. A short list of seaweeds of interest will be prepared. For benchmarking purposes, a set of traditional biopolymers will also be included. Data will be made available in a compatible format to facilitate addition of data and literature references in the database.

Ranking of main product and process characteristics on the basis of occurrence and impact on required functionality and quality.

Document having a shortlist of seaweeds/shellfish of interest

Integrate our work

- Discussion on smart linkages
 - Match DIPSR with ecosystem services
 - What data is needed for overarching storyline
 - Carbon burial, fixation, exchange (who does what?)
 - Integrate Food Safety with DIPSR, characteristics or production (no specific task)?
- Use each others data
- ACT (Academic consultancy training) projects?

ACT Creating opportunities to connect nutrients from sea and land

- Nutrient balance of harvested nutrients versus agricultural nutrients and run off
- Create insights of use of extractive aquaculture to capture run off nutrients (based on current vision of 150km² production of seaweed or shellfish)
- Create insights of the potential effects of new nitrogen measures, and circular agriculture for nutrient run off (to sea)
 - Insight in loss of production value by reduced nutrient availability

Biodiversity stimulation in seaweed and mussel culture

- In the light of biodiversity inclusion of seaweed (or shellfish) production on the North Sea should be combined with promotion of biodiversity, and natural effects.
- Compare the cycli for seaweed and mussel with natural (generic) biodiversity/ecosystem dynamics, analyze best fit solutions.
- What are potential routes to valorize biodiversity in a production setting
- How can aquaculture (water column) stimulate biodiversity on the bottom (benthic)
- Basic ideas and information is already available.

Marine Resources potential of new species to valorize in agriculture food systems

- Basic knowledge on the presence of stocks of different marine resource is available (eg. Shellfish, reefs, biogenic reefs)
- For optimal use the rapid turn-over of the ecosystem, insights in potential resources are needed.
- What stocks are available, of most promise (non human consumption), what are potential biomasses, protein, Carbohydraten, potential beneficial content (eg application in agriculture or aquaculture)

Aquaculture (extractive) biomass and quality remote sensing

- Some work has been done, we would like to test and expand these
- What options are available (remote, AI, in situ sensors) to monitor biomass development in extractive aquaculture
- What options are available (remote, AI, in situ sensors) to monitor biodiversity development in extractive aquaculture
- What are potential options for use of agricultural technologies (robots) for application at sea
- Ranking of potential options based on functionality