



Aquaculture – June 2022 news alert (sent by email 1 June 2022)

This Seafish aquaculture industry news e-alert covers news items, legislation and reports.

Aquaculture Common Issues Group meetings

The minutes and presentations from all the meetings are on the [website](#).

Funding and policy news

Second round of applications is open for Marine Scotland Fund (13 May 2022)

A new round of funding to support marine businesses in Scotland has been opened for applications. The Marine Fund Scotland has an overall budget of up to £14m to support fishing, aquaculture and wider marine organisations in coastal communities.

BBSRC Business and Academia Prosperity Partnership funding of £11 million (3 May 2022. Closing date for applications is 8 September 2022)

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) is inviting applications for funding to support established research partnerships between business and academic institutions.

Innovate UK Smart Grants (Closing date is 27 July 2022)

UK registered organisations can apply for a share of up to £25 million for game-changing and commercially viable R&D innovation that can significantly impact the UK economy. This funding is from Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation.

UK Seafood Fund (UK SF): Infrastructure Scheme fund open (Closing date for applications has been extended to 14 June 2022)

This is a first call to access the initial tranche of the total £65 million UKSF Infrastructure fund. The scheme will fund projects that build capacity across the UK fishing sector supply chain through investment in ports, processing and aquaculture infrastructure.

UK SF Skills and Training Scheme (bids open in summer 2022)

The Skills and Training Scheme will provide a one-off fund of up to £10 million to improve training in the seafood industry, including the catching, processing and aquaculture sectors.

Resources

FAO develops innovative tool that promises to reshape management of aquatic stocks (22 May 2022)

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has developed [AquaGRIS](#) a global information system which collects, organizes and shares global information on genetic resources from farmed types and wild stocks of farmed species.

[EU sees steep rise in organic shellfish production, but finfish struggles to keep up. Ireland is the largest producer \(24 May 2022\)](#)

According to the latest report from the European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA), organic aquaculture production in the EU has increased by 60% in five years. EU-27 countries produced an estimated 74,032 metric tons of organic farmed fish in 2020, driven by a 128% increase in organic mussel production from 18,379t in 2015 to 41,936t in 2020. However, organic finfish production has stalled or even decreased, mostly due to the limited demand and challenges of applying for the EU organic regulation. Ireland is the leading producer of organic salmon and organic mussels in the EU trade bloc

[Scientific paper. Barriers in European spiny lobster \(*Palinurus elephas*\) aquaculture: What we know so far? \(13 May 2022\)](#)

This review identifies our present state of knowledge and outlines the scope for further research and necessary technological developments to make it a viable contribution towards crustacean aquaculture in Europe.

[Risk understanding and risk acknowledgement: a new approach to environmental risk assessment in marine aquaculture \(22 March 2022\)](#)

A better understanding of the potential cumulative impacts of large-scale fish farming, could help marine aquaculture to become more environmentally sustainable. This paper describes a new approach to risk assessment in marine aquaculture.

[News and views](#)

[ASC introduces new Chain of Custody requirements to strengthen assurance \(30 May 2022\)](#)

The Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) has launched a Chain of Custody (CoC) module, which aims to strengthen the current assurance system and address emergent issues such as seafood fraud and mislabelling, food safety and use of antibiotics, and to increase opportunities for physical product checks.

[GlobalGAP launches new aquaculture standards, incorporating technological advances \(26 May 2022\)](#)

GlobalG.A.P. has recently released the sixth version of its standards for good agricultural and aquaculture practices, with an emphasis on the integration of new technological advances.

[Rights for aquaculture workers move forward at the International Labour Organization \(ILO\) \(9 May 2022\)](#)

The ILO will be stepping up its work on the aquaculture sector. The ILO has endorsed a specific set of action steps which include (among other steps) research and support for building the capacity of labour inspectorates in aquaculture; and research on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) risks with a view to developing a Code of Practice on OSH in aquaculture.

[Get involved](#)

[Blue Food Innovation Summit. 14 and 15 June 2022. Online and in person in London.](#)

Bringing together aquaculture producers and suppliers with the fast-growing start-up and investment community, this two-day summit will focus on the transformative potential of

new technologies and encourage collaboration and partnership between stakeholders across the value chain.

[Workshop focusing on seafood in the UK diet: nurturing individual, community and planetary health. 23 to 24 June 2022. University of Stirling.](#)

The event will be short accessible presentations and panels focused on the key issues, interspersed with networking opportunities.

[Global Shrimp Forum first meeting \(6 - 8 September 2022\)](#)

The first ever Global Shrimp Forum will take place on 6 - 8 September 2022 in Utrecht, the Netherlands. The Forum is the warm water shrimp industry's first dedicated annual conference and business meeting, aiming to drive the shrimp industry towards a resilient and sustainable future.

Seafish further information

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