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In focusing on aquaculture—farming of fish, aquatic plants or shellfish in freshwater or salt water—Canada has committed to **farming its waters sustainably** and contributing to **global food safety**. Its safe, healthy products are highly regarded on international markets. The federal, provincial and territorial governments are also aware of the challenges associated with the rapid growth of this industry, and in light of the fact that aquaculture is used to meet more than 50% of global demand for fish and other seafood, they have been working together to support economically and environmentally **sustainable production**. Aquaculture activities are carried out in every Canadian province as well as in Yukon. In 2014 in Canada, approximately 45 species of fish, shellfish and a number of kelp, moss and algae species. For additional information on this topic, please consult the following *IE* bulletins: vol. 1, no. 5, 2014 – The Fishery Sector; vol. 2, no. 2, 2015 – The Aquaculture Industry; vol. 3, no. 4, 2016 – Seafood Products; and *Focus*, vol. 5, no. 10, 2018, on standards applicable to the industry.

- ⇒ In 2015, farmed salmon was Canada's third-largest seafood product export by value.
- ⇒ Canada is the world's fourth-largest producer of farmed salmon after Norway, Chile and the United Kingdom.
- ⇒ Aquaculture accounts for 16% of total seafood production in Canada by volume and more than 33% of total seafood production in Canada by value.

International aquaculture collaboration http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/aquaculture/collaboration-eng.html

As aquaculture is expanding, Canada is working with partner countries and multinational organizations to create new, and strengthen existing, mechanisms to secure a sustainable future for global aquaculture.

- Codex Alimentarius United Nations
- ► Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- ► International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- ► Joint Statements between Canada, Chile, Norway and Scotland on Aquaculture
- ► North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO)
- ▶ Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Fisheries Committee
- Canada–United States Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC)



Economic impact of Canada's aquaculture industry: Highlights (national figures)

Canadian Food Inspection Agency, <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/sfcr/regulatory-compliance/eng/1528322304931/1528322305274>; Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance, <http://www.aquaculture.ca/>; Fisheries and Oceans Canada Library, <http://waves-vagues.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/>; Standards Council of Canada, <https://www.scc.ca/>; Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture of Nova Scotia, <http://www.gov.ns.ca/fish/> / <https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture>; Department of Fisheries and Land Resources of Newfoundland and Labrador, <https://www.fishaq.gov.nl.ca/index.html>; Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, <https://www.gov.cs.ca//>; Fisheries and Land Resources of Newfoundland and Labrador, <https://www.fishaq.gov.nl.ca/index.html>; Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/10/aquaculture.html>; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, <http://www.fao.org>; Fisheries and Oceans Canada, <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/>.

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value:

\$1.37 billion

Aquaculture Production: Key Figures

Aquaculture Production in Atlantic Canada in 2017 (tonnes)

	PEI	NB	NS	NL
Finfish				
Salmon		23,867	11,078	
Trout			467	
Steelhead		0	0	
Other		0	103	
Total Finfish	464	23,867	11,648	18,822
Shellfish				
Clams	124	48	358	0
Oysters	3,928	1,250	261	0
Mussels	20,004	0	1,019	2,890
Scallops	0	0		0
Other	0	0	66	0
Total Shellfish	24,056	1,298	1,704	2,890
TOTAL	24,520	25,165	13,352	21,712

National governance framework

In Canada, aquaculture management is a **shared responsibility** between the federal government and the provinces and territories.

Under the *Fisheries Act*, Fisheries and Oceans Canada manages fisheries and fish habitats across the country. With the exception of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island, where the federal government plays a greater role in areas including licence management, the various Canadian provinces and territories are responsible for their own aquaculture activities. They adopt and enforce their own laws and regulations (licensing, environmental monitoring, animal welfare, fish health, oversight of the use of pest control products).

In the interest of protecting the environment, promoting the fisheries and supporting the industry, the strategy of the Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers (CCFAM) for 2016-2019 targets three main outcomes:

- ◊ improved regulatory framework
- improved coordination of aquaculture fish health management
- improved support for regional economic growth through aquaculture

The CCFAM's **Aquaculture Development Strategy** picks up where the National Aquaculture Strategic Action Plan Initiative (2011-2015) left off.

Like all other fishing activities in Canada, **fish farming** is governed by the *Fisheries Act*. Responsibility for oversight of this activity is shared among the federal, provincial and territorial governments.

The regulatory framework varies by jurisdiction: in British Columbia, Prince Edward Island and the rest of Canada, managing the planned movement of live eggs and fish and determining which drugs and pesticides are approved for use is a shared responsibility. In contrast, monitoring and controlling the safety and quality of fish falls exclusively under federal responsibility, while dayto-day operations and oversight activities are a federal responsibility in British Columbia and Prince Edward Island and a provincial responsibility across the rest of Canada. Finally, land management is a provincial responsibility in British Columbia and across the rest of Canada with the exception of Prince Edward Island, where it is a federal responsibility, while site approval is a shared responsibility in British Columbia and Prince Edward Island and managed provincially across the rest of Canada.

Aquaculture Production in Atlantic Canada in 2017 (\$000)

	PEI	NB	NS	NL
Finfish				
Salmon		227,843	99,644	
Trout			3,331	
Steelhead		0	0	
Other		0	4,549	
Total Finfish	x	227,843	x	x
Shellfish				
Clams	319	175	593	0
Oysters	13,857	12,112	3,167	0
Mussels	28,666	0	Х	Х
Scallops	0	2		0
Other	0	0	3,160	0
Total Shellfish	42,842	12,289	X	X
TOTAL	X	240,132	116,004	X

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Aquaculture in Atlantic Canada

Success story

Aboriginal aquaculture industry in Atlantic Canada

http://www.waycobah.ca/

In Nova Scotia, the **We'koqma'q First Nation** has since 2011 been operating an aquaculture company that is currently undergoing rapid growth. For example, the company harvested 70,000 rainbow trout in 2016 and 170,000 trout in 2017 and expects to harvest a total of more than 400,000 trout in 2018. In 2017, the trout farm generated \$2 million in revenue.

On June 1, 2018, the federal government announced \$1 million in funding to assist the company with initiatives including expanding its operations and upgrading certain equipment. The enterprise currently employs 45 members of the community and plans to add at least 10 more positions. Subsequent to this expansion and the innovations implemented, the We'koqma'q First Nation is aiming to farm more than 1,000,000 fry annually.

Aquaculture farmed speci	ies in the Atlantic Pro	vinces			
Common name	Species group	PEI	NB	NS	NL
Algae, brown (kelp)	Marine algae spp		\checkmark		
Algae, green (sea lettuce)	Marine algae spp		\checkmark	\checkmark	
Algae, red (Irish moss, dulse)	Marine algae spp		\checkmark	\checkmark	
Bass, striped	Finfish			\checkmark	
Char, Arctic	Finfish		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Clam, hard (quahog)	Shellfish	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Clam, soft-shell	Shellfish	\checkmark		\checkmark	
Cod, Atlantic	Finfish				
Cunner	Finfish	1	V		
Eel, American	Finfish			V	
Halibut, Atlantic	Finfish	\checkmark	~ ~	J	
Mussel, Western blue	Shellfish	V	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Oyster, American	Shellfish	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Salmon, Atlantic	Finfish	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Scallop, bay	Shellfish		\checkmark	\checkmark	
Scallop, sea	Shellfish		\checkmark	\checkmark	
Sturgeon, Atlantic	Finfish		\checkmark		
Sturgeon, short-nose	Finfish		\checkmark		
Trout, brook/speckled	Finfish		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Trout, rainbow / steelhead	Finfish				

Recent and upcoming events

Aqua Sur 2018

https://exportnb.com/assets/Uploads/Aquasur-Approved -2019.pdf October 14–21, 2018 Trade mission with the goal of developing markets with a focus on Chile and surrounding markets.

Canada's Farmed Seafood Policy Conference

http://www.aquaculture.ca/farmed-seafood-policyconference-2018 November 26–28, 2018 Ottawa, Ontario Theme: Accelerating Sustainable Growth

2019 SeaFarmers Conference

http://seafarmers.ca/in-the-community/2019-seafarmersconference/ January 23–25, 2019 Halifax, NS Theme: Making Waves – Leveraging Our Opportunities For rural coastal communities in Nova Scotia, aquaculture generates major economic spinoffs. This two-day event aims to gauge the sector's value and examine ways to maximize the benefits of this fastgrowing industry.

Seafood Expo North America

https://www.seafoodexpo.com/north-america/ March 17–19, 2019 Boston, US An annual gathering of seafood industry representatives, Seafood Expo North America is the largest trade show of its kind in North America. Thousands of exhibitors and buyers from around the world converge on this event each year to do business.

Aquaculture Canada 2019

http://aquacultureassociation.ca/aquaculture-canada-2019-save-the-date/ May 5–9, 2019 Victoria, BC [Event schedule TBA]

Seafood Expo Global

https://www.seafoodexpo.com/global/ May 7–9, 2019 Brussels, Belgium More than 29,000 buyers, suppliers, media and other seafood professionals from more than 140 countries attended the fair in 2018. It is an ideal opportunity to promote and sell seafood products, processing

equipment and services to leading buyers from around



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R&D and Resources (Selected

Schools and training programs Laboratories and research centres in Atlantic Canada in Atlantic Canada providing services to the industry (selected list) Prince Edward Island Prince Edward Island Canadian Aquaculture Institute http://www.upei.ca/ Fish Health ► Atlantic Veterinary College http://www.upei.ca/ Aquatic Veterinary Medicine including Aquaculture and Fish Health; Health of Aquatic Food Animals and the Ecosystem **New Brunswick** ► New Brunswick School of Fisheries Provincial Fish Health Laboratory (CCNB Caraquet) https://www2.gnb.ca/ https://ccnb.ca/ Programs offered to workers in the aquaculture and seafood processing industries ► Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick, Caraquet, NB chemical and drug residues in fish tissue. Experimental Aquaculture ► New Brunswick Community College, St. Andrews, NB http://nbcc.ca/ 12-week program in Aquaculture Operations University of New Brunswick ► Valorēs (Coastal Zone Research Institute) https://www.unb.ca/ http://www.valores.ca/ Centre for Coastal Studies and ► Huntsman Marine Science Centre (NB) Aquaculture http://www.huntsmanmarine.ca/ Nova Scotia ► Nova Scotia Community College https://www.nscc.ca/ 1-year certificate program in Ocean Resources – Fisheries & Aquaculture levels. ► Faculty of Agriculture in Truro ► St. Andrews Biological Station (SABS) http://inter-w02.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/SABS/Home

Dalhousie University https://www.dal.ca/academics/ B.Sc. Agriculture in Aquaculture

Newfoundland and Labrador

► Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland https://www.mi.mun.ca/ Advanced Diploma in Sustainable Aquaculture Master's Degree in Technology Management (Aquaculture Technology) Technical Certificate in Aquaculture

Memorial University https://www.mun.ca/ Minor in Sustainable Aquaculture and **Fisheries Ecology**

Atlantic Veterinary College – Aquatic Diagnostic Services	
http://www.upei.ca/	
Located on the campus of the University of Prince Edward Island, the Atlantic Veterinary College's facilities conduct projects on request from aquaculture enterprises. Centre for Aquaculture Technologies	
http://aquatechcenter.com/	
Centre for Aquaculture Technologies Canada (CATC)	
A subsidiary of the Center for Aquaculture Technologies based in San Diego, US, the CATC opened its doors in 2016 in a former fish plant in Souris, Prince Edward Island. In addition to providing R&D support services to the aquaculture industry, the CATC has partnered with the Atlantic Veterinary College to conduct research into aquatic animal health.	
ew Brunswick	

Available to the aquaculture industry in NB, this laboratory in St. George performs numerous testing protocols for various organisms that can cause diseases in marine species. It offers a range of services including analysis (necropsy), testing (bacteriology, parasitology, immunofluorescence) and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing. Using specialized equipment, its staff are also equipped to detect

► New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council (RPC)

Founded in 1962, the RPC carries out R&D contracts in addition to stimulating grantbased university research into industrial and scientific technology. In 1991, a laboratory for chemical analysis, pest control technology, food product development, food preparation and fish health research was established. The RPC is accredited by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) among other bodies.

Private applied research centre with expertise in aquaculture.

In April 2018, Dr. Ehab Misk, New Brunswick (NBIF) Innovation Research Chair in Aquatic Biosciences, joined the Huntsman Marine Science Centre. Dr. Misk has extensive expertise in controlled infection models associated with a range of freshwater and saltwater fish for use in developing medical tests and treatments. His research to date has focused on aquaculture farming conditions, fish infection levels and toxicity

Research conducted at the Station includes aquaculture and biological interactions (integrated multitrophic aquaculture, interactions between lobster and aquaculture facilities, disease research). The SABS is Atlantic Canada's oldest permanent marine research facility. Its research scope encompasses the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of Maine. The Station is also interested in coastal ecosystems and traditional fisheries in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

► New Brunswick Aquarium and Marine Centre http://www.aguariumnb.ca/

Motivated by the growth and diversification of aquaculture, the Centre carries out research in areas including the development of selected finfish (cod, Arctic char), shellfish (oysters) and crustacean species.

Newfoundland and Labrador

► Centre for Aquaculture and Seafood Development – Marine Institute

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https://www.mi.mun.ca/departments/centreforaguacultureandseafooddevelopment/ The Centre provides its clients assistance in all areas of aquaculture and food development as well as industrial applied research and technology transfer services.

Associations

- ► Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance http://www.aguaculture.ca/
- Aquaculture Association of Canada (AAC) http://aquacultureassociation.ca/
- Atlantic Canada Fish Farmers Association (ACFFA) https:// www.atlanticfishfarmers.com/
- Eastern Aquaculture Veterinary Association (EAVA) https://www.eava.ca/ The EAVA is a group of professionals made up exclusively of veterinarians on the East Coast of Canada and the United States having particular interest in aquaculture.
- ► Prince Edward Island Aquaculture Alliance http://www.aguaculturepei.com/

New Brunswick Professional Shellfish Growers Association 278 des Pêcheurs Ave. Shippagan, NB E8S 1J6 Tel.: 506-336-4794

► Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia (AANS) http://seafarmers.ca/ This association has been

supporting responsible aquaculture development for over 40 years.

► Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association (NAIA) https://www.naia.ca/

Publications

R&D 2017

http://waves-vagues.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/ Published every other year, this R&D review covers research and development projects active in Canada since the last publication (more than 210) with a focus on marine and freshwater species. Readers can explore the numerous topics covered under these projects (examples: fish health, marine algae, farming techniques, molluscs and crustaceans, environmental interactions). The 2017 edition is the fourth issue of the review prepared in partnership with Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

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Consumption

On average, the French eat **34 kg of fish per head per year.** France **imports 86% of its consumption**, generating a €3.7-bn trade deficit in 2015. Unlike the rest of the world, which prioritizes **farmed fish**, France largely **consumes** wild fish. Despite the acceleration in global aquaculture production in the 1970s and constant growth in demand for fish and shellfish, France's aquaculture sector has been stagnating since 1990 for land-management and acceptability reasons.

Seafood consumption per head in France

Wild fish 58%

Overview

Alongside the UK, France is the European Union's second-largest aquaculture producer behind Spain, with just over 200,000 tonnes representing a value of €702.5 million. **Shellfish farming is the dominant sector** with 155,000 tonnes or a value of €535 million, primarily **oysters (leading EU producer)** and mussels.

Production

Total French aquaculture production



DepAlthough growth had previously been strong, French aquaculture production has fallen in volume terms since the early 2000s.

Employment

	<u>Number of</u> aquaculture companies:	Jobs	Fulltime equivalent
Shellfish farming — including algae and prawns	2,864	17,715	8,574
Marine fish and sturgeon farming	35	648	602
Inland salmon farming	387	1,762	1,263

Source : MEDDE / DPMA / BSPA (enquête aquaculture 2012)

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21%

Farmed fish 11%

Farmed shellfish and crustaceans

Wild shellfish, crustaceans and cephalopods 10% Intell-Echo, 5, 10, 2018-p. 6

Aquaculture production in France

Shellfish farming

Many shellfish farmers have sought accreditation to highlight the quality, expertise or regional specificities of their production: they include Marennes-Oléron oysters, Bouchot mussels from Mont-Saint-Michel Bay and Côtes-d'Armor scallops.

Shellfish farming fell significantly between 2005, when it approached 190,000 tonnes, and 2013 due to the marked decline in the production of Pacific oysters, which was affected by abnormally high spat death rates from 2008 to 2014.

Freshwater fish farming

There are approximately 500 production sites across France, which are managed by some 300 commercial companies (Agreste 2007 survey). But some regions have made it their speciality, such as Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Hauts-de-France and Brittany, which account for 70% of national production. France is now Europe's third-largest producer of farmed freshwater trout, approaching 38,714 tonnes in 2016. Trout is one of the five most regularly eaten fish in France.

Marine fish farming

Although a pioneer in Europe's fish farming sector due to its expertise in reproduction and feeding, France only produces 5,000 tonnes of saltwater fish (by way of a comparison, Norway produces over 1.3 mil-

French shellfish farming in 2013

	Volume (in tonnes)	Value (in mil- lions of euros)
Shellfish farming	154,520	534.7
of which oysters	77,510	389.1
of which mussels	74,140	132.2
of which other shellfish (cockles, clams, etc.)	2,870	13.4
TOTAL aquaculture	200,200	702.5

Source : MAA/DPMA (2014 aquaculture survey)

Production de la pisciculture française

	2010	2013	2014	2014
	tonnes			millions of euros
Inland fish farm- ing	44,005	40,513	39,850	127
Salmonids	35,803	32,178	31,448	111
of which rain- bow trout	34,546	30,818	29,347	98
Lake fish	8,000	8,000	8,000	13
Other	202	335	402	3.0
Marine fish farming	5,668	5,215	4,803	37
of which bass	2,337	2,428	2,244	17
gilt-head bream	1,239	1,636	1,379	10
Total fish farm- ing	49,673	45,728	44,653	164

lion tonnes of salmon). Several fish farming companies are hatcheries and sell spawn. 113 million spawn were produced in 2016. Nearly 90% of spawning and nursery sales revenue is generated from export.

Marine and new (referring to sturgeon production) fish farming produces seven species of fish, including in 2016: 1,928 tonnes of bass, 1,671 tonnes of bream, 288 tonnes of turbot, 236 tonnes of meagre, 450 tonnes of salmon, 248 tonnes of sole, and 306 tonnes of sturgeon meat.

Caviar production stands at approximately 27 tonnes, positioning France amongst the world's main producer countries with Italy (behind China). The sturgeon sector comprises ten companies across eighteen production sites.



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Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture

This new technique is being studied around the world, in Europe and in France: it aims to cut the pollution generated by farming whilst diversifying production to bring the world 21st-century, ecofriendly and high-yield aquaculture.

What is Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA)?

IMTA involves recreating a natural ecosystem by combining the **farming of various complementary species**, each belonging to a link in the food chain. The organic and inorganic waste produced by a socalled fed species, such as fish (trout, salmon, bream), are used as food for locally farmed algae and shellfish. The presence of these filter feeders reduces the farming's environmental impact. The seabed is protected and its balance maintained.

The standard model involves farming fed species (e.g. fish or prawns) with extractive species (algae and molluscs). The algae grow from filtering the fish's liquid nitrogenous waste whilst the molluscs filter solid nitrogenous waste (uneaten food, waste rejected by the fish) and can then feed on the system's algae. Through that process, uneaten food and nitrogenous rejections, which are seen as waste in fish and prawn monoculture, are partly converted and reused to develop other commercially valuable species.

Diagram of interactions in an IMTA farming system com-



Examples of Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture companies based on France's Atlantic coast

	Species grown	Location	Size	At sea or on land
Symbiomer	Fish Algae	Paimpol (Côtes- d'Armor)	3 ha	At sea
Algolesko	Algae Shellfish	Lesconil and Moëlan- sur-Mer (South Finistère)	150 ha and 225 ha	At sea
ACRIMA (Association Crevette Impériale des Marais Charentais)	Oysters Prawns	Charente- Maritime	Several produc- ers of all sizes	On land (marsh)

In late 2017, the startup Symbiomer secured permission for a planned IMTA system at the mouth of the Trieux in Côtes-d'Armor. It aims to produce rainbow trout and macroalgae over three hectares. The idea is to bring together species belonging to a different link in the food chain by creating trophic (or nutritional) connections between them.

Symbiomer has filed a patent for its floating cage, which has been designed like a ship for improved hydrodynamics. Moored to a buoy, it's connected to a honeycombed pink granite block which has the advantage of replacing concrete and providing a shelter for other filtering organisms such as crustaceans (lobster, crab, etc.). The structure can be brought back to land in summer to clear the space for leisure activities, meeting the needs of residents and tourism networks in this very popular holiday resort.







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<u>Events</u>

<u>SEAFOOD EXPO GLOBAL</u>, 7 to 9 May 2019 in Brussels (Belgium), is the world's largest seafood trade event. It provides an opportunity to see and compare products, suppliers and prices, investigate new trends and test the latest technologies. Website: <u>https://www.seafoodexpo.com/global/</u>

<u>Aquaculture Europe 2019</u>, 7 to 10 October in Berlin (Germany), organized by the European Aquaculture Society. Website: <u>https://www.aquaeas.eu/</u>

Professional structures

- CNPMEM: The Committees for Maritime Fisheries and Fish Farming represent the industry's interests, manage marine fishing and actively participate in devising French, European or international regulations for the sector. There are twelve regional committees (CRPMEM) comprising elected leaders, union representatives, producers' organizations and maritime cooperatives covering all types of fishing http://www.comite-peches.fr/
- Syndicat de l'Aquaculture Marine et Nouvelle (SFAMN)
- Comité National de Conchyliculture (CNC) <u>http://www.cnc-france.com/</u>
- Fédération Française d'Aquaculture (FFA)
- L'Union des aquaculteurs d'outre-mer (UAOM) <u>http://www.uaom.eu/</u>
- <u>Comité Interprofessionnel des Produits d'Aquaculture (CIPA)</u> <u>www.poisson-aquaculture.fr/</u>
- The CIPA has three boards working on behalf of:
 - * **producers**, namely the **freshwater salmon farmers and marine fish farmers** represented by the FFA (Fédération Française d'Aquaculture)
 - * **feed manufacturers**, represented by the SPPA (Syndicat Professionnel des Producteurs d'Aliments Aquacoles)
 - * **processors**, represented by the ATT (Association des Transformateurs de Truite).

Public and research bodies supporting the sector

- IFREMER, Institut français de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer: https://wwz.ifremer.fr
- IRD, the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development, which is present in some fifty countries, promotes research, education, information sharing and partnerships to benefit the territories and countries that use science and innovation to further their development: https://www.ird.fr/
- Aquimer is a French competitiveness cluster specializing in promoting aquatic products. It helps companies implement their projects up to securing financing and marketing new products, services and processes: <u>https://www.poleaquimer.com/fr</u>
- Institut technique de l'aviculture (ITAVI) is a Ministry of Agriculture agency that works to bring farmers the scientific, technical and economic information and expertise needed to improve the competitiveness and quality of productions. The institute has a department focusing on fish farming: <u>https://www.itavi.asso.fr/</u>
- **DPMA:** Part of France's Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Fisheries (MEEM), the Direction des Pêches Maritimes et de l'Aquaculture oversees professional saltwater and freshwater fishing as well as marine and inland aquaculture.
- FranceAgriMer is a government agency. It manages national and community grants, implements market regulation policies and provides economic intelligence: <u>http://www.franceagrimer.fr/</u>

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