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*Aquicultura*

# Aquáínsua

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Aquaculture

# 3 COMPANIES UNITED WITH ONE GOAL:

to produce the best fish in the world



**The Juveniles**



**The handling and  
planning**



**The growout**

We believe that Nature is perfect.

We try to get close to that perfect stage, following Nature cycles.

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## The 3 companies:

- ▶ AQUAÍNSUA – Aquacultura, Lda
- ▶ AVOS – Added Value Offshore Systems, Lda
- ▶ Mariculture Systems Portugal, Lda



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## WHO ARE WE?

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### **AQUAÍNSUA – Aquacultura, Lda**

[www.aquainsua.pt](http://www.aquainsua.pt)

Aquaínsua is a company that owns a fishfarm of 85.000m<sup>2</sup> ( 8,5 ha) in an estuary area in Figueira da Foz – Portugal, developing specialized nursery techniques for sea-bream and sea bass in lined earthen ponds for offshore farming.



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### **AVOS – Added Value Offshore Systems, Lda**

[www.avos.pt](http://www.avos.pt)

Consultant company specialized in offshore farming procedures and farming management plans with expertise in seabream, seabass, seriola and tuna.

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## Mariculture Systems Portugal, Lda

[www.mariculture-systems.com](http://www.mariculture-systems.com)

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Engineering and aquaculture company specialized in offshore farming with an innovative new semi-submersible platform named **CORALIS** that can submerge its cages and will produce 7.000 tons of Fish per cycle.

New developments are now undergoing to adapt this seabream/seabass/seriola cage to large size red tuna growing.

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- 1 First producing the juveniles in calm and clean estuary waters, the best for juveniles, in Figueira da Foz – center of Portugal





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- 2 Then we transfer them from the estuary in Figueira da Foz to the Sea, as Nature would, in a large wellboat made on purpose for these transports. The destination is a quiet sea with transparent waters in the south of Portugal: Vila Real de Santo António.





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- 3 Than we grow the juveniles in giant cages like the Ocean.





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We do things like Nature, respecting the balances.

And always learning from each new step.



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## NURSERY PERIOD IN LAND:

### 3-4 MONTHS

## GROW-OUT PERIOD IN CAGES:

### 10-12 MONTHS

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1. Fingerlings are received with 2-3g from an hatchery and kept in lined earthen ponds until they are 30 grams;
2. The 30g juveniles are then transfered from the Nursery ponds in AQUAÍNSUA / Figueira da Foz by a wellboat to the cages in CORALIS platform in the south;
3. From the wellboat, the juveniles are transfered by vacuum pump to the Nursery cages in the CORALIS platform in Vila Real de Sto. António in the Algarve;
4. In the platform we have 8 Nursery cages where the fish (sea-bream and sea-bass) will grow, from the 30g in weight to about 100g of individual weight;



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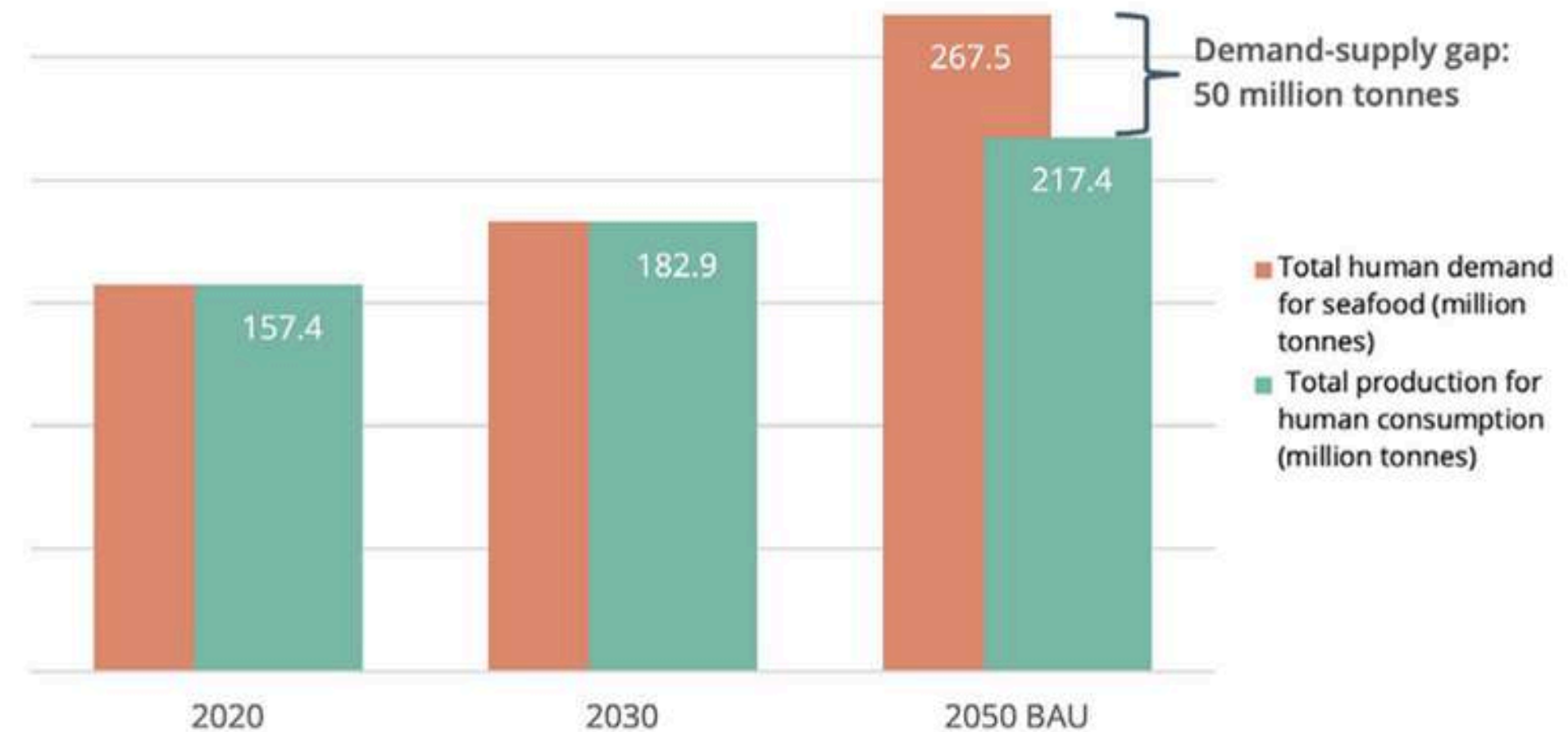
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5. From the Nursery cages the fish will be moved also through vacuum pumps to the Grow-out cages to grow from 100g until 500g of individual weight;
6. Each grow-out cage will need about 1,4 million juveniles a month and will produce around 600tons/cycle;
7. The CORALIS platform will produce about **7.000 tons of Fish per year.**

AFTER A NURSERY PERIOD IN LAND,  
FISH GROW-OUT WILL BE DONE IN CAGES OFFSHORE ON A CORALIS PLATFORM.

# Closing the 50mt-gap between demand 267mt and supply 217mt, creating **food security, reducing import dependency and preserving the ocean.**

- **Accelerating production capacity** with up to 10,000 tons per year installations
- Building partnerships up- and downstream to create a scalable model for growth to an **80,000–100,000 tons per year** industry in Portugal
- Future growth through national SPC-partnerships and international EPC delivery of facilities to global farming companies
- High-tech, high-capacity, AI-driven '**Precision Farming**' with patented technology
- Producing certified, sustainably, responsibly, no-antibiotics, **animal welfare focused** finfishing the **natural environment**



\* FAO/DNV forecasted shortfall 50Mt per year by 2050, in marine aquaculture, of which 25% is finfish

# ANY SOLUTION IS NEEDED FOR ACCELERATING GROWTH

however, **conventional aquaculture is challenged by limitations**



## Shoreline (Bays, protected waters etc.)

- In enclosed areas, the water is usually relatively stagnant, impacting the environment from high fish-density
- The cages cannot be placed in open sea because they cannot withstand stormy conditions





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## Inland fishponds in estuaries

- Usage of valuable resources – Land, energy, fresh water, oxygen
- Water needs continuous treatment, at cost of energy and additional oxygen
- In high-density operation usual use of antibiotics and vaccination.





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## Inland RAS

- Usage of valuable resources – Land, power, fresh water, oxygen
- High CAPEX and OPEX





# CHINESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE FULL FORCE AHEAD, **ALSO WITH CLOSED RAS SYSTEMS INSIDE VESSELS**

- RAS technology either on-land or in vessels requires energy for artificial currents and water treatment.
- Vessels need motorization to move away from harsh weather.



Fuxi-1 (China)



Guoxin-1 (China)



Wanqu Lingding-1 (China)



Zhanjiang Bay-1 (China)



- ① **HIGH-TECH HIGH-CAPACITY FLOATING FACILITY, SELF-SUPPORTING WITH RENEWABLE ENERGIES AND AI, SCALABLE AT COMPETITIVE CAPEX**
- ② **SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE DEAP SEA PRECISION FARMING OF HIGH-QUALITY FINFISH WITH FOCUS ON ANIMAL WELFARE, THAT CONTRIBUTES TO ENVIRONMENT, SOCIETY AND GDP**



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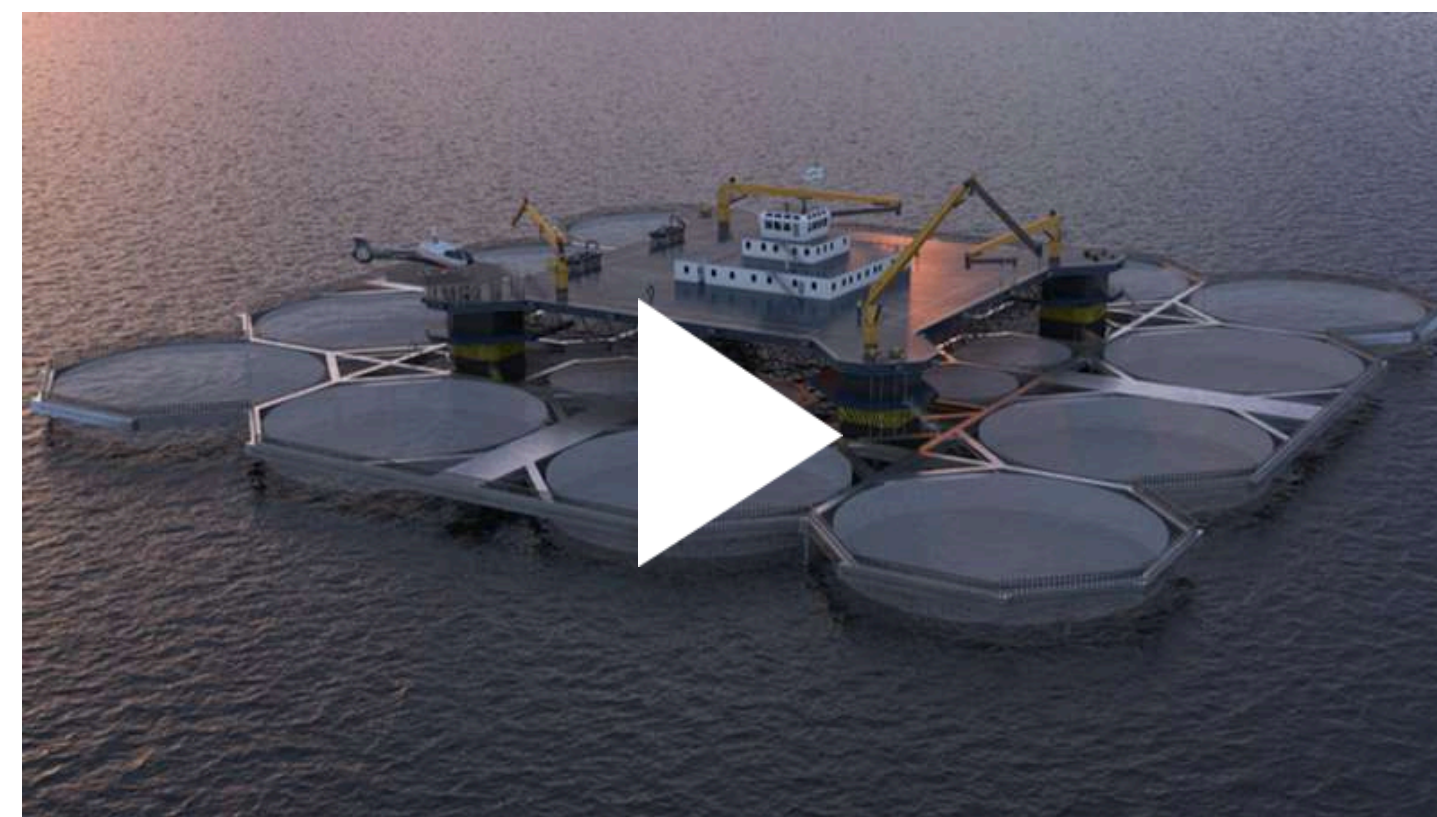
# HIGH-TECH, HIGH-CAPACITY FLOATING FACILITY



→ **Low construction risk** – the innovation is in the joining together of existing, certified and tested offshore technologies in an unprecedented way, with technological suppliers from the oil and gas industry and marine technologies

→ **Low regulatory risk** – project aligned with Portugal's National Ocean Strategy 2030 and Maritime Spatial Planning (PSOEM).

→ MSP is finalizing aquaculture license application (TAA) with **full Environmental Impact Analysis**.



## Key characteristics:

- Floating platform, permanently anchored
- Capacity 500,000 m3 in submersible cages
- 2,500 m2 deck
- 24/7-365 operational
- Serviced from fishing port of Vila Real de Santo António, supply vessel 1hr, where warehouse + office, ice factory



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# Engineering design and validation, DNV Approval In Principle



- ➔ Design by AS2CON Croatia – experienced, world recognized in maritime design.
- ➔ Technological knowledge and expertise from marine installations for oil and gas at sea
- ➔ Computerized simulation done at MARIN, The Netherlands – experts in maritime simulations
- ➔ 1:20 scale prototype tested at sea in Israel and tested in a pool simulating 17 meters high waves, currents and winds of 90 Km/h at Ecole Centrale de Nantes, France





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In final phase for license for a pre-approved area

9 miles south of Vila Real de Santo António

- Excellent water quality and physicochemical aspects for farming of Seabass and Seabream
- Serviced from fishing port of Vila Real de Santo António, where warehouse + office, ice factory, nursery. Supply vessel 1 hour travel
- License for 25 year + 25 year option in final stage for aquaculture license of 6,700 tons per year.





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## SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE DEEP SEA PRECISION FARMING OF HIGH-QUALITY FINFISH WITH FOCUS ON ANIMAL WELFARE



- ➔ High-capacity, high-quality **precision farming**, with a focus to **minimize stress**, minimizing disease and mortality, utilizing the benefits of the **natural habitat of ocean waters**, and **optimizing product quality**.
- ➔ Proof of concept for further roll out, to other locations and with other species, in Portuguese waters including the outermost regions and abroad.
- ➔ **Live lab** for collaborations with R&D entities, marine observation entities and universities, to continuously innovate, adapt and improve.

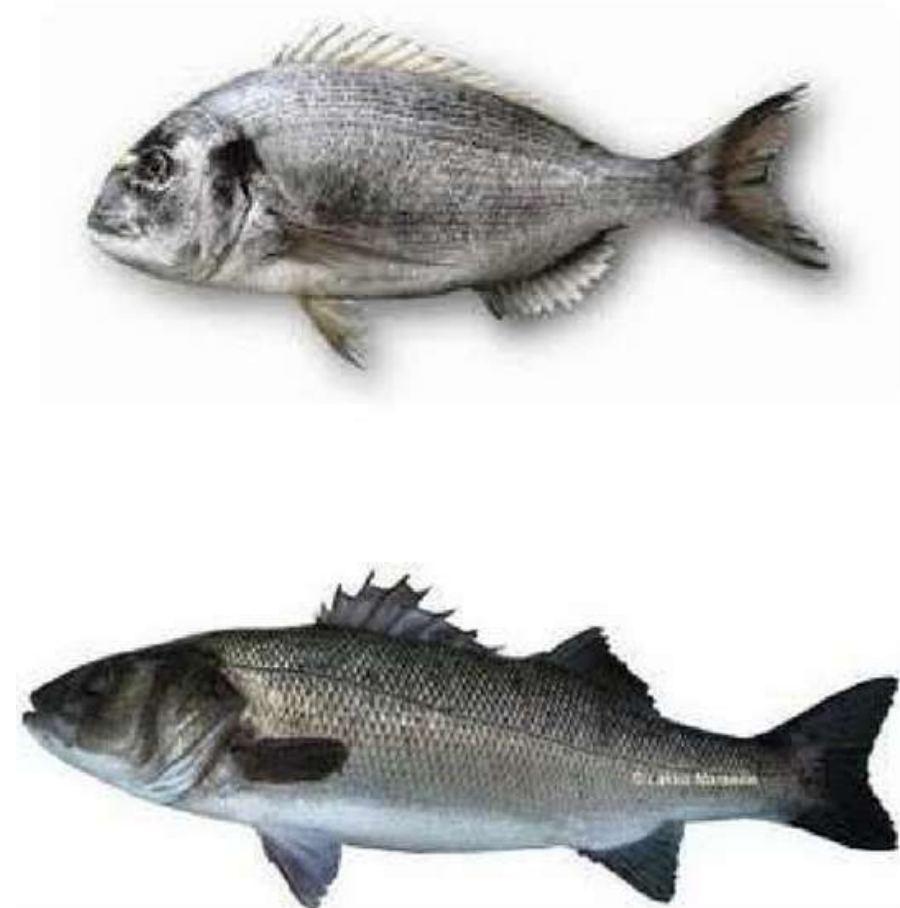




- High quality of life through feeding protocols based on anticipation of needs, active environmental enrichment and minimization of stress from husbandry activities;
- AI, camera- & sensor-supported resource management;
- Feed innovations for optimized absorption and FCR;
- Continuous data collecting and exchange;
- Cleaning robots that remove biofouling and reduce need for maintenance;
- Humane fish transportation and harvesting technology with electric stunning and fish pumps to minimize stress;

A claim for best quality in product freshness, texture and taste, synchronized with demand for healthy seafood of **certified and traceable origin**, with a **short time-to-market**

- It is the focus on 'Animal Welfare', **minimizing stress** and creating quality of life for the fish, that is the catalyst to best quality, super fresh, healthy and valuable product from the natural habitat, the ocean.
- This focus synchronizes with the momentum for sustainable food production, for the protein-transition to seafood, for animal welfare and preservation of the biodiversity of the oceans. And with **growing consumers' demand for high quality, certified product of traceable origin, locally sourced with a time-to-market of just hours.**





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Momentum in consumer preference to buy **local, healthy, certified, sustainably, responsibly farmed** fish with a very short time-to-market



- Research confirms a demand for product that **distinguishes on high value characteristics, no-antibiotics, organically farmed, with a texture and taste that resembles wild catch.**
- Research confirms **willingness to pay a premium of 30%-100%** for high quality, certified, local, natural product from the ocean with a short time-to-market.





**Analysis of the European market indicate**  
**a potential of 10% market share of the total market for Seabass and Seabream**  
**(650,000 ton per year) with high quality product**  
**at price premiums relative to the East Mediterranean productions**

Offtakers include leading (multinational) supermarkets and selected European distributors for other channels including gourmet retail, hotel, restaurant and catering, in key volume markets:

- Italy (105,000 T/Y),
- Spain (87,000 T/Y),
- France (30,000 T/Y),
- Portugal (25,000 T/Y) and
- North Europe (100,000 T/Y including re-export)

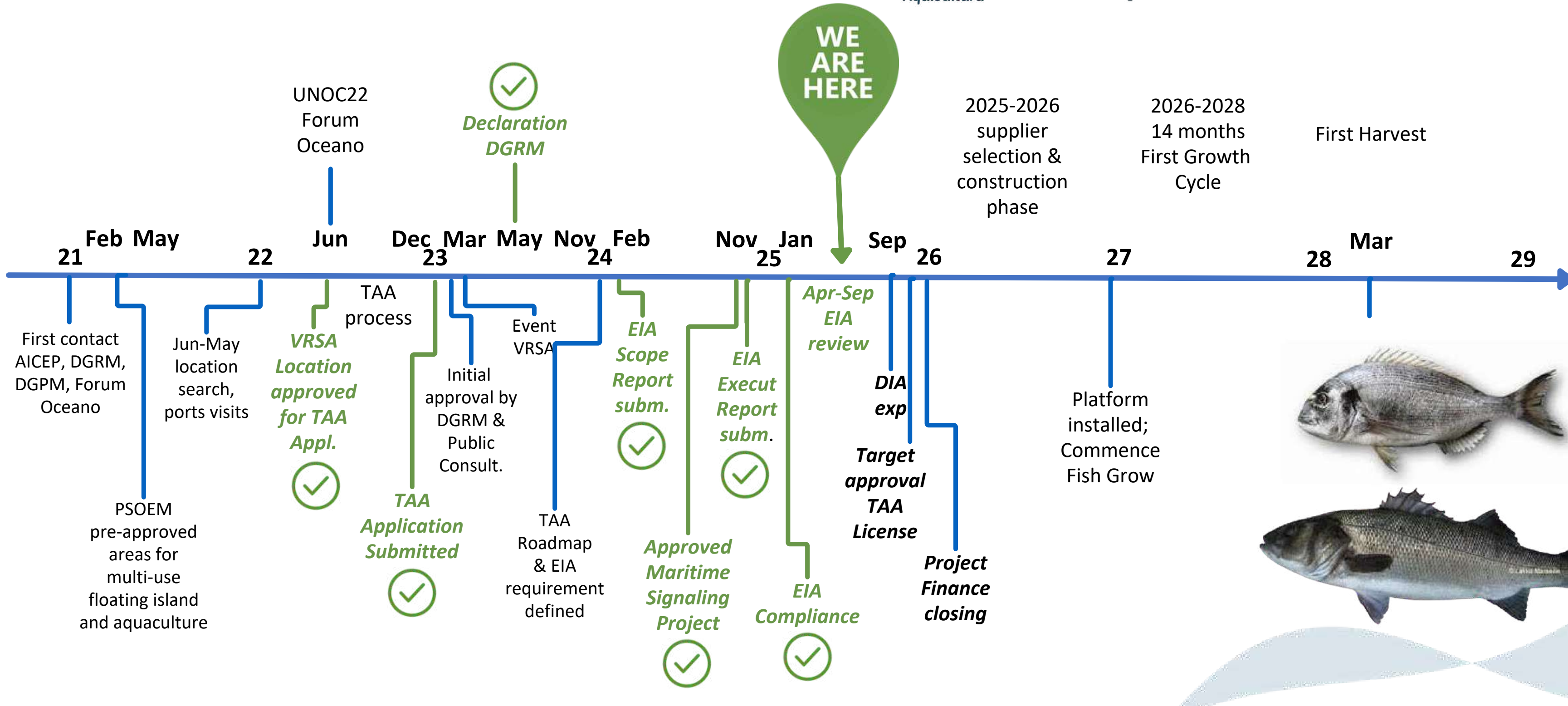
LOI's signed for 109% of the first year harvest volume

Target retail companies' calculated market potential for 'high-quality/premium/organic'  $\approx$  10% of total sales of SBSB in EU

Our target for 6,700 T/Y is  $\approx$  1%



# MSP – PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE





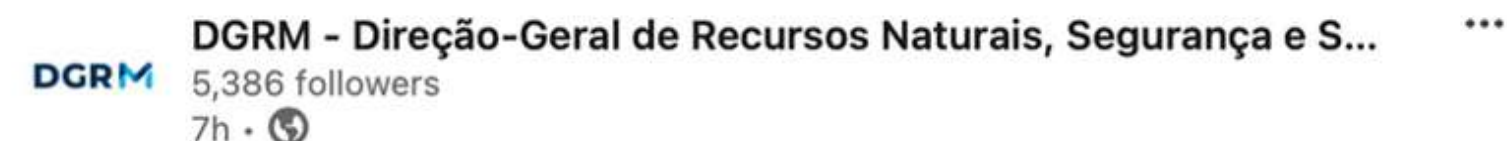
# Portugal recognizes Offshore Aquaculture as solution for food security and acceleration of needed growth of capacity



A aquacultura desempenha um papel cada vez mais importante na segurança alimentar



“Os consumidores devem ver na aquacultura a forma mais sustentável de produzir proteína animal”



## Projeto inovador de aquicultura offshore em Portugal

Este desenvolvimento é um testemunho do compromisso de **#Portugal** em se tornar líder na **#economiaazul**, e a Mariculture Systems está na vanguarda desta iniciativa com o seu projeto de **#aquicultura** offshore. A empresa espera que este projeto pioneiro abra o caminho para futuros desenvolvimentos na indústria de **#aquicultura** em **#Portugal**. 🇵🇹





# Thank You

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