



Údarás na Gaeltachta

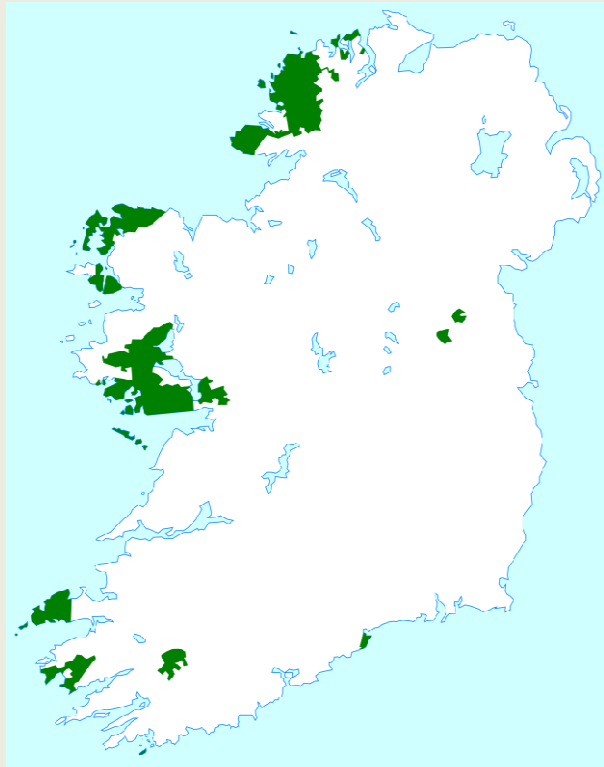
Atlantic Stakeholder Conference

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ATLANTIC STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE

- Introduction - Udaras na Gaeltachta
- Key Activities
- Marine Development Context
- Key Issues (Barriers)
- Key Issues (Opportunities)
- Irish Marine Development Strategy
- Marine Development
 - Legislative
 - Tools
 - Case Studies
 - Areas of Interest
- Conclusion

INTRODUCTION - UDARAS NA GAELTACHTA



- Regional Economic, Social and Cultural Development Agency
- Irish Speaking Areas
- Population : 100,000 +
- Balanced Regional Development
- Major Industries
 - Tourism
 - Engineering
 - Niche Manufacturing
 - ICT
 - Biomed
 - Food Processing
 - Aquaculture
 - Digital Economy
- Other Industries
 - Agriculture
 - Fishing
 - Renewable Energy

UDARAS NA GAELTACTA – KEY ACTIVITIES

- **Grant-Aid**
 - Client Companies employ over 7,000 people directly and in total 14,800 in sub supply sector (20% of the workforce)

- **Economic Impact**
 - €787m Sales (€464m exports), €409m in Irish economy, €71m returned to exchequer.
 - Annual Budget - €10 million

- **Social Impact**
 - 1,000 + people on Social Employment Schemes
 - 35+ Local Co Operatives

- **Cultural Impact**
 - Annual €500,000 Arts Budget
 - 26 Language Planning areas
 - Pre School, Youth Clubs, etc.

MARINE DEVELOPMENT - CONTEXT

Leadership Role - Economic Development (Remote areas)

Primary Production

- **1980's Salmon Farming & Native Oysters (Edulis)**
- **1990's Oyster Farming (Gigas), Mussel Farming**
- **2000's Onshore Farming, Cod Farming, Seahorse (Rresearch)**
- **2010's Bioactive Agents (Functional Foods), Seaweed Farming**

Primary Processing

1940's Seaweed (Arramara) & Native Oysters

1970's Fish (Mackerel, Herring, Whitefish)

Secondary Processing

1980's Salmon, Mussels, Crab, Canning

1990's/2000's Added Value, New Market Developments

2010's New Product Development, Convenience Food

MARINE DEVELOPMENT – KEY ISSUES

Barriers

Barriers

- High Risk Investment
- Infrastructure (West Coast)
- Regulatory Frameworks
- Shared Resource
- Labour Costs (High)
- Knowledge & Skills
- Knowledge transfer from Research to Commercialisation
- Raw Materials (Seed, Feed, Disease Control, etc.)

MARINE DEVELOPMENT – KEY ISSUES

Opportunities

- Food Production (Added Value)
- Rich Bio Resource (10 times the land area)
- Employment Generation & Employment Transition
- Supply Chain Development
- Integrated Solutions
- Ocean Energy
- Research Commercialisation / Applied Research
- Galway Marine Research – European/US
- Economic Development of Remote areas

MARINE DEVELOPMENT – HARNESSING OUR OCEAN WEALTH

Marine Development - Strategy

Integrated Marine Plan (2012) - Interdepartmental

Goals

- Goal 1 – Thriving Maritime Economy
- Goal 2 – Healthy Ecosystems
- Goal 3 – Engaging with the Sea.
- Enablers (No. Actions)
 - Governance & Maritime Safety, Security & Surveillance (8)
 - Clean/Green/Marine & Business Development, Marketing, Promotion (12)
 - Research/Knowledge/Technology/Innovation, Capacity/Education/Training/Awareness & Infrastructure (15)
 - International & North/South Co Operation (4)

MARINE DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATIVE ASPECTS

- **Legislative Aspects**
 - **Aquaculture Licence (Specific)**
 - Land Based, Sea Based
 - Environmental Impact Statement
 - **Foreshore Licence**
 - **Planning Permission**
 - **Effluent Licence**
 - **Harvesting Licence**
 - **Natura 2000**
 - Appropriate Assessment
 - **SPA – Environmental Impact Assessment**
 - **SAC**
 - **Water Framework Directive**

MARINE DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

- **Tools**
 - **Grant – Aid (BMW – EU Regional Aid Guidelines) – (20 – 40% - SME size – Training & R &D) – Financed by Irish Exchequer**
 - **Feasibility Studies**
 - **Operational Programme (Capital Investment in Aquacultural & Secondary Processing (– Annual Calls, up to 40% on Cap Ex) – EU Co Financed under European Marine & Fisheries Fund**
 - **Buildings & Sites (Property Portfolio)**
 - **DA**
 - **Mentoring**
 - **H2020 encouragement and facilitation (e.g. SME Instrument)**
 - **Strong Community Liasons / Community Training Programme**
 - **Strong Links with Research Institutes (Marine Institute / Martin Ryan etc.) and Agencies**

MARINE DEVELOPMENT CASE STUDIES

- **Successful Project**
 - Irish Seaspray, Fish Farming, ISPG, Errigal Eisc
- **Challenging Projects**
Abalone Industry, Scaling Salmon Farming,
Financing Projects – Licences in date.

MARINE DEVELOPMENT AREAS OF INTEREST

- **Ideas**
 - **SME growth – scaling, best practice in integrated development (tourism/aquaculture)**
 - **Stimulating Added Value in Production (particularly Micro enterprise) – Marine (esp. Bio resource)**
 - **Multitrophic Aquaculture**
 - **Collaboration Fairs / Opportunities**
 - **WP on Policy Recommendations**

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