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Best practice in aquaculture - April 5, 2022

Best practices in the shellfish/fish farming industry 1

Regarding **spatial planning** and allocation of zones for shellfish farming

- **Schemes of structures** (SdS) in France (species, farming methods, locations and authorized densities): established by professionals, discussed with other local actors in the “Marine Cultures” Commissions and made mandatory by decrees of the departmental Prefects
- **CLAMS** in Ireland quite similar for new farming areas
- **Regional schemes for the development of marine aquaculture** (SRDAM) in France (locations of the various SdS + **best possible locations for shellfish farming**) drawn up in consultation with professionals and the public, published by the regional Prefects [implementation of MSP directive: the Strategic Document of Facade in France integrate the ad hoc SRDAM and other activities of the blue economy thus making these schemes enforceable and allowing the **land link on land and concessions at sea**]

Best practices in the shellfish/fish farming industry 2

Regarding the **marketing**

- **Level Playing Field**: Interbranch agreements on the naming and packaging of cupped oysters in France (breeders + dispatchers + wholesalers + fishmongers + supermarkets) made compulsory by decree of Ministry of agriculture and therefore enforceable against all European products imported into France
- **1st sales of commercial products**:
  - *Improve the quality and selling price of products under Official marks of Quality (PDO, PGI, TSG) in France, Spain, Italy, Holland*
  - *Increase selling prices by concentrating the production supply (cupped oyster spat in France, adult oysters and mussels in Holland)*

Future needs for best practices

- **Datacollection**:
  - In matter of diseases and pathogens
  - In matter of stocks at sea
  - In matter of volumes and prices of first sales
  - In collaboration with the MS services for EUROSTAT and JRC/STECF (avoiding double declaration, decreasing administrative burdens)
- **RDI**
  - Implement extension in shellfish (bridge the gap between Science and Industry)
  - Improve skills and qualifications for heads of enterprise, shellfish workers and representatives in Professionnal organisations