

## AQUA-LIT's North Sea Learning Lab

"How can the aquaculture sector contribute to reducing marine litter?"

26 November 2019, 9:00-14:00

Conference Hall, VLIZ, Wandelaarkaai 7,8400 Oostende

The AQUA-LIT Learning Lab is an **interactive workshop** that will assemble stakeholders from the aquaculture sector. The Learning Lab will be facilitated using a participatory method in order to encourage knowledge sharing and co-creation and to develop a mutually valued and acceptable toolbox, which could become exemplary and point out the path for other sectors.

### The objectives of the Learning Lab are to:

- Federate and engage stakeholder communities in preventing, reducing, monitoring, quantifying, removing and recycling marine litter from aquaculture operations;
- Facilitate the adoption of successful existing solutions through capacity building;
- Explore the potential of innovative solutions to marine litter reduction, removal and recycling;
- Improve the understanding of the specific needs of stakeholders to maximise the impacts of the project.

### Learning Lab expected outcomes

Participating stakeholders will co-design tools for preventing, reducing, monitoring, quantifying removing and recycling marine litter (e.g. polystyrene floats, plastic ropes, food sacks, buoys, etc.). They will make use of their experience, best practice, lessons learnt to share, assess and select the existing tools or design new ones.

## Agenda

**09:00-09:30 Welcome + Coffee**

**09:30-10:20 Plenary Session**

- Introduction to AQUA-LIT (*Fien De Raedemaeker, VLIZ*)
- State of play of non-organic litter from the aquaculture sector (*Matthias Sandra, VLIZ*)
- Policy measures that help reduce marine litter (*Senne Aertbeliën, FPS Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Marine Environment Service*)
- Objectives of the Learning Lab and expected outcomes (*Fien De Raedemaeker*)

**10:20-11:00 Round table Part 1**

Interactive workshop where participants will work in groups to identify and assess solutions and methodologies from three perspectives:

- Table 1 - How can the aquaculture industry be more effective in **preventing and reducing** its non-organic waste?
- Table 2 - How can the aquaculture sector be more effective in **monitoring and quantifying** its non-organic waste?
- Table 3 - How can the aquaculture sector be more effective in **removing and recycling** its non-organic waste?

**11:00-11:30 Coffee break**

+ **demo session on aquaculture litter** (*Francis Kerckhof, RBINS*)

**11:30-12:00 Round table Part 2**

**12:00-12:30 Round table Part 3**

**12:30-13:00 Plenary Summary Session**

- Presentation of results by 3 rapporteurs
- Discussion & wrap-up

**13:00-14:00 Lunch break**