

DECENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATION OF PELOPONNISOS, WESTERN GREECE & IONION DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRES OF PELOPONNISOS

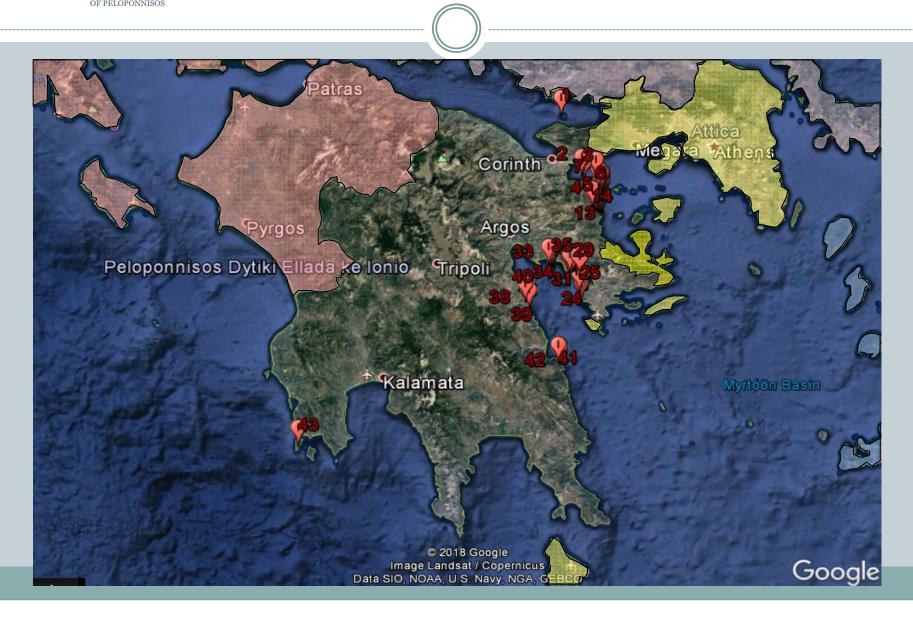
Good practices in sea bream and sea bass production in Region of Peloponnese

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Map of the Region of Peloponnese Marine Fish Farming Units

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History and Evolution in sea bream and sea bass production in the Region of Peloponnese



The Peloponnese Region situated in Southern Greece next to Attica and Western Greece Regions, became a major producer mainly due to:

- Exceptional environmental, geomorphological conditions and free of pollution waters (many blue flag sites)
- Proximity to markets and trading centers (ports, airports)

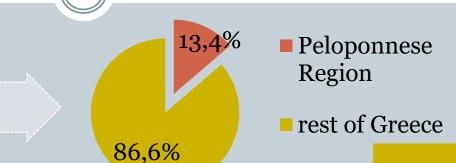
and sea bass sold in EU and 31% sold worldwide.

- Knowhow and highly trained personnel of the companies of the sector
- Good practices by Greek Public Administration, setting a clear Institutional Framework (Environmental Planning/Authorization and Licensing) in regulating the establishment and productive procedure, as well as financing from the EU, contributed to the impressive sector's growth
- In current situation, data concerning marine aquaculture units producing sea bream and sea bass, operating in the Region of Peloponnissos is shown in the following charts



Aquaculture marine area in "Peloponnese Region" current situation

In Peloponnisos there are 45
units located in Argolida,
Korinthia, Arcadia and
Messinia regional Units,
representing a 13,4%
percentage of aquaculture
units countrywide



As for the authorized occupied marine area in Peloponnese 1255 acres have been approved, which account for about 17% of the total 7.535 acres countrywide



The authorized productive capacity of aquaculture units operating in the Region of Peloponnisos reaches the amount of **15.000** tones

Aquaculture is a major employer in remote coastal areas. 14% of the total direct and indirect jobs in the sector at the country level are employed, in the Peloponnese region.



Efficient licensing procedures



In Greece strategies concerning Institutional Regulating and Financing, in the Aquaculture Sector, are based on the Central Government Directives

In 2011 the <u>Special Framework for Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development for Aquaculture</u> was adopted which:

- Introduces integrated spatial planning and regulates aquaculture in a way that the environment isn't irreversibly damaged (sustainable management of sea natural resources)
- Sets clear development guidelines for licensing authorities and companies
- Directs the aquaculture activity in <u>specific suitable areas with uniform characteristics</u> (development based on a zoning system). Currently, there are 2 application examined, for the establishment of Areas of Organized Aquaculture Development each one under a Managment body (Korinthia NE Argolida / Argolida Arcadia)
- Reduces the **conflicts of interest** between aquaculture and other activities and uses while ensuring **multiple use** of marine space
- Provides investment security

Law No 4014/2011

 requires an environmental impact assessment study, in order to obtain environmental license and environmental authorization



Efficient licensing procedures



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Sets the framework for the installation of intensive and semiintensive aquaculture units

Describes rules and procedures for licensing

Simplifies the licensing procedures to a certain extend reducing time and cost for the investors

Regulates the management of Areas of Organized Aquaculture Development

The Directorate of Rural Affairs of the Decentralized Administration is <u>the single</u> <u>licensing authority (one-stop shop)</u> undertaking the process and completing the procedures in collaboration with the co-competent authorities



Access to co-financing EU Programs

Efficient financing from EU

Led to the development, growth, and modernization, of competitive and profitable productive units in Aquaculture producing, processing and marketing sector (Region NUTS II GR 25)

The Operational Programme "FISHERIES 2000-2006" financed per regional unit

7 investment projects in Korinthia

3 investment projects in Arcadia

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: 4,81 million €

• EU Support : 2,59 million €

• PUBLIC EXPENDITURE: 2,22 million €

The Operational Programme "FISHERIES 2007-2013" financed per regional unit

8 investment projects in Argolida

6 investment projects in Korinthia

1 investment project in Arcadia

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: 3,48 million €

• EU Support : 1,99 million €

• PUBLIC EXPENDITURE: 1,49 million €



Future prospects

Diversification of production: New Species – New Products (other marine Mediterranean species; Meagre, Sharp-snout sea bream, Dentex and Red Sea bream), as well as organically cultivated products, are introduced.

Implementation of efficient Strategic Spatial planning and the sector policies of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food will contribute to the sustainable development and economic growth in the Region of Peloponnese.

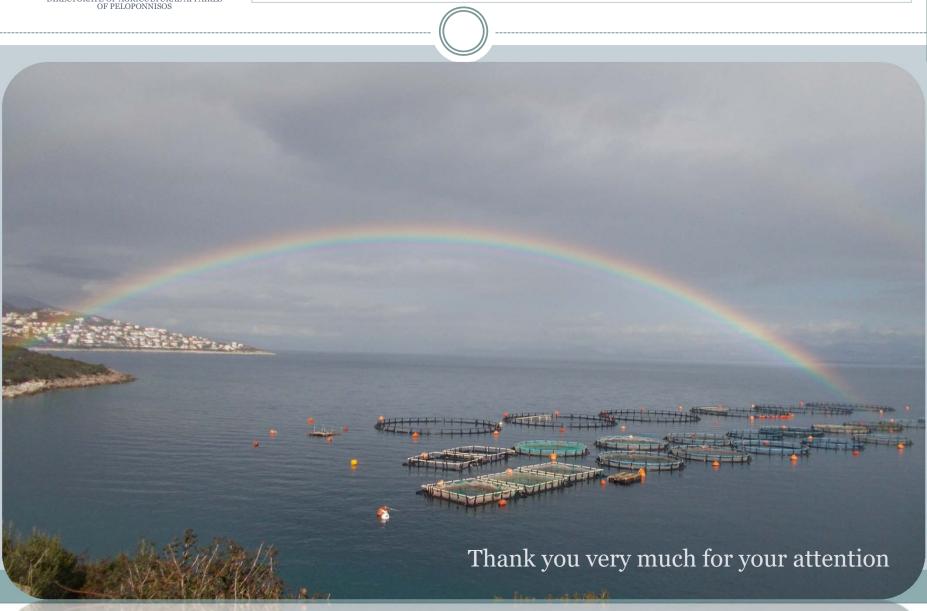
Financial support through the Operational Programme 2014-2020 will lead to the positive reinforcement of aquaculture competitiveness. (EUROPA 2020 STRATEGY).

Worldwide recognition of competitive advantage (high environmental, animal health and consumer protection standards) of the aquaculture products of Peloponnese is expected to be achieved following the objectives of the Multiannual National Strategic Plan and the Common European Aquaculture Guidelines.



Future prospects

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