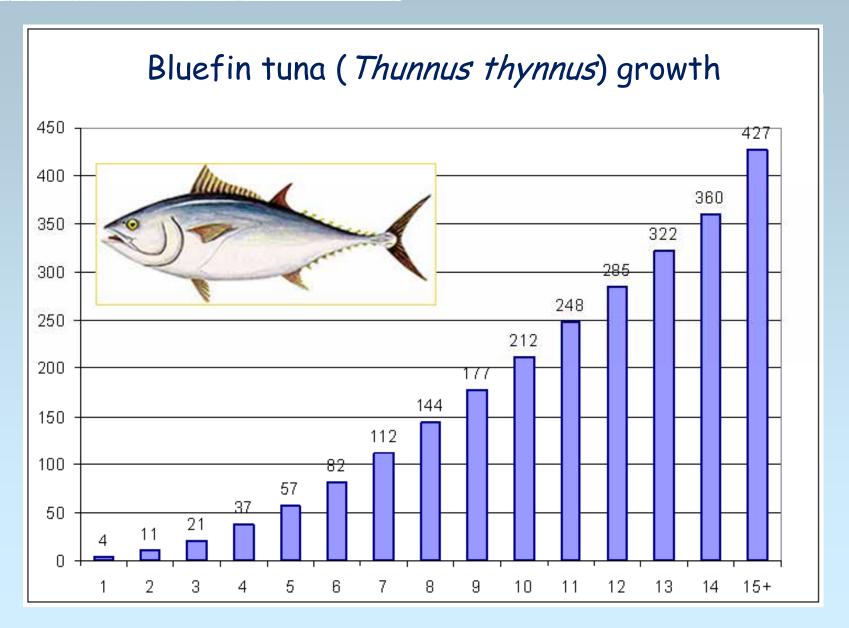
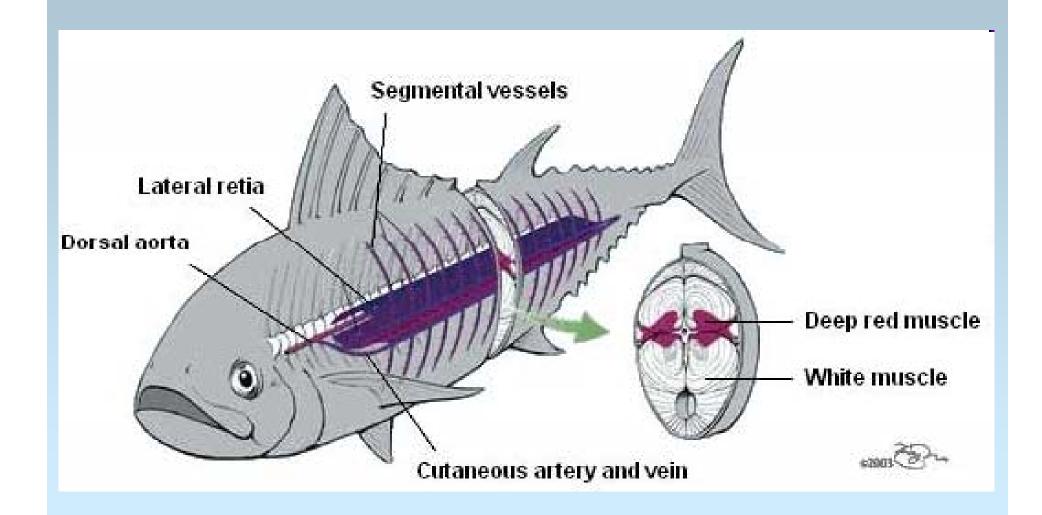


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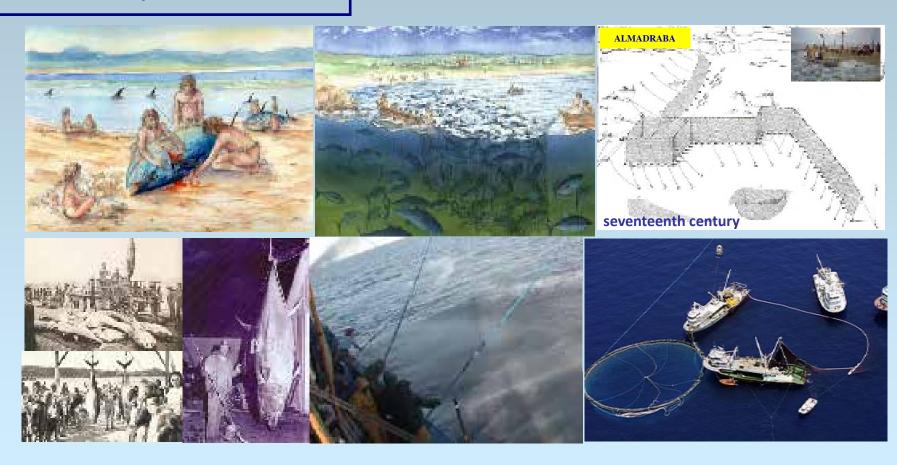








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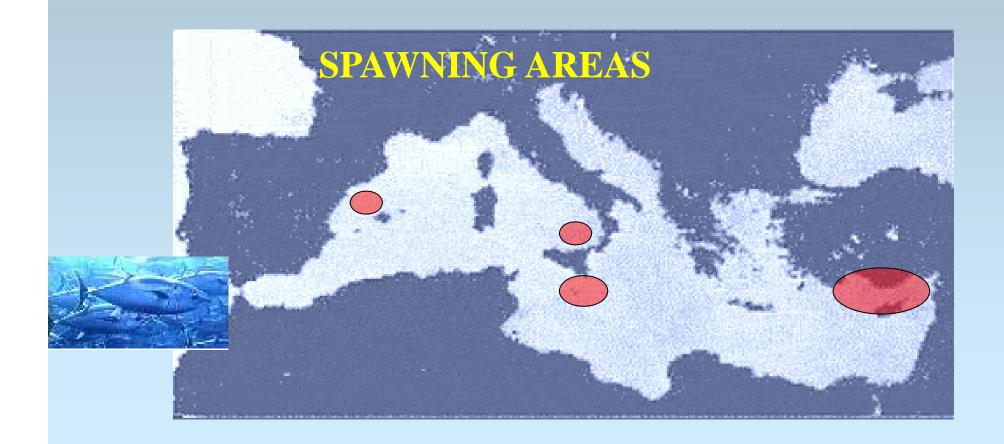


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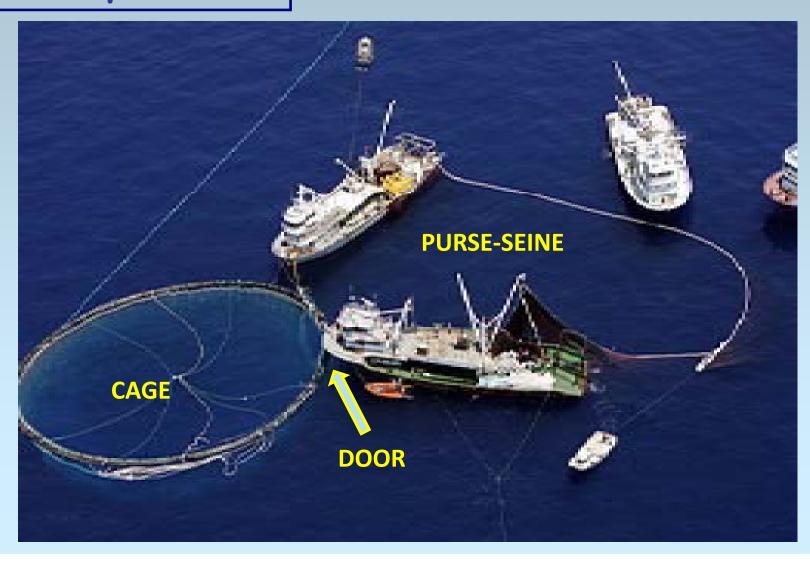




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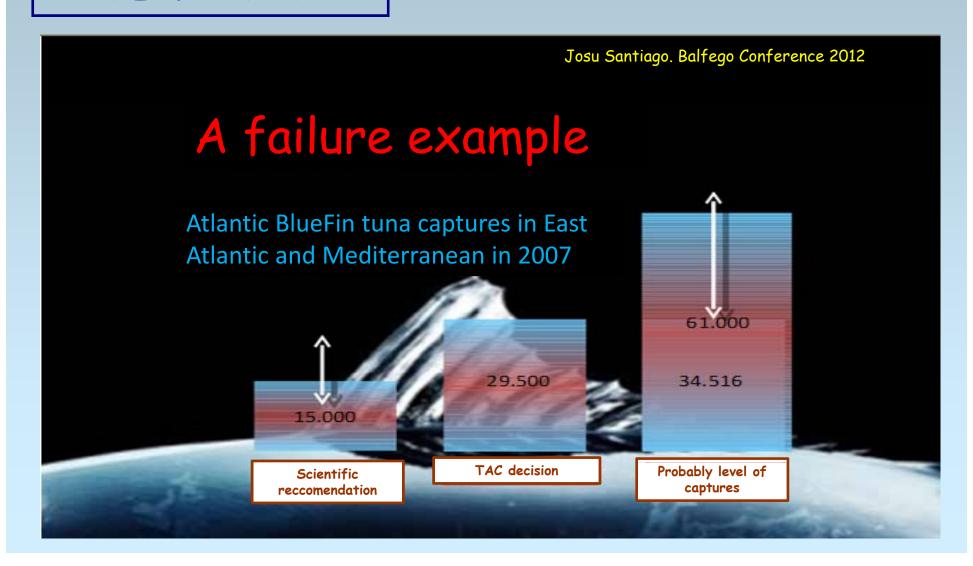
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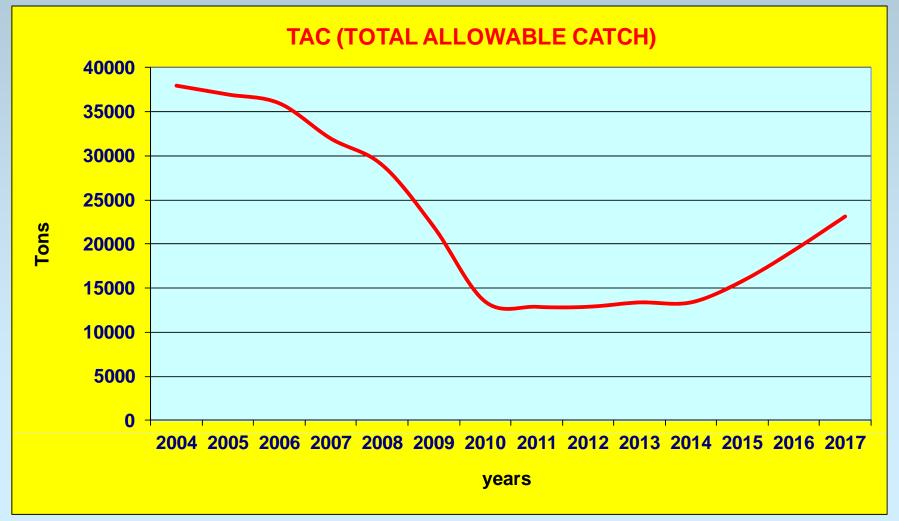
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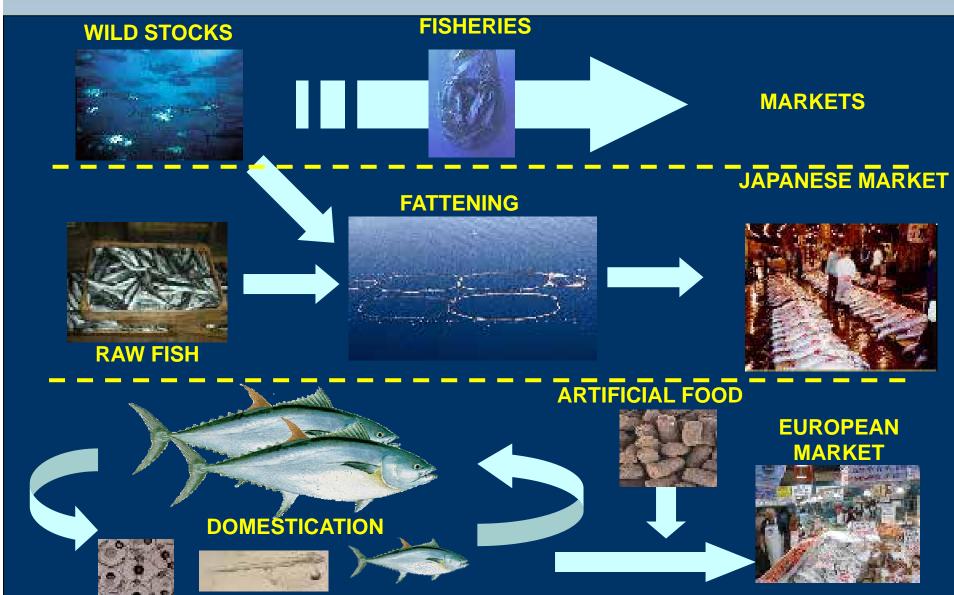
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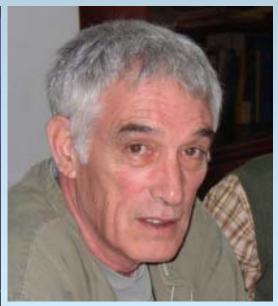
#### 2001 - 2002

## Domestication of *Thunnus thynnus*, the Bluefin Tuna. Strategies for European Development in the Context of a Global Market (DOTT, EU 5<sup>th</sup> FP)



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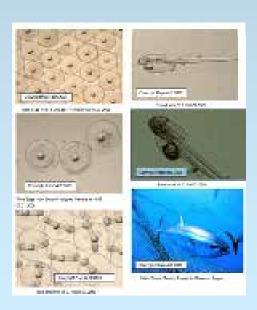
- 1. It is believed that understanding all life cycle phases of the BFT will enhance the two facets of this species' interaction with Man;
  - a. Reducing the pressure on wild populations of the BFT
  - b. Setting the rational foundation for sustainable aquaculture and the domestication of this species.
- 2. These objectives will only be attained through the joint participation of fishing industry, farmers, management, regulators and scientists.
- 3. The DOTT conference recognizes the positive collaboration between the fishers and farmers, and calls for a stronger integration between the BFT fishing and the farming industries for future mutual benefit of <u>all parties</u>.
- 4. The DOTT conference recognizes that successful and sustainable aquaculture of BFT will only be possible if they are environmentally and socially acceptable.
- 5. Domestication of the BFT is a long, complex and expensive undertaking. Considering the trans-national dimensions of the problems, international strategic Research and Development efforts are called for as well as funding. The industry is seen as an active participant in the drive.
- 6. The Conference calls for the establishment of a European RTD "Virtual" Center for the BFT domestication, of which part will be a land-based facility for holding mature animals (BFT).
- 7. The DOTT Conference plenary session is calling on all relevant governments, under the leadership of the European Community, to support the drive for a sustainable development of the BFT domestication and farming, by creating a liaison committee which will facilitate interactions a among the fishing industry, farmers, management, regulators and scientists.



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## Domestication of *Thunnus thynnus*, the bluefin tuna A Feasibility Study on its Reproduction in captivity (REPRODOTT, EU 5th FP)

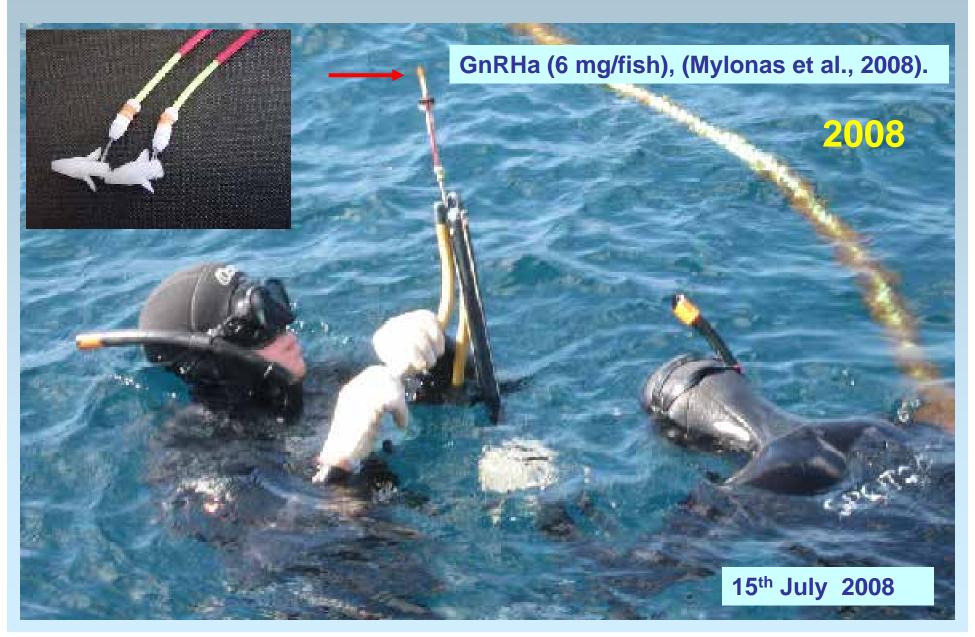
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#### CONCLUSION

Although to further progress into the full domestication of BFT, all the researchers participating in the REPRODOTT project recognise that the need to improve the techniques developed and employed implies the availability of specifically designed research infrastructure, which until now has been inexistent in Europe; although not so in other parts of the world (Panama, Australia, Japan, Indonesia). An infrastructure of these characteristics would allow some of the difficulties found in the project to be resolved, such as the collection of eggs, and progresses in the development of adequate handling techniques for the tuna, which both result fundamental for a self-sustained BFT aquaculture and research.

2002 - 2006

## RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES IN THE FP6 STRUCTURING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

The term "research infrastructures" refers to facilities and resources that provide essential services to the research community in both academic and industrial domains.

TRANSNATIONAL ACCESS The objective of this scheme is to sponsor new opportunities for research teams to obtain access to individual major research infrastructures they require for their work. Such infrastructures must be rare in Europe, must provide a world-class service essential for the conduct of top quality research, and must have investment or operating costs that are relatively high in relation to those costs in their particular field. The infrastructures must also be able to provide adequate scientific, technical and logistic support to external, particularly first-time, users.

#### 2008 - 2011

## From capture based to SELF-sustained aquaculture and Domestication of bluefin tuna, *Thunnus thynnus*. (SELFDOTT) EU 7th FP

- -Implementing the knowledge on the reproduction of bluefin tuna in captivity
- -Establish the knowledge-base required for controlled development of eggs, larvae
- Establish the knowledge-base required for developing suitable and environmentally performing feeds

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#### 19<sup>th</sup>/06/2010 Spontaneous spawning - Egg collection





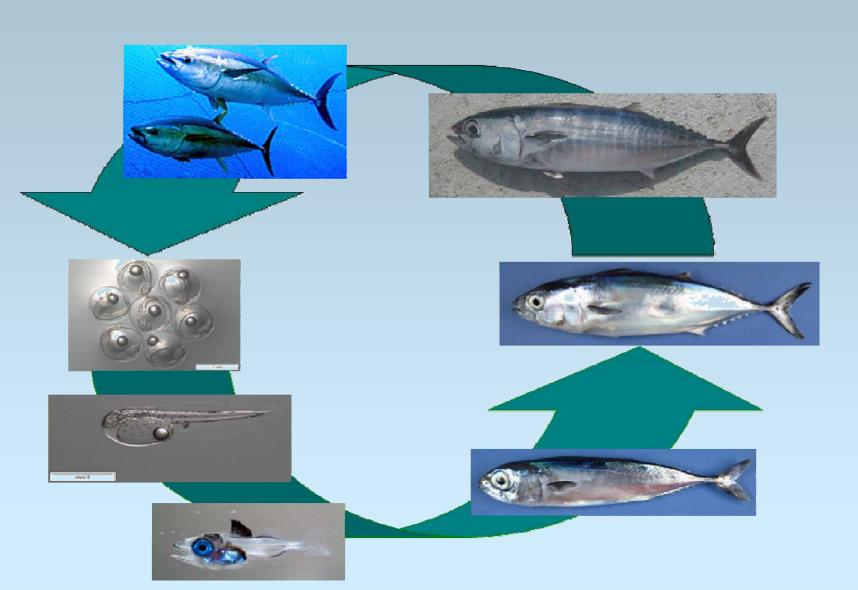












## EUROPEAN INITIATIVES FOR CLOSING TUNA LIFE CYCLE IN CAPTIVITY

**DOTT GROUP: SELFDOTT PROJECT** 

ITALY: ALLOTUNA PROJECT: UNIV. BARI / PANITTICA PUGLIESE

TRANSDOTT: UNIV. DUSSELFDORF / FUTUNA BLUE / MALTA / ISRAEL

SPANISH INITIATIVES: IEO / RICARDO FUENTES GROUP

## WORLD INITIATIVES FOR CLOSING TUNA LIFE CYCLE IN CAPTIVITY

JAPAN: KINKI UNIV. CLOSED THE PBFT LIFE CYCLE IN 2002

**AUSTRALIA: CLEANSEAS & SARDI SBFT** 

**USA: MIAMI AND BALTIMORE UNIVERSITIES** 

PANAMA: ACHOTINES / IATTC / KINKI UNIVERISTY YFT

**BALI (INDONESIA): YFT** 

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- 1.- The fact that the captive BFT broodstock spawned massively in a spontaneous way from 2010 up to now, far from the BFT natural spawning areas shows that :
  - (a) the conditions present in the area are sufficient to allow completion of the reproductive cycle
  - (b) the fish have reached an important degree of domestication as a result of their stay at the experimental farm for several years
- 2.- The sea weather and currents have a crucial influence on the amount of collected eggs

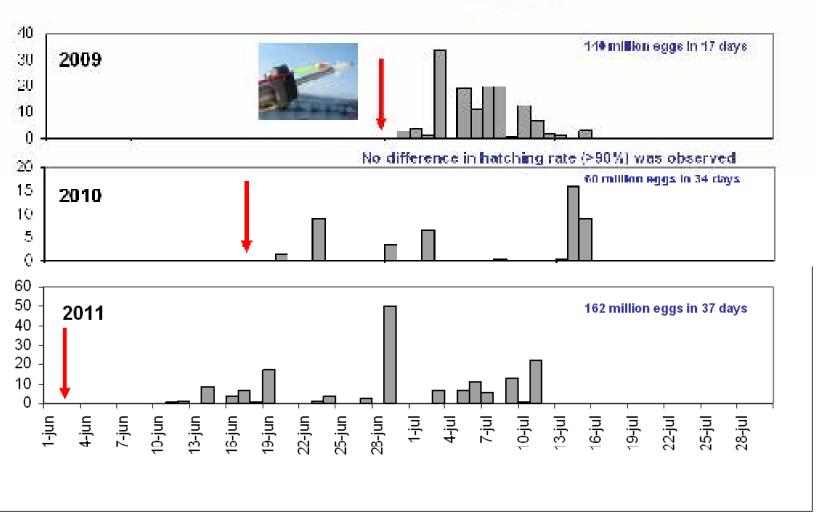
#### **PROBLEMS**

- 1.- The natural spawning period is too short (1.5 months) for maintaining a commercial activity
- 2.- Bad sea conditions could avoid the egg collection
- 3.- The bluefin tuna eggs comes with eggs of another species, some of them predators

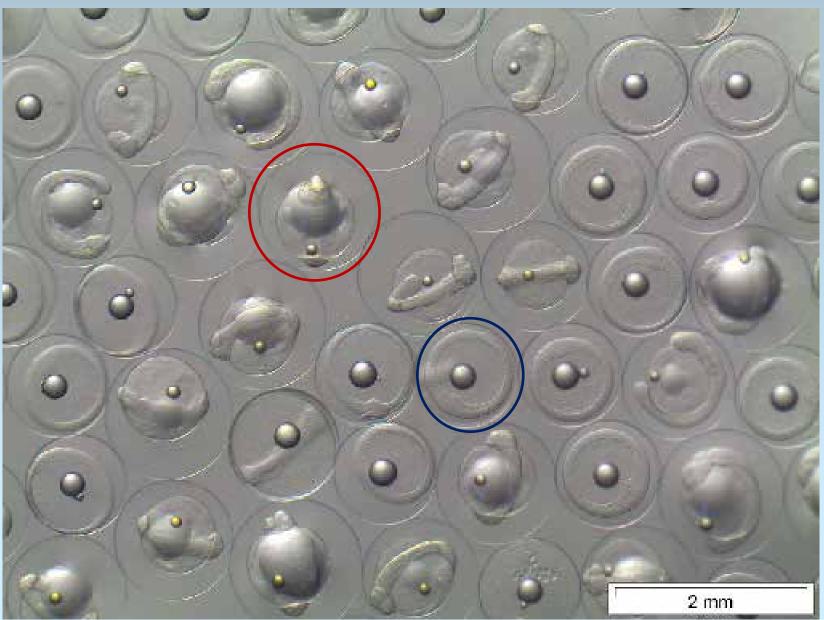
2008



No eggs were collected























## ICRA (Infrastructure for the Control of the Reproduction of Atlantic bluefin tuna)









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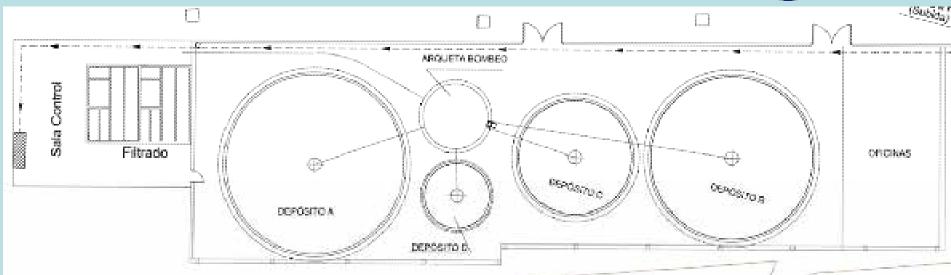
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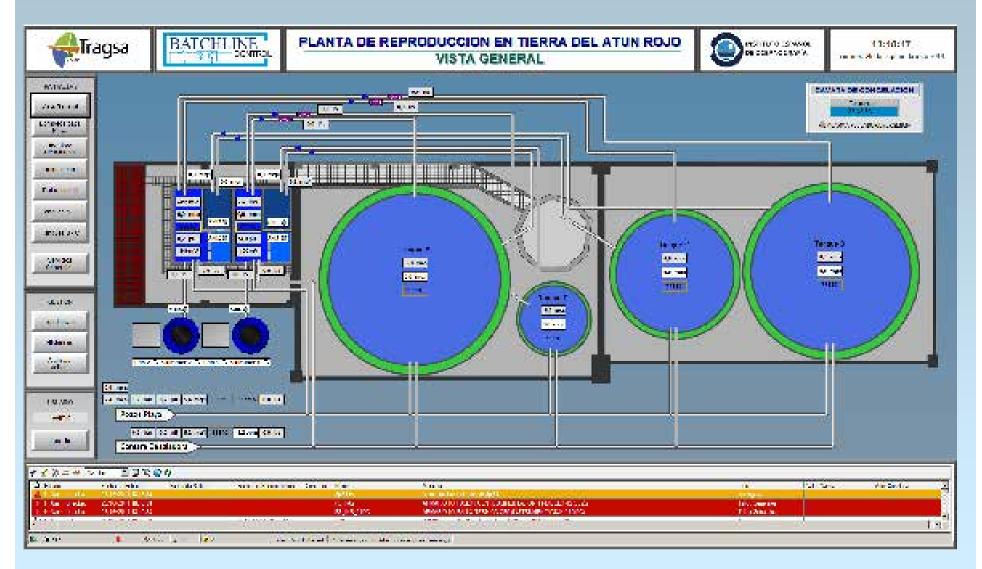


- 2 BROODSTOCK TANKS: 22 y 20 m Ø y 9 m depth 3.500 and 2.500 m³ 25 and 30 individuals
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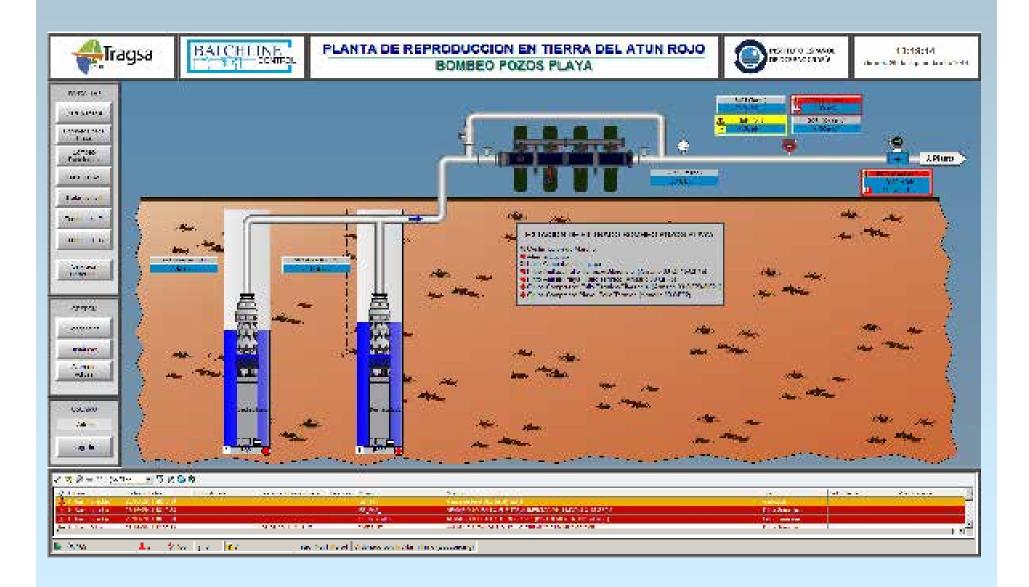
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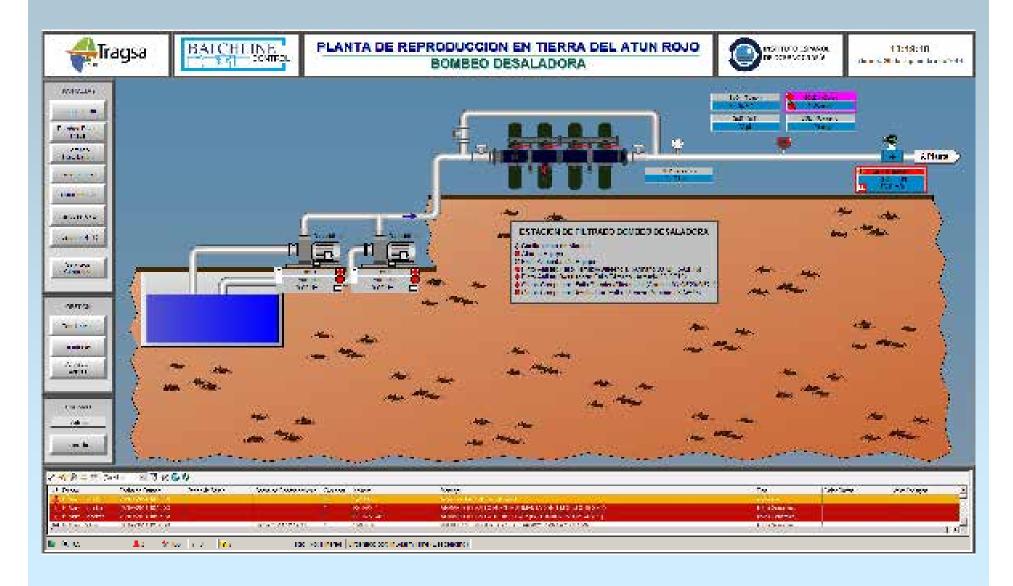




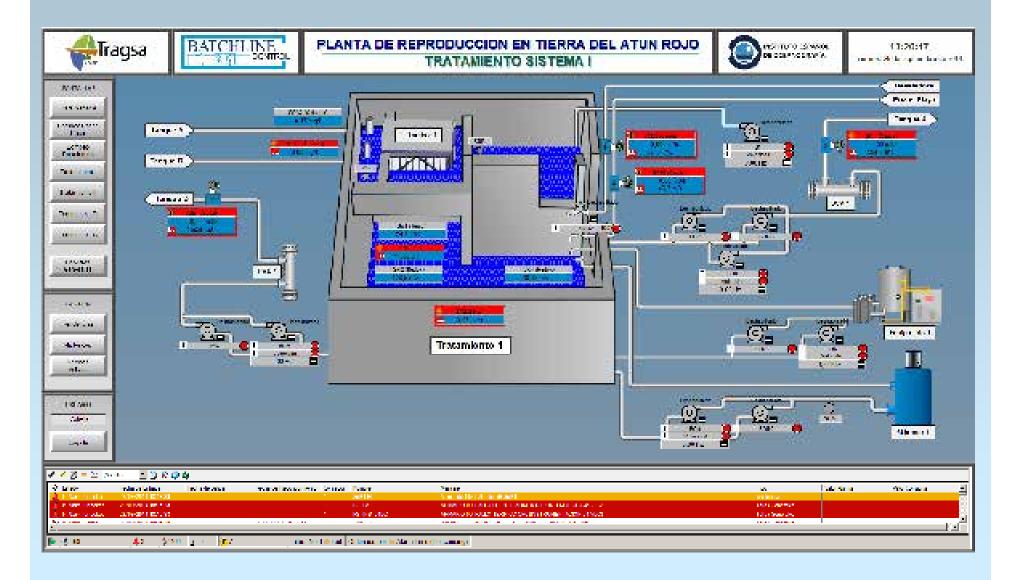








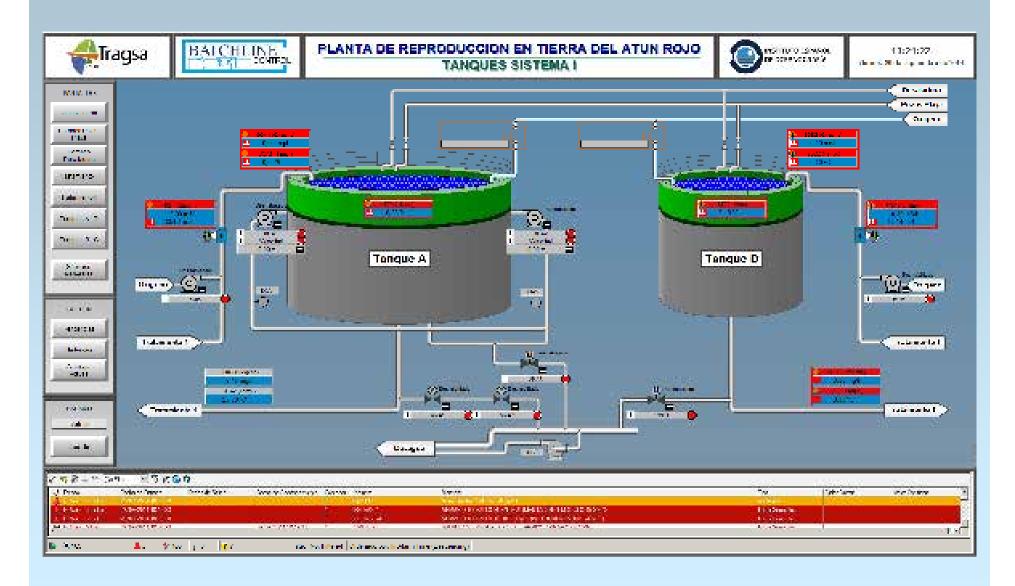




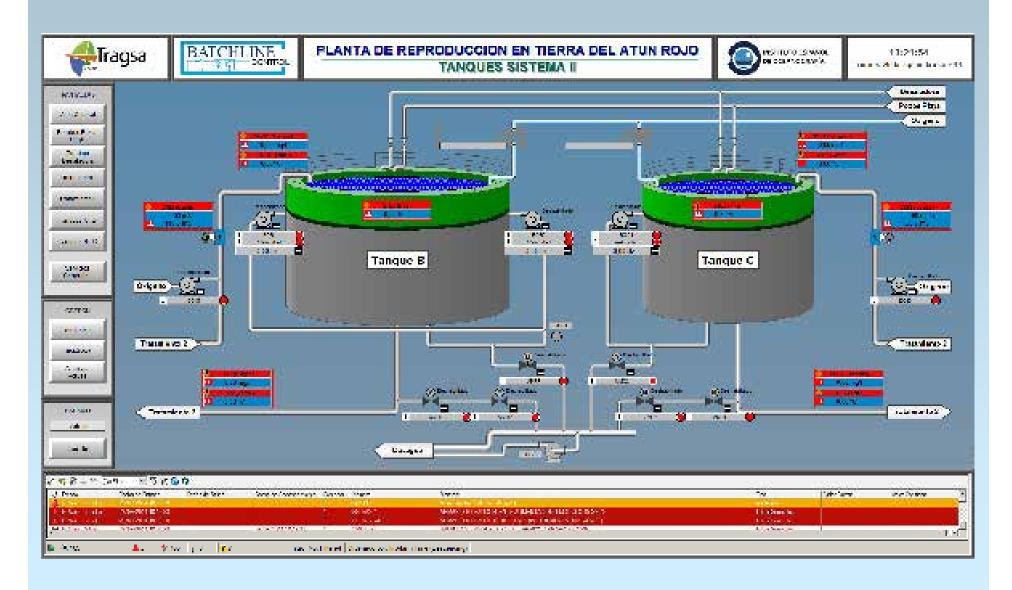








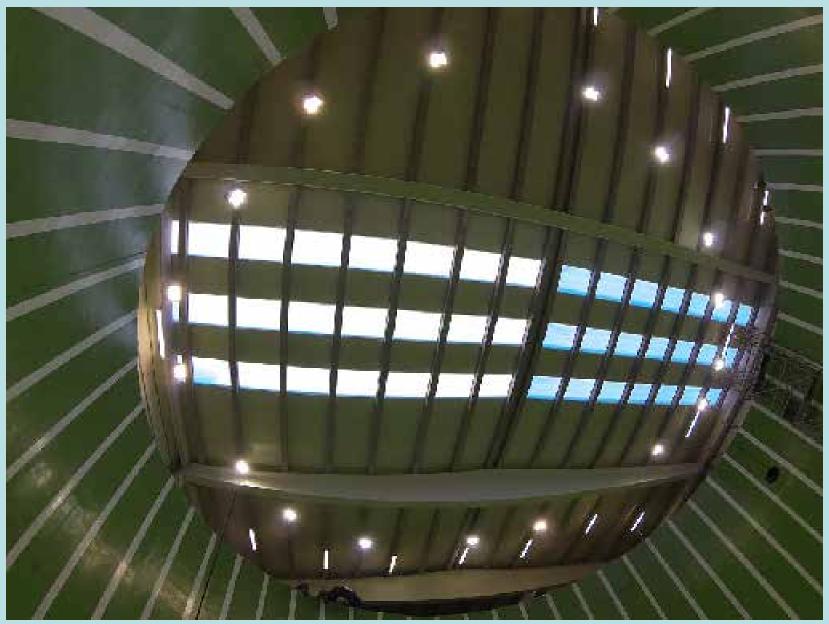




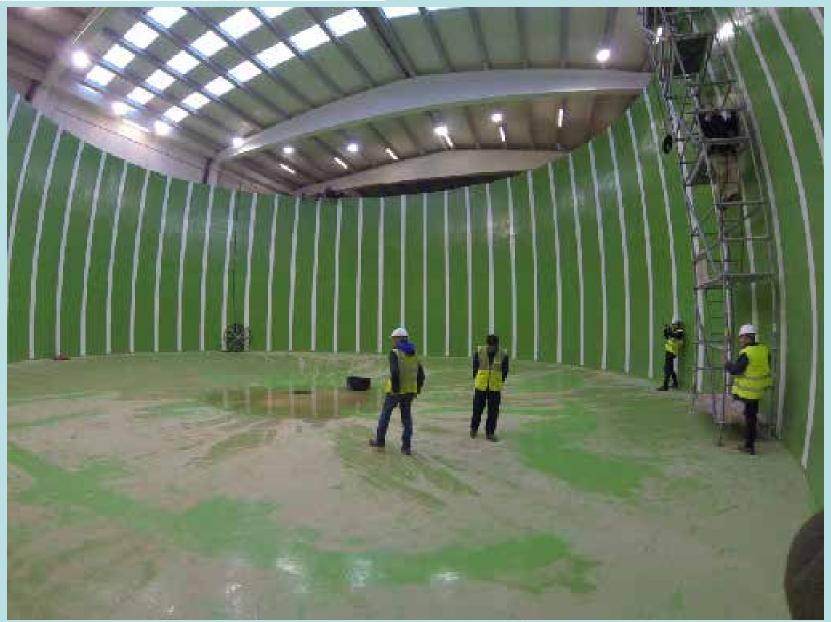








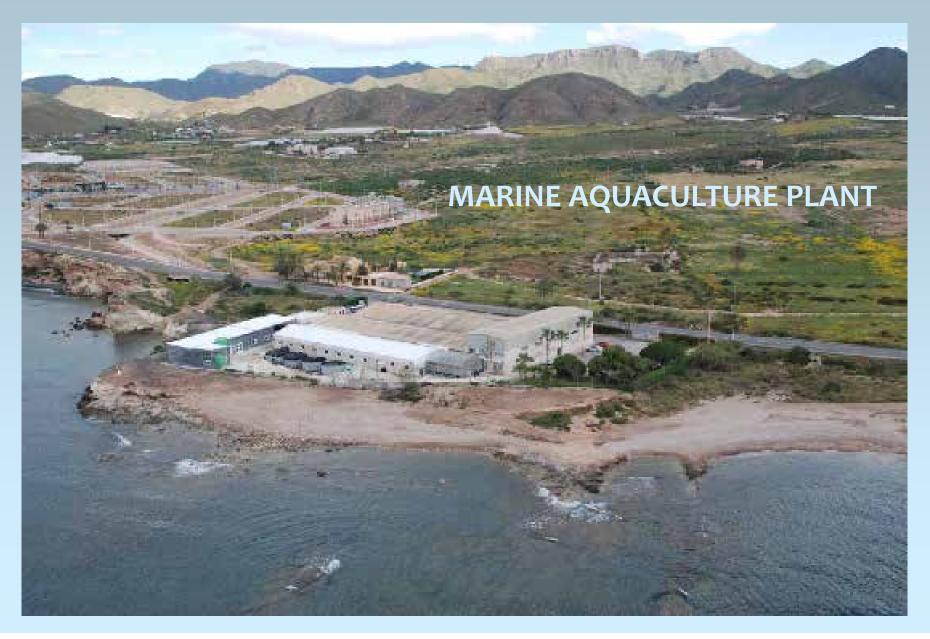












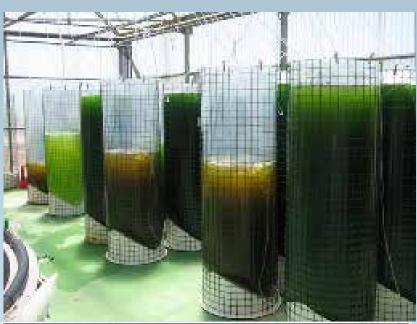














## **Objectives**

The general objectives of the infrastructure are to provide the scientific community at national and international level, an open access, state-of- the art and unique facilities devoted to competitive research and technology transfer for bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) reproduction in captivity and juvenile production.

### The specific objectives are:

- -To contribute to the sustainable production of the Atlantic Bluefin tuna by means of the full cycle aquaculture, independently of the captures
- To increase the knowledge of the bluefin tuna biology for a better fisheries management contributing to it sustainability



## AQUAculture infrastructures for EXCELlence in European fish research towards 2020

# Singular scientific and technological infrastructures (ICTS)



Map of Singular Scientific and Technologica Infrastructures (ICTS) The ICTS are facilities, resources, equipment and services, unique in its kind, and dedicated to cutting edge high quality research and development, to promote transfer, exchange and preservation of knowledge, technology and innovation.











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