



# Storyline # 13

SEABREAM AND SEABASS IN WESTERN  
MEDITERRANEAN AND ATLANTIC COASTS OF  
SOUTHERN EUROPE



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Climate change and European  
aquatic RESources



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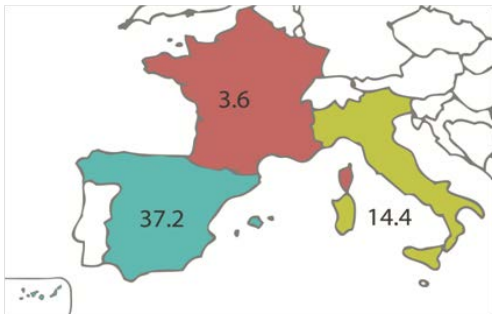
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# Introduction



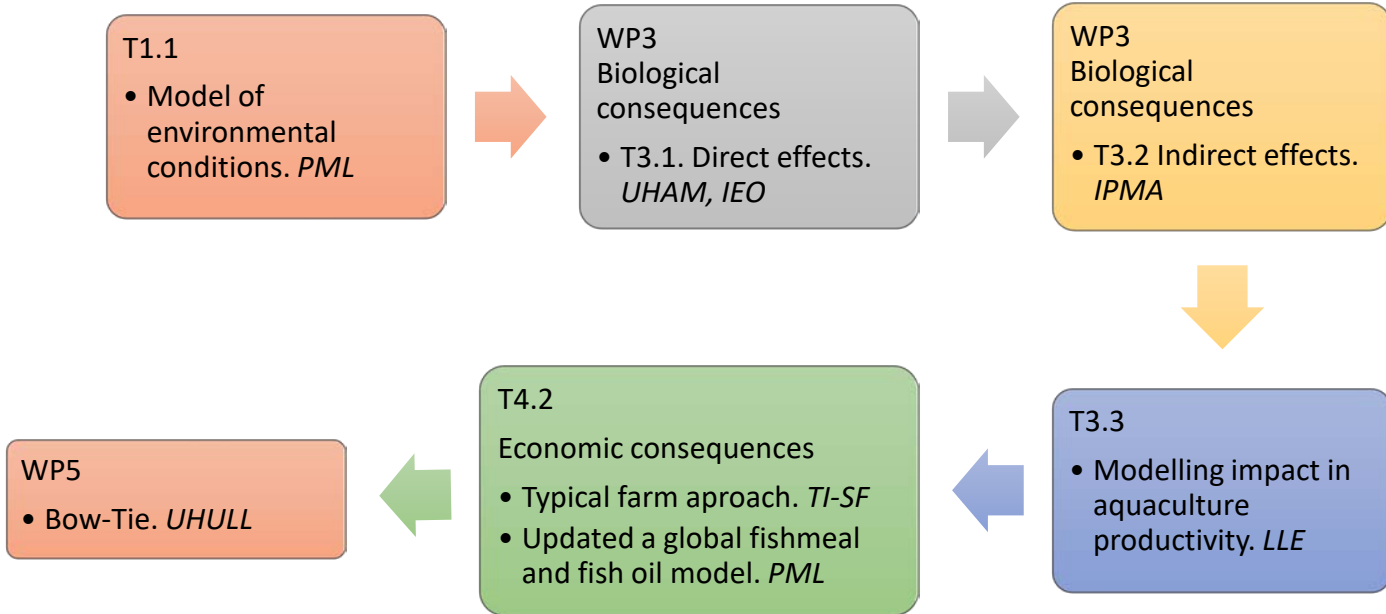
- ✓ Gilthead sea bream (*Sparus aurata*) and European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) are the main species currently farmed on a large scale in South Europe.
- ✓ **Total aquaculture production** of sea bream and sea bass in Europe: **339,724 tons** in 2017 (FAO, 2018; FEAP, 2018)
- ✓ **First-sale value** of the sea bream and sea bass Mediterranean aquaculture: **1,814 million Euros** (FAO, 2018; FEAP, 2018)
- ✓ The main producers countries in West Europe were Spain, Italy and France



Total production in 2017 (x1000 tons) (data from FAO, FEAP and APROMAR)

How climate change will affect seabream and seabass culture in Western Mediterranean and Atlantic coast of Southern Europe and how should fish farms adapt to ocean warming?

# Main Findings & Results



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- Model of environmental conditions. *Susan Key*

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Biological consequences

- T3.1. Direct effects. *Marta Moyano, Virginia Martín*

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Biological consequences

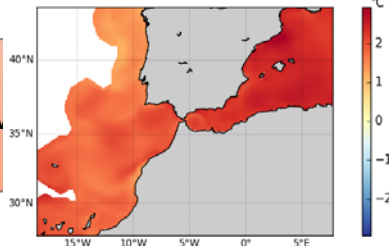
- T3.2 Indirect effects. *Antonio Marques*

➤ Modelled of environmental conditions and projected change under different scenarios in West Mediterranean and South Atlantic (PML)

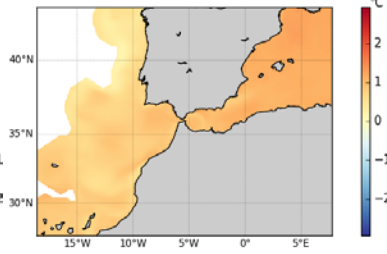
“World market scenario”

“Global sustainability scenario”

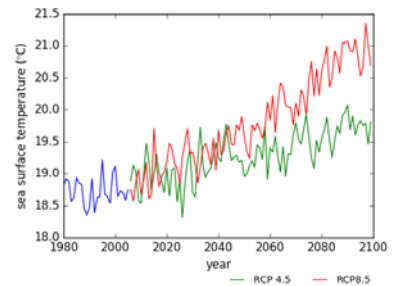
(a) SST for W Med and Atlantic difference for 2080-2099 compared to 2000-2019, RCP 8.5



(b) SST for W Med and Atlantic difference for 2080-2099 compared to 2000-2019, RCP 4.5



(c) Annual mean sea surface temperature for W\_Med\_and\_Atlanti



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Figure 2 Projected changes in sea surface temperature for Western Mediterranean/Atlantic coasts of Southern Europe. Mean temperatures for mid and end-century under RCP 8.5 (a) and RCP 4.5 (b). (c) Annual mean for the same region.

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- T3.2 Indirect effects. *IPMA*

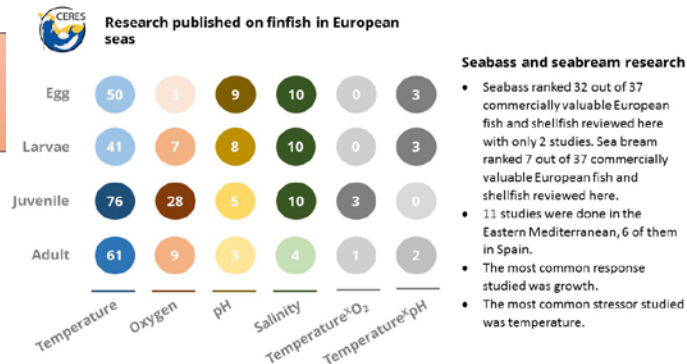
(UHAM, DTU, HCMR, IEO, IPMA, DLO, IMR, INCDDD, CSIC, ICR)

- Data-reviews on direct and indirect effects on seabream and seabass production.
- A meta-analytical approach to analyze quantitatively the collected data.

T1.2

## WP5

- Bow-Tie. *UHULL*



## T3.3

- Modelling impact in aquaculture productivity. *LLE*

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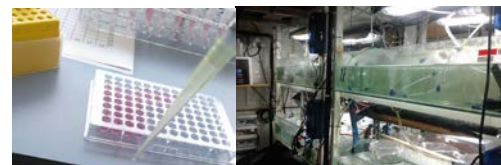
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Combined effect of  
temperature and feed  
restriction on growth,  
survival and stress  
biomarkers of farmed  
seabream juveniles (IEO)

Impact of toxic algal  
exposure on farmed  
seabream under  
warming and  
acidification (IPMA)

Estimation of critical  
thermal limits (CT) in  
seabream and seabass  
larvae and early juveniles  
(UHAM)

Effect of acidification  
on Fish-jellyfish  
interactions (IPMA)





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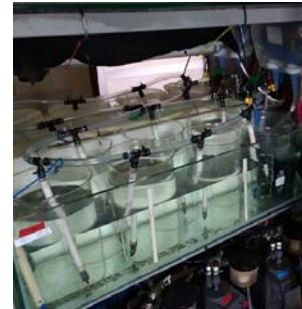
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Mortalities rates are not significantly affected by temperature, pH or feed restriction

Seawater warming may promote toxin accumulation in fish during HABs



Seawater warming promote increased growth and intake regardless of the food restriction

Acidification conditions result in a higher vulnerability of bream to jellyfish predation.



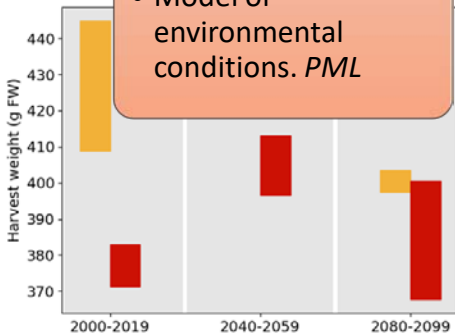
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✓ Individual growth model (WinFish) and Population model (FARM model) were developed for seabream

✓ FARM model for the typical sea bream farm in the Western Mediterranean under climate change

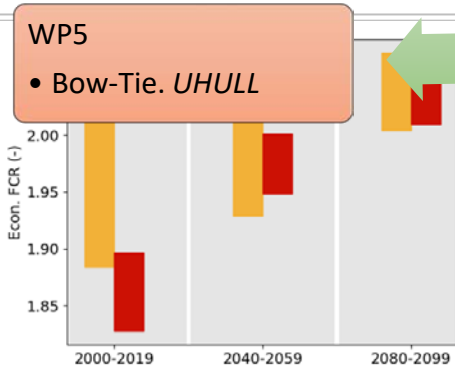
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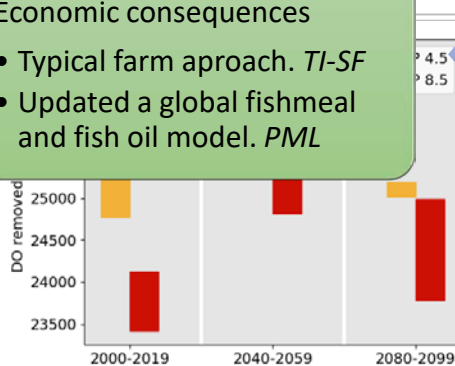
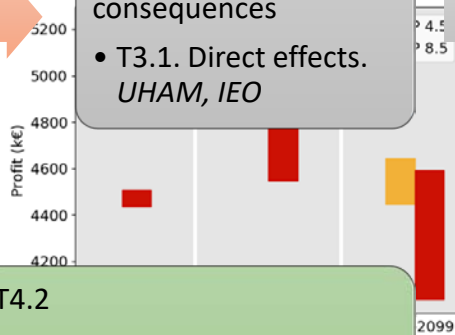
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## T4.2

Economic consequences

- Typical farm approach. *TI-SF*
- Updated a global fishmeal and fish oil model. *PML*



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## T3.3

- Modelling impact in aquaculture productivity. *LLE*

Range of FARM outputs for the typical sea bream farm in the Western Med under the different climate change scenarios. Blue and orange lines represent the minimum and maximum simulation values for the low-emission scenario and yellow areas represent the spread of simulation values for the high-emission scenario. LW: live weight; DO: dissolved oxygen.



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Typical sea bass farm from Canary Islands (ES-BSS-1224):

- Annual production 1224 tons
- Main cost factors

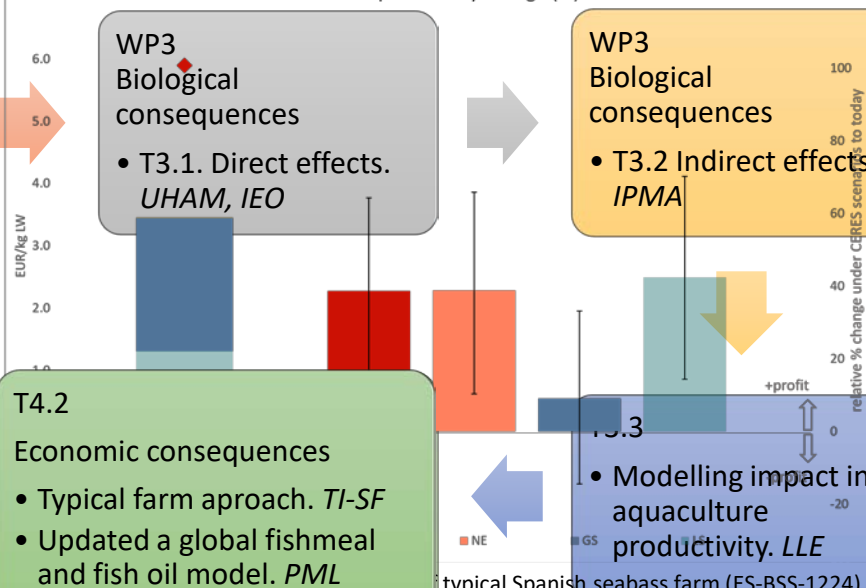
- feed costs 61.67%
- stocking costs 18.13%
- environmental conditions PML 16%.



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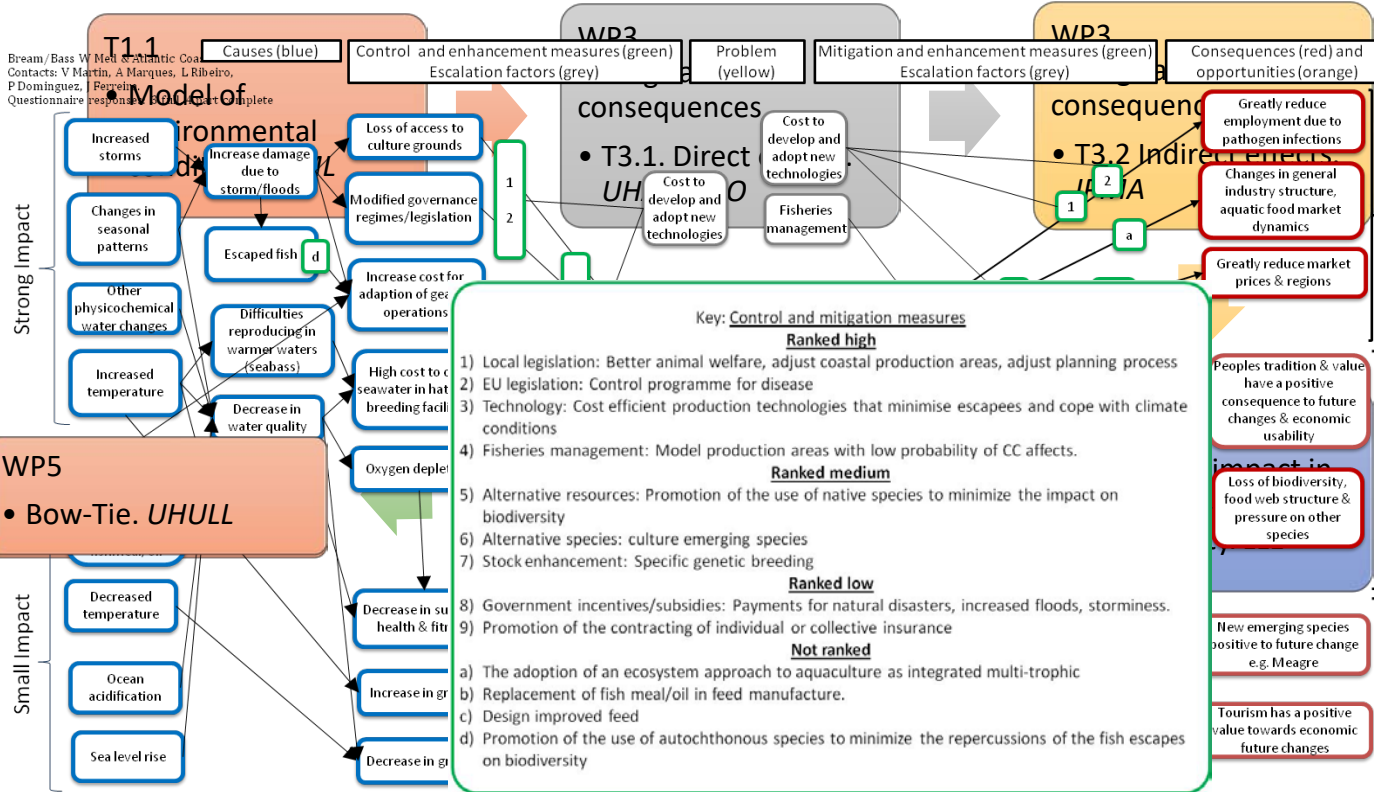
ES-BSS-1224: 2016 Costs and returns and profitability change (%) in 2050 under CERES scenarios



profitability (returns against costs) in the year 2050 under the CERES scenarios World Market = WM, National Enterprise = NE, Global Sustainability = GS, Local Stewardship = LS compared to today (right). Error bars indicate 95% upper and lower probability ranges from Monte Carlo simulation results. Grey lines indicate higher or lower profitability compared to 2016.

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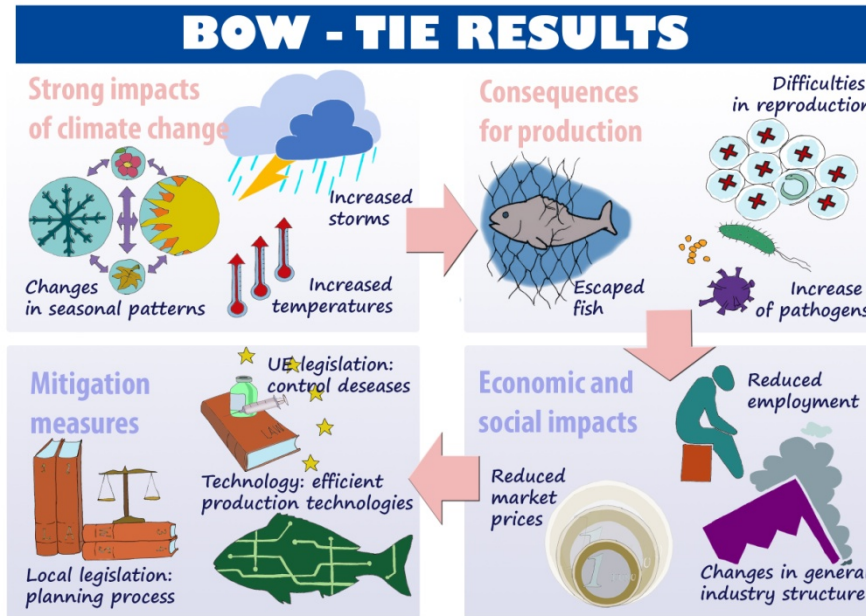
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## Main recommendations

- Simplify certain administrative procedures. Regulations and administrative procedures appropriate to the possible adaptation measures of the facilities.
- Diversification of species. Development of techniques for rearing and production of the new species for aquaculture including promotion of the use of native species.
- Proper planning and management of aquaculture sites. Facility designs to minimize massive leaks.
- Control diseases. Implementing severe biosecurity programs.



# Stakeholder Engagement

- Large corporations do not provide any information about their activity
- Small fish farms were more collaborative. They are more concerned about looking for practical solutions to the day to day problems.





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