



Grant aid for the Aquaculture Sector

The Sustainable Aquaculture Scheme



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Sustainable Aquaculture Scheme

- This is a scheme under the EMFF (European Maritime & Fishing Fund) Operational Programme 2014 – 2020.
- Objective: To enhance the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises and to do so in a sustainable manner and to preserve and protect the environment and promote resource efficient aquaculture.
- Managing Authority is the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine
- Intermediate Bodies for Type 3 projects are **An Bord Iascaigh Mhara** and **Údaras na Gaeltachta**
If you are in an Údaras area you will apply to them for funding under this scheme.
- A grant is combined funding from the Irish Exchequer and the EU(EMFF).

Compliant with licences

- All supports to the aquaculture sector under the EMFF OP will be confined strictly to aquaculture enterprises that are fully compliant with the terms and conditions of their aquaculture and foreshore licences. Non licence holders cannot apply under this scheme.
- Supports under the EMFF OP for productive investments in aquaculture will be available only to sites that are fully licensed in compliance with the Habitats and Birds Directives.

Main Schemes for Non Licence Holders

Seafood Processing Capital Investment Scheme

Qualifying criteria apply, and this scheme is more focused on large (>€200k spend) food/ingredients projects.

Seafood Innovation and Business Planning Scheme

Flexible scheme, suited to specific NPD and innovation projects in Seaweed sector.

(**Contact** Máirtín Walsh, BIM, Development & Innovation Services about these first two schemes and he will direct you as relevant)

Seafood R&D Scheme

Up to 100% funding / non SME/ research provider only

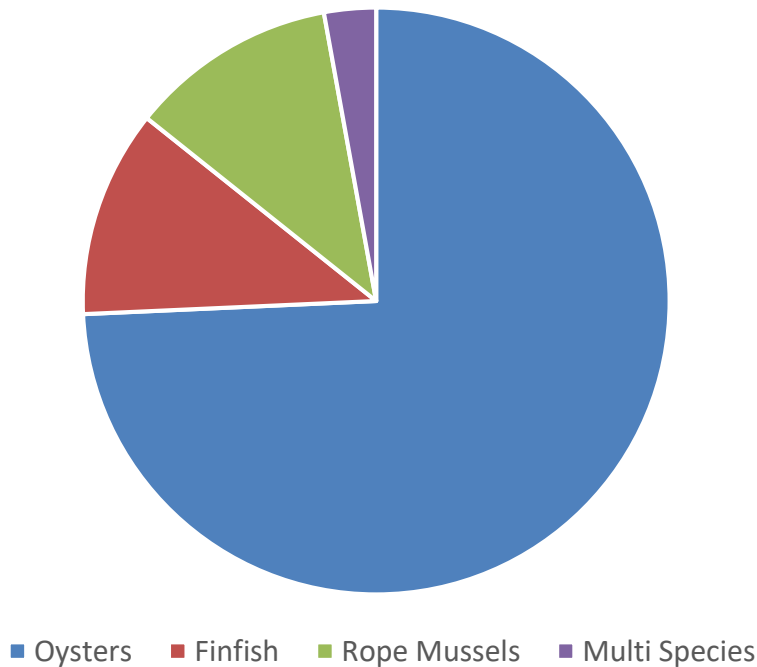
(**Contact** Michael Gallagher, BIM Development & Innovation Services)

FLAGS (Fisheries Local Area Group Development)

Is ideally suited to supporting seaweed projects. **Contact** according to Location of project/applicant (FLAGs co-ordinators for the relevant regions will direct you)

2018 Investment in SAS scheme: Species Profile

Species Type: Project Number



Examples of what has been funded in the current scheme

Rope Mussel Farm



Oyster Trestles and bags



Aquaculture Workboat



Construction of new perch farm



Salmon Farm Ocean Pens

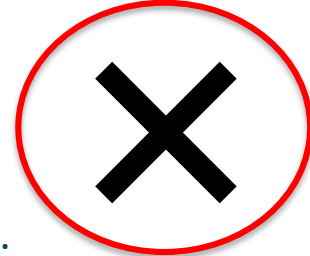


New Shellfish Handling Facility



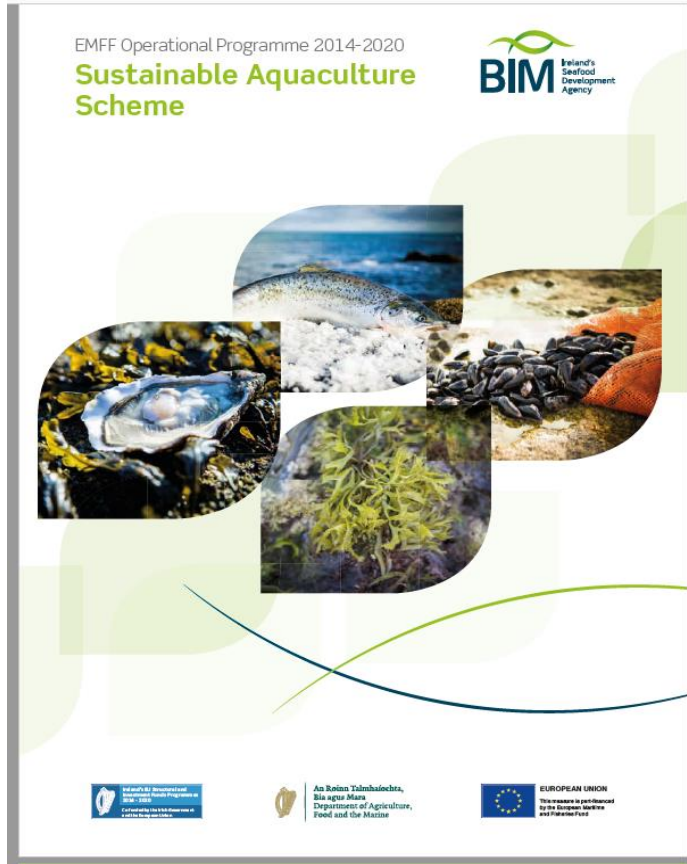


A sample of Ineligible Items



- Non tangible items e.g. ESB connection to a facility. This is not a fixed asset.
- Any work carried out as part of a regulatory requirement e.g. planning application costs.
- Repair/maintenance work
- Replacement of existing equipment.
- Second hand machinery, growing equipment, boats etc.
- Expenditure made prior to an application.
- Clothing/Packaging
- Expenditure to purchase land and/or buildings
- Purchase of passenger vehicles (including jeeps, transit vans etc)
- Office equipment and furniture
- Goods purchased under hire purchase agreements
- Goods purchased under lease agreements.

The Application Form



Available on our website:
www.bim.ie/schemes/sustainable,aquaculture,scheme/

Before diving into the form:
Make contact with Project
Development Section to
discuss your project.

Make the time to sit down
and get your paperwork in
order. Don't just fire anything
in and hope for the best!



Applicant Types

Applicant will be one of the following

New Aquaculture Farmer*

SME Aquaculture Farmer

Non SME Aquaculture Enterprise



*A new Aquaculture Farmer is a new entrant to the sector who has never previously held an aquaculture licence, either in their own name or as the director or owner of another business.

Grant Rates

Category of Beneficiaries	Maximum Support Rate	Maximum Support per annum
New Aquaculture Farmers	50%	€1,000,000
SME Aquaculture Enterprises	40%	€1,000,000
Non SME Aquaculture Enterprises	30%	€1,000,000

If a new aquaculture total expenditure will exceed €50,000 they must supply a business feasibility report along with the application form

The relevant project type:

Project Type 3: Capacity Building

Capacity Building Projects support capital investment by aquaculture enterprises, which will enable enterprises to grow sustainable production, value and employment; they will also encourage the entry into the sector of new aquaculture enterprises and will support the evolution of SME enterprises through scaling-up

Additional documents you need to submit

A copy of your Aquaculture/Foreshore licence with the site maps

If a company: Copy of Certificate of Incorporation

A Current Tax Clearance Cert
(access code etc)

A set of signed accounts



Three current Quotations for
each item of expenditure

If a lease is applicable to application a
copy of same

If land based facility a copy of planning
permission and title to land



The Core of the project: Quotes

- For each item of expenditure you must supply three quotes. In cases where the item costs less than €5,000 one is acceptable.
- At the time of application have your preferred supplier in place
- Some items are specialist so you may only be able to obtain less than three quotes but you must state this on the form. It is not, however, acceptable to write specialist supplier beside every quote you supply.

7.2 Quotation Reconciliation Sheet

Grant is calculated on the total excluding VAT.

Work Heading	Item of Expenditure	Quotation Reference No. & Supplier	Using this supplier Yes/No	Cost €	
				Incl. VAT	Excl. VAT
(e) Shellfish Culture	Barrels	xhdf Ltd	Yes	9,840.90	8,000.73
	Barrels	ert Supplier	No	11,685.00	9,500.00
	Could not get 3rd supplier				
(e) Shellfish Culture	Longlines	dhfhfh Ltd	Yes	30,142.38	24,506.00
	Longlines	tyu Ltd	No	27,060.00	22,000.00
	Longline	kld Ltd	No	25,215.00	20,500.00
(k) Boats	fibreglass boat	xxx Ltd	No	12,000.00	14,760.00
	fibreglass boat	YYY Ltd	No	7,983.00	9,820.00
	fibreglass boat	rrr Ltd	Yes	12,300.00	10,000.00

Your preferred item due to spec may not necessarily be the cheapest quote.

SUMMARY OF THE PLANNED WORK - Original quotations required

Work Heading	Cost of Work (Excluding VAT) €	Quotation Reference No. (See reconciliation sheet attached).
– other		
(d) Cages		
(e) Shellfish culture: production and collection equipment	32,506.73	xhdf Ltd & dhfhfh Ltd
(f) Equipment/machinery		
(g) Marking and surveillance equipment, protection		
(h) Other investment		
(i) Internal transport		
(j) External transport		
(k) Boats	10,000.00	rrr Ltd
Total Investment Costs excluding VAT		
General contingencies max 5% of above		
Grand Total (excluding VAT)	42,506.73	

Don't round off any expenditure, put to the exact cent.

Cost of Work:

	€	%
Grand Total Cost of Project - See Summary of Planned Work	42506.73	100

Financed as Follows:

	€	%
Contribution of the Beneficiary		
– own funds/Issued Share Capital	25,504.04	60%
– loans (See 8.2).		
Grants	17,002.69	40%
Other Financial Contributions		
Total Financing = Grand Total Cost of Project	42506.73	100

Documents must be supplied to illustrate you have the private funding % of the project

The Process: Step by Step

- There is an open call for projects under this scheme.
- An applicant can apply throughout the year, however for administrative reasons all completed claims must be into the project development section in BIM by 31st October at the latest; there is no issue with claims being completed before that date and now throughout the year, we have developed a staggered approach where the section is receiving claims from late Spring to Summer.
- An applicant can only make one application in a year, so it is advised in advance of submitting to discuss your project with the project development section.



Application is submitted and assessed by Project Development Section



Provided all is in order the project is registered by BIM



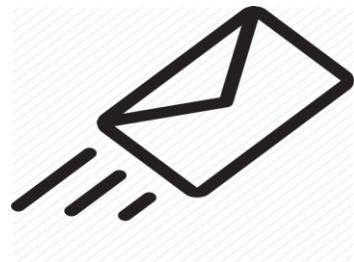
Letter acknowledging receipt of application is sent out

In advance of an approval meeting you can now begin your project at your own risk



Approval meeting takes place to consider projects

If approved the next document you receive is your letter of offer which details the terms and conditions of the grant



If you are happy to proceed, you sign the acceptance page on this letter and return to BIM

You complete the project and are responsible for the full outlay in advance of redeeming the approved grant.

Certified Claim is submitted + Site visit verification carried out by BIM

Drawdown of monies is then approved



Summary

- Keep your application straight forward and in line with the scheme.
- Plan and commit to the expenditure in your application – don't put in the kitchen sink!
- Make sure all your additional documents are ready.
- If you are unsure of any aspect of the form or the process contact the project development section, they will be happy to assist you.
- Do not make any expenditure in advance of receiving an acknowledgement letter from BIM, as this expenditure will be deemed ineligible.

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