# PARAFISHCONTROL: ADVANCED TOOLS AND RESEARCH STARTEGIES FOR PARASITE CONTROL IN EUROPEAN FARMED FISH



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1 the ParaFishControl Project





Total cost
8,104,133 €
EU Contribution
7,800,000 €

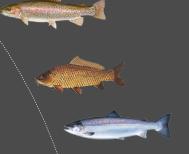
Advanced Tools and Research
Strategies for Parasite Control in European farmed fish

5 YEARS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT-Started in 2015





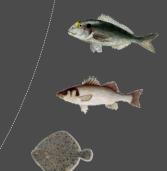


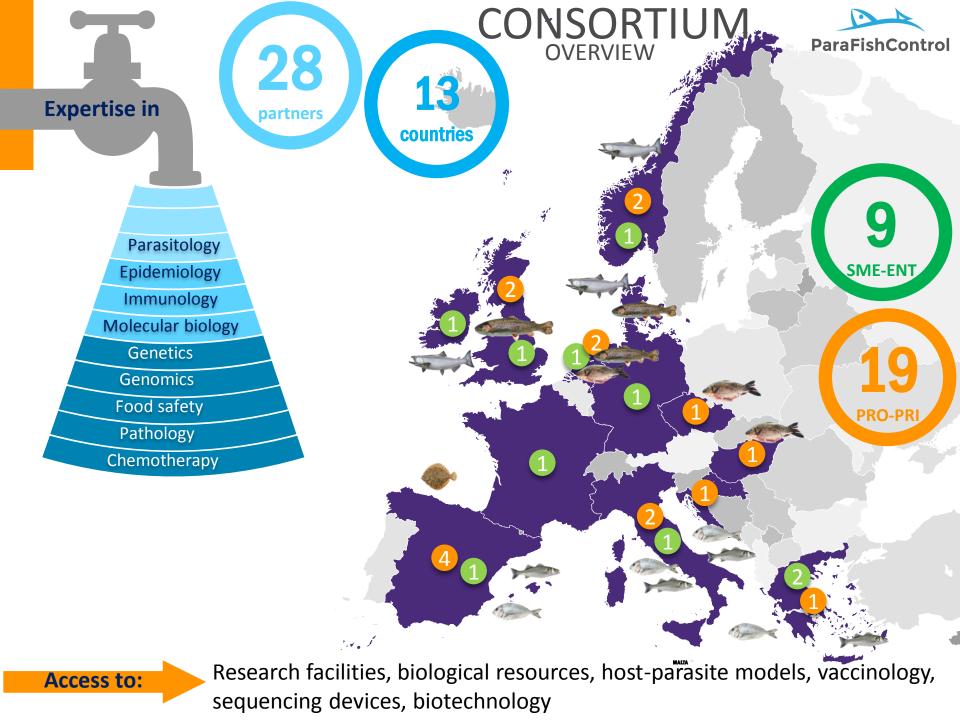


#### **GLOBAL OBJECTIVE**

- ✓ Increasing sustainability and competitiveness of European aquaculture
- ✓ Improving understanding of fish-parasite interactions
- ✓ Developing innovative solutions and tools for the prevention, control and mitigation of the major parasites







#### **Industry**



















#### Research















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WP1 Host-parasite interactions: Study transcriptomes and determine key genes (NGS); Proteomics to determine key proteins of parasites and their hosts. Use data to identify potential drug and/or vaccine targets and develop diagnostic tests

WP2 Wild-farmed fish parasite transfer: Develop necessary molecular tools and collect data to help provide a basis for better/novel zooprophylactic strategies WP3 **Prophylaxis: Vaccine development and testing** at lab and field trials and development of

**immunostimulatory feeds** with *in vitro* tests and farm trials WP4 Diagnostics: Lab tests with analytical optimisation; Reference diagnostic tests, validated methods in

ringtests; Rapid on-site assessment, point-of care kits WP5 **Innovative treatments:** Rapid to implement alternative treatments; Water- and fish rearing unit treatments; Optimised use of predator fish; Newly identified reagents for parasite treatment;

Targeted treatments/immunotherapy WP6 Risk analysis and surveillance: Biosecurity and IPMS; Tools for assessing economics of alternative control strategies; Future risks and sector level solutions and future challenges; Deposition of

parasite samples and metadata in Biobank **Fish product safety:** On-site detection of presence of zoonotic parasites based on

WP7 validated/calibrated detection methods; Establishment of a Voluntary Control System; Good Practice Handbook for parasite-free culture

WP8 Dissemination, technology transfer and take-up

WP9 **Coordination and Management** 

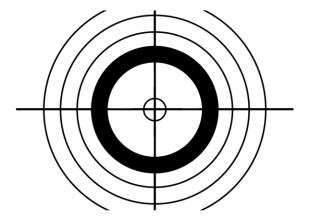
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## 2 The targets



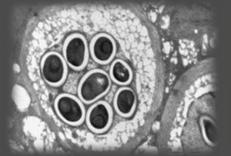




#### Enterospora nucleophila























Ceratothoa oestroides

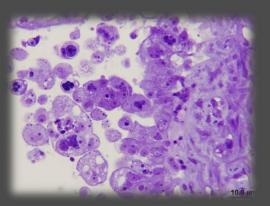
Amyloodinium ocellatum

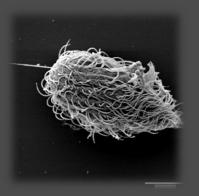
#### Enteromyxum scophthalmi Philasterides dicentrarchi













Lepeophtheirus salmonis Neoparamoeba perurans Saprolegnia parasitica







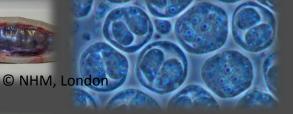


Tetracapsuloides bryosalmonae

Ichthyophthirius multifiliis





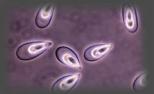




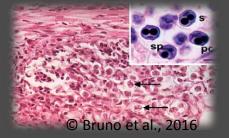












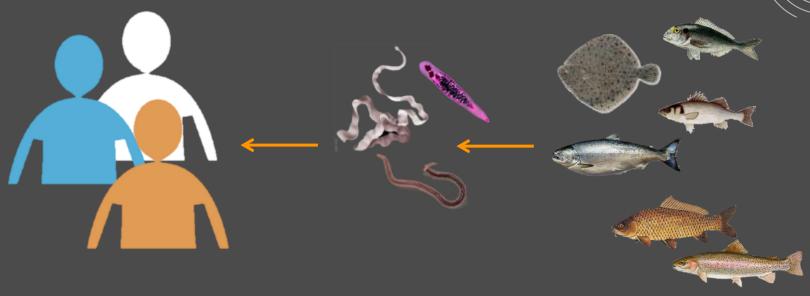
Telohanellus kitauei

Sphaerospora molnari



#### **Zoonotic helminths**





#### **Economic Impact of Parasites in Finfish Aquaculture**

- Direct mortality
- Morbidity: Decreased FCR & growth, parasitic castration
- Increased susceptibility to other diseases (opportunistic)
- Reduced ability to cope with changes and handling
- Harvest downgrades, loss of market, reduced durability
- Costs of treatments, prevention strategies, mort disposal, etc.
- World (Shin et al., Global Aquaculture Advocate, 2015):
  - Estimated losses due to parasitism: hatchery (20 %), growout (1-10% harvest)
  - Parasites' annual cost: from \$1.05 billion to \$9.58 billion
- EU (+ Norway) (H. Rodgers, FishVetGroup):
  - The value of salmon aquaculture in 2016: €12.5 billion
  - Parasite impact: €525 to 725 million pa (direct & indirect)



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3 The approach and solutions







#### > 47 KOs collected



- KO #1 Risk Factors for parasite infections (Owner: Cefas, ANDROMEDA, AQUARK, CSIC, IOR, SKRET, USC, UNIBO, UNIUD)
- KO #2 Infection model for Saprolegnia (both diclina and parasitica) (WU)
- KO #3 White spot disease control with bacterial surfactant (Owner: KNAW, KU Patent number EP17202669)
- KO #4 Sparicotylosis alternative treatments (Owner: IOR)
- KO #5 Anisakis detection portable kit (Owner: AZTI)
- KO #6 Best Practices of farm management to avoid presence of Anisakis in farmed fish (Owner: AZTI et al.)
- KO #7 Alternative treatment strategies for Saprolegnia (Owner: UNIBO)
- KO #8 Ich recombinant protein and homogenate vaccines (Owner: KU, MTA)
- KO #9 Expression of two proteins of Ich in Pichia (Owner: KU, W42)
- KO #10 PKD Vaccine (Owner: UNAB)
- . KO #11 In vivo infection model for AGD in salmon (Owner: Cefas)
- KO #12 In vitro infection model for AGD in salmon (Owner: UoS)
- KO #13 Compound that works against Paramoeba perurans (AGD) (Owner: UoS)
- KO #14 Salivary gland proteins from Lepeohtheirus salmonis (Owner: UiB and UoS)
- KO #15 Vaccines against Sphaerospora molnari in carp (Owner: BCAS)
- KO #16 Immunostimulants against Sphaerospora molnari in carp (Owner: BCAS, SKRET)
- KO #17 qPCR for Sphaerospora molnari and T. kitauei (Owner: BCAS)
- KO #18 Immunostimulants against Amyloodinium ocellatum (Owner: UNIUD)
- KO #19 Alternative treatments for Ceratothoa oestroides (Owner: IOR)
- KO #20 Point of care for E. leei sea bream (Owner: CSIC, INGENASA)
- KO #21 Infection models for E. leei (Owner: CSIC)
- KO #22 Immunostimulants for Ich (Owner: KU)
- KO #23 Alternative treatment strategies for Ich (Owner: MTA)
- KO #24 Alternative treatment strategies for Ich (Owner: KU)
- KO #25 Vaccines for Saprolegnia (Owner: UNAB)
- KO #26 New monoclonal antibodies for PKD (Owner: VAL)
- KO #27 Point of care tests for Enteromyxum spp. (Owner: CSIC, INGENASA)
- KO #28 Alternative treatments for Philasterides dicentrarchi (Owner: USC)
- KO #29 Vaccines for Philasterides dicentrarchi (Owner: USC, CSIC, INIA)
- KO #30 Point of care test for P. perurans (Owner: Cefas)
- KO #31 Repository of diagnostic methods (Owner: CSIC, DTU, UNIBO, IOR, UoS, UNAB, Cefas, BCAS, MTA, USC, KU)

- KO #32 SHIELD new diet for sea bream (Owner: SKRET)
- KO #33 Strategy to block the interaction of BAFF with its receptor as a treatment against proliferative kidney disease (PKD) (Owner: INIA-UNAB - Patent in progress)
- KO #34 Challenge model for Amyloodinium ocellatum (Owner: UNIUD)
- KO #35 Sequencing of Amyloodinium ocellatum (genome) (Owner: UNIUD)
- KO #36 Vaccine for Amyloodinium ocellatum (Owner: UNIUD)
- KO #37 Two different qPCR protocols for detection of Neoparamoeaba perurans (AGD) (Owner: DTU)
- KO #38 qPCR and ICH protocols for detection of Tetracapsuloides bryosalmonaeis (PKD) (Owner: DTU)
- KO #39 qPCR for Enterospora nucleophila (Owner: CSIC)
- KO #40 Methods for detection, quantification and discrimination of genotypes/serotypes of P. dicentrarchi (Owner: USC).
- KO #41 Tools for detection and identification of zoonotic metacercariae (Owner: UNIBO)
- KO #42 Sequencing of Enteromyxum leei (genome) (Owner: CSIC)
- KO #43 Sequencing of Enteromyxum scophthalmi (genome) (Owner: CSIC)
- KO #44 Sequencing of P. dicentrarchi (genome/ transcriptome) (Owner: USC).
- KO #45 Sequencing of Sphaerospora molnari (genome/transcriptome) (Owner: BCAS).
- KO #46 Sequencing of Paramoeba perurans (genome/transcriptome) (Owner: Cefas, UoS).
- KO #47 Sequencing of Sparicotyle chrysophrii (genome/transcriptome) (Owner: IOR, HCMR, CSIC).



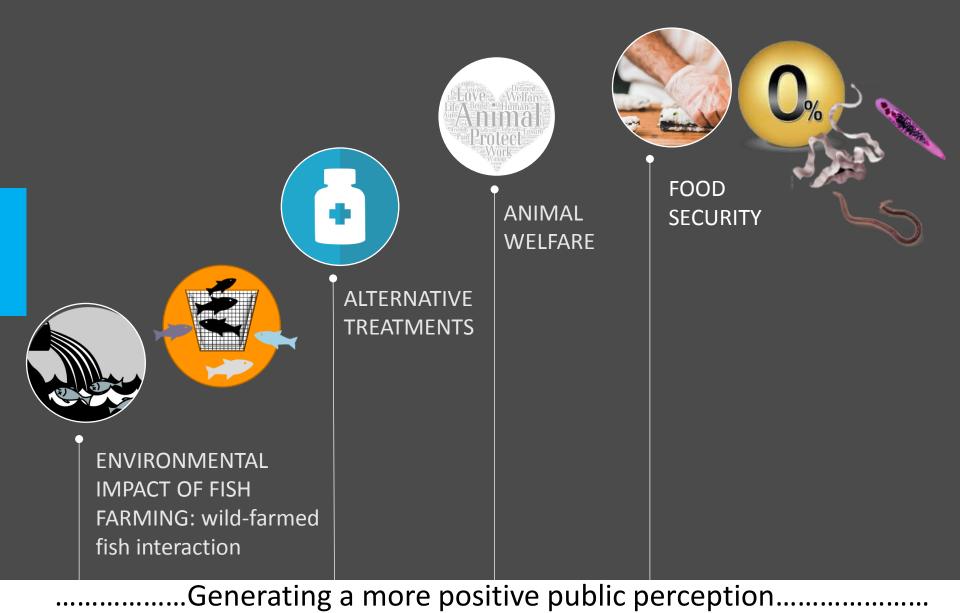


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**DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS:** Diagnostic repository, ISH, qPRC, Mabs, Kits, **POCs** 



**VACCINES IMMUNOPROFILAXIS**  **BIOSECURITY PLANS** & IPMS

Promoting preventive measures to diseases and adverse health conditions







**PATHOLOGY &** FISH IMMUNE **RESPONSE:** Tissues, cells, metabolites, molecules, genes, microbiota



SOP 25 **PARASITES** 



LIFE CYCLES **DECIPHERED** 

**GENOMES & TRANSCRIPTOMES SEQUENCED:** virulence factors, genes, proteins, scape pathways, antigens, etc.

IN VITRO CULTURE

**EXPERIMENTAL TRANSMISSION** 

Knowing the parasites and the hosts.



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4 Our legacy



#### FILLING THE GAP BETWEEN SCIENCE & INDUSTRY















# ParaFishControl



















# EU aquaculture priorities

Aquaculture is a key component of both the Common Fisheries Policy and the Blue Growth agenda. In consultation with stakeholders, the Commission has identified the main priorities to facilitate its sustainable development:



Simplify administrative procedures



Ensure access to space through coordinated spatial planning



Enhance the competitiveness of EU aquaculture



Promote a level playing field for EU operators









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