

Support for Dorset's Key Sectors

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Dorset's Key Sectors

- Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing
- Aquaculture, Agri-Tech, Food and Drink
- Creative Industries
- Financial Services



Aquaculture, AgriTech, Food and Drink



- This sector expected to grow faster than other sectors across UK economy over the next 10 years
- Global production increase of 5.8% year on year
- Continued growth of sector in UK - £943 Million by 2025
- **Different to Scottish Aquaculture**
- Freshwater and Saltwater

Dorset's Aquaculture Sector

- Largest rope grown mussel farm in Europe (shared with East Devon)
- Largest Pacific Oyster producer in England
- Unique composition of Dorset aquaculture sector
- Finfish production
- Offshore rope cultivation of shellfish
- Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS) production expansion
- Seaweed and Bi-valve shellfish cultivation
- UK Government funded 5G aquaculture tech trials



Embedding Aquaculture

- Dorset and East Devon FLAG
- High Potential Opportunity
- Dorset Mariculture Strategy
- Dorset Investment Prospectus
- Industrial Strategy
- Dorset Council Economic Plan



The Importance of Networking

- South West Aquaculture Network (SWAN)
- Maritime UK South West
- Local Enterprise Partnerships
- Coastal Partnerships Network
- South West Agri-Tech
- Department for International Trade (HPOs)

OUR VISION...

to become the leading region in the UK for the green and blue economy, **delivering £45bn of economic benefit and creating 190,000 new jobs.**

OUR AMBITION...

to focus on a future that is smart, connected and green. To become the cleanest economy in England and the first to be net carbon zero.



Levelling up fund

- Dorset Council seeking government investment in Weymouth and Portland area
- Skills and Jobs
- Infrastructure
- Sector specific infrastructure
- Potential opportunities for growth in aquaculture



Looking to the future

- English Aquaculture Hub concept development
 - Business Model
 - Technology in aquaculture
 - National Economic impact assessment
 - Led by Dorset Coast Forum
 - Stakeholder engagement key to success
- Dorset Council fully supportive of sector development
 - Jobs, skills, economic benefits to rural and coastal communities

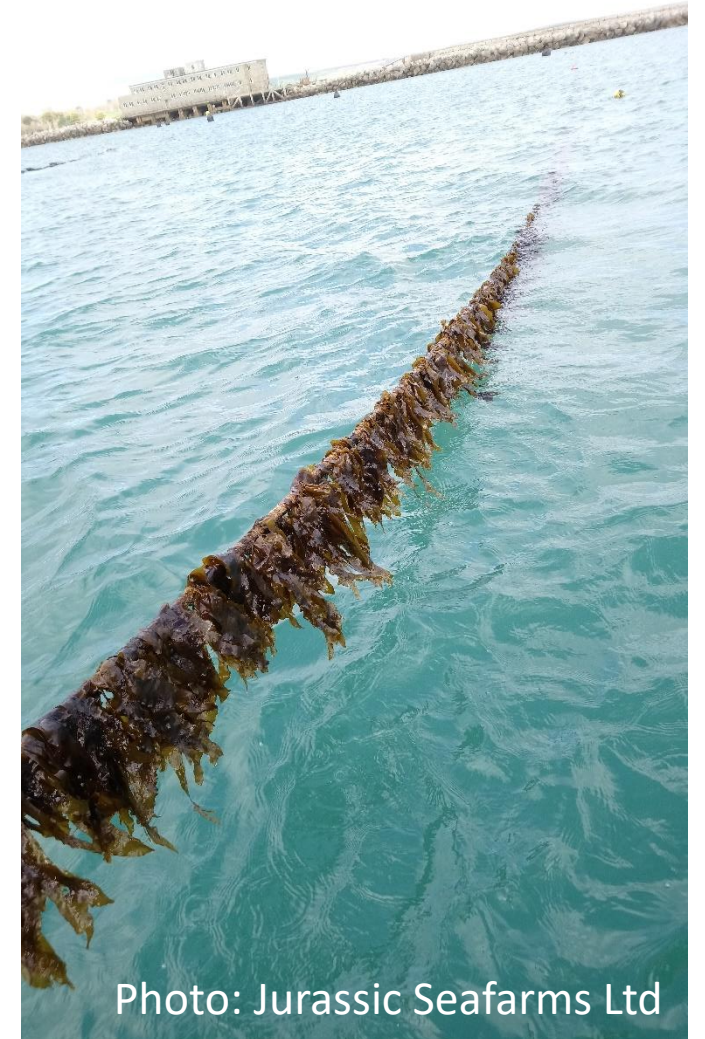


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