

## BIM EMFAF Work Programme Project Report 2022

<b>BENEFICIARY:</b>	Bord Iascaigh Mhara
<b>PROJECT REFERENCE NUMBER:</b>	22/KGS/DIS-BG010-BR048
<b>NAME OF PROJECT:</b>	<b>Industry Working Groups</b>
<b>IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:</b>	1st January to 31st December 2022

### Project Scope

To continue to run and support the Irish Oyster Packers Group in terms of conducting meetings and workshops. There is also a need for development and networking within the 'next generation' of oyster growers. To support this, it is planned to hold a workshop within Ireland for these new entrants to see best practice within Ireland and create synergies among these operators. The work of the Irish Oyster Packers Group has proven to be very beneficial for all members and based on this success it is planned to roll out similar type structures for the mussel and salmon sectors.

### Objectives

BIM wants to continue using a project-based model to drive this further collaboration within the aquaculture industry. The overall objective is to provide a forum for the oyster, salmon, and mussel farming sectors to harness the support of State organisations in an effective and efficient manner. This format also allows the discussion and development of innovative ideas and technologies to be shared amongst the participants. The final objective is to create networking opportunities for 'next generation' aquaculture producers.

### Outcomes

- During 2022 the Irish Oyster Packers Group (IOPG) met on three occasions.
- IOPG have been working with ZV Fish Auctions in Belgium to look at new and innovative ways of dealing with Brexit challenges to logistics and accessing the EU market. A partnership has now been set up with ZV Fish Auctions to assist in direct sales to EU customers of Irish oysters.
- Norovirus results and analyses were sent to all members of the IOPG on a weekly basis by the Marine Institute in 2022. This norovirus study is part of another BIM EMFAF funded project and has proven to be extremely beneficial to the IOPG and their customers.
- A new working group of 'Next Generation' oyster farmers was established and the first formal meeting was held over two days in June 2022.
- The Salmon Industry Working Group was established, and three meetings were held in 2022. The group focused on using new blood diagnostic systems to detect diseases in salmon farms.
- Mussel Working Group was established with the first meeting taking place in February 2022.



## Summary of Project Spend

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Total Approved Costs	€45,000
Total Eligible Expenditure	€41,455
EMFAF Eligible Expenditure	€20,727
Exchequer	€20,727

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