

# ASMar

FROM NATURAL RESOURCES TO IMTA TOWARD  
BIOREMEDIATION AND ANIMAL WELFARE

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UN PROFUMO UNICO AL MONDO**

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# ASMar at a glance

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**ASMar: Assessment of Sponge Mariculture potential in polyculture system in the Manfredonia gulf**

From BLUE\_BOOST HACKATHON 12-13 giugno 2019, Polignano a mare (BA)

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Enterprise:  
Gargano Shell Fish Farm arl

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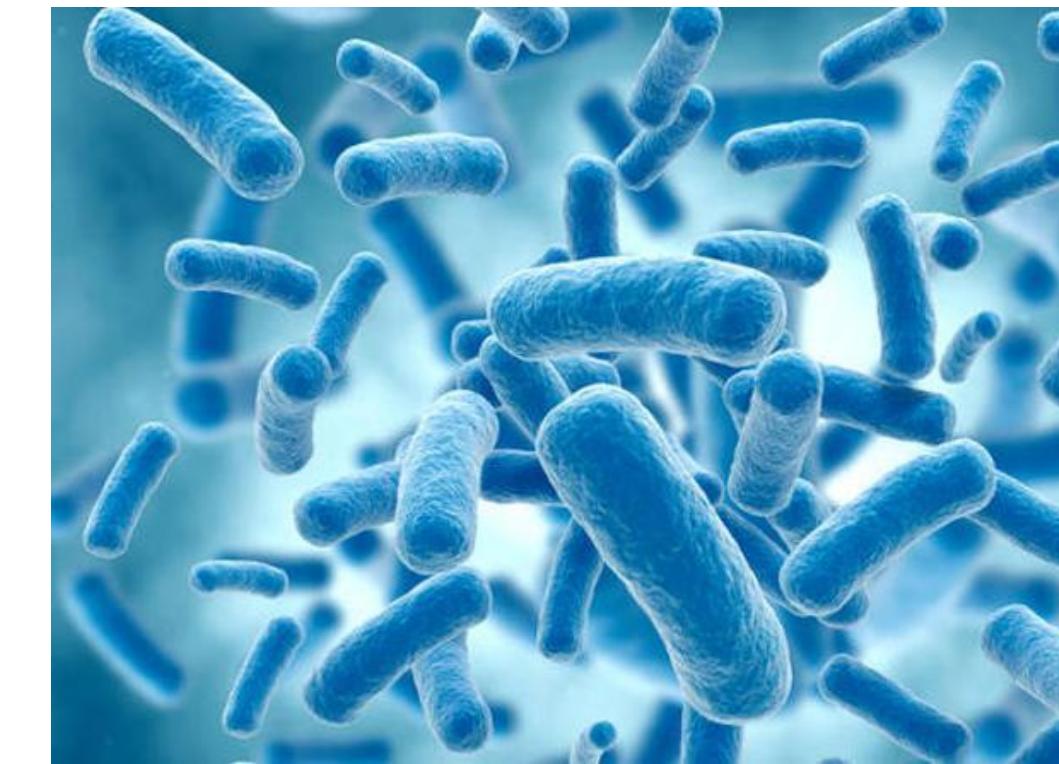


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Per promuovere l'innovazione  
nell'acquacoltura



Poriferi o Spugne



Batteri



# PROBLEM & SOLUTIONS



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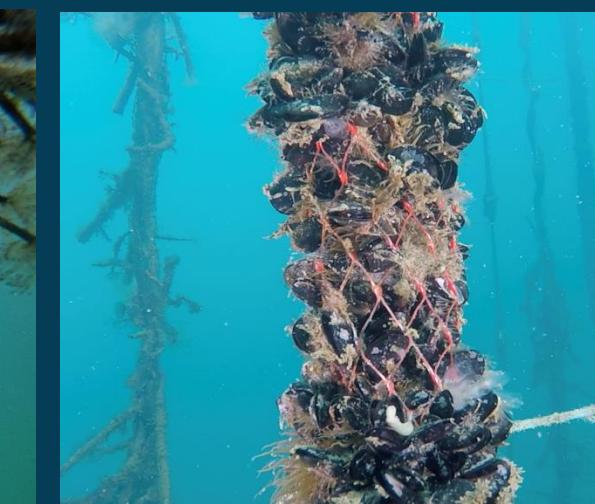
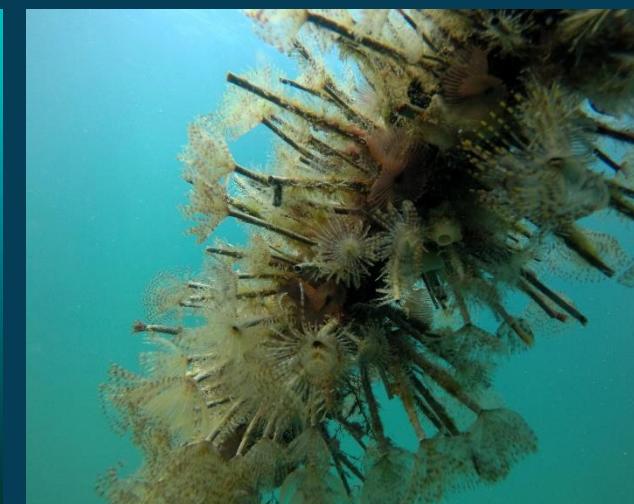


**PROBLEMA:** Ridurre l'impatto ambientale nella maricoltura  
in gabbie galleggianti

**SOLUZIONE: I BIORISANATORI**

Organismi “naturalmente presenti” che posizionati sotto le  
gabbie di allevamento ittico ripuliscono l’acqua

Invertebrati



Macroalghe



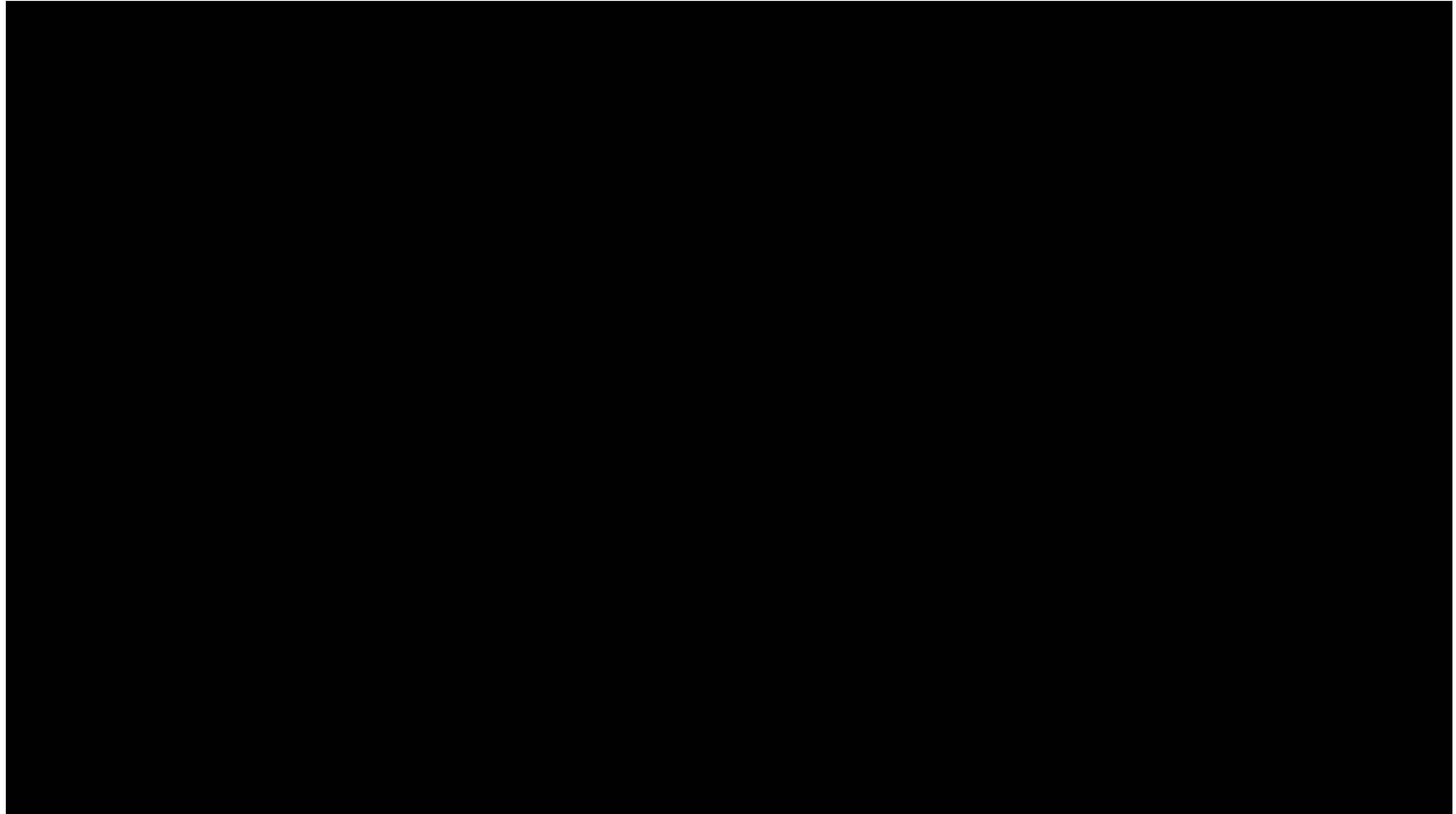
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aims to test the survival and growth of different species of sponges placed near off-shore fish farm cages of the Gargano Shell Fish Farm in the Gulf of Manfredonia



A wide-angle photograph of a large-scale fish farm. In the foreground, two large, circular metal cages are visible on the dark blue ocean water. One cage is closer to the viewer on the right, and another is further out at sea on the left. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a cloudy sky.

Why do farm sponges near offshore  
fish farming cages?



# November 2019

The screenshot shows a news website layout. At the top is a dark blue header bar with the 'TG' logo and navigation links: HOME, NEWS, ON DEMAND, LIVE, EDIZIONI LOCALI, SPECIALI, CRONACA, POLITICA, ATTUALITÀ, REGIONE, ECONOMIA, CULTURA, SPETTACOLI, and SPORT. Below the header is a video player showing a group of people standing by a body of water. A red circular overlay highlights a cursor icon at the bottom center of the video player. The video player also displays a timestamp of -1:38 and standard control icons. To the right of the video player is a sidebar with a blue background containing the text: "Manfredonia: spugne e pesci, il futuro degli allevamenti ittici". Below this is a date: 16-11-2019, followed by a descriptive text about a project to clean the sea and increase fish production through sponge cultivation. Further down the sidebar are credits: "Servizio di Pietro Loffredo" and "Intervista a Michela Cariglia, coop. Gargano Shell Fish Farm". At the very bottom of the sidebar are navigation arrows. The footer of the page includes the text "Scegli la programmazione" and the date "Michela Cariglia | 29/01/2020".

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Manfredonia: spugne e pesci, il futuro degli allevamenti ittici

16-11-2019

Mare più pulito e maggiore produzione ittica grazie alle spugne: è l'obiettivo del progetto in corso, a Manfredonia, negli allevamenti di pesce di una storica cooperativa

Servizio di Pietro Loffredo

Intervista a Michela Cariglia,  
coop. Gargano Shell Fish Farm

Scegli la programmazione

Michela Cariglia | 29/01/2020



# The Porifera

Porifera (Porifera Grant, 1836; from Latin, porers) or sponges are aquatic invertebrates widely spread in the sea from coastal environments to oceanic depths, and in a minimum percentage in fresh waters. To date, there are over 9000 species (World Porifera Database) of Porifers divided into 4 classes: Hexactinellida, Demospongiae, Homoscleromorpha and Calcarea

# THE PORIFERA

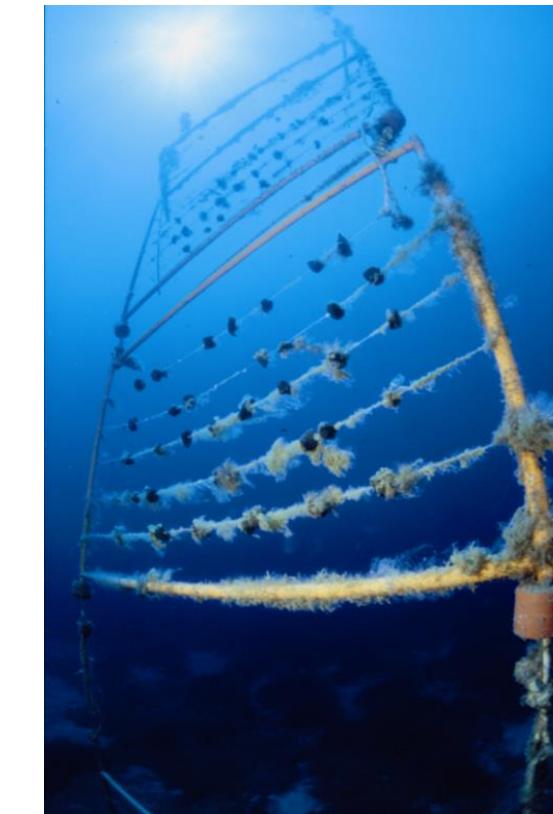


- Asymmetrical, with very variable shape, size and color
- Generally sessile. Extremely simple from a structural point of view: lack of tissues and organs
- Filtration feed
- "Skeleton" formed by CaCO<sub>3</sub> or SiO<sub>2</sub> spicules and / or spongin fibers
- Always used for cosmetic purposes (bath sponges).
- Recently exploited for the extraction of active ingredients useful in different areas (medical, agricultural, industrial).

# PERCHÈ I PORIFERI?

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efficaci filtratori e biorisanatori, estraggono più dell'80% delle particelle organiche in sospensione di dimensioni comprese tra i 0,5 e 50 mm (batteri eterotrofi, eucarioti eterotrofi, fitoplancton, sostanza organica disciolta e particolata). Il picoplancton (<2 mm) ed in particolare il batterioplancton è considerato la loro maggiore fonte di carbonio



# PERCHÈ I PORIFERI?

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alcune tra le spugne più pregiate di interesse commerciale, cosmetico e farmacologico, *Spongia officinalis* var. *adriatica* e *S. lamella* (= *S. agaricina*), *H. perlevis*, rispondono in modo estremamente promettente a differenti **tecniche di coltura** (strutture sospese lungo la colonna d'acqua o sul fondo), suggerendo un notevole potenziale di espansione per la spongicoltura (Mercurio et al., 2003; Corriero et al., 2004)

# PERCHÈ I PORIFERI?

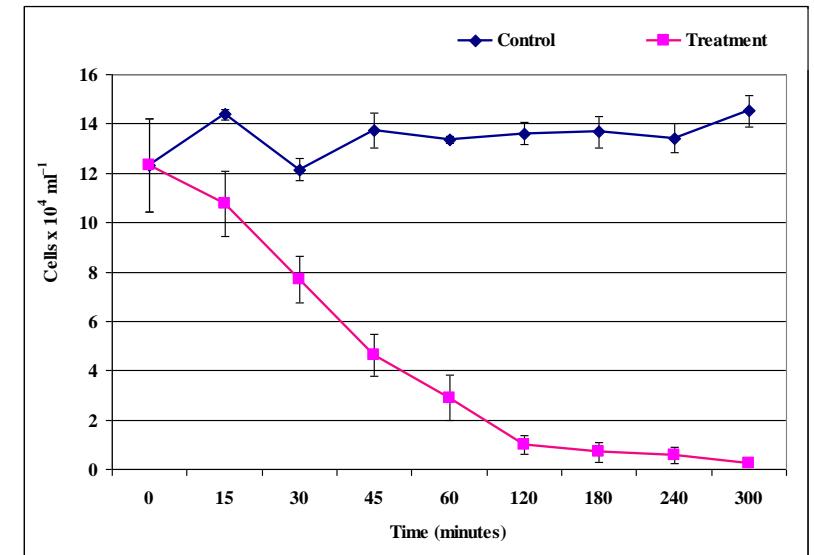
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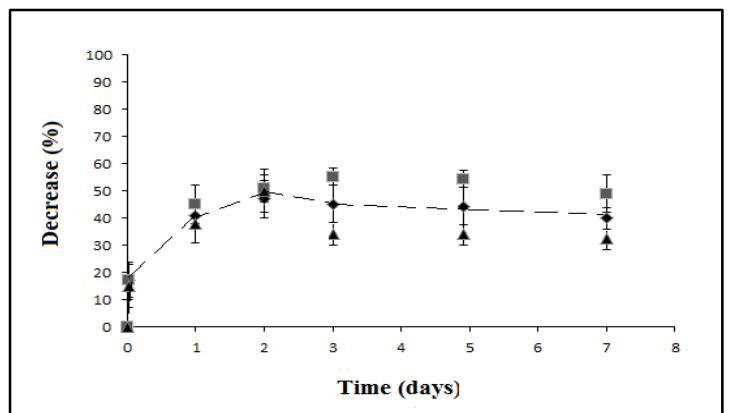
alcune specie presentano una **elevata tolleranza** alle condizioni di stress ambientale indotte dall'attività di acquacoltura (aumento della rata di sedimentazione, incremento della concentrazione dei nutrienti, presenza di sostanze inquinanti quali pesticidi ed insetticidi organofosforici) (Corsi et al., 2004, 2005; Pastore et al., 2006)

# EFFICIENT BIOREMEDIATOR

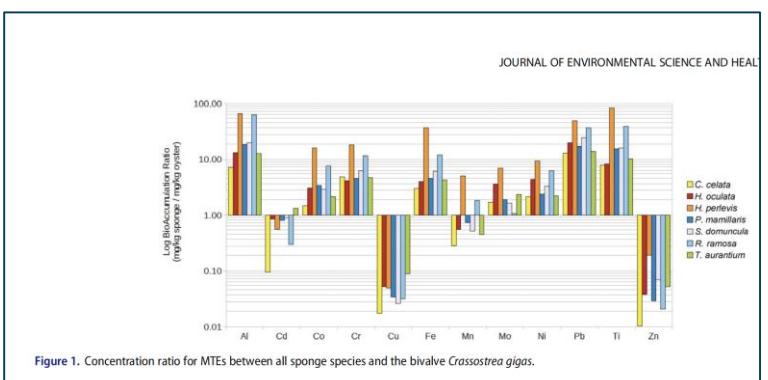
- Microbic components



- Organic pollution es. lindano



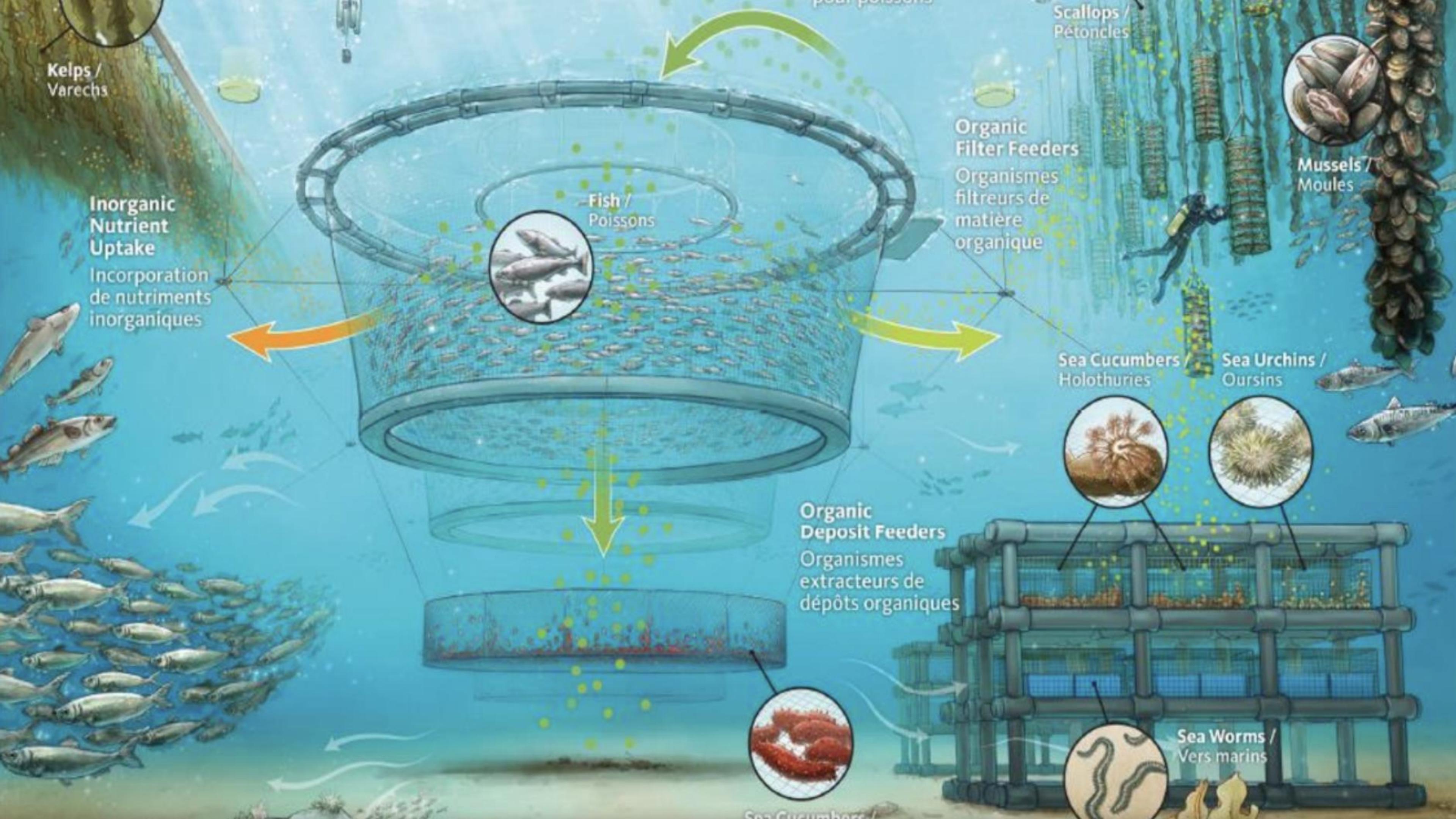
- Water management and inorganic pollutors i.e. heavy metals



In proximity to fish farms the release of metabolic by-products, food residues, faecal material and possibly drugs can lead to an increase in microbial concentration and deterioration of water quality with potential consequences on the spread of pathogens that represent a health risk of farmed species and a potential danger to human consumption.



INTEGRATED MULTI-TROPHIC AQUACULTURE (IMTA)  
associate fish farming with that of species placed at different levels of the trophic  
chain capable of using the energy surplus and transforming it into potentially  
exploitable biomass



# MAR GRANDE - TARANTO IONIAN SEA

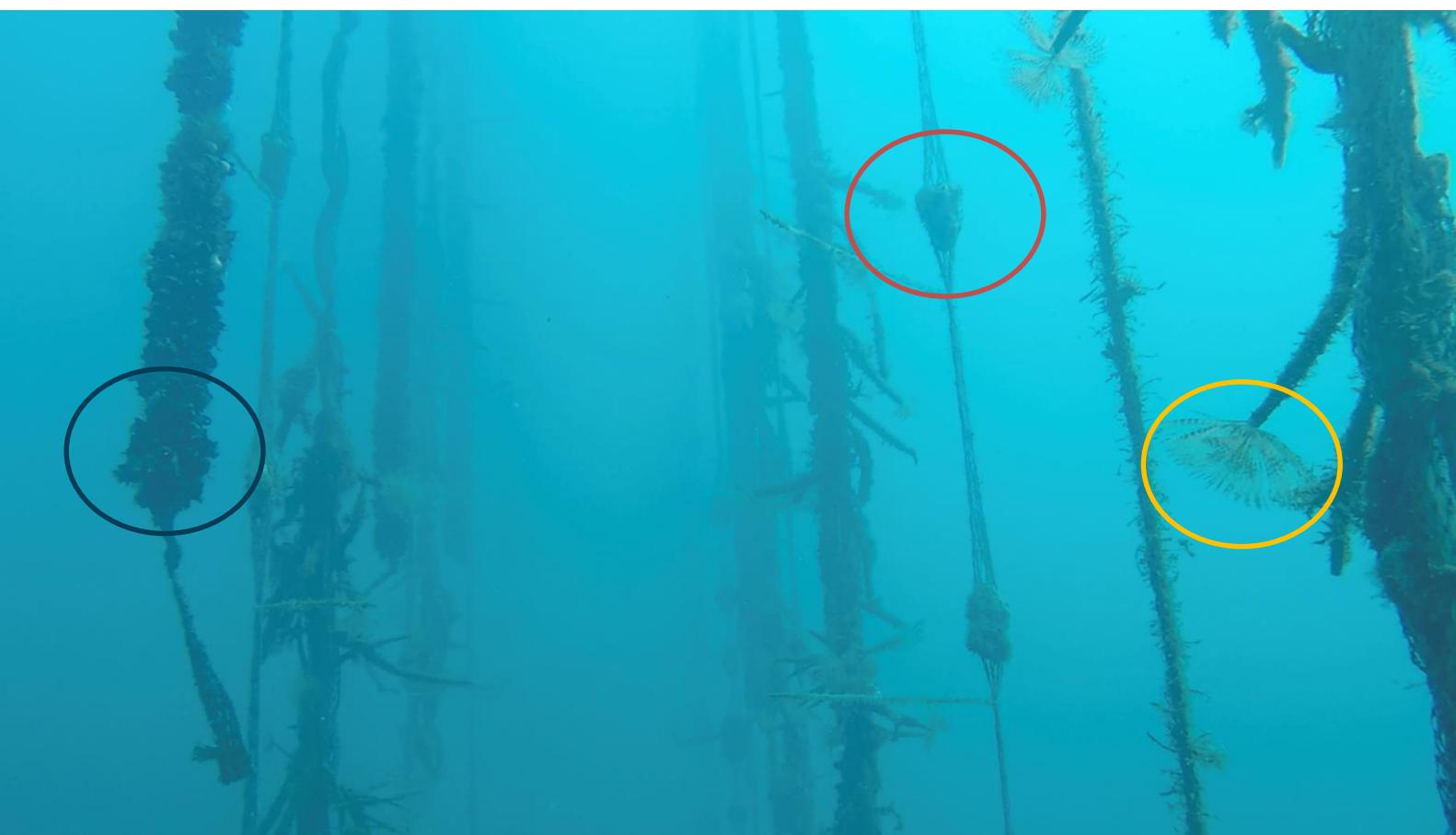


long line



off-shore cages

bioremediators: filter  
invertebrates and algae



Bivalvs

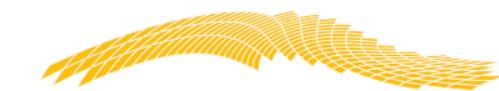
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# POTENZIAL COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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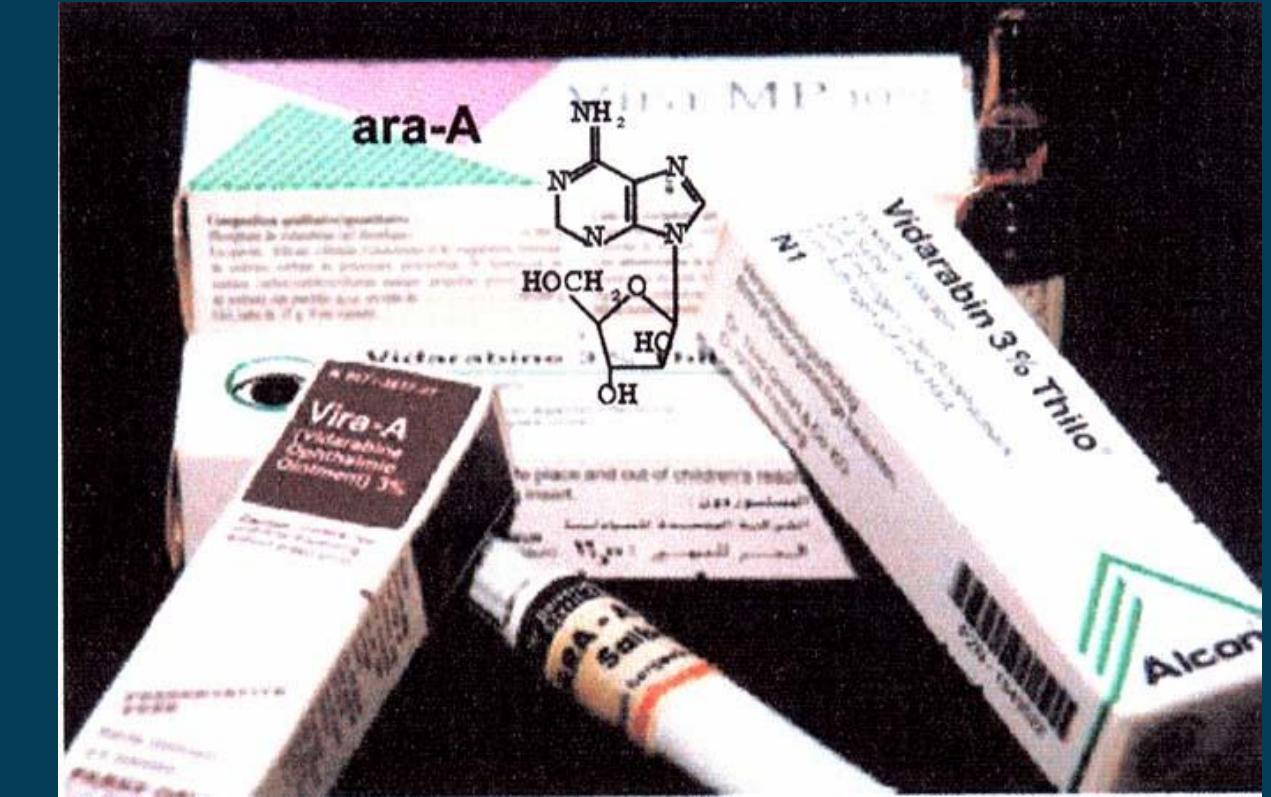
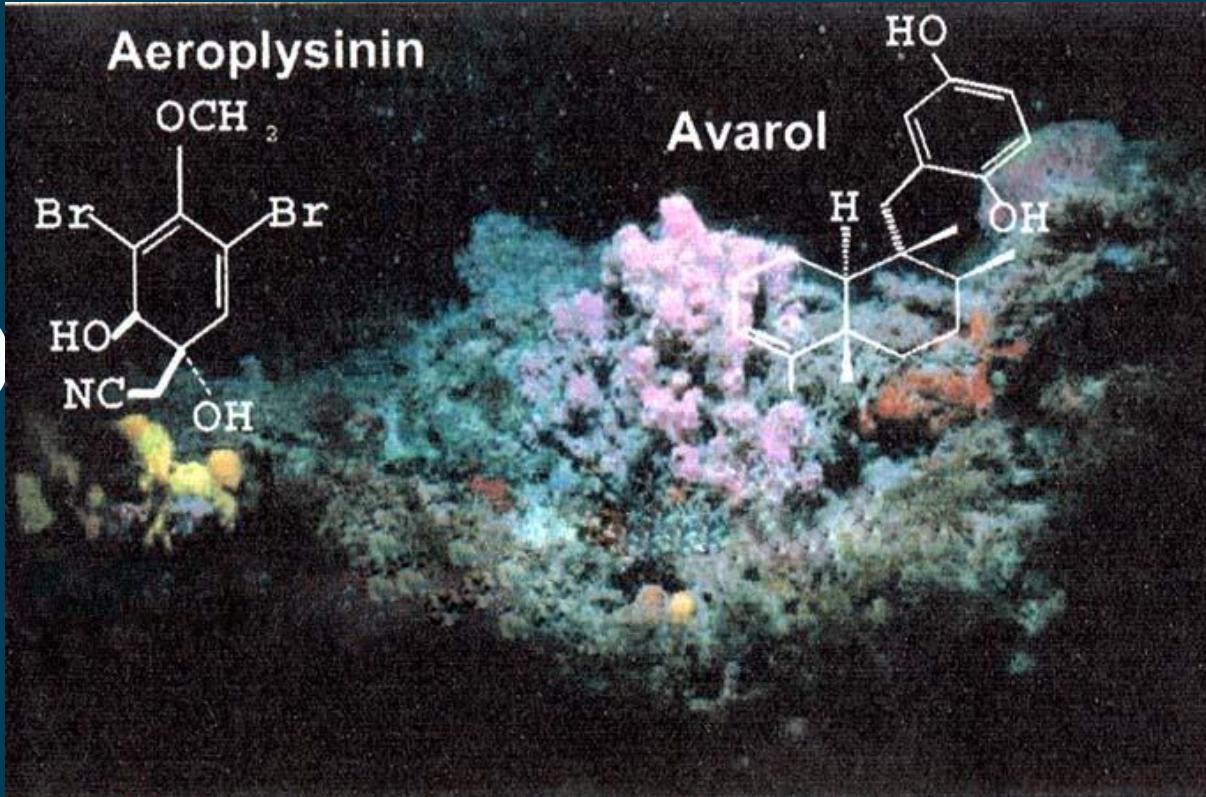
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Porifera have significant commercial potential: they are a natural reserve of bioactive compounds; usable in the cosmetic and nutraceutical sector; in aquarism.



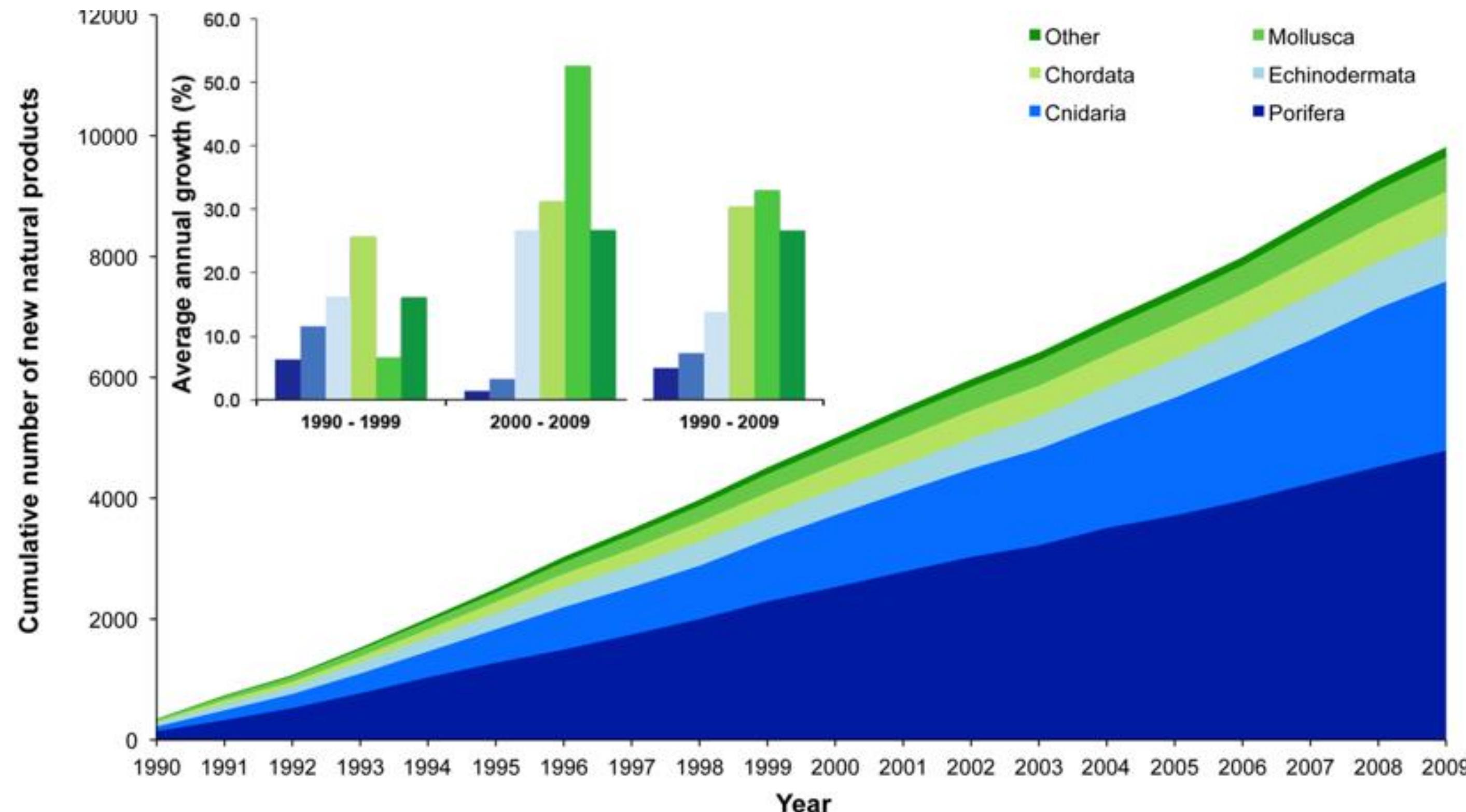
# BIOACTIVE COMPOUND



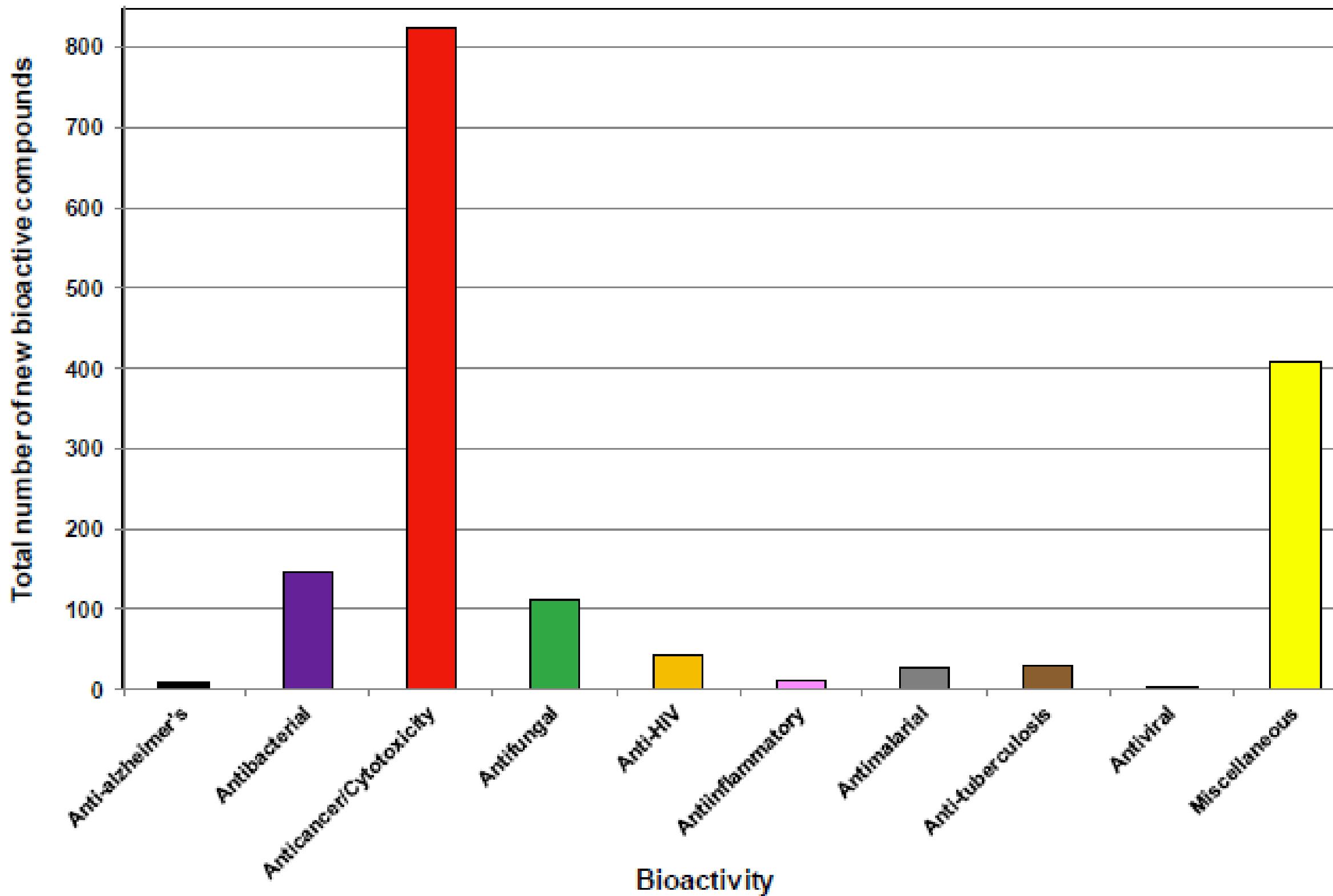
*Aplysina aerophoba*

*Dysidea avara*

New molecules extracted from marine organisms between 1990 and 2009 (Leal et al., 2012)



# Bioactive compound isolated from porifera from 2001 till 2010 (*Nehbub et al., 2014*)



# MARINE NATURAL PRODUCTS FROM SPONGES



## BROMOTYROSINE DERIVATIVES FROM VERONGIDA

### Aeroplysinin-1:

- cytotoxic against:
  - lymphoma and epithelioma cells
  - human breast cancer cells
- antiangiogenic
- antibiotic

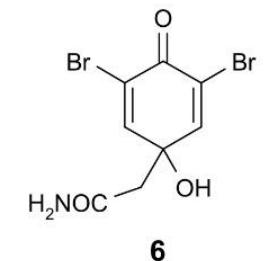
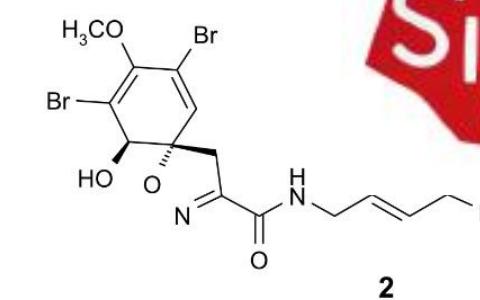
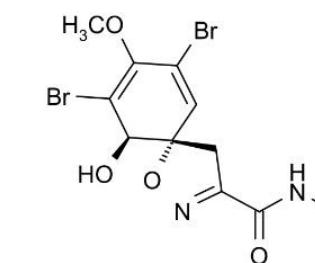
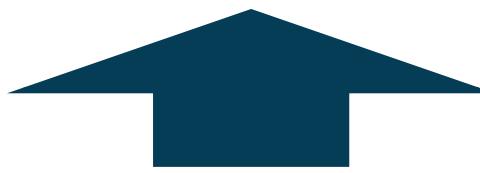


FIG. 1. Wound-induced bioconversion of the brominated isoxazoline alkaloids aerophobin-2 (**1**), aplysinamisin-1 (**2**), and isofistularin-3 (**3**) to aeroplysinin-1 (**5**) and the dienone (**6**) in tissue of *Aplysina aerophoba*. When isofistularin-3 (**3**) is used as a substrate for the reaction, the bisoxazolidinone derivative (**4**) is recovered as a further product.



«The low temperatures for collagen extraction allows the production of gelatine with a lower temperatures than the mammals thus they prodive a duplex advantage from sponges biomass: raw material for gelatines and food and cosmetics industry as well.

# COSMETIC & NUTRACEUTICS



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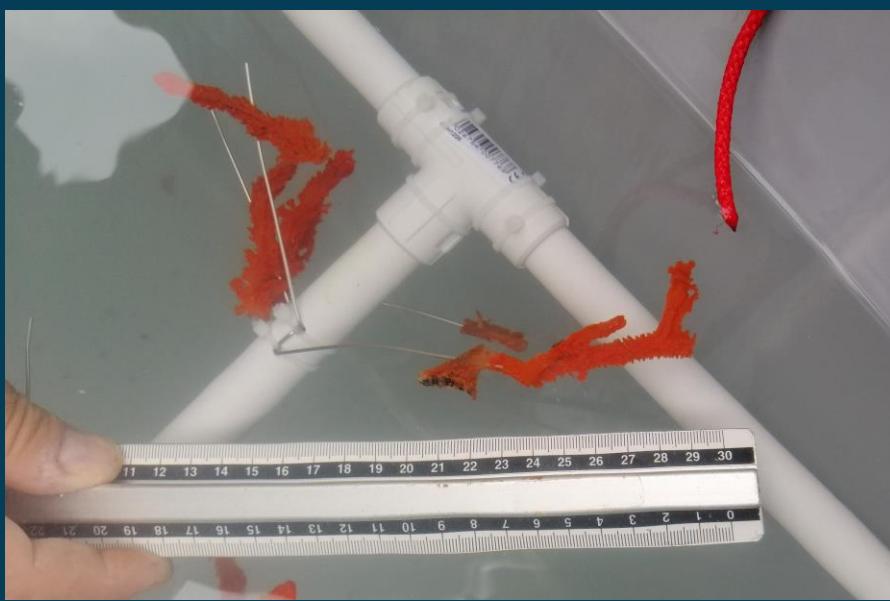
**Collagen from the Marine Sponges *Axinella cannabina* and *Suberites carnosus*: Isolation and Morphological, Biochemical, and Biophysical Characterization**



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# AQUARIUM

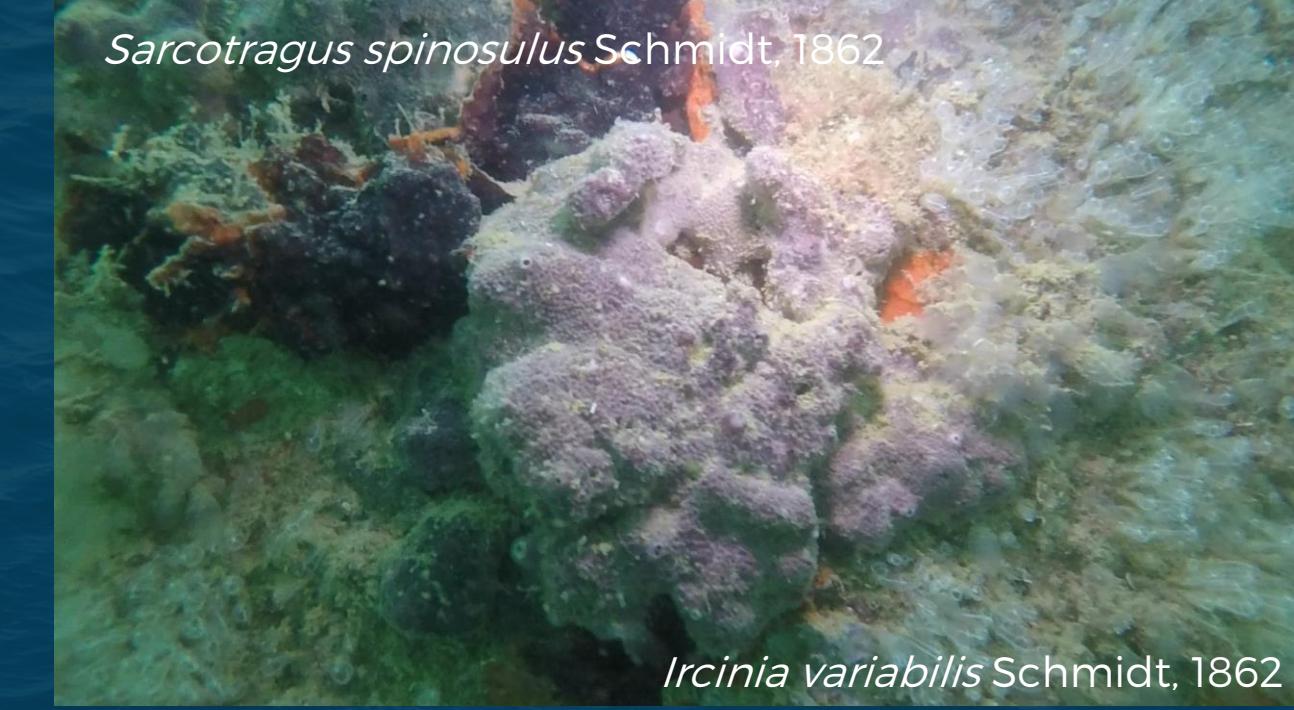
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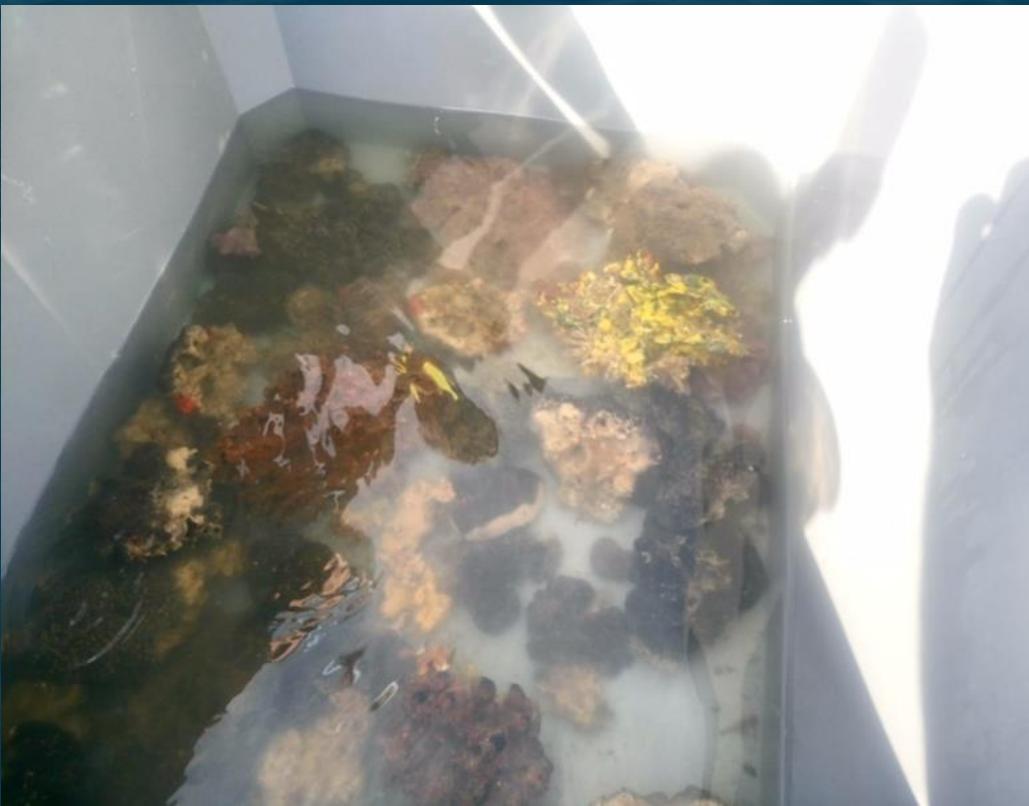
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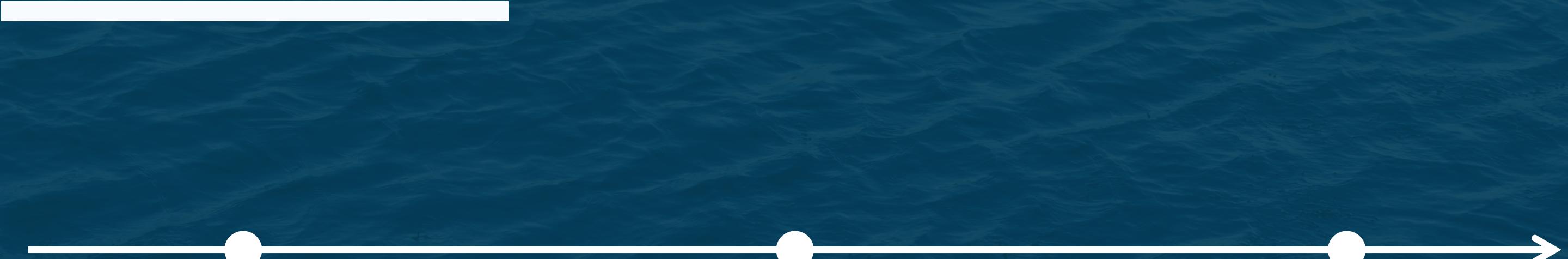
# AUTCTON SAMPLE HARVESTIONG UNDER SEA FARM IN MANFREDONIA GULF



# SAMPLE CUTTING ON SITE IN MANFREDONIA GULF



# Timeline



June 2019  
Sample selection

September  
Seed

January 2020  
Harversting and  
check up

# JUNE 2019



# ASSESTMENT ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF SPONGAE FARMING

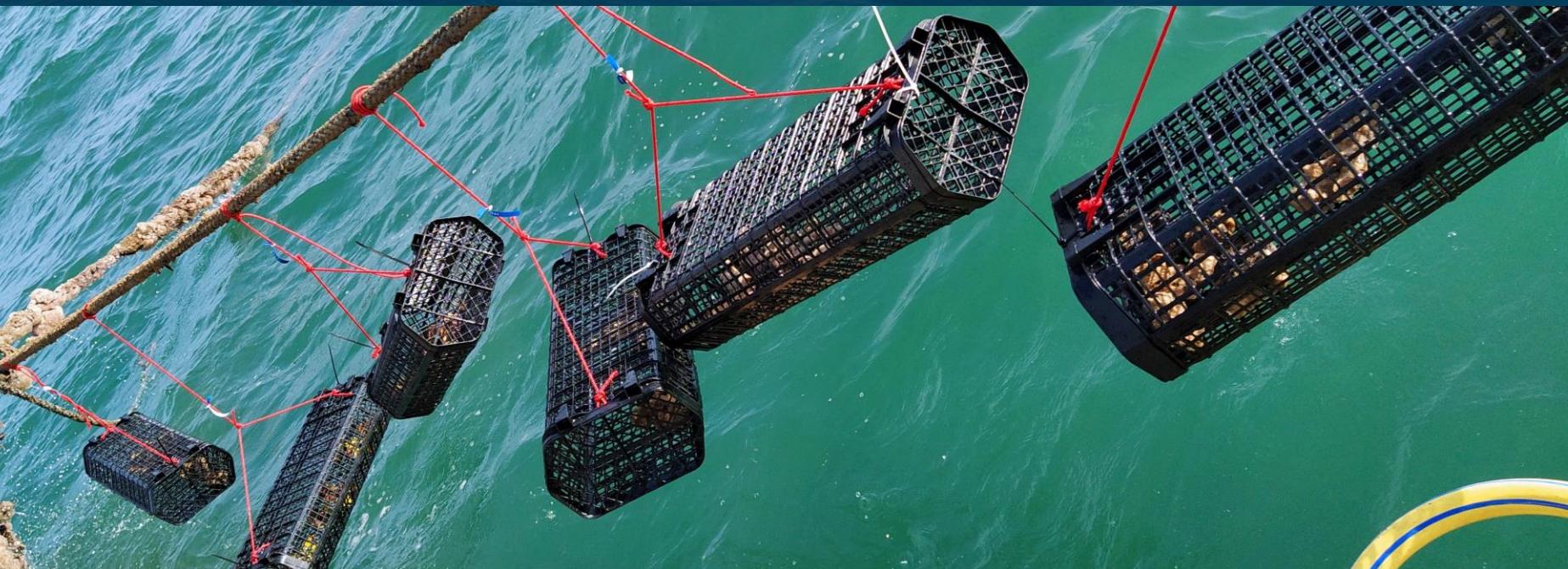
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Lanternet



PVC frame



Seapa net



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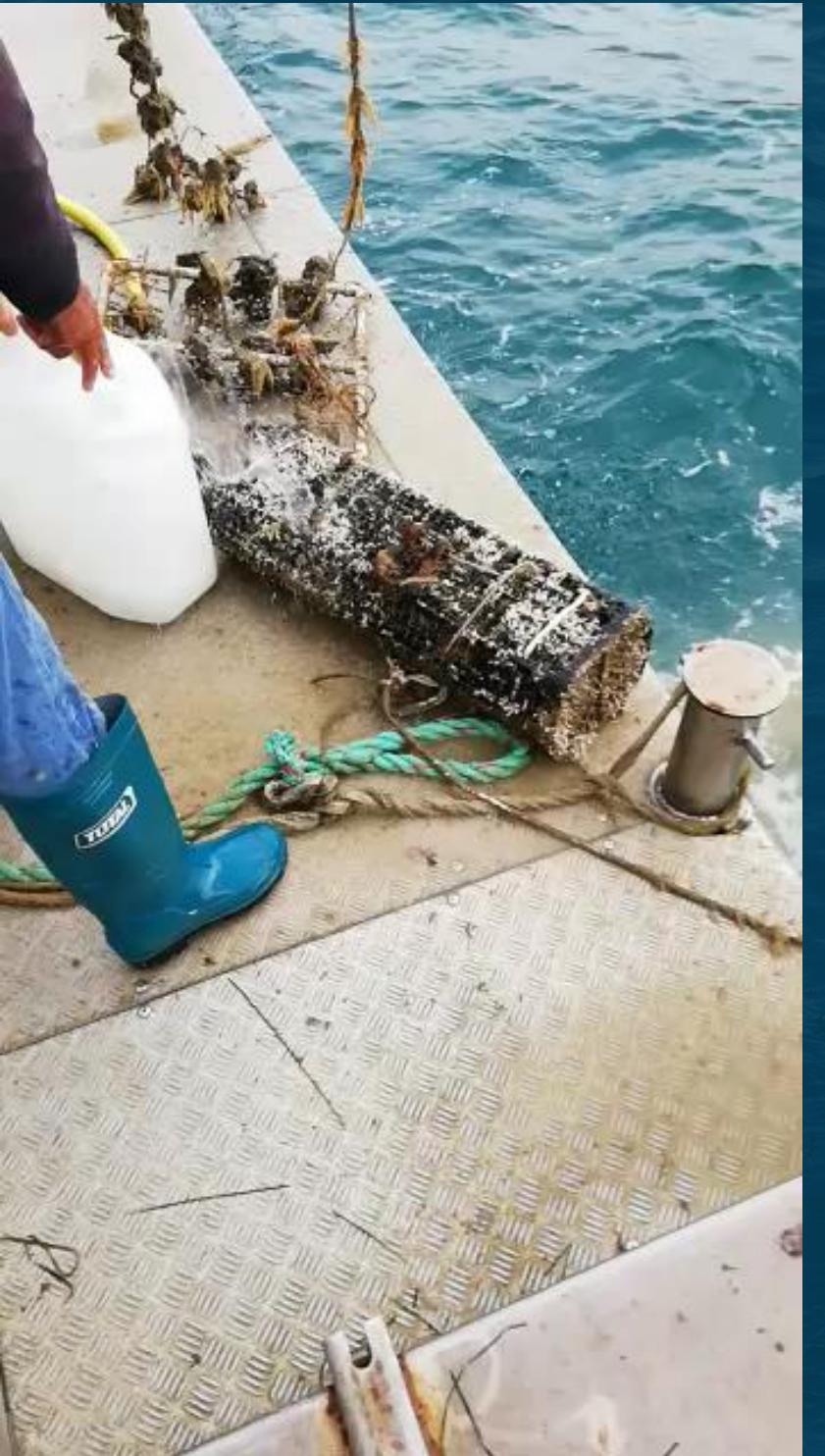
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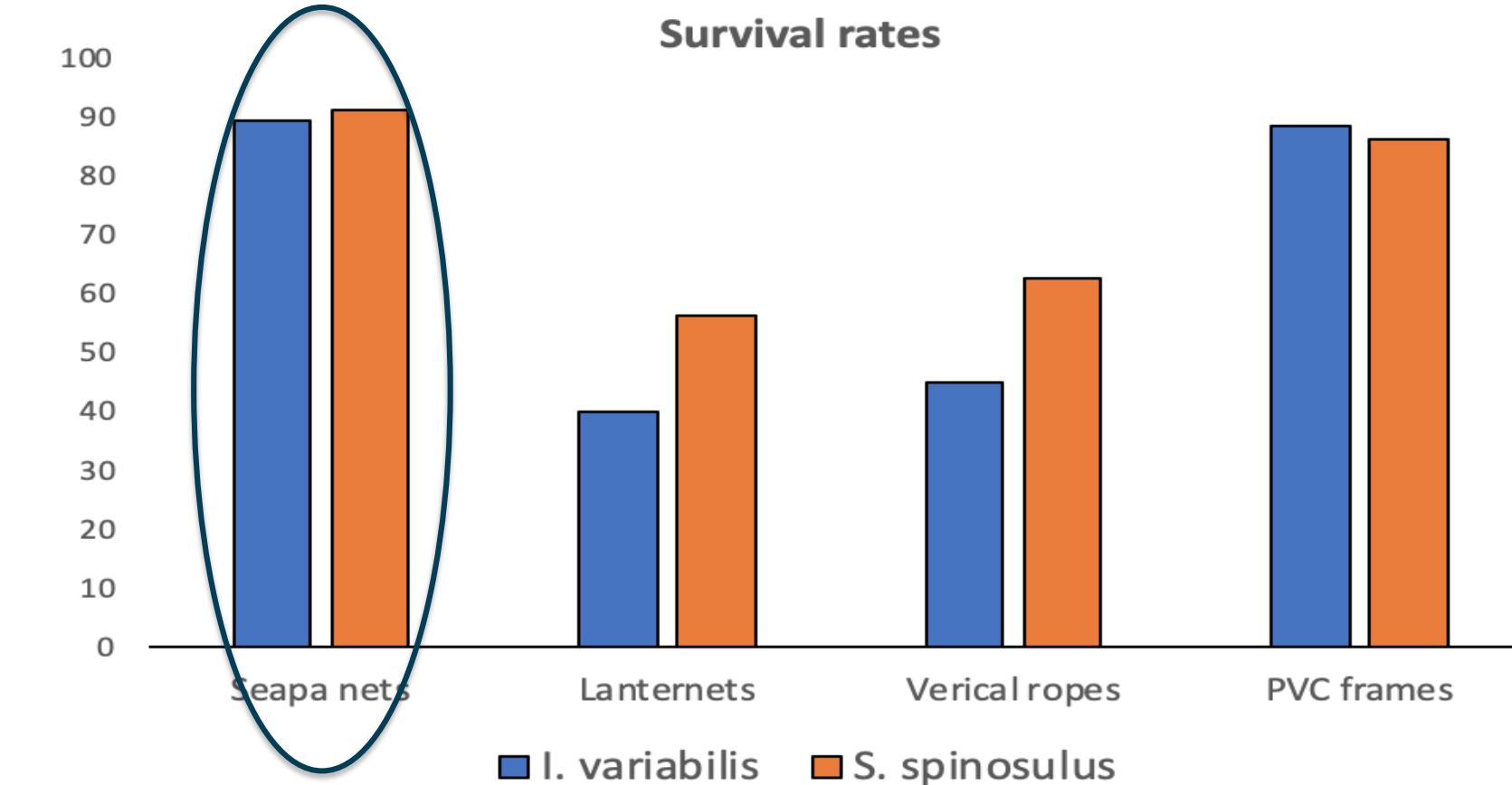
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# RESULTS



*Ircinia variabilis:*  
Superfici di taglio rimarginate



## COMPARISION TABLE AMONG DIFFERENT FARMING TECHNICALITIES FOR SPONGAE

Seapa nets provides the best performance the fragmenta of spongae gave the best results in terms of healed cut and less epibiosis by the abundant fouling community that instead completely covered the fragments positioned on the PVC squares and vertical ropes.

**Thank you  
for your  
kind  
attention!**

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