

Friend of the Sea and AquaFarm together to promote sustainable aquaculture

In the year of its 10th anniversary, Milan-born international certification scheme chooses AquaFarm to sensitize both the industry and consumers

Pordenone, 14 February 2018. Friend of the Sea, a major international certification scheme for sustainable seafood and aquaculture products, will exhibit at AquaFarm 2018, inside Pordenone Fiere, Italy, on February 15 and 16, 2018.

As a reference trade show and expo, AquaFarm will be the ideal framework to host **one-to-one meetings** between the representatives of selected **large-scale retailers** and the **Horeca world** with **certified Italian and foreign seafood and aquaculture companies** – Spain, Mauritius, Corsica and Panama among the represented countries - who have obtained a Friend of the Sea's certification for a number of different commercial species: cobia, trout, bream, seabass, tuna and others.

"For us, AquaFarm's first edition was an important moment of connection with major industry players" claims **Paolo Bray**, Friend of the Sea's Director. "Therefore, we've decided to optimize our participation in the trade show by facilitating individual meetings between **buyers** potentially interested in sustainable products and **our** seafood and aquaculture **certified companies**, prime examples of respect towards nature and social accountability".

Besides requesting information about **Friend of the Sea's certification for sustainable seafood and aquaculture products,** its projects for the protection and the conservation of marine habitats and the one promoting <u>animal welfare principles</u>, visitors could profit from the presence of a dedicated team to know more about the <u>European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) 2014-2020</u>'s contents and access requirements.

EMFF is one of the five European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds which aims at helping fishermen in the transition to sustainable fishing, supporting coastal communities in diversifying their economies, financing projects that create new jobs and improve quality of life along European coasts, and making it easier for applicants to access financing.



Finally, Friend of the Sea's choice of AquaFarm, in the year of its 10th anniversary, confirms its appreciation for the role of Pordenone's trade show and expo as a reference event for aquaculture, vertical farming and algaculture, at both national level and in the Mediterranean Sea basin.

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