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Ágrip á íslensku:	<p>Fiskur og annað sjávarfang gegnir mikilvægu hlutverki í að tryggja fæðuöryggi, atvinnu og efnahag í heiminum, og þá sér í lagi á Norðurlöndunum. Sjávarfang af Norrænum uppruna kemur auk þess almennt úr sjálfbært nýttum stofnum, er sérlega heilnæmt til neyslu og er í flestum tilvikum með mjög takmarkað kolefnisspor í samanburði við aðra próteingjafa. Það má því að vissu leyti halda því fram að Norrænt sjávarfang sé „sjálfbært ofurfæði“. Neytendur eru hins vegar oft ekki vissir um hvort sjávarfang sé umhverfisvænn kostur. Norrænn sjávarútvegur stendur nú frammi fyrir því tækifæri að taka forystu í orkuskiptum, og þannig geta státað að því að bjóða upp á besta og umhverfisvænasta sjávarfang sem völ er á.</p> <p>Vinnuhópur um sjávarútveg og fiskeldi (AG-Fisk) sem starfar innan Norðurlandaráðs hefur bent á þessi tækifæri, og sem hluti af formennsku Íslands í ráðinu árið 2023 fjármagnaði AG-fisk verkefni sem ætlað var að stuðla að tengslamyndun innan Norræns sjávarútvegs til að auka vitund og miðla þekkingu um framfarir í fortíð, nútíð og framtíð hvað varðar sjálfbærni og orkuskipti í sjávarútvegi. Hápunktur verkefnisins var ráðstefna sem haldin var í Reykjavík 13. september 2023, en daginn áður var haldin vinnufundur þar sem tækifæri til aukins Norræns samstarfs voru rædd. Ráðstefnan samanstóð af 13 erindum og sóttu um 150 manns viðburðinn, sem fram fór í Hörpu. Í þessari skýrslu er að finna yfirlit yfir þær framsögur sem fluttar voru á ráðstefnunni. Upptökur frá ráðstefnunni eru einnig aðgengilegar á vefsíðu verkefnisins.</p>		
Lykilorð á íslensku:	Norrænn Sjávarútvegur, sjálfbærni, kolefnisspor, orkuskipti		
Summary in English:	<p>Seafood is generally a climate-efficient and nutritious type of food. Consumers, however, are often confused as to whether seafood is sustainable or not and what seafood to choose. The Nordic seafood sector has now the opportunity to take the lead in transitioning to low greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency measures and shifting to alternative fuels.</p> <p>The Working Group for Fisheries and Aquaculture (AG-Fisk) within the Nordic council has recognized this, and as part of Iceland's presidency of the council in 2023, initiated a networking project to raise awareness and share knowledge on past-, present- and future advances in reduction of environmental impacts in Nordic seafood value chains. The highlight of the project was a conference that was held in Reykjavík on 13 September 2023. The conference consisted of 13 presentations and was attended by close to 150 persons. This report contains the proceedings from the conference, representing an abstract of each presentation and the slides presented. Recordings from the conference are also available on the project's webpage.</p>		
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1 Introduction

Environmental impacts, as well as mitigation- and adaptation to climate change, have become major considerations in today's food systems, where reduction of fossil fuel use and transition to alternative fuel sources are currently being focused on. There are few protein sources that have as modest environmental impact as Nordic Seafood. Yet, the public opinion does not reflect that. The Nordic sector has in recent years managed to significantly reduce fossil fuel use and CO2 emissions, but there is still room for improvements. The Nordic seafood sector has now the opportunity to take the lead in transitioning to low greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency measures and shifting to alternative fuels. The Working Group for Fisheries and Aquaculture (AG-Fisk) within the Nordic council has recognized this, and as part of Iceland's presidency of the council in 2023, initiated a networking project to raise awareness and share knowledge on past-, present- and future advances in reduction of environmental impacts in Nordic seafood value chains. The highlight of the project was a conference that was held in Reykjavík on 13 September 2023. This report contains the proceedings from the conference, including an abstract of each presentation and the slides presented. Recordings from the conference are also available on the [project's webpage](#).

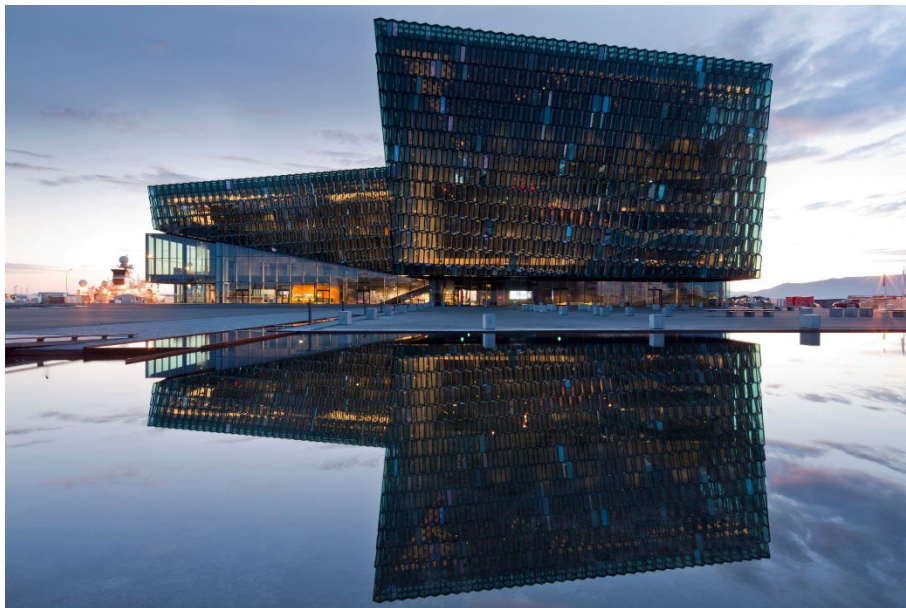


Figure 1: The conference was held at Harpa conference hall in Reykjavík

The conference consisted of 13 presentations and was attended by close to 150 persons, the agenda can be seen in Figure 2.



Figure 2: The conference agenda

The organising committee for the conference consisted of the following persons:

- Jónas R. Viðarsson (chair) – Matís, Iceland
- Ólafur Ögmundarson – University of Iceland, Iceland
- Friederike Ziegler – RISE, Sweden
- Unn Laksá – Sjókovin, Faroe Islands
- Karl Gunnar Aarsæther - University of Tromsø, Norway
- Lisbeth Due Schoenemann-Paul – Royal Greenland, Greenland

2 Opening: Svandís Svavarsdóttir (Icelandic Minister of Food, Fisheries & Agriculture)

Svandís Svavarsdóttir, the Icelandic Minister of Food, Fisheries & Agriculture, opened the conference. She acknowledged the focus of Iceland during its presidency in the Nordic Council of Ministers on maritime issues and green transition. She did as well emphasise the challenges the Nordic countries face by climate change. Iceland has set the goal of carbon neutrality by 2040, and with the fishing fleet representing 20% of the country's carbon emissions it is clear that the seafood industry will need to reduce its carbon footprint. There is a common international pressure in eliminating subsidies in global fisheries, and Svandís believes that Iceland should take a lead in such a worldwide initiative.



Figure 3: Svandís Svavarsdóttir, the Icelandic Minister of Food, Fisheries & Agriculture

Svandís reviewed the actions taken within her time at the Ministry of Fisheries, many of which are specifically set to reduce energy use and facilitate energy transition in fisheries. She finally emphasised the importance of knowledge exchange and cooperation to reduce carbon emissions, and that Nordic cooperation should be at the forefront so that Nordic countries can continue to be seen as world leaders in sustainable fisheries.

3 Welcome and introduction: Jónas R. Viðarsson (Matís)

Jónas R. Viðarsson, as the moderator of the conference, thanked the Minister for her encouraging words, reviewed the motivation for the event and acknowledged AG-fisk for its part in the preparations and funding of the conference. He then presented some of the background for why the conference was initiated, highlighting that seafood is generally sustainable, climate-efficient and nutritious, but not necessarily perceived as such by consumers. He presented some facts and figures on sustainability, environmental impacts, and carbon footprint of seafood in comparison with other protein sources, concluding that fish is sustainable superfood. He emphasised that the Nordic seafood sector is in a fantastic position to take the lead in transitioning to alternative fuels and reducing even further the environmental footprint of its products.



Figure 4: Jónas R. Viðarsson, director of division of value creation at Matís and the moderator of the conference

Environmental impacts and energy transition in the Nordic seafood sector

Miljöpávirkning í Nordiske fiskeri

Conference 13.9.2023
Harpa
Reykjavík, Iceland



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Background



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Iceland has the chairmanship in the Nordic council 2023

- As part of the chairmanship the Icelandic authorities have chosen some priority areas that they wanted to highlight this year.
- Among those priorities are **measures to reduce environmental impacts of seafood and energy transition in the seafood industry**.
- How can the Nordic countries work together to be global leaders in these fields?**
- AG-Fisk is the Nordic council of ministers working group for fisheries and aquaculture, and among its tasks is to facilitate co-operation and networking in the Nordic seafood sectors.
- AG-fisk is therefore able to fund small networking projects that align with its tasks.
- We are grateful that AG fisk decided to fund this conference.

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- Seafood is generally a sustainable, climate-efficient and nutritious type of food. Consumers, however, are often confused as to whether seafood is really sustainable or not, and what seafood to choose.
- To many the image is this:



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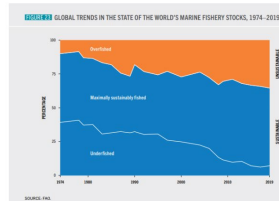


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The reality is however that most fish stocks are sustainably harvested.

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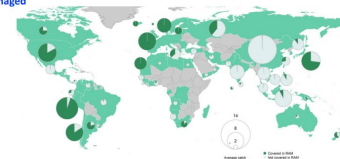


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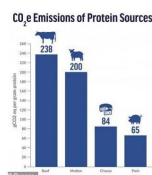


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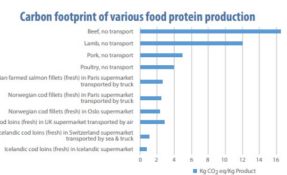


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- ...and Nordic seafood is in the lead



Source: <https://matís.is/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Icelandic-Cod.pdf>

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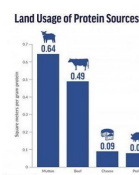


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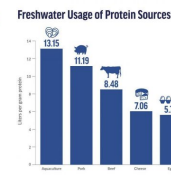


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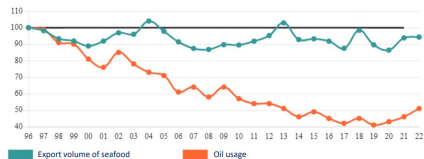


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Oil usage per kg production volume has been decreasing

- Figures for Iceland indicate 40% reduction



Source:
<https://radarinn.is/Umhverfismal/Oilunotkun>

The opportunity



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The Nordic seafood sector has the opportunity to take the lead in transitioning to low greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency measures and shifting to alternative fuels.

.....And take a global lead in these fields.

.....and use it to gain competitive advantage.

What can we do?



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Facilitate networking among stakeholders, raise awareness and share knowledge on past-, present- and future advances in reduction of environmental impacts in Nordic seafood value chains.

....and that is why we are here today



Conference agenda



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09:00 – 09:10 Welcome - Jónas R. Viðarsson (on behalf of AG Fisk)
 09:10 – 09:20 Opening - Svandís Svavarsdóttir (Icelandic Minister of Food, Fisheries & Agriculture)
 09:20 – 09:40 Decarbonising fisheries to supply low-carbon and nutritious food for the future - Friederike Ziegler (RISE)
 09:40 – 10:00 The transition to green energy for the fishing fleet and its ports - Ditte Stiller (Nordic Energy)
 10:00 – 10:15 What are the most influential factors affecting CO₂ emissions in fisheries - Daði Már Kristófersson (HI)
 10:15 – 10:30 Benthic disturbance and fisheries - Ole Ritzau Eigaard (DTU)
 10:30 – 11:15 Coffee break
 11:15 – 11:30 Fishing gear development to reduce environmental impact - Georg Haney (Hampidjan Group)
 11:30 – 11:45 Vessel design to reduce CO₂ and other environmental impacts - Kim Nørby Christensen (Knud E. Hansen)
 11:45 – 12:00 Engine development - Kaj Portin (Wärtsilä Oyj Abp)
 12:00 – 12:15 The sustainability approach of Royal Greenland - Lisbeth Due Schönnemann-Paul (Royal Greenland)
 12:15 – 12:30 Initiatives to reduce environmental impacts at Brim - Sveinn Margeirsson (Brim hf)
 12:30 – 12:45 The Nordic Marine Think Tank - Carl-Christian M.R. Schmidt (NMTT)
 12:45 – 13:45 Lunch break
 13:45 – 14:00 Policy and incentives for change - Karl Gunnar Aarsæther (UiT The Arctic University of Norway)
 14:00 – 14:15 Policy and challenges for implementation - Hildur Hauksdóttir (Fisheries Iceland – SFS)
 14:15 – 15:15 Panel discussions (Hildur, Sveinn, Kaj, Karl & Friederike)
 15:15 – 15:30 Closing, Benedikt Arnason (Permanent Secretary at the Icelandic Ministry of Food, Fisheries & Agriculture)

4 Decarbonising fisheries: Friederike Ziegler (RISE Research Institutes of Sweden)

Dr. Friederike Ziegler from [RISE](#), the Research Institutes of Sweden, had a presentation titled “Decarbonising fisheries to supply low-carbon and nutritious food for the future”. Dr. Ziegler is a leading expert in Life-Cycle Assessment of in food value chains and has a long experience in analysing environmental impacts of fisheries.

She showed that fish have in general a low carbon footprint compared to other protein sources, but there are major differences between types of fisheries and target species. She also showed that air transport of seafood makes fuel efficiency in other links of the value chain rather meaningless. Friederike discussed the many means to decarbonizing fisheries i.e., 1) energy efficiency, 2) alternative fuels, 3) improving utilization of catches. She finally highlighted new EU reports and initiatives for decarbonizing the fish sector.



Figure 5: Dr. Friederike Ziegler from RISE, the Research Institutes of Sweden

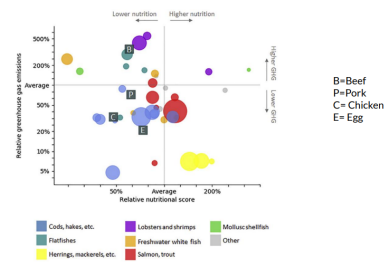


This talk

- Seafood = low-carbon, nutritious food?
- Why the focus on fuel use?
- Decarbonise- how?
- Nordics take the lead

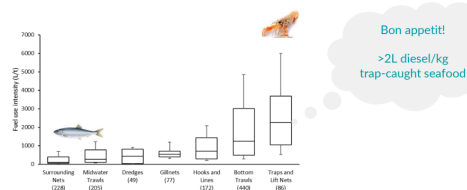
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Climate in relation to nutrition quality



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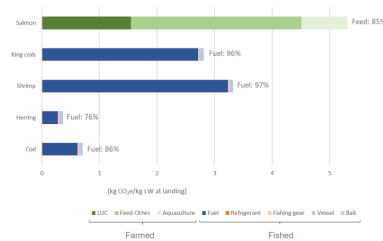
Fishing method matters



Data from the Fisheries Energy Use Database FEUD, graph prepared by Rob Parker for report Ziegler & Homborg 2023 Decarbonising the fishing sector

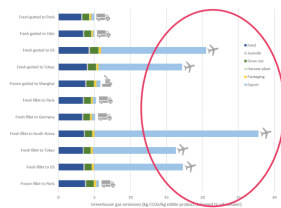
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Fuel dominates fisheries GHGs



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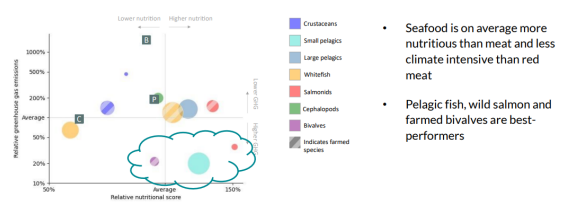
Transports generally don't, unless...



Johansen et al. 2022 Greenhouse gas emissions of Norwegian salmon products

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Nutrition and climate



Blanchi et al. 2022 Assessing seafood nutritional diversity together with climate impacts informs more comprehensive dietary advice

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Fuel price development



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Two (or three) ways to decarbonise fisheries



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1. Energy efficiency

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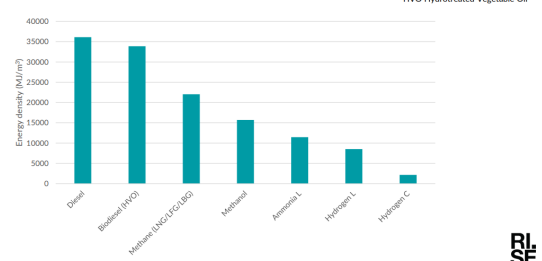
Measures for increased energy efficiency

- Make fuel efficiency an **explicit** goal of fisheries management
- Create a baseline and collect and share data
- Implement current regulations (rebuild stocks, remove overcapacity, aim for MEY, use Article 17 to allocate fishing opportunities based on transparent and objective criteria e.g. GHG performance among gears, fleets, vessels)
- Allow more flexible choice of fishing gear, without causing tradeoffs

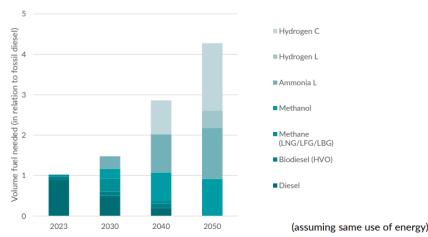
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2. Alternative fuels

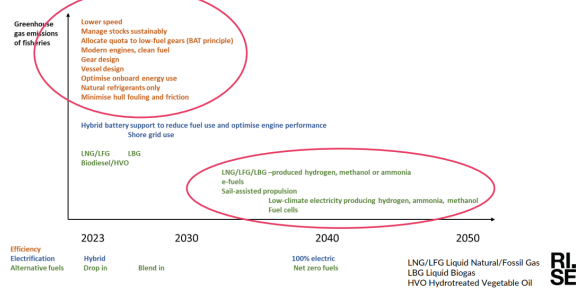
Energy density of fuels



Fuel volume development during the transition



The road to decarbonised fisheries



The road to decarbonised fisheries

"High-hanging fruits"

Self-assisted propulsion
Low-climate electricity producing hydrogen, ammonia, methanol
Fuel cells

"Low-hanging fruits"

Lower speed
Manage stocks sustainably
Allocate quotas to low-fuel gears (BAT principle)
Modern engines, clean fuel
Gear design
Vessel design
Optimise onboard energy use
Natural refrigerants only
Minimise hull fouling and friction

Measures for conversion to alternative fuels

- Tax exemption only for renewable fuels
- Introduce clever economic instruments- fee or tax for fossil (per energy content...), while basing compensatory measures on landing value or volume to keep the incentive to reduce fuel use intensity and shifting fuel
- Relax vessel restrictions (length, engine replacement) for vessels using alternative fuels
- Support infrastructure- in collaboration with the shipping sector!
- Compensate fishers for green investments
- Training needs for skippers and crews
- Ban the maritime use of fossil fuels by 2050!

3. Utilization of catches

Increase the denominator



- Maximise utilization
- Minimise losses through the supply chain

Photo of famous Iceland Ocean Cluster figure taken at whitefish processor in Grindavik

The Nordics can lead

- Make fuel efficiency an **explicit** goal of fisheries management
- Collect and share data on fuel use in fisheries- establish a joint database?
- Compare and share data and experiences of technologies and regulations/taxes/funding mechanisms
- Make a timeline for the phasing out of fossil fuels from Nordic fisheries

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**It will have a cost, but it will
be worth it!
(and it will cost anyway)**

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Thank you!

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5 The Transition to Green Energy for the Fishing Fleet and Its Ports: Ditte Stougaard Stiler (NER)

Ditte Stiler from [Nordic Energy Research](#), the platform for cooperative energy research and policy development under the auspices of the Nordic Council of Ministers, presented some of the alternative fuels being developed for the Nordic fishing fleets and ports. Each of them have their pros and cons, which she explained. The fuels she presented were electricity, bioenergy, hydrogen, methanol, and Ammonia.



Figure 6: Ditte Stiler from Nordic Energy Research



<h3>Agenda</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Transition to Green Energy • The Nordic Fishing Fleet • Electricity and Alternative Fuels • Port Infrastructure 	<h3>Nordic Energy Research</h3> <p><i>The platform for cooperative energy research and policy development under the auspices of the Nordic Council of Ministers</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Funding research</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Analytical function</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Secretarial support</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Promoting Nordic co-operation</p> </div> </div>
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Background

The Working Group for Fisheries (AG-Fisk) for the Nordic Council of Ministers has invited us

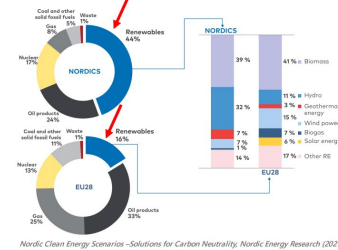
Net zero emissions fisheries and aquaculture sector by 2050 target by the EU

- Energy efficiency
- Cleaner energy sources
- Low-carbon power sources

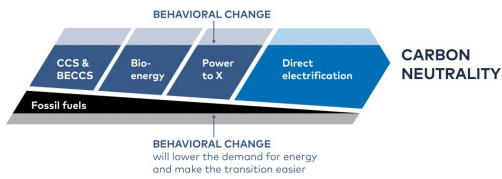


Norwegian Artificial Intelligence Research Consortium (2023)

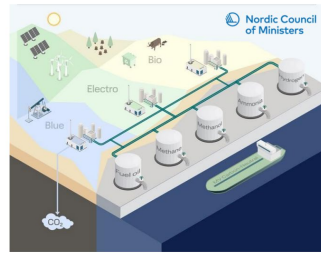
Total Primary Energy in the Nordics



The Transition of the Nordic Energy System



Alternative Energy for Fishing Vessels



The Nordic Roadmap, DNV (2022)

Today:
Fuel oil

Alternatives:
Electricity
Bioenergy
Hydrogen
Methanol
Ammonia

Nordic Fishing Traffic

Fishing Vessels:

- 83% domestic voyages
- 15% of total fuel consumption

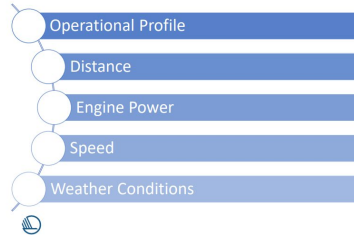
Aquaculture vessels operate domestically as well

Fuel Consumption Density of Nordic Fishing Vessels



Rivedal et al. (2022)

Fuel or Powertrain?



Electricity

Grønárók – Electric Catamaran Workboat (the Faroe Islands)

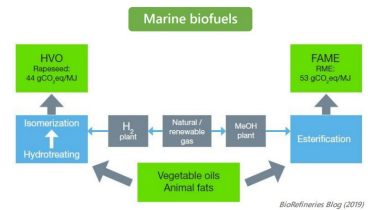


Baard Maritime (2022)

- Fully Electric**
 - Coastal fishing
- Hybrid-electric**
 - Provides greater flexibility

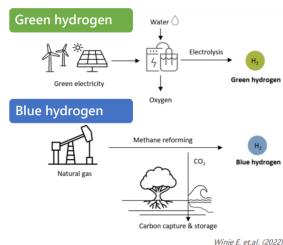
Bioenergy

- Mature technology
- Small- and large vessels
- Blend in or 100% biofuel
- Feedstock availability



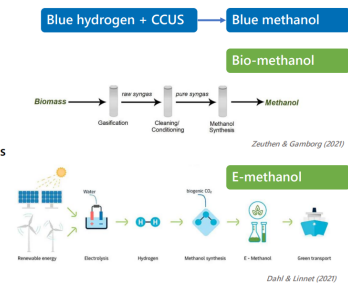
Hydrogen

- Small-scale potentials
- Small fishing vessels
- Lack of technical maturity
- Lack of carbon-neutral supply chains



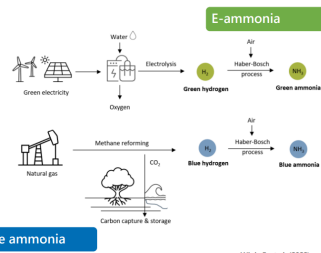
Methanol

- Large-scale potentials
- Medium and large fishing vessels
- Technical maturity
- Relies on a carbon source



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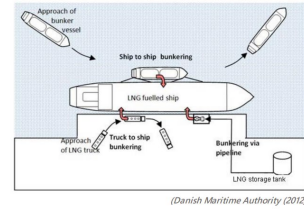
- Potentials similar to methanol
- Lack of technical maturity
- Higher safety risks



Bunkering Infrastructure in Ports

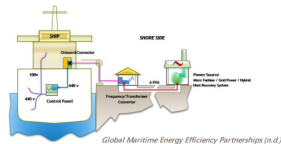
1. Pipeline-to-ship
2. Truck-to-ship
3. Ship-to-ship

- Bunkering time:**
- Powertrain: Battery capacity and onboard connector
 - Fuels: Flow rate and fuel carriage capacity



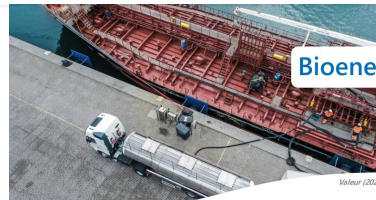
Electricity

- All major ports in the EU must by 2030 provide onshore power
- Needed power rating depends on:
 - Number and onboard battery capacity
 - Time laying in port
 - Charging system



Fishing Vessel Segments:

- Small fishing vessels <1 000 GT: 3-phase 400V AC
- Larger ships require upgraded grid capacity and power converters



Bioenergy and Methanol

- Technical maturity of biofuel bunkering
- Insufficient infrastructure and uncertainty related to scalability

- Some ports offer bunkering of methanol:
 - Ship-to-ship and truck-to-ship
- Insufficient infrastructure in the Nordics
- Technical maturity

- Truck-to-ship:
 - Less costly
 - High refuelling time
 - Less safe
- Ship-to-ship:
 - Costly
 - Less bunkering time
 - Safer
- Pipeline-to-ship:
 - Costly
 - Less bunkering time
 - Most safe
- Swappable solution for compressed hydrogen



Hydrogen and Ammonia

Where does this leave us?

- Upscaling of Renewable Energy Production and Infrastructure
- Business case and financial support
- Rules and regulation
 - Measures to push the development
 - Safety measures
- Who takes the lead? Ships or ports?



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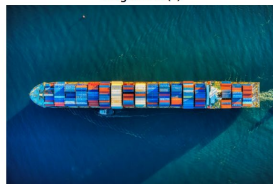
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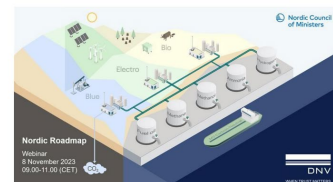
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Nordic Roadmap Invitation

DNV
Nordic Council of Ministers

Date: October 3rd
Location: Nauthólsvégar 106,
101 Reykjavík, Iceland

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6 Most influential factors affecting CO2 emissions in fisheries – Daði Már Kristófersson (UI)

Dr. Daði Már Kristófersson, professor of economics at the University of Iceland, attempted to answer the question of what are the most influential factors affecting CO2 emissions in fisheries? Dr. Kristófersson has analysed and published papers on that subject, focusing on linking fuel use in the Icelandic seafood industry with other developments in the fishing fleet, management of the resources, condition of the stocks etc. The presentation revealed what is most important in order to reduce CO2 emissions in fisheries. The core of his presentation was based on a paper published by him and two colleagues in ICES Journal of Marine Science in 2021 (Kristofersson, Gunnlaugsson & Hreiðarsson, 2021¹)

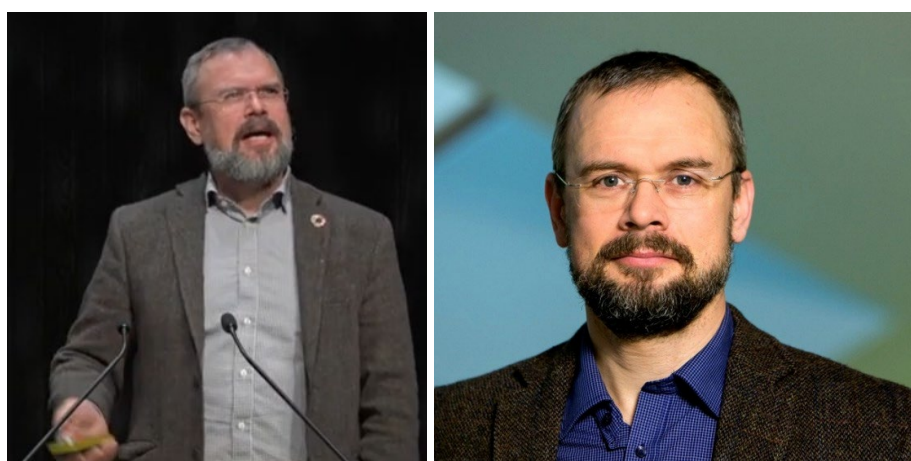


Figure 7: Dr. Daði Már Kristófersson, professor of economics at the University of Iceland

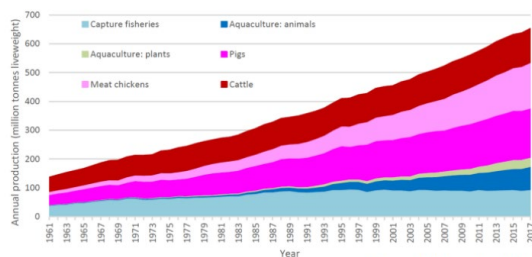
¹ Factors affecting greenhouse gas emissions in fisheries: evidence from Iceland's demersal fisheries
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Most influential factors affecting CO₂ emissions in fisheries

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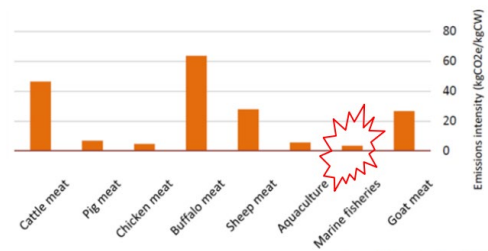
GHG emissions from animal production



Source: MacLeod et al 2020



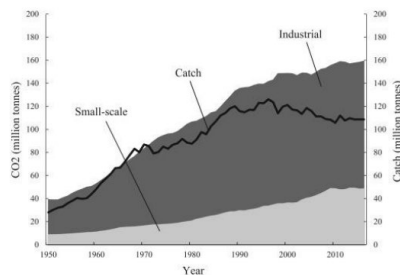
Carbon intensity



Source: MacLeod et al 2020



Development of catch and emissions

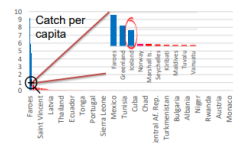


Source: Greer et al 2020

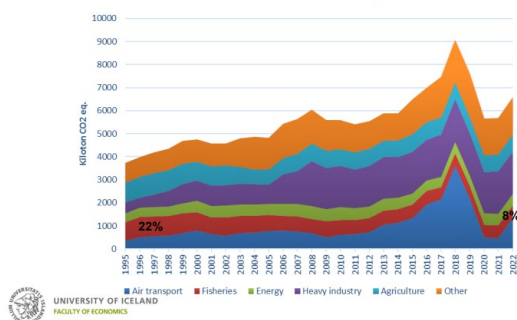


Icelandic fisheries

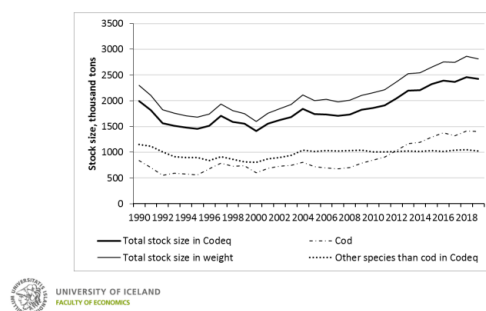
- Among top 20 fishing nations in the world by quantity
- Multi species fishery
- Quota regulated since 1984
- Mostly industrial and very consolidated
- TAC regulated by harvest rule
- Very profitable



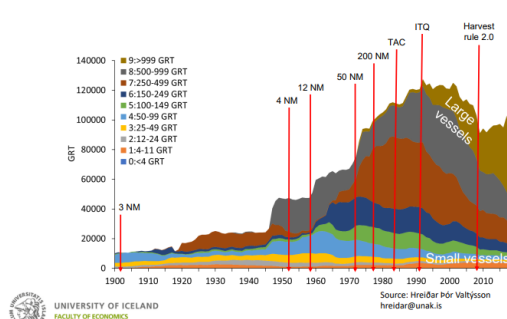
Iceland's story



Stock size development



Icelandic fishing fleet- GRT



Factors that might affect carbon intensity in fishing

- Management system
- Gear
- Vessel type
- Technology
- Carbon pricing
- Stock size

How much does each factor contribute?

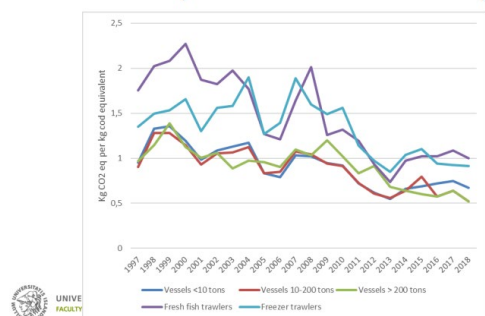
Study focus

- Focus on the Icelandic demersal fishing by fleet segment
- Study period 1997 to 2018
- Quantity aggregation based on cod equivalents
- Carbon intensity based on kg CO2 eq. per kg catch in cod equivalent

Data

- Emission data from the Icelandic Environmental Agency
- Input, output and price data from Statistics Iceland
- Stock size data from Icelandic Marine Research Institute

Development of carbon intensity



Change over the period

	1997 to 2000	2015 to 2018	Change
Weighted average of all demersal fisheries	1.47	0.89	-39.5%
Boats <10 GRT	1.21	0.71	-41.4%
Boats 10 to 200 GRT	1.15	0.63	-45.1%
Boats >200 GRT	1.16	0.58	-49.5%
Fresh fish trawlers	2.03	1.03	-49.2%
Freezer trawlers	1.51	0.97	-35.7%

Model

- We estimate the relationship between emissions and fishing using an implicit production function derived from:

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{y,x} \{p'y - w'x\} \\ & \text{s.t.} \\ & g(y, x, z, e, \bar{y}) \leq 0 \\ & z = z_0 \\ & y \leq \bar{y} \end{aligned}$$

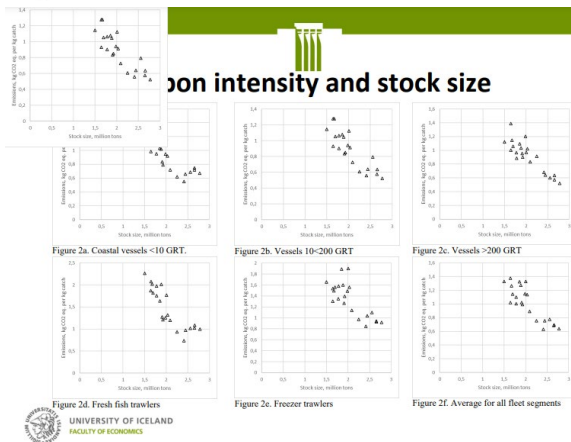
y is output (regulated by a quota \bar{y}), x is input, z are environmental factors and e are emissions and p and w are prices

Statistical results

Gear type	Stock size	Trend	Total quota	Fuel price	Fish price
Passive	-0,97	0,0009	0,96	-0,44	0,50
	(-3,45)	(0,07)	(-57,81)	(-8,03)	(-4,27)
Active	-0,95	-0,0216	0,87	-0,13	0,44
	(-2,20)	(-1,21)	(-20,56)	(-1,53)	(-2,44)

t-values in parenthesis

Carbon intensity and stock size






Conclusion

- There has been a dramatic reduction in carbon intensity in the demersal fishery in Iceland
- It is most clearly related to stock size and scale
- Carbon pricing has also affected emissions
- Technology has played a minor role (why?)
- Nations can reduce emissions, increase output and improve profitability by improving fisheries management

7 Benthic disturbance and fisheries - Ole Ritzau Eigaard (DTU aqua)

Dr. Ole Ritzau Eigaard from [DTU aqua](#) is an expert on environmental impacts of fisheries, including benthic disturbance of bottom-trawling. In his presentation he addressed the debated issue of quantifying the environmental impacts caused by bottom-trawling on the seafloor. In [2021 Sale et al.](#) published in *NATURE* a paper claiming that [global bottom trawling is responsible for as much carbon release as air travel](#). The paper received great attention and has been debated heavily since then. In [2023 Hiddink et al.](#) published also in *NATURE* [a paper that refutes the assertion](#) in the paper of Sale et al. The issue remains heavily debated, and it is clear that more research is needed. Dr Eigaard presented and compared the results of Sala et al and Hiddink et al., as well as other similar studies done on the subject in recent years.



Release of Sediment-CO₂ from bottom Trawling

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Figure 8: Dr. Ole Ritzau Eigaard from DTU aqua





Structure and content of presentation

1. Global sediment CO₂ emission according to Sala et al. 2021
2. Criticism of the Sala et al. approach by Hiddink et al. 2023
3. Other studies of trawling impacts on sediment carbon
4. CO₂ from fossil fuel and energy use in bottom trawling
5. Scaling of the different carbon footprint components of bottom trawling
6. Summary and Conclusions

Sala et al. 2021: global sediment-related carbon emission from trawl fisheries

Carbon emissions from bottom trawling are similar to those of global aviation



CO₂ average annual emissions



CO₂ emissions in 2019

Gardiner graphic. Source: Nature

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Key criticism in the response by Hiddink et al. 2023



Constant K assumption by Sala et al. 2021

The model in Sala et al. uses a single reactivity value (k) estimated for highly reactive organic carbon (OC) at the sediment surface and applies it to bulk sediment. This assumption ignores that typically a large component of the sediment consists of deeper positioned recalcitrant and refractory carbon, which is known to have a much lower reactivity.

A study of OC degradation rates at 11 sites in the North Sea by De Boer et al. (2021) shows that the assumption of a constant high surface k across all sediment depths (dashed red line) deviates significantly from current knowledge; that k decreases exponentially with depth.

According to Hiddink et al. this erroneous k assumption results in an upward bias in the estimated CO₂ release by 2-3 orders of magnitude. Lowering the Sala et al. estimate two orders of magnitude gives a range of 5.8 to 14.7 million tonnes of CO₂.

Other Studies (Experimental and site-specific)

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REVIEW

The impact of mobile demersal fishing on carbon storage in seabed sediments

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Abstract
Subsided marine sediments are one of the planet's primary carbon stores and strongly influence the marine sink for atmospheric CO₂. For the most widespread bottom activity occurring on the seabed is bottom trawling/fishing for fish and shellfish. A global literature review suggests widespread demersal fishing activities may cause 0.36–0.4 Gt of organic carbon (OC) to be mineralized annually from seabed sediment carbon stores (Sala et al. 2021). These are, however, many orders of magnitude in this calculation. Here, we discuss the potential drivers of change in seabed sediment OC stores due to mobile demersal fishing activities and conduct a literature review, synthesizing studies where this interaction has been directly investigated. Under certain

A recent review of 49 studies directly investigating sediment OC stocks after trawling disturbances revealed mixed results (Epstein et al. 2021):

- 61% of studies reported no sign effect
- 29% reported lower OC stocks
- 10% reported higher OC stocks.

These mixed results reflect the spatial variability and the complexity of the process - but provide some support to the mechanism of trawling induced emission of sediment CO₂.

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CO₂ from fuel and energy use in bottom trawling

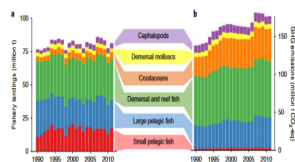
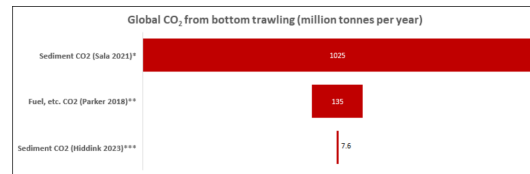


Fig. 21 Global marine fishery landings and GHG emissions for 1990-2011 categorized by species groups. a, Global marine fishery landings; b, Global GHG emissions from marine fisheries.

- Global emission of **179 million t** CO₂-equivalents annually from all fishing (both passive and active gears)
- Estimate of **135 million t** from all fishing for demersal species.
- These estimates cover all non-sediment related emissions (fossil fuels generally contribute most)
- Difference in climate footprint between demersal (large) and pelagic (small) fish and shellfish capture when related to catch weights.

Scaling of the carbon footprint components



* Middle of the range estimated by Sala et al. 2021 of 0.58-1.47 (Pg yr⁻¹). 1 Petagram (Pg) = 1 giga-ton = 1000 million tonnes
 ** The estimate from Parker et al. 2018 is in CO₂ equivalents and includes all demersal fisheries (passive and active) and all non-sediment related emissions
 *** Middle of the range estimated by Sala et al. 2021 (0.58-1.47 Pg yr⁻¹) after downscaling by two orders of magnitude based on Hiddink et al. 2023

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Summary and Conclusions

- The mechanism of increased emission of sediment-CO₂ caused by bottom trawling has been timely flagged by Sala et al. 2021.
- However, their approach is based on poorly substantiated assumptions of carbon reactivity and uncertain maps of sedimentary carbon stocks, and according to Hiddink et al. (2023), the global CO₂ emission estimates are several orders of magnitude too high.
- Overall, the use of fossil fuels is likely a substantially bigger source of atmospheric CO₂ in bottom trawl fisheries than sediment-related emissions.
- In some marine areas sediment-CO₂ can likely be a substantial component of the total carbon footprint of bottom trawl fisheries (areas with high organic carbon content, high reactivity of the organic carbon, and low primary production in the water column).

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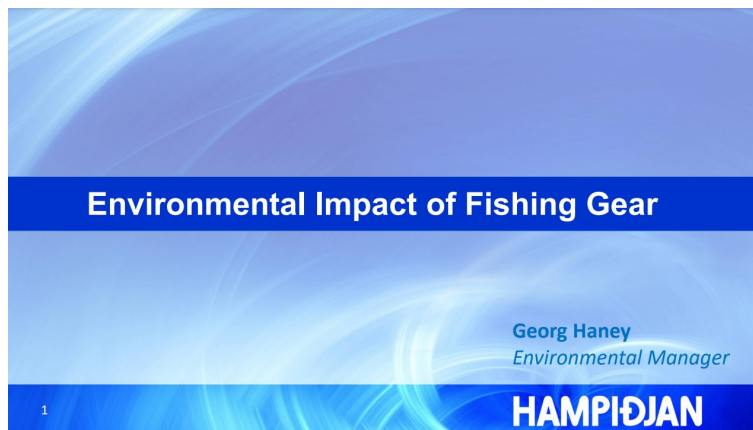
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8 Environmental Impact of Fishing Gear – Georg Haney (Hampiðjan)

Georg Haney is the Environmental Manager of [Hampiðjan Group](#), which is a world leader in developing and producing fishing gear. Georg presented what fishing gear developers and working on to reduce the environmental impact of their gear e.g., in relation to bottom contact, fuel consumption, selectivity and life cycle perspectives, such as recyclability, of the gear.

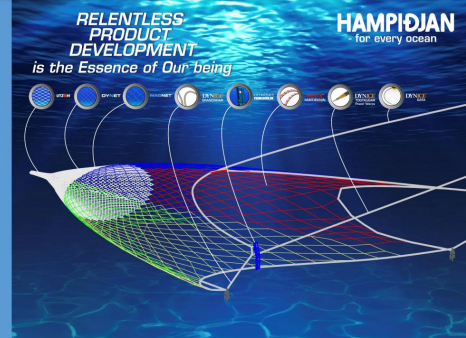


Environmental Aspects

- Bottom contact
 - Drag
 - Sediment disturbance
- Fuel consumption/emissions
 - CPUE
- Selectivity
 - Sustainability of fish stocks
 - Target species and value
- Life cycle of fishing gear
 - Recyclability
 - Carbon footprint

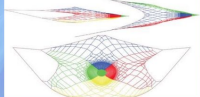


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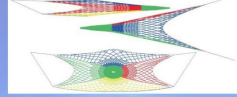


Pelagic trawls used by the Icelandic fleet

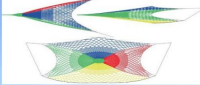
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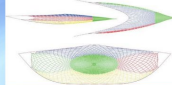
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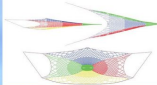
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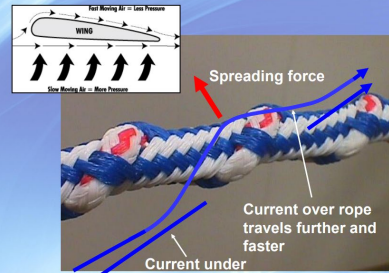
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Gloria SW - Capelin

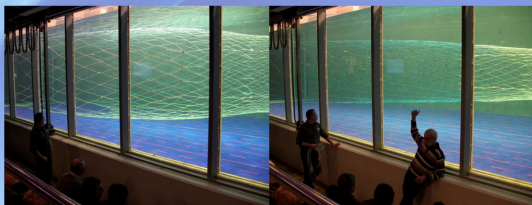


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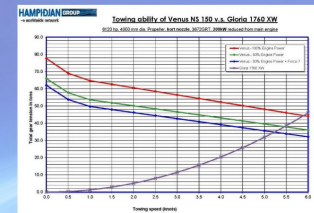
The difference visualized



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Fishing Gear Development - Process

- Project Initiation
 - Customer request
 - Research projects
 - Legislative changes
- Analysis
 - Target species
 - Distribution
 - Behavior
 - Towing power of vessel
 - Matching of gear to vessel parameters



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Information is key

- Dynice Optical Data
 - Connection between ship and gear
 - 3 optic fibres
 - power transmission
- Endless possibilities
 - real times images
 - Precise headline measurements
 - commands to gear
 - seabed mapping
 - etc

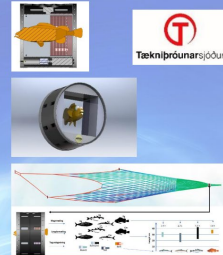


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FishScanner (Star-Oddi)

Star-Oddi, MFRI and Hampiðjan. Funded by Tæknipróunarsjóð

- FishScanner
 - ✓ Identify species
 - ✓ Length measurement
 - ✓ Real time catch estimation
- Research application
 - ✓ Data collection without catch
 - ✓ Less towing time for sample collection
- Commercial fisheries
 - ✓ Real time catch composition
 - ✓ Summary of each catch



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End of Life of Fishing Gear



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HMPE ropes	HighModulusPolyEthylene	Dynico, Prima	HMPE	(X)	(X)	(DSM Dynema)
HMPE netting	HighModulusPolyEthylene	Dynico, Prima	HMPE	(X)	(X)	(DSM Dynema)
Coverbraided ropes	Polyethylene 55% og Polyamid 45%	Pepa, Helix, Capito, Jaco, Torex	PE+PA	(X)		Nofir
Branded ropes	Polyamid	Nylix	PA	X		Pollvektis
Nylon net	Polyamid	Utazon	PA	X		Pollvektis
PE netting	Polyethylene	Magnet	PE	X		Plastix
Twisted ropes	Polyethylene	PE rope	PE	X		Plastix
	Polypropylene	PP rope	PP	X		Plastix
	Nylon	Utazon	PA	X		Pollvektis
	Polypropylene 80% - Polyethylene 20%	Kraftul, Kraftex, Danline	PP+PE	X		Plastix
	Polyethylene 50% - Polyamid 50%	Codline	PE+PA		X	
	Polyethylene 50% - Polyester 50%	Gleispir	PE+PES		X	
Floats	Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene	Castro	ABS		X	
Rockhopper	Rubber	Eurorock	PI	X		Granuband
Chairs, wire, hardware	Ferros Metals		Fe	X		Local

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Recycling of PE in Hampidjan Baltic

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Fishing gear for recycling (2022)

Fishing gear „waste“

Material	Weight (kg)
PE	183.543
Nylon	147.185
Steel	44.390
Rubber	73.957
Dyneema	1.391

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Thank You!

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9 Future and impact on ships: a designer's perspective: Kim N. Christensen (Knud E. Hansen)

Kim Nørby Christensen is a senior mechanical engineer at [Knud E. Hansen](#), which is among the leading vessel design companies in Europe. Kim introduced the most recent trends in vessel design and how alternative fuels are becoming more important in ship building. The issue with transitioning to new fuel sources in ship building is that there are many potential fuel sources, each with their pros and cons, and no one knows which will come out on top. It is therefore difficult to take chances when investing in vessels that are meant to last for decades.



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Future and Impact on Ships
From a ship designer's perspective

Kim Nørby Christensen, Senior Mechanical Engineer



KEH - WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO
Naval Architects - Specialists in Ship Design

- 86 years old company
- ~90 employees
- Offices across the world, e.g. at the Faroe Island
- Advisory for ship owners, e.g. about new fuels
- Concept, contractual and basic design for ship owners and yards (as usual up to the class approved level)
- Retrofitting and conversions
- A lot of work with calculations, design and engineering of **new fuels**
- To cut it short: We make sure the ship fulfils operational requirements and rules with best considered efficiency, and a lot of other stuff...

ONE REFERENCE

Design by Knud E. Hansen A/S, Delivered 2022
Other fishing ships in the past, more in the future...



Bakkafossur Hybrid Live Fish Carrier

FROM A DESIGNER'S PERSPECTIVE
How New Technology Gets on the Market

Development is driven by ...

...POLITICAL GOALS

Initiator is the political goal for...

...ZERO CO2 EMISSION

Reaching sufficient CO2 reduction can only be reached by...

...CHANGING FUEL

Facilitator is the...

...NEW TECHNOLOGY

WHERE WE ARE

FUELS

DROP-IN FUEL (Net zero by 2050 goal not possible, temporarily)
Fuels that can be directly feed to an engine without modifications.
Same containment and systems as with traditional fuels.
Does not reduce particles, HC, CI, NOx and CO2 to zero.

- HVO100
- Etc.

GREEN TRANSITION FUEL (Net zero by 2050 goal possible, solution)
Requires development of engines, storage systems, batteries or use of fuel cells.

- Hydrogen
- Methanol
- Ammonia
- ESS (like batteries)

Subject to this presentation

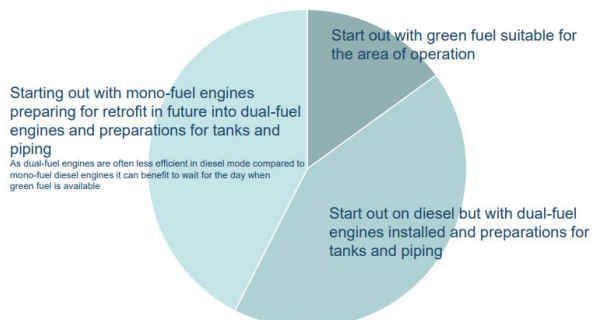
OUTSIDERS

- **Carbon capture technology** is not considered as a viable technology yet (too expensive, too heavy, too space consuming), especially for smaller ships.
We see really no projects where this is considered (CARBFIK could however change the picture locally in Iceland)
- **Nuclear**, well with the new reactors the concept is tempting but we do not see any considering it
- **Lower speeds** can be a part of the future energy reduction, but not for fishing ships, and does not solve the 2050 goals as such

WHAT FUEL TO SHORTLIST?

- Local fuel availability is the most important factor for deciding upon fuel
- We should not solve one problem by using energy to sail energy around the globe when locally produced energy is available (We need to look at the supply chain approach and not only the ship approach)
- Fishing ships not calling ports outside Iceland; hence fuel should be available at Iceland as to avoid CO2 footprint when importing

FUTURE IS IN EVERY DESIGN WE DO 3 Strategies

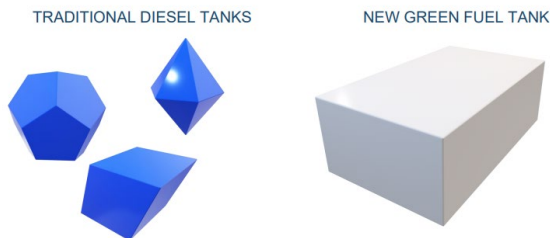


THE PROJECT PROCESS

- **Selecting** and **integrating** the right **commercially available** equipment for the ship
- Using **commercially available** rules from classes. Available for all new fuels
- Have been dealing with LNG for the past decade, so new fuels are no new
- Have carried out projects "big scale" with methanol, ammonia, hydrogen and batteries for at the past 5 years
- Implementing a new fuel **or any other piece of equipment**, is a traditional development design/engineering process managed by the designer

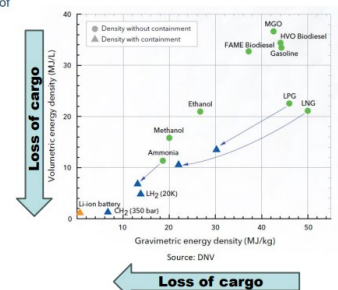
THE MAJOR CHALLENGE Get Space for the Fuel Onboard

- For all projects, this is the challenge
- New fuel requires more space onboard and, in most cases, other locations



THE MAJOR CHALLENGE Get Space for the Fuel Onboard

- One **rough** conclusion can be made:
 - The cargo carrying capacity of similar ship will decrease!



Containment Outsiders Not Included

Fuel	State	Containment
Diesel	Atmospheric	
Hydrogen, gas	Small diameter cylinders with 300-500 bar	
Hydrogen, liquid	-253°C Vacuum insulated tank ~70% filling rate	
Ammonia	Ambient ~20°C 8,6 bar	
Methanol	Ambient temperature Atmospheric pressure N2 padded tank	Structural tanks with produceable cofferdams

CAPEX / OPEX Now We Tie It All Up

- CAPEX (i.e. building cost) for the ship will increase
 - Tank containment
 - Fuel supply system (diesel is still needed for backup)
 - Higher engine prices
 - Larger displacement/bigger ship to take same cargo (roughly speaking)
 - Waste heat recovery systems can be installed due to increased energy price
 - More efficient aux systems due to increased energy price
- OPEX (i.e. operation cost) for the ship will increase
 - More frequent bunkering due to lower endurance
 - Maintenance of new equipment
 - Increased electrical power consumption for handling of new aux systems
 - Fuel price means more expensive energy
 - CO2 tax shortens the return of investment (the "carrot" for making it more and more greener)
- Return of Investment for increased energy price
 - Waste heat recovery to be considered (e.g. ORC units)
 - Increased efficiency in aux systems

KEEP AN EYE ON Fuel Cells



- We use engines for 98% of our projects today
- Solid oxide fuel cells (SOFC) is coming
- Not yet ready for marine use, yet
- Can use methanol or ammonia directly to produce electrical power
- High efficiency, especially in future

Retrofitting = Asset Management Keep Value of Your Fleet



- If newbuilding is a struggle, retrofitting is totally exhausting, finding the space for fuel containment is the tricky part, especially because the ships are somehow small and filled with equipment
- Keep in mind, it is not only to find the space, we also need to consider:
 - Stability (moving fuel from bottom to upper part in heavy containment systems is not beneficial)
 - Cargo impact

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Turn Back Time When LNG Started



- LNG has been used for fueling ships for a decade (similar fuel as many of the new fuels)
- Introduced based on the SOx and NOx emission reduction requirements from IMO
- Slow start because LNG distribution in small scale was not available (and here LNG was already available in all major ports but not for fuel, only distribution was needed)
- Transition to new fuels; fuels needs to be available as well as distribution, then transition of the fleet will follow

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Container Ships Trend



- Jonas told me that he would like KEH to briefly touch upon container ships as these are carrying the cargo from Iceland to Europe
- KEH is involved in conversion projects with container ships (among others) to methanol
- When APMM decided to go for methanol some years ago it moved the market in that direction
- Methanol and container ships are really a kind of ideal combination due to the nature of the methanol storage

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SYSTEMS THAT WE IMPLEMENT AND DESIGN



- Container ships calling Iceland is relatively small ships powered by 4-stroke engines; while the big containerships are using 2-stroke
- 2-stroke runs on almost everything..
- ...but for 4-stroke, the market is emerging, and a limited number of engines/power units are available right now
- Containerships, by nature goes to Europa; hence most likely fueling in Europe and not in Iceland
- Iceland does not need to produce fuel for containerships if endurance is based on a round trip; if fueling in Iceland container ships will compete with local market
- We see projects with very limited capacity due to space of new fuels, but for e.g. container ships the trend is not an each-port-refueling strategy

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10 Future fuels for marine – the path to decarbonization: Kaj Portin (Wärtsilä)

Kaj Portin is the General Manager of Sustainable Fuels & Decarbonization at [Wärtsilä](#) Finland Oy. Wärtsilä is among the world leaders in designing and manufacturing ship engines and has put major efforts into providing alternatives for alternative types of fuel. Kaj gave an overview of the development taking place at Wärtsilä, providing a time schedule for how the company is expecting to provide and install engines that run on renewable fuels. The current issues the company is challenged with is lack of infrastructure and availability of alternative fuels, lower energy capacity in these fuels resulting in more space being needed for storage, safety issues with fuels such as ammonia and hydrogen, as well as the fact that some of these fuels need storage tanks that have to be “difficult” in shape. The fact is that most companies that are having new ships designed are planning to own them for a very long time, and taking a gamble on what alternative fuels will come out on top is risky. Most are therefore going for hybrid solutions, with engines that can run on conventional fuel and renewable fuel; or can with simple retrofitting run on one. Kaj presented how Wärtsilä has been working on innovative solutions for energy exchange and what their future plans are.

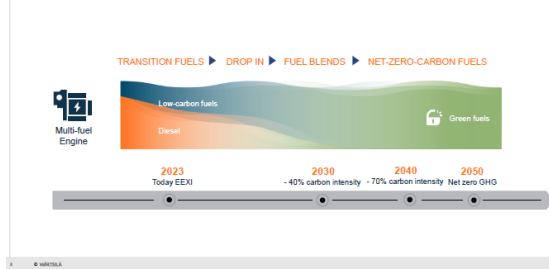


Figure 9: Kaj Portin, the General Manager of Sustainable Fuels & Decarbonization at Wärtsilä

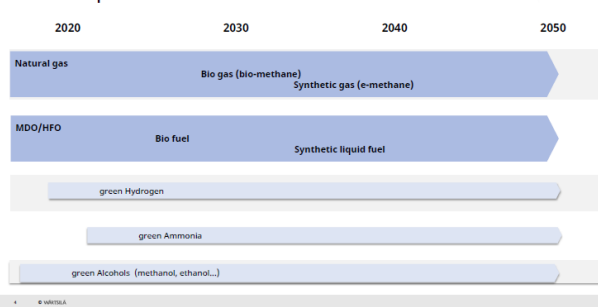


Certainty in transition

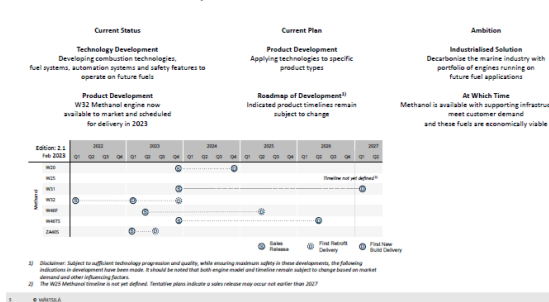
Infrastructure and availability of green fuels need time to mature - current Wärtsilä multi-fuel Wärtsilä multi-fuel technology offer a viable upgrade path



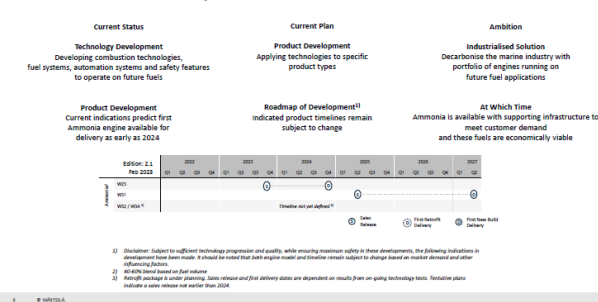
Fuel Roadmap – Focus on Renewable Fuels



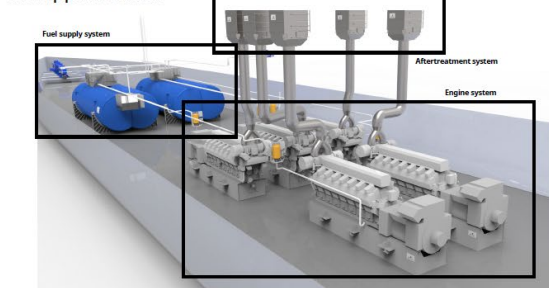
Marine Power Product Development - Methanol



Marine Power Product Development - Ammonia



The ship power solution



Hydrogen



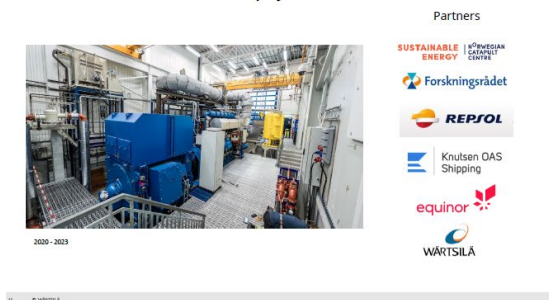
Hydrogen



Ammonia engine testing - 30 June 2021



Demo 2000 - Ammonia demonstration project at Stord



Ammonia safety

- Master's Thesis by Laura Sariola in 2020 on engine, fuel system and engine room setup
- System approved by TUKES (Finnish authority) in June 2021
- Cooperation with Marine classification societies for Ammonia rules
- Verification of the robustness and functionality of the safety systems
- Personal Protection Equipment definition.

M/V Stena Germanica Methanol conversion

- Conversion of the ro-pax ferry owned by Stena Line in 2015
- 4 x main engines converted for the methanol combustion



First Wärtsilä 32 Methanol order

- Owner: Van Oord
- 5 x W32 Methanol main gensets
- Delivery of equipment Q2 2023



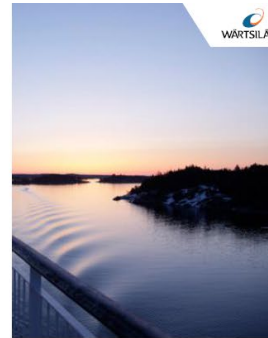
W32 Methanol available in March 2023 ExW

- Based on proven and reliable W32 engine concept
 - Experience from earlier W32SD engine design, and Sulzer Z40 methanol
- Back up fuel operation possible (LFO + LBF, HFO)
 - Fuel switch (Methanol ↔ Liquid) can be made without loss of power
- Auxiliary engine (AE), Diesel electric engine (DE) and Variable speed Main Engine
- Variable speed Main Engine October 2023 ExW



Summary

- Decarbonising of the marine sector is urgent and requires a wide range of measures
- A successful development requires expertise and actions from many contributors
- Wärtsilä's portfolio provides several solutions towards a net-zero future
- Fuel flexibility secures a future proofed solution
- Concepts for ICE operation on the future fuels like Ammonia, Hydrogen, and Methanol are already being developed and demonstrated.



11 The sustainability approach of Royal Greenland: Lisbeth Schönnemann-Paul (Royal Greenland)

Lisbeth Due Schönnemann-Paul is a Senior Corporate Sustainability Advisor at [Royal Greenland](#) and she presented in her talk the sustainability approach of Royal Greenland. Royal Greenland is a vertically integrated company operating in harsh and difficult areas, where infrastructure for energy exchange is lacking. Royal Greenland places utmost importance on sustainability in its operations, by fishing from sustainably managed stocks, reducing energy consumption and CO₂ emissions, maximising utilisation, using more environmentally friendly packaging materials, reducing water consumption etc. Royal Greenland is also looking carefully at upstream and downstream activities (scope 2 and 3), which account for majority of the products carbon footprint when considering the entire value chain.



Figure 10: Lisbeth Due Schönnemann-Paul is a Senior Corporate Sustainability Advisor at Royal Greenland



The sustainability approach of Royal Greenland

- Materiality assessment, fishery and CO₂e emission
- Lisbeth Schönnemann-Paul

Agenda

- Introduction to Royal Greenlands materiality assessment and integrated value chain
- Sustainable fisheries
- CO₂e emission in Royal Greenland
- CO₂e hot spots in the value chain
- Life cycles assessment on seafood products



Royal Greenland

- A large seafood company in the North Atlantic
- Independent company owned by the Greenlandic Government
- Present in 37 settlements in Greenland of 65
- More than 2.200 employees around the globe, here of almost 1.400 in Greenland
- Operates own off shore and coastal fishing fleet and production units in Greenland, Atlantic Canada and Germany
- Local presence in major world markets

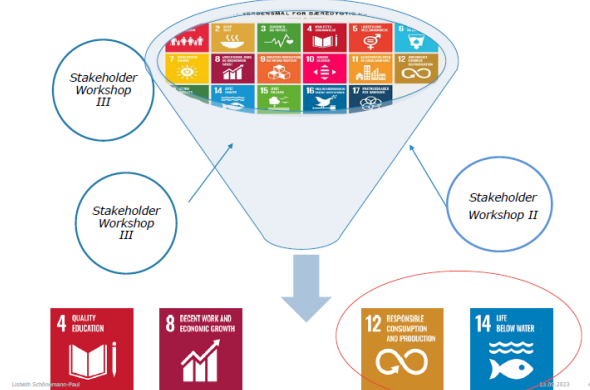
Mission

We *sustainably* maximize the value of marine resources to which we have privileged access, for the benefit of our owners and our local communities

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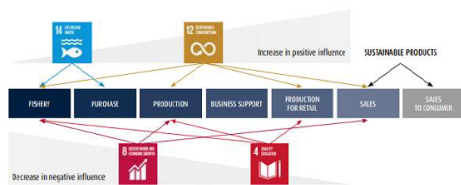
Materiality assessment

We used SDGs as basis for the sustainability program



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Royal Greenland has a vertical integrated value chain



The target of our sustainability goals are to reduce negative impacts in the value chain and to increase the positive opportunities

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Sustainable fishing

Sustainable raw materials

Our fisheries must be managed in accordance with the scientific advice. We buy fish and shellfish according to equivalent principles and contribute to building up knowledge of sustainable fisheries

Initiatives

- Maintain the current certificates
- Certification of new fisheries e.g. Newfoundland lobster and in Greenland working through partnership Sustainable Fisheries Greenland to improve management
- Certification of a larger proportion of purchased raw materials and finished products for sale than in 2022 (63%)

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Fisheries development - new species

We must make better use of marine resources, so that we as a company can develop food products for an ever-increasing global population

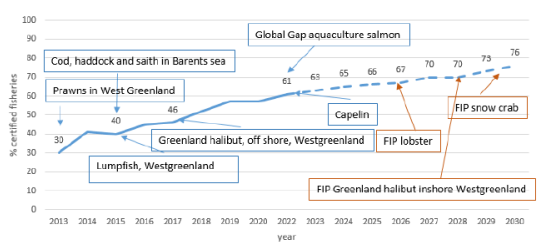
Initiatives

- Development of new fisheries, primarily in the coastal fishing area e.g. sea urchin, sea cucumber and whelk
- Cultivation of seaweed

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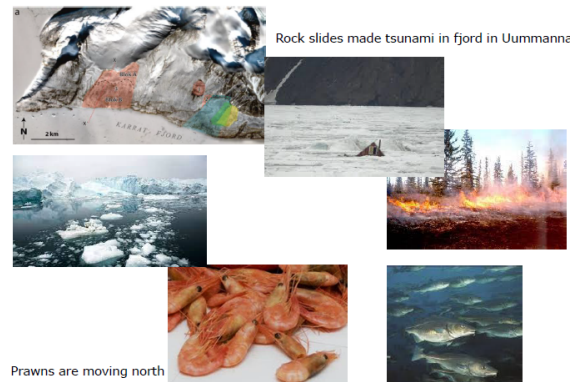
Certified fisheries

Development of certified fisheries



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Visual climate change



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Responsible footprint

Five sub areas

- Energy consumption
- CO₂e emission
- Maximum utilisation of resources
- Cardboard, paper and plastic
- Water consumption

We will minimise our environmental footprint through responsible consumption and circular handling of non-renewable resources

We will maximise the degree of utilisation by creating new food products from the fish and shellfish that we produce.

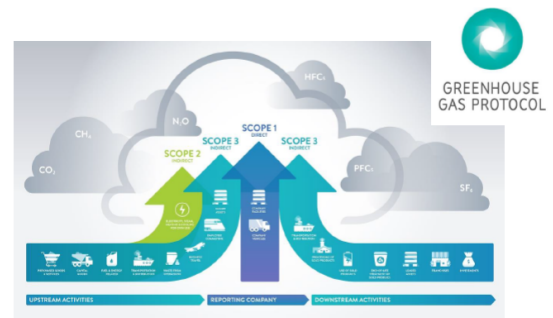
Initiatives (extracts)

- Determine action plans to reduce energy consumption at factories and facilities
- Engage in a partnership for a model to calculate the carbon footprint for seafood-based product chains
- Development of production methods for maximum utilisation of resources
- Substitution of laminates with mono-materials
- Production of fresh water from seawater approved for food production at certain locations

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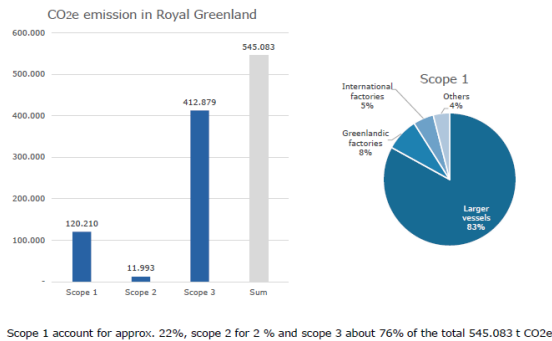
Definition of scope 1-2-3



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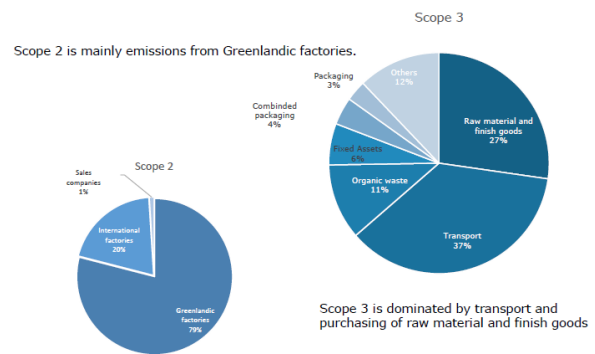
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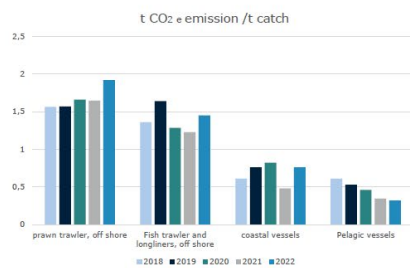
Scope 2 and scope 3



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CO₂e emission per ton catch - Differences between vessels



Results are depending of type of fishing gear, distance to fishing area, catch efficiency and time used for other activities like shipyard.

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New trawlers

M/tr Sisimiut, halibut/cod/meal and oil 2019



M/tr Nataanaq, prawn 2021



M/tr Avataq, prawn/halibut 2020



M/tr Tuugalik, fish 2022



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Fossil fuel and environmental impact

Royal Greenland use Marine Gas oil

Low in sulphur content, < 1%
=> risk of acidification is reduced

Low in risk of black particles to the surroundings

BUT

The same CO₂e emission as other types of fuel!

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How to reduce the CO₂e emission?

Development is necessary

Reduce fuel ->
Efficiency in transport and fishery

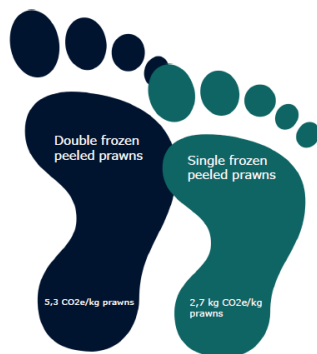
Development in fishing gears

Development in new energy systems usable for vessels

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CO₂e emission per kg finish goods - From fishery in Greenland to gate in Germany

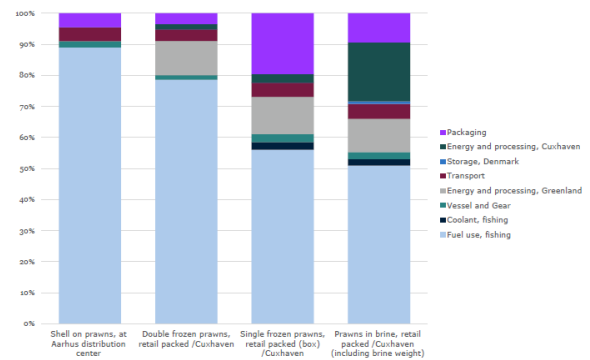


Attributional LCA
based on utilisation
of the goods
Ref. RISE Sweden

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Distribution of CO₂e emission - Depending of the processing



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12 Initiatives to reduce environmental impact: Sveinn Margeirsson (Brim)

Dr. Sveinn Margeirsson is the Chief Innovation Officer at [Brim hf](https://brim.is), which is among the largest seafood company in Iceland. Brim is a vertically integrated company operating six demersal trawlers, one long liner and three pelagic vessels, high tech processing, marketing and sales. The company is looking closely at its environmental footprint, focusing on a wholistic approach taking the entire value chain into consideration. Sveinn criticised in his presentation the prioritisation of energy companies, which are selling electricity to “dirty companies” while cutting off electricity to fishmeal factories at critical time of year. He also criticised the electricity companies for selling green certificates to “dirty industry” abroad instead of selling certified green energy to its customers in Iceland, thereby undermining the ongoing work in the companies to replace fissile fuels. Brim’s policy is to achieve carbon neutrality and support social development and innovation while doing it, and have put forward ambitious plans for doing so.



Figure 11: Dr. Sveinn Margeirsson, the Chief Innovation Officer at Brim hf



Brim: Important drivers for climate action

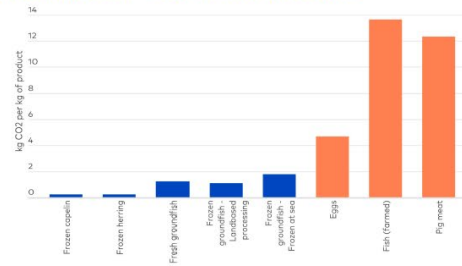


Environment and climate policy

- Resource utilization
- Long term investments
- Unbroken value chain
- Resilient society
- Data-driven decisions
- Responsible ocean utilization
- Minimizing emissions
- Carbon neutrality



High quality protein – Low carbon footprint



Sources: Brim's Annual and sustainability report 2022 (Brim), Statista (average)

Steering towards the future

- Minimizing emissions
 - Scope 1&2 emissions on land (processing plants, vehicles, docked vessels etc)
- Circularity – Resource utilization
 - Greenhouse gas emissions originating from waste
- Long term investments
 - Emissions intensity on vessels (tCO2eq/mEUR)



- Resource utilization
- Long term investments
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Does Iceland's policy support replacement of fossil fuels?



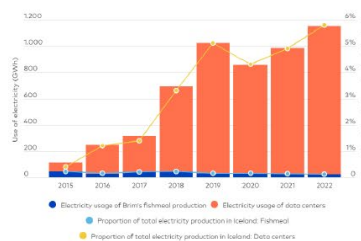
Case study: Brim's pelagic plant in Vopnafjörður

- Today the capacity of the freezing plant is 350-400 metric tons per day
- Our vessels can bring 2,000 tons of cooled catch to the plant, which takes 4-5 days to process. To sustain the quality of production, the vessels have a lower limit on maximum catch; thus using more fuel
- Production of fishmeal ensures 100% utilisation of catch and was electrified in 2010 (no oil used for fishmeal production in 2011 – 4 million litres in 2022)
- Investment in a new factory will bring CO2 emissions down, increase the proportion of raw materials taken to human consumption (increase food security) and increase value creation (lower CO2/€)
 - Is electricity towards utilization of Icelandic resources prioritised?
 - Do "Guarantees of origin" support replacement of fossil fuels?
 - Is the fisheries management system stable enough for a long-term approach?

What undermines replacement of fossil fuels?



Increased mining for cryptocurrency undermines fossil fuel replacement

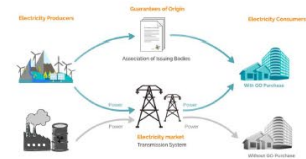


What undermines replacement of fossil fuels?



Unstable management
+
high interest rates
=>
increased risk

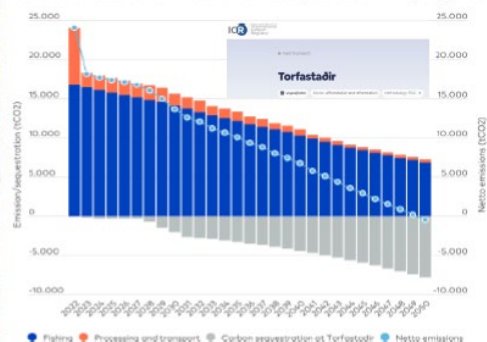
Higher electricity price
=>
Longer payback time



Brim's policy: Achieving carbon neutrality and support social development and innovation while doing it



Scenario 2050: Carbon neutral fishmeal production in Vopnafjörður



13 The Nordic Marine Think Tank: Carl-Christian MR Schmidt (NMTT)

Carl-Christian Schmidt is the vice-chair of the Nordic Marine Think Tank (NMTT), which is a network of Nordic experts in marine and fisheries issues and international cooperation. The NMTT focuses on stewardship of healthy oceans and ecosystems, sustainable exploitation of marine living resources, better public decision-making, better use of Nordic skills and solutions in marine environment, and management issues. As part of its initiatives, the NMTT facilitated a Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries & Aquaculture in 2021, and is planning another one in November 2023.



Figure 12: Carl-Christian Schmidt, the vice-chair of the Nordic Marine Think Tank

Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries and Aquaculture

- Launched in 2021
- Purpose is to have a Nordic platform for the discussion and exchange of ideas of how to « understand » climate change in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors. Understanding climate change effects on the two sectors and explore ways of reducing the sector's climate change impacts
- Joint NMFF-ICES Launch meeting December 2021 with a broad explorative agenda, taking a value chain approach

Key messages

- Key drivers: severity of storms and waves, sea temperature changes, rainfall, sea level rise and ocean acidification
- Aquaculture vs. Capture fisheries
- Continue conversation among stakeholders across the value chain to build up a knowledge system
- Ensure that fisheries and aquaculture policy frameworks incorporate climate change considerations
- Review governance structures to ensure that decisions etc. take climate change considerations into account

Key messages

- Reduce food waste and fossil fuel use throughout the value chain – from fishing to table
- Gear and vessel innovations to reduce CO₂ emissions
- Common Protocol and standards needed for measuring CO₂
- More research needed, including in economics to better understand trade-offs in climate change decisions
- Competition for use of ocean space

What next: Climate Change Forum II

- Where: Vestlandshuset, Bergen, 22 November 2023
- What: Focus on competing uses of ocean space (fisheries, aquaculture, windmill parks etc.)
- Why: Increasingly, ocean space is taken over by green energy producers i.e., wind and waves, creating conflictual situations with other ocean user groups

14 Policy and incentives for change: Karl Gunnar Aarsæther (UiT)

Karl Gunnar Aarsæther is an associate professor at the [University of Tromsø \(UiT\)](#) - The Arctic University of Norway. He has a vast experience in researching sustainability of fisheries and energy transition in the seafood industry. Karl Gunnar gave in his presentation an overview of how energy transition initiatives have been going in the Norwegian fishing fleet and the challenges faced. He informed about investment support programmes and incentives provided by the government, giving examples of how policy can have positive and negative incentives for energy transition.



Figure 13: Karl Gunnar Aarsæther, an associate professor at the University of Tromsø (UiT)

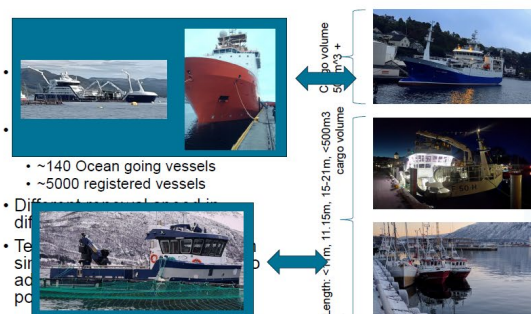
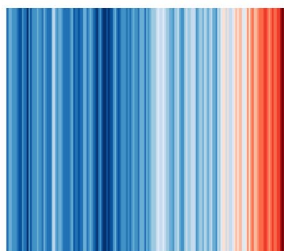


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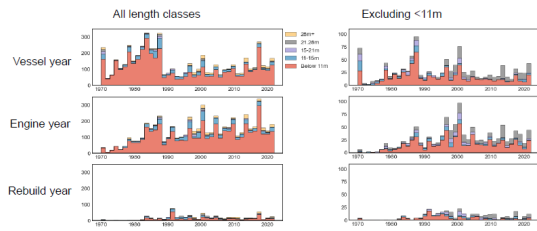
- Some background on emission reduction requirements
- The Norwegian fisheries fleet
- Current government support programs
- Some unresolved questions

Introduction

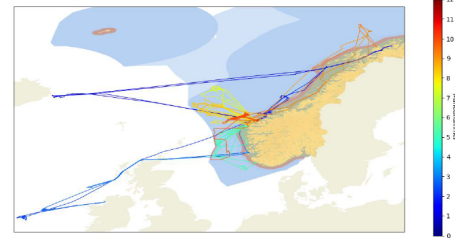
- The seafood sector requires a sustainable environment
- Norway has committed to the Paris agreement to limit global warming to 2C
- Through agreements with the EU Norway will reduce CO2 to 55% less than 1990 levels by 2030
- The seafood industry will have to adapt as well



Fisheries fleet



Fisheries fleet



Investment support programs



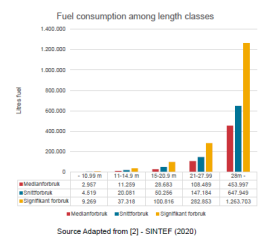
21m gillnet vessel with 270kWh battery capacity. 2X 850 kW generators and 2X 325kW electric propulsion

- CO2 reimbursement program
 - Redistributing reimbursements to more energy efficient vessels
- «Enova» government agency
 - «Electrification of Sea Transport»
 - For elimination of 10 000L fuel
 - 30% - 50% of additional costs
 - «Batteries in Vessels»
 - Direct support for battery propulsion
 - 30% - 50% of additional costs
 - Discontinued, supported approximately 10 Onshore, 240 aquaculture and 40 fisheries vessels
- (NOX fund)

Investment support programs



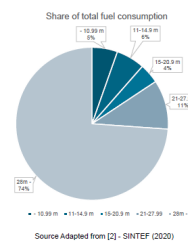
Investment support programs



- How much fuel can smaller vessel save?
- Support program is not designed for the smaller coastal fleet
- "Battery in vessels" was, but is discontinued as the technology was beginning to enter use in the coastal fleet

Investment support programs

- Batteries for "easy" electrification will result in 10%-15% reduction in CO2
- Not every vessel in the coastal fleet can be supported by batteries alone
- A solution for the ocean-going vessels is needed
 - Alternative fuels
 - Alternative power systems



Alternative fuels

- LNG powered vessels proven through the NOX fund
- Ammonia, methanol and hydrogen are possible future fuels
- Less energy dense
 - More space requirement
 - New handling procedures
 - How does this
- Exchange/retrofit of existing ICE
 - Reuse existing vessel design
- Fuel cells produce electricity
 - Requires electric power distribution on vessels
- Reduced energy density should influence vessel design

Infrastructure

- Infrastructure for diesel is established, and "easy"
- How will energy be delivered and stored for zero/low-emission technology
- Electric power
 - Peak demand can power be delivered?
 - Who will own charging infrastructure?
- How will alternative fuels be distributed
 - Will it demand more services and infrastructure from the ports?
 - Will safety requirements and handling procedures put pressure on scarce areas in the port
- Will this change the movement of vessels and catches?

Summary

- There is a need to cut emissions also in the fisheries fleet
- There are technologies available that are successful in other ocean industries
- Support programs must be adapted to the industry
- There are new technologies possible alternative fuels that can impact the structure of the fisheries fleet



Thank you for your attention

15 Policy and challenges for implementation: Hildur Hauksdóttir (SFS)

Hildur Hauksdóttir is the sustainability officer at [Fisheries Iceland](#), which is a federation of fishing vessel owners, producers' organisations, and other companies within the value chains of fisheries and aquaculture. Its objective is to safeguard the interests of companies in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors. Hildur showed how the Icelandic seafood industry has been reducing oil consumption in the last decades and affirmed that the industry is working towards the climate goal of 55% national reduction in emission of GHG by 2030, compared to emissions in 1990. Hildur showed that there has been accelerated renewal of fishing vessels in recent years that are more energy efficient, and the SGS has provided a roadmap/action proposal for how to proceed. What she also emphasized is that the government needs to provide sufficient financial incentives for energy transition projects in the fishing industry.



Figure 14: Hildur Hauksdóttir, the sustainability officer at Fisheries Iceland (SFS)



Sustainable fishing has led to less oil consumption and added value



Making of the roadmap

Leader: Ólafur Marteinsson, Chair of Fisheries Iceland
 Project manager: Hildur Hauksdóttir
 Development group: Birta Karen Tryggvadóttir, Elma Sif Einarssdóttir, Sveinn Margeirsson

Study: Action items regarding fishing vessels are based on "Decarbonization study for the fishing fleet in Iceland" by DNV
 Vessel technical group: Freyr Njálsson, Guðmundur Herbert Bjarnason, Gunnar Sævarsson, Kristján Vilhelmsson

Two workshops were held for the fishing industry and stakeholders, 70 people participated:

- 1. february 2023: Fishing companies
- 20. january 2023: Stakeholders invited: financial companies, energy producers, fishermen, service providers, packaging producers, Energy Agency, Environment Agency, Marine and freshwater research institute, Ministry of Fisheries, Environment, Energy and Climate, Ministry of Infrastructure, vessel designers, machine manufacturers, fishing gear manufacturers, environmental organizations, transporters, Ocean cluster, Running Tide, municipalities and ports, universities, innovation community, companies in further utilization of fish products, information companies, waste companies, classification companies.

Climate goal 55% reduction

Roadmap for reduction in oil consumption by Icelandic fishing vessels, and fishmeal factories, phasing out of refrigerants and less waste

Year	Oil consumption (t)
2020	~2500
2021	~2200
2022	~1900
2023	~1600
2024	~1300
2025	~1000
2026	~800
2027	~600
2028	~400
2029	~200
2030	~100

Reference:
 Fisheries Iceland, Laðföngungráðgjafi 2023
 DNV, Decarbonization study for the Icelandic fishing fleet, 2023

Action proposals for fishing vessels

- A.1. Accelerate renewal of fishing fleet
- A.2. Energy efficiency
 - A.2.1. Operational measures
 - A.2.2. Technical measures
 - A.2.3. Regulations and marine research
- A.3. Drop in fuel
- A.4. Energy transition



A.1. Accelerate renewal of fishing fleet

All vessels that have reached 30 years in 2030, with focus on improved energy efficiency

Assuming the typical lifetime of ships are around 30 years, 28 ships may be due for renewal by the end of 2030. These include 11 fresh fish trawlers, 4 freezer trawlers, 6 longliners, 1 pelagic vessel and 6 smaller trawlers.

A 20% energy saving is expected when an old ship is replaced with a new one due to the choice of engine and propulsion equipment, energy management, hull shape, etc. Potentially, the benefits may be greater as the impact of replacing two smaller vessels with one larger, more efficient vessel is not taken into account.

Estimated reduction until 2030: 25.000 tCO₂eq (5.5% from 2022)

Estimated cost of investment: Increased cost of renewal due to the best technology when it comes to energy efficiency is estimated 160mEUR, savings estimated 6mEUR.

Responsibility for the implementation: Fisheries with older vessels in their fleet

Improvements:
1. Financial incentives for accelerating renewal

Responsibility for improvements: Icelandic government

Reference: DNV, Decarbonisation study for the Icelandic fishing fleet

A.2 Energy efficiency 3 proposals



A.2.1. Energy efficiency - Operational measures

Measures in the operation of ships that have not reached their end of life in 2030

Operational measures may require adopting new methods and changed behavior to further minimize energy consumption.

Operational measures may require digital technology, while most actions are related to the operation of the ship such as reducing sailing speed and more frequent cleaning of the ship's hull and propeller. Estimations show that there are still opportunities for better energy efficiency related to changes in ship operation and increased management of oil consumption.

Estimated reduction until 2030: 13.000 tCO₂eq

Estimated yearly operational cost of fleet: 40 million ISK in cost, yearly fuel savings estimated 500 million ISK

- Improvements:
1. Improvements relate to the operation of the ship, where changes in its management could be considered to further minimize energy use
 2. Optimizing fishing activities and composition of catches to minimize time spent on the voyage. There are some restrictions on the system and collective agreements (see A.2.3).
 3. Increased disclosure and increased restraint due to oil consumption

Responsibility of improvements: Fisheries

Reference: DNV, Decarbonisation study for the Icelandic fishing fleet

A.2.2. Energy efficiency – Technical measures

The technical measures are described in the DNV report. The measures differ by the type of vessel. Examples of actions from the DNV report: Fleet management equipment, Battery hybridization, Shore power, Engine performance testing, Trawl doors, Fishing sensors, Trawl optimization, Engine performance testing and tuning, Energy efficient lighting system.

Shore power: To ensure that the energy needs of large trawlers in ports can be met by 2023, infrastructure and energy supplies need to be secured. Land-based electricity has been available in Iceland for the past 50 years without major modernization or expansion.

Estimated reduction until 2030: 36.000 tCO₂eq (thereof 12.000 tCO₂eq due to shore power)

Estimated investment cost of fleet: 115 mEUR for technical measures, taken into account oil savings. Excluding cost of infrastructure in ports.

Responsibility for the implementation: Fisheries

- Improvements:
1. Analyze where infrastructure is lacking in ports
 2. Secure funding for shore connections
 3. Ensure sufficient energy in ports at a competitive price
 4. Investment support for technical measures

Reference: DNV, Decarbonisation study for the Icelandic fishing fleet

Responsibility of improvements: Government, energy companies, ports and municipalities

A.2.3. Energy efficiency – Regulations and sustainability

Recently there has been a repeated decline in the monitoring of fish stocks, which result in increased uncertainty. There is an opportunity to increase the knowledge on the state of fish stocks, which may lead to less energy required for fishing and in navigating between fishing areas.

Greater optimization can also be achieved by increasing flexibility in fisheries management.

- Improvements:
1. Ensure sufficient funding for marine research to carry out intensive monitoring of main fishing stocks
 2. Increased fishing flexibility

Responsibility of improvements: Government, Marine research institute

A.3. Drop in fuel

Using the drop in fuel for existing engines is technically possible and it results in low investment costs.

A prerequisite for the use of drop-in fuel is that the energy meets the standards of the engine manufacturers and that the supply of such energy is guaranteed.

Estimated reduction until 2030: 46.000 tCO₂eq

Estimated yearly additional operational cost of fleet: 12 m EUR additional fuel cost per year

- Improvements:
1. Ensure a sufficient supply of non-emission drop in fuel, meeting engine manufacturer standards and European standards by 2030
 2. Ensure competitive price of drop in fuel

Responsibility of improvements: Government

Reference: DNV, Decarbonisation study for the Icelandic fishing fleet

A.4. Energy transition

No significant reduction in emissions is expected for the year 2030.

All options for energy transition for fishing vessels today involve uncertainties in terms of technology, safety, availability, infrastructure and the cost of ships, machinery and energy.

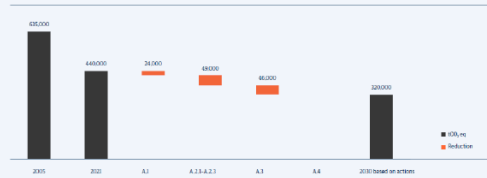
Cooperation between the fishing industry and the government is essential in this matter.

- Improvements:
1. Financial incentives for energy transition projects in the fishing industry

Responsibility of improvements: Government

Action proposals for fishing vessels

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16 Panel discussions

Some of the presenters took part in panel discussions at the end of the programme. The panellists were Kaj Portin, Karl Gunnar Aarsæther, Sveinn Margeirsson, Kim Nørby Christensen and Friederike Ziegler. There were lively discussions in the panel and attending guests in the audience took part with questions and comments.



Figure 15: Panellists sharing their views and answering questions from the audience

17 Closing of the conference: Benedikt Arnason (Permanent Secretary at the Icelandic Ministry of Food, Fisheries & Agriculture)

Benedikt Arnason, the Permanent Secretary at the Icelandic Ministry of Food, Fisheries & Agriculture, closed the conference by thanking the presenters and attendees for a very good conference. He stated that the conference had proved once again the value of Nordic cooperation and showed that the Nordic countries are among the most innovative and competitive countries in the world. The conference has showed that the Nordic countries are leaders in sustainable development and energy transition. We have come far but we still have long way to go. Fisheries are still a major contributor to GHG emissions in the Nordic countries, but we are striving to be the best. The government of Iceland has been taking steps in facilitating energy transition to reach the goal of 55% reduction in emissions by 2030. A measurable goal is also that the government is aiming for that at least 10% of new small vessels will be partially or entirely powered by electricity by 2026. The targets are ambitious, and we are working against the clock, but the challenge demands major actions.

The conference has as well demonstrated how valuable it is for us to have a Nordic Working Group for fisheries AG-fisk, under the auspices of the Nordic council, to instigate discussions and cooperation when it comes to complex issues in the seafood industries.



Figure 16: Benedikt Arnason, the Permanent Secretary at the Icelandic Ministry of Food, Fisheries & Agriculture

18 Acknowledgements

The organising committee for the conference would like to thank The Working Group for Fisheries and Aquaculture (AG-Fisk) within the Nordic council for initiating and funding the event. The committee would also like to thank all of the presenters for their valuable input.



Figure 17: The conference was attended by about 150 persons in total, and many more have watched the recordings on the project webpage.