



Sustainable Seafood

A booming seafood industry that invests in sustainability



Facts and figures:

70
partners representing
146
enterprises

57 BNOK
Revenue of the cluster's
core industry partners
(2015)

15 000
employees

400 BNOK
R&D budget

60%
of Norway's total R&D
capacity

Bergen has been a centre for trade in fish since its foundation in 1070. Today, all major seafood companies have headquarters in Greater Bergen.

In 2016, the Norwegian seafood industry reached an all-time high, as seafood export exceeded 91 billion NOK. The marine sector is set to grow in the decades to come, reaching an estimated 550 BNOK by 2050. We are proud to introduce you to our world of seafood.

Bergen has a strong university environment centred on the Norwegian School of Economics and The University of Bergen. The latter features renowned marine and aquaculture research departments and centres. The city's long history in fisheries makes it a natural location for the governmental Institute of Marine Research and the Directorate of Fisheries.

The complete seafood value chain

If you want to do business with strong global seafood brands, Greater Bergen is the place to be. Marine Harvest and Lerøy Seafood are two of the major Norwegian salmon producers, and the international giant Cargill's Aqua Nutrition HQ is located in the city. Here you find all the major players in the NCE Seafood Innovation Cluster, and the leading suppliers of farmed Atlantic salmon.

Greater Bergen has companies across the entire value chain:

- Fisheries and harvest of shellfish and molluscs
- Salmon and trout aquaculture: ingredients, feed, harvest, processing and marketing
- Marine ingredients and marine bioprospecting
- Feed production to support a variety of species
- The supplier industry: technology, services and more
- Knowledge development through education and research

New and emerging industries towards 2050:

- Aquaculture based on new species such as cod, halibut and mussels

- Marine algae: harvest or cultivation of marine micro- and macro algae
- Highly productive waters: production manipulated through processes focusing on high harvestable yields

Sustainable seafood farming

The world needs food, and there is an untapped potential to produce more sustainable seafood in Norway. The seafood cluster in Greater Bergen is dedicated to reducing the environmental and ecological footprint from aquaculture.

The cluster works together to create new business opportunities and solutions that will maintain Norway's role as a front-runner in environmental responsibility. The R&D community plays a significant role in these endeavours.

A leader in marine research

Bergen has the largest concentration of marine R&D resources in Europe, including infrastructure such as seagoing ships and advanced test facilities. The industry in the region is currently involved in more than 300 R&D projects with high international participation. Significant research activity takes place in Marineholmen Science Park, an innovation centre for marine education, research and seafood business.

Please contact us for further information and assistance for finding your location in Greater Bergen.



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