## Mussel farming in the Baltic Sea – status in Sweden

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## The talk adress:

- A short movie about musselfarms the Baltic Sea
- Size and productivity of mussels
- First time Expo! of mussel meal from the Baltic proper
- What's in it for the municipality?
- Status for musselfarming in Sweden

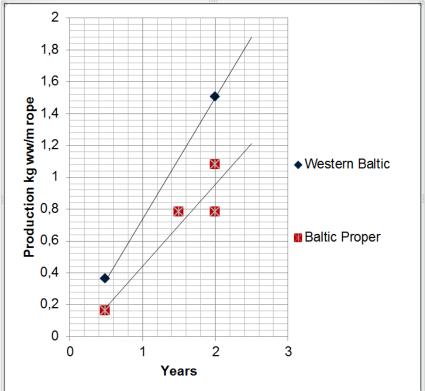


## Productivity in different areas:



- Lower in the Baltic Sea than in the Atlantic/North Sea
- Lower in the Baltic Proper compared to the western Baltic





References:

Baltic Sea 2020: Mussel-farming as an enviromental measure in the Baltic, Lindahl 2012

Aquabest: Suitable localities for mussel farming in the County of Kalmar with regard to results from experimental farms in 2013

Bucefalos 2015: Utformning av storskalig musselodling i Öresund Baltic Blue Growth: Substrate tests at Musholm 2016, Harvest of associated farm in Västervik, 2016





#### Size of farmed mussels in the Baltic proper:







#### First time! Expo of Baltic Proper musselmeal



#### 3 tonnes of mussels => 90 kg meal



Recieved amount of mussels:	2975 kg
Shell:	919 kg
Greas:	78 Kg
Dry musselmeal:	91,08 kg.



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## What's in it for the municipality?



For Kalmar municipality, a yearly harvest of **3000 tons** of blue mussels could:



- replace 75 % import of fishmeal to the local feedfactory
- take 40 % of the needed reduction of P/N according to WFD (land and coast)
- boost local jobs and industry

Not possible today due to no pay for the nutrient catch, and low prices on fish-meal.



### Status for <u>Baltic Sea</u> mussel farming in Sweden:

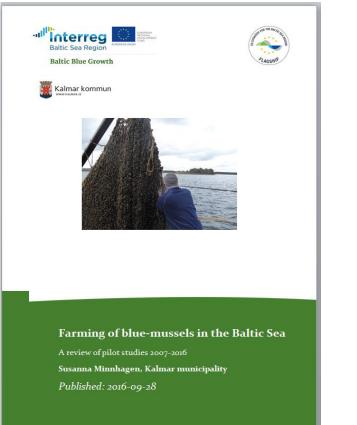
- No commercial farms exist on the eastcoast
- Regulations for food-mussels from the Baltic Sea are unclear
- No recompense system for the farming of mussels as nutrient catch cultures exist
- Guidelines for feed-mussel farming are being developed
- Mussel farms are being investigated as a proposed tool to reduce internal phosporous load of the Baltic Sea (in the Marine Framework Directive)





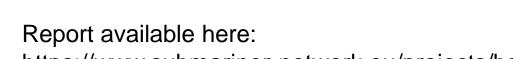


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