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Virtual Regional Workshop on bivalve molluscs sanitation

November 2, 3 and 4 2021

The Aim of our Workshop

Tuesday, 2nd November 2021

Aim of our workshop

Enhanced production of safe bivalve molluscs

The image features a central graphic of a target with a red bullseye, a blue ring, and a white ring. Three arrows with yellow and green fletching are shown hitting the center. This target is superimposed on a circular blue area that contains the text 'Enhanced production of safe bivalve molluscs'. The background of the entire slide is a photograph of several bivalve shells, some open and some closed, arranged on a light-colored surface.

Enhance production of **safe bivalve molluscs**

- Forming **links** between **Competent Authorities** and **Official Control Laboratories** with **Cefas** and **FAO**
- Forming relationships with the **FAO Reference Centre for Bivalve Mollusc Sanitation** to,
 - Access protocols, reference materials, proficiency testing, advice and training to support laboratories
 - Provide advice and training to laboratory and Competent Authority staff in aspects of safe bivalve shellfish production, e.g. sanitary surveys, classification and monitoring
 - Enable technology exchange and secondments (post COVID restrictions)
 - Form meaningful consortia to leverage funding to further enhance production of safe bivalve molluscs

Agenda



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Virtual Regional Workshop on Bivalve Molluscs Sanitation for FAO Latin America and The Caribbean Region

Agenda

Dates: 2nd, 3rd and 4th November 2021

Virtual meeting platform: Zoom

Timings (approximate): Rome time - Start time – 15:00 2nd November
End time – 18:00 4th November

Language: English and Spanish

Day one – 2nd November 2021, 15:00 – 18:00

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- Welcome and opening address from the FAO (10 -15 min) [Esther Garrido Gamarro] 15:00 - 15:15
- Global importance of bivalve molluscs as a safe, sustainable foodstuff (15 min) [Rachel Hartnell] 15:15 – 15:40
- Workshop participants' existing and planned bivalve mollusc production [participants – approx. 5 mins each]
 - a. Antigua and Barbuda, ~~Larique Hackshaw~~, 15:45 -15:50
 - b. Argentina, ~~Marcela Alejandra Alvarez~~, 15:50 -15:55
 - c. Brazil, ~~Fabio Expedito dos Santos Neto~~, 15:55 -16:00
 - d. Chile, ~~Rodrigo Dougnac Figueroa~~, ~~Alejandro Barrientos Puga~~, 16:00 - 16:05
- Break (10 -15 min)
- Workshop participants' existing and planned bivalve mollusc production continued [participants – approx. 5 mins each]
 - a. Columbia, ~~Diego Armando Ortiz Ortega~~, 16:20 -16:25
 - b. Grenada, ~~Olindo Harvey~~, 16:25 -16:30
 - c. Panama, ~~Zedra Ibis Guerra~~, 16:30 -16:35
 - d. Suriname, ~~Mr. Zolindra Arjuna~~, 16:40- 16:45
 - e. Trinidad and Tobago, ~~Mr Hamarine Lalla~~, 16:45 – 16:50
 - f. Uruguay, ~~Dr Jamie Coronel~~, 16:50 – 16:55[St Vincent and Grenadines – no presentation]
- Break (5 min) 17:00-17:05
- Codex standards, code of practice and guidelines for live and raw bivalve molluscs and a brief introduction to the FAO/WHO Technical Guidance (Iddya Karunasagar 20 mins) 17:05 – 17:25
- Workshop aims (5 min) [Rachel Hartnell] 17:25 – 17:30

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Day two – 3rd November 2021, 15:00 – 18:00

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- Major microbiological hazards associated with bivalve mollusc consumption (30 min) [James Lowther/Craig Baker-Austin] 15:00 – 15:30
- Major biotoxin and contaminant hazards associated with bivalve mollusc growing areas (20 min) [Andy Turner] 15:30 – 15:50
- Break out session 1 – Food borne illness associated with bivalve molluscs – scenario (60 min) [All]
- Break (10 min)
- Growing Area Risk Profile (GARP) and Risk Assessments (GAA) – (30 min) [Michelle Price Hayward/Andrew Younger] 17:00 -17:30
- Biotoxin Monitoring Methods (20 min) Andy Turner

CLOSE DAY TWO

Day three – 4th November 2021, 15:00 – 18:00

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- Break out session 2 – Growing Area Assessment – a 'virtual' assessment of potential growing area (20 min) [All]
- Growing Area Monitoring and Classification (20 min) [Andy Younger] 15:20 – 15:40
- Sampling and laboratory capability, capacity, and quality assurance (30 min) [Louise Stockley] 15:40 – 16:10
- Break out session 3 - Data management and assessment (20 min) [All]
- Break (10 min)
- Website, sources of information and opportunities to work with FAO and FAO Reference Centre (20 min) [Rachel Hartnell/Esther Garrido Gamarro] 16:40 – 17:00
- Plenary, bivalve molluscs quiz and participants questions and answers session (30 min) [Rachel Hartnell] 17:00 – 17:30
- FAO closing address (10 min) [Esther Garrido Gamarro]

CLOSE DAY THREE

The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of numerous blue mussel shells. The shells are dark blue with a metallic sheen and are arranged in a dense, overlapping pattern. The lighting is soft, creating a gentle gradient from a pale yellowish-white on the left to a light blue on the right. The text "Questions?" is centered in the middle of the image.

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