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# Growing Area Risk Profile

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- Initial assessment of a growing area proposed for monitoring
- Desk-based exercise to gather and assess available information
- Results in “Go/No Go” decision
  - Go = Commitment to proceed to full Growing Area Assessment
  - No Go = Area is not suitable for harvest
- Different elements detailed in chapter 2 of the FAO/WHO guidance

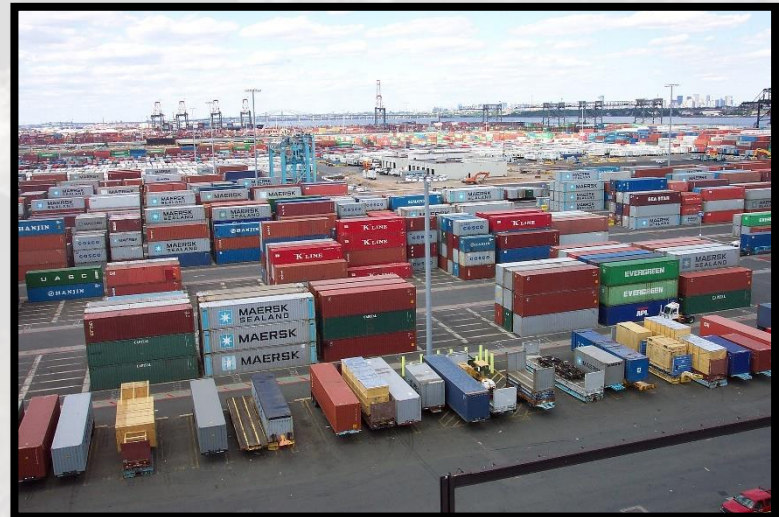
# 1. Area Overview

- Describe geographic location of the growing area
- Sets context for rest of document



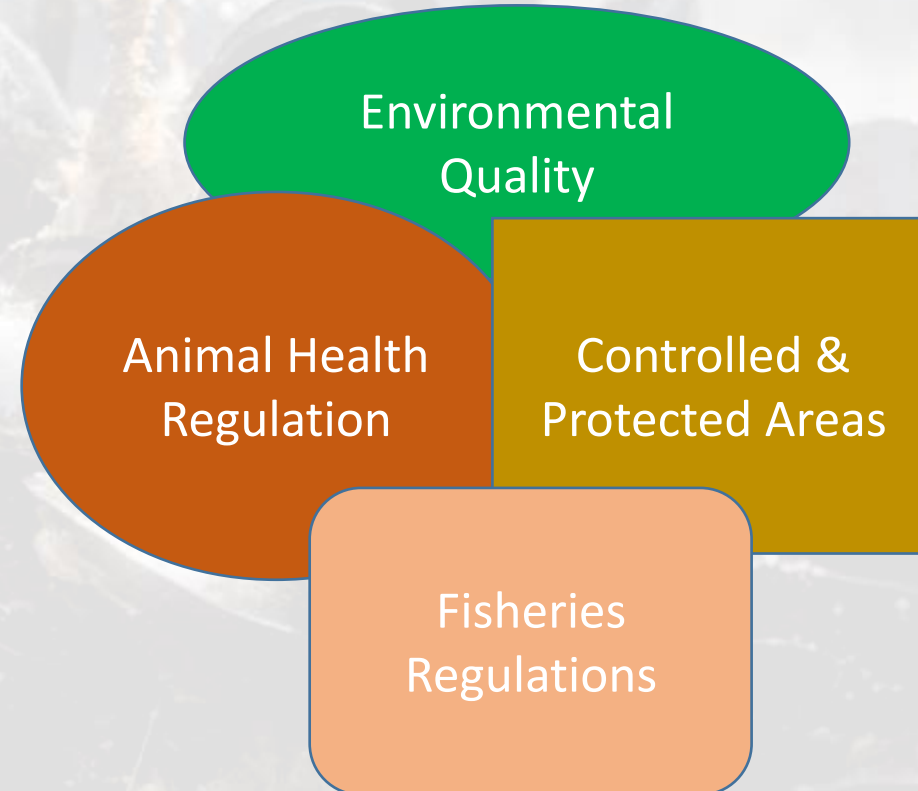
## 2. Scope of Risk Profile

- Summarize main purpose of proposed production
  - Recreational gathering for home consumption
  - Domestic commercial sales
  - International trade – which region?
- Will determine what regulations or requirements will be relevant

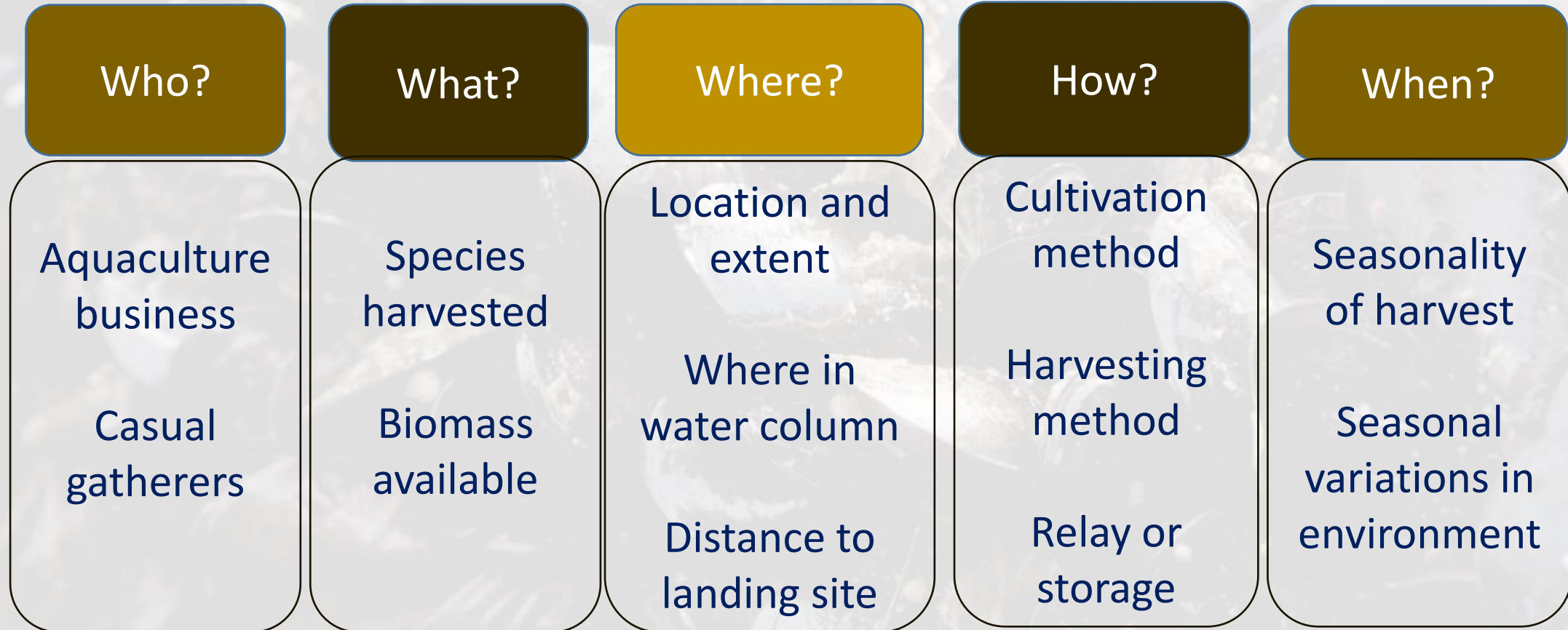


# 3. Existing Legal Framework

- Describe relevant food safety regulations etc.
- Identify authorities responsible for sanitation programme
- Identify other official bodies with responsibilities related to growing area

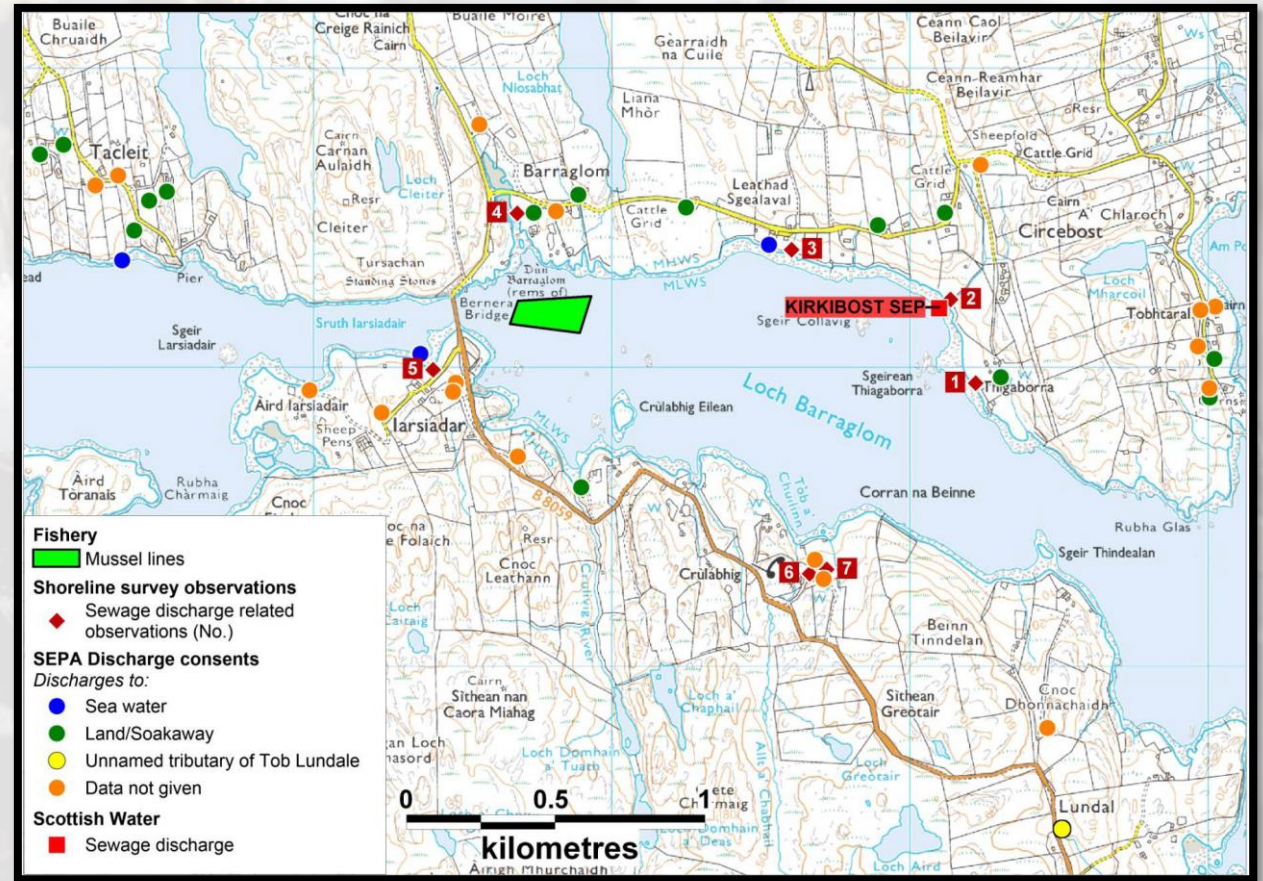


# 4. Current Industry Situation and Available Resources



# 5. Extent of Assessment Area

- Determine area for which data are needed
- This area will extend beyond area of intended harvest
- Depends on sources and transport of contamination



# 6. Epidemiological and Public Health Data

- Identify relevant data on occurrence of diseases in population
  - Local
  - Regional
  - National
  - International
- Evidence of previous bivalve-related outbreaks very important data
- Absence of data does not imply hazard is not present

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

BACTERIOLOGY

## Prevalence and characterization of extended-spectrum $\beta$ -lactamase-producing clinical *Salmonella enterica* isolates in Dakar, Senegal, from 1999 to 2009

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## Norovirus Epidemiology in Africa: A Review

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# 7. Intended Use and Consumers

- Gather information of the frequency and quantity of consumption
- Methods of presentation, processing and preparation
- Identify potential high risk consumers



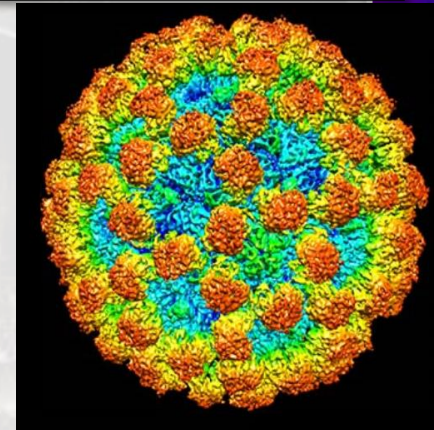
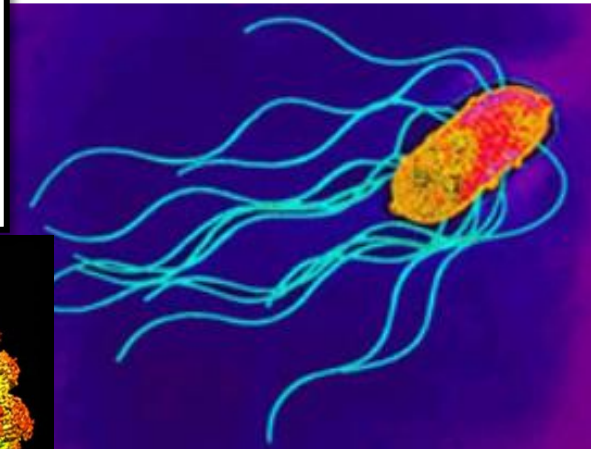
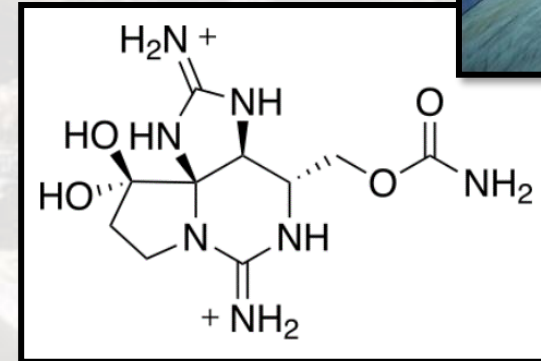
# 8. Other Relevant Information

- Gather information related to contamination sources
  - Human activity
    - Land-based
    - Water-based
  - Sewage disposal
  - Farm animals
  - Wildlife populations
  - Watercourses
- Information related to hazard impact
  - Topography
  - Hydrology
  - Meteorology



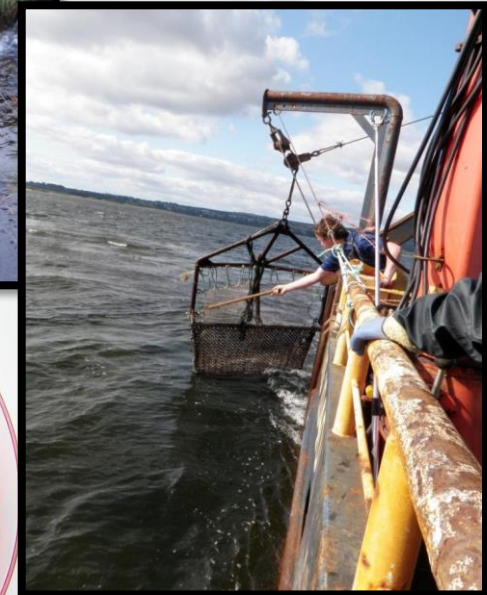
# 9. Hazards to be Considered

- Based on the information gathered, define the hazards that are relevant to the production area to include:-
  - Microbiological hazards
  - Chemical and radiological hazards
  - Marine biotoxins
- Varies according to:-
  - Legal requirements
  - Epidemiological, monitoring data etc.
  - Potential sources of contamination
  - Methods of processing, preparation etc.



# 10. Programme Capability and Capacity

- Determine whether the responsible authority and others are able to undertake all the necessary activities for a sanitation programme
  - Appropriate budget
  - Sufficient qualified staff
  - Relevant and sufficient equipment etc.
- **Laboratories** with relevant expertise and capacity to carry out testing, and in suitable location (delivery times)



# 11. Cost Benefit Analysis

- Estimate the overall medium-term costs for the sanitation programme for the growing area
  - Cost of growing area assessment
  - Cost of primary monitoring and initial review
  - Cost of ongoing monitoring
- Estimate the overall medium-term benefits of production
  - Value at first sale
  - Value to local community
  - Value of access to export markets
  - Value of public health protection



# 12. Conclusions and Recommendations

## Outcome of Risk Profile

- Provide summary of key information
- Identify knowledge gaps
- Recommendations for further action



- Decision: “Go” or “No Go”?
- Potential reasons for “No Go”:
  - Knowledge gaps too great
  - Contamination levels likely to be unacceptable
    - Microbiological
    - Chemical
    - Biotoxins
  - Post harvest treatment insufficient to reduce risks
  - Cost benefit analysis unfavourable

# 13. Documentation of the Growing Area Risk Profile

- Document conclusions and recommendations with clear link to supporting information
- This documentation should be made available to the responsible authority and other stakeholders
- Provides basis for subsequent reviews and Growing Area Assessment (if decision is “Go”)

