

CONTRIBUTION OF POND FISH FARMING TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS SYSTEM IN HUNGARY

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The Hungarian aquaculture fish farming sector can be divided into 4 main units: farmed fish production, intensive (precision) fish production, fish processing and recreational fisheries. Of these, the most economically important is the pond farming sector, which is also the pillar of several supply and service sectors. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by the UN General Assembly in autumn 2015, aim to set the world on a sustainable development path, which is articulated and encompassed in 17 SDGs. In line with international trends, the National Sustainable Development Framework Strategy for the period 2012-2024 has also been published in Hungary. The elaboration of a new framework strategy to follow the current strategy has already started and consultations are ongoing. In Hungary, the sustainability of aquaculture is being developed and adapted to expectations by the organisations involved: fish producers, fish processors, anglers' organisations, sectoral stakeholders, and governmental bodies. Joining this coalition, we believe it is important to review the role and potential of the domestic pond fish farming sector in the process of achieving sustainable development. Our study will examine the impact of pond farming and its link to the Sustainable Development Goals from an integrated approach, considering production technology, ecology, economics, innovation, marketing, and communication aspects. This will be done with the aim that sustainable practices in Hungarian pond fish farming can be an inspiration for other countries to achieve similar development goals.