## Cage aquaculture - impact of accidental fish escape on environment



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## TRENDS IN AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION



The estimate of the global consumption of fish: from capture and aqualture by the year

GLOBAL SEAFOOD CONSUMPTION

\#Fish2030

The review of the global fish capture and the aquaculture production (FAO, 2014) 2030.

# - Seabream <br> Seabass <br> Other <br> - Flatfish 



## AQUACULTURE IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT



- LOSS OF NATURAL HABITAT
- POLLUTION
- EUTROPHICATION
- DISEASE AND PATHOGENS
- ANTIBIOTICS, STEROIDS, DRUG RESISTANT PATHOGENS
- LOSS OF GENETIC DIVERSITY
- BROOD STOCK
- ESCAPEES
- COMPETITION FOR FOOD AND HABITAT
- GENETIC POLLUTION
- PREDATOR CONTROL
- PERMITTED AND UNPERMITTED CONTROL OF BIRDS, MARINE MAMMALS, ETC.


## GENETIC INTERACTIONS BETWEEN ESCAPED FARMED AND WILD FISH

- Application of molecular markers - microsatellites
- Case study - Sparus aurata, Dicentrarchus labrax

Šegvić-Bubić et al. (2011) Population genetic structure of the reared and wild gilthead sea bream (Sparus aurata) in the Adriatic inferred with microsatellite loci. Aquaculture. 318; 309-315.

Šegvić-Bubić et al. (2016) Genetic characterization of wild and farmed European seabass in the Adriatic Sea: assessment of farmed escapees using a Bayesian approach. ICES Journal of Marine Science. In press.


## Underlying causes of escapes

- Six European countries over three years - nearly 9 million fish escaped from sea cages
- Jackson et al. A pan-European valuation of the extent, causes and cost of escape events from sea cage fish farming. Aquaculture, Volume 436, 2015, 21-26.

Underlying causes of escapes versus number of incidents



## Application of passive acoustic telemetry to monitor escapees behavior

- dispersion capacity in time and space
- escape incident simulation of seabream tagged with acoustic transmitters
- 4 months monitoring ( $n=25$ )




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## OBAVIJEST

Posim putem bih Vas itjeli obavijestiti da Institut za oceanografiju i ribarstvo, u sklopu projekta financiranog od strane Hrvatskog saveza za Sportski ribolov na moru (HSSRM), provodi telemetrijska istraživanja u ל̧irem području uvale Zelevo.

Akustǐnni prijemnici (vidi Sliku 1b) su postavijeni na vise lokacija u širem području uvale Zeževo, par metara od samog đna. Prijemnici bilježe kretnje 20-ak komarて̌i koje su markirane akustićnim senzorom od strane djelatnika Instituta.

Ovim putem vas molimo da prijemnike ne dirate dok su u moru, a u slučaju da in nadete ili ako uhvatite komarcu markiranu od strane djelatnika Instituta (Slika 1a), molimo Vas da nas obavijestite na dolje navedeni kontakt.


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The tagged fish in the 24 -hour observation (above) and release the fish close to the commercial cage (below)

Results - fish residency


Habitat use - core activity ( $50 \%$ KUD) and home range area ( $95 \%$ KUD)



Habitat use by time of day in regard to the detection's observed around farm, 500 m distance from farm, 1500 m distance from farm

## Repeated measures ANOVA - vertical distribution of tagged fish within farm



## OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

a) considerable ability of escapees to survive in the natural environment
b) initial attachment to the parent farm that can be characterized as a period of adaptation to new environmental conditions
c) significant vulnerability to coastal fishing activities
d) recapture of escaped fish from cages is possible and it should be realizable within 2-3 weeks of the incident
e) responsible management (improved escapees prevention measures and recovery plan for escaped fish which are usually foreign origin) will certainly slow the loss of the original genetic structure of the Adriatic sea bream



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http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2016/04/30
/salmon-fish-farming.aspx

