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Interested in the future of Cod?

I am sure you are all too familiar and have continuously read about the Ocean's dwindling fish stocks time and time again. Even Joe Borg, the EU Fisheries Commissioner has admitted to getting the European's fishing strategy all wrong. He stated that 88% of EU stocks were overfished with fishing fleets either running losses or returning low profits, the result being that the industry is on the brink of suicide and several species, including Cod, Bluefin Tuna and Anchovy are in danger of extinction after 25 years of EU policy failure. If current practices continue, worldwide fishery collapse is predicted by 2048. The facts are often repeated but what is really being done about this situation by the authorities?

We can solve this problem. Imagine a sustainable supply of Fresh Cod around the world and being able to afford to eat it, whatever your income.

Well, it has happened! DIOBAS has found a completely new way to rear Cod in Freshwater as a valuable comparatively cheap resource at any location in the world in a controlled environment, even on the most unproductive terrain any distance from the sea without quotas. DIOBAS has managed to push the boundaries beyond established research with a completely new solution to the rapid depletion of our ocean fish stocks. This innovation will revolutionise the way we harvest Cod in the future. In the very near future, all fish will be produced this way right alongside processing plants situated where they are needed in major cities worldwide and is one of the most important steps forward we have all had the opportunity to take for many years in terms of green issues.

Despite no support, no third party or Government funding, it has been a challenge all round. These challenges include: - a) no response to three correspondences sent to our local MP; - b) No support from the Government funded body called 'Seafish', they declined when we invited them to become involved with our research program and that's despite them having a mission statement of '*Supporting the Seafood industry, for a sustainable and profitable future*'. Not quite the response we were expecting! - c) Then again, I suppose I should remain optimistic as at least I did get a response when I made an enquiry into Business Link. The wealth of their advice was to produce a pamphlet to circulate to local businesses! It's good to understand how our taxes are spent. Needless to say, I'm not yet sure what to do with their suggestion".

Would welcome any opportunity to talk to these people and understand how they are supposed to help small businesses progress.

At the present time, it looks like this opportunity to keep the Cod Research Project and facilities in the UK are dwindling and may reluctantly have to move overseas. This will be devastating if we cannot keep this technology in the UK as it has all the right ingredients, and exhaustible demand for the product, low risk with excellent returns and very definite environmental benefits. This is the beginning of a whole new technology and one day all fish for the table may well be reared with this system.

For further information, please contact me on [commercial.director@diobas.com](mailto:commercial.director@diobas.com) or see [www.diobas.com](http://www.diobas.com)

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