

3rd Meeting of the Stakeholder Discussion Group on Aquaculture Environmental Risk Assessment (StaDG-ERAQUA)



26 November 2025

14:00-16:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 05 December 2025

Location: Hybrid – EFSA, Parma (MTG SEAT 03/B15)/Web conference

Attendees:

- **Discussion Group Members:** Bjørn Einar Grøsvik, Damir Kapetanović, Loredana Manfra, Irene Martins, Marco Vighi, Guido Gonsior, Elinor McCartney, Jennifer Jamieson and Thea Morken
- **EFSA:** Joana Firmino (Chair), Jordi Tarrés-Call and Annette Bernhard (FEEDCO Unit), Roberto Lava (PLANTS Unit)
- **Others:** Magnus Drivdal and Michael Bedington (Akvaplan-niva) attending agenda points 1-6

I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and members of the Discussion Group. Apologies were received from Niall Gerlitz, Newton Gomes, Colin Hannon, Martine Muusse and Elinor McCartney. The members Natacha Carvalho and Boris Kolar resigned from the Discussion Group.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

a. Framework contract for model development to model PEC in marine sediments ([EFSA-Q-2024-00649](#); [EFSA-Q-2024-00650](#); [EFSA-Q-2025-00471](#))

The EFSA staff provided a summary of the first (Task 1.1. Developing standard exposure scenarios) and second (Task 1.2. Conceptual Model) deliverables of the EFSA's Framework contract (FWC) for the development of a model to predict environmental concentrations (PEC) of feed additives in marine sediments when used in aquaculture (sea cages) (EFSA/FEEDCO/2023/01; Lot 1: EPA02.02.03). The contractor of the FWC was invited to participate in the meeting and present the preliminary results of the formalisation and implementation the pilot model (Task 1.3.). The Discussion Group discussed the preliminary results and will be updated upon publication of the Task 1.3. report. The Discussion Group discussed the adequacy of some conversion factors used in the current EFSA Guidance on the assessment of the safety of feed additives for the calculation of the PEC in marine sediments.

b. Generic mandate on ERA of additives containing trace elements ([EFSA-Q-2024-00482](#))

The EFSA staff provided a summary presentation on the European Commission generic mandate received on 8 July 2024, tasking EFSA to perform the environmental risk assessment (ERA) of 7 trace elements used as nutritional additives in feed: cobalt, copper, iodine, manganese, molybdenum, selenium, and zinc (M-2024-00092). In this frame, a call for data and a literature review were performed. The adoption of the scientific opinion is



expected for May 2026. The Discussion Group discussed about the adequacy of some data from scientific publications obtained via the systematic literature review.

IV. Any Other Business/Next steps

- Meetings documents and scientific topics content share in the dedicated MS TEAMS channel.
- Future requests for contributions.
- Satisfaction survey 2025.

V. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on **3rd March 2026 (PM)**, via hybrid meeting (Parma/Web conference).



StaDG-ERAQUA Members

#	Affiliation	Member name
1	EU Institution	Natacha Carvalho*
2	EU Institution	Niall Gerlitz
3	Public authority	Martine Muusse
4	Academia/research institute	Newton Gomes
5	Academia/research institute	Bjørn Einar Grøsvik
6	Academia/research institute	Colin Hannon
7	Academia/research institute	Damir Kapetanović
8	Academia/research institute	Boris Kolar*
9	Academia/research institute	Loredana Manfra
10	Academia/research institute	Irene Martins
11	Academia/research institute	Marco Vighi
12	Private Research Institute	Guido Gonsior
13	Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO)	Elinor McCartney
14	Industry	Jennifer Jamieson
15	Industry	Thea Morken

**Resigned on 26 November 2025*
