



Circular solutions for plastic equipment from the aquaculture industry

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SCALEAQ GROUP

40

years of
experience

900

employees

3.4

BILLION NOK
in revenue

33

locations in
8 countries

A Norwegian based company,
providing high-quality solutions
and services for the fish farming
industry world-wide.

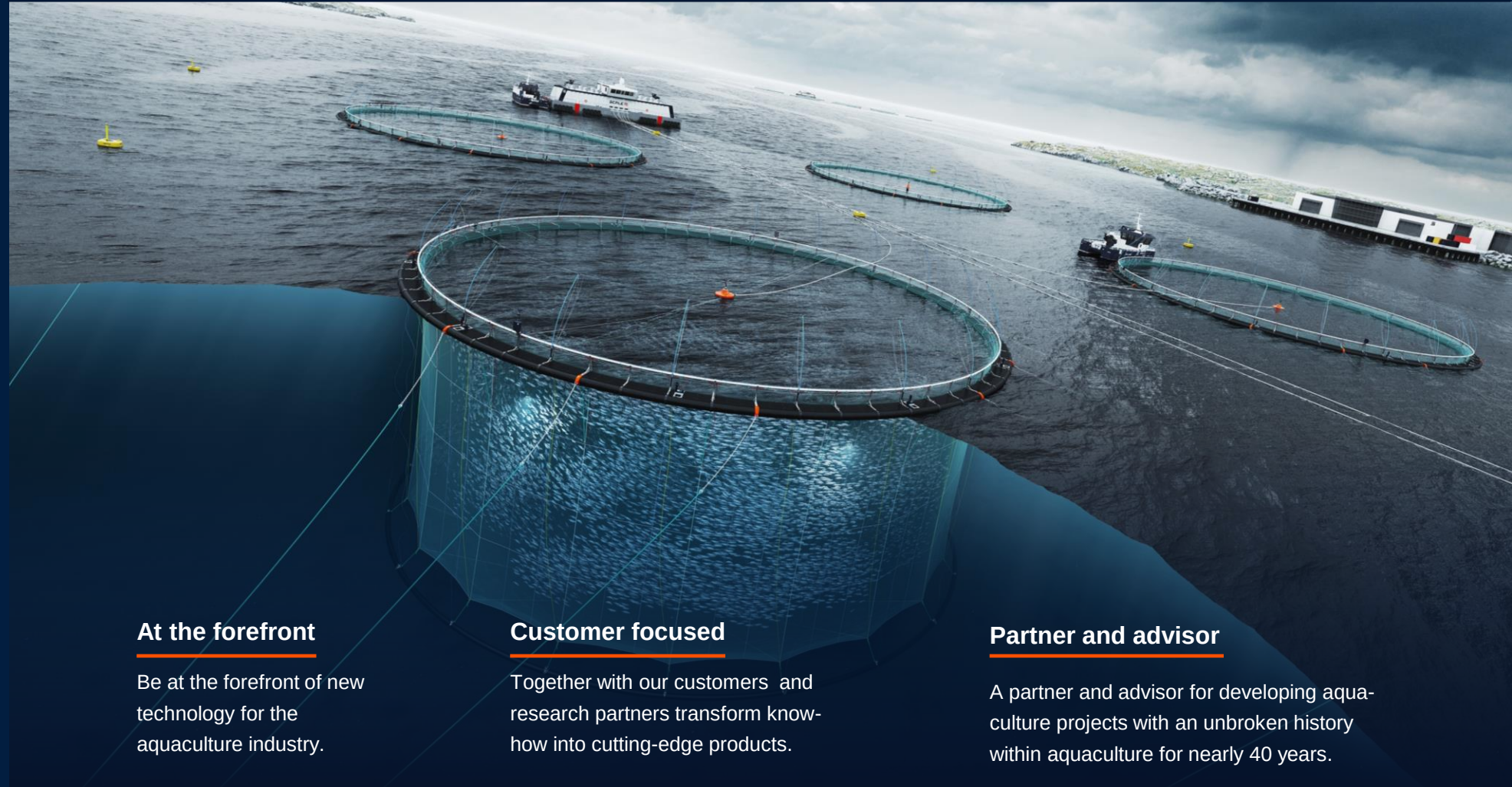
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Software

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At the forefront

Be at the forefront of new
technology for the
aquaculture industry.

Customer focused

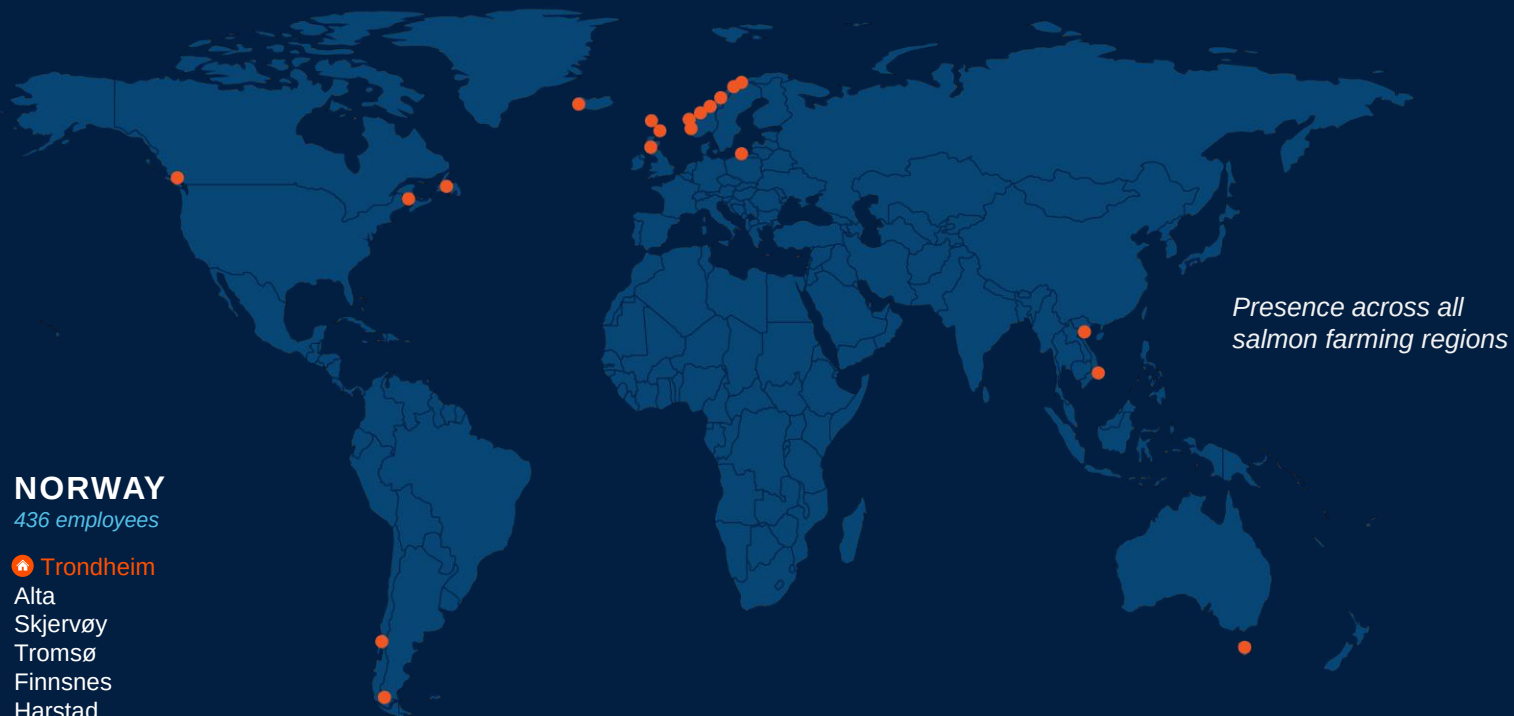
Together with our customers and
research partners transform know-
how into cutting-edge products.

Partner and advisor

A partner and advisor for developing aqua-
culture projects with an unbroken history
within aquaculture for nearly 40 years.



Providing high-quality products, solutions and services
for the aquaculture industry across the world



NORWAY

436 employees

🏠 Trondheim

Alta
Skjervøy
Tromsø
Finnsnes
Harstad
Tovik
Bodø
Sandnessjøen
Herøy
Rørvik
Stjørdal
Frøya
Hitra
Skodje
Florø
Bergen
Austevoll
Bømlo
Haugesund

CANADA

8 employees

Campbell River
Saint John
Newfoundland

UK & IRELAND

14 employees

Fort William
Shetland

ICELAND

4 employees

Reykjavik

VIETNAM

202 employees

Nha Trang
Hanoi

CHILE

208 employees

Puerto Natales
Puerto Varas

OCEANIA

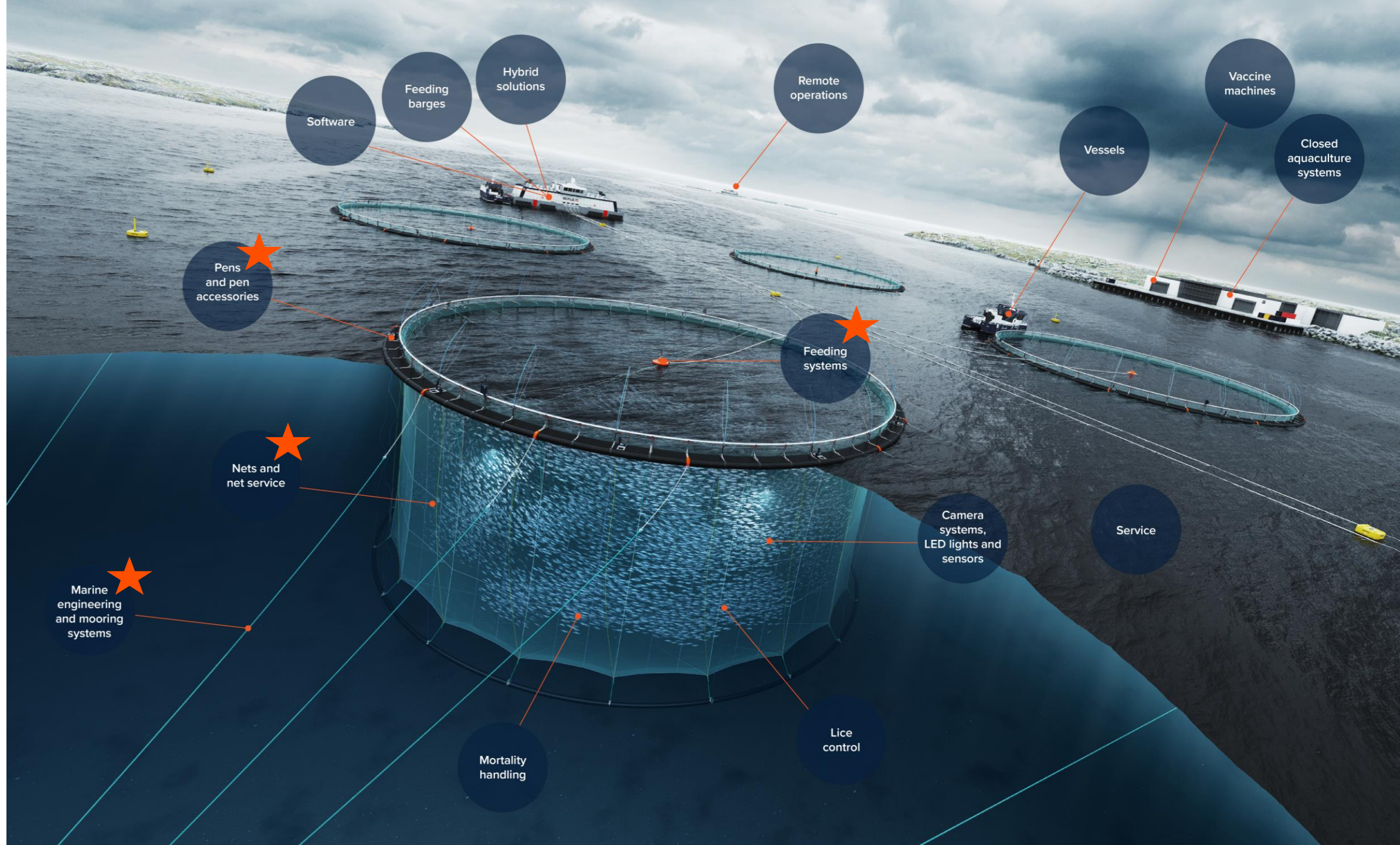
7 employees

Hobart
Huonville

POLAND

4 employees

Gdynia

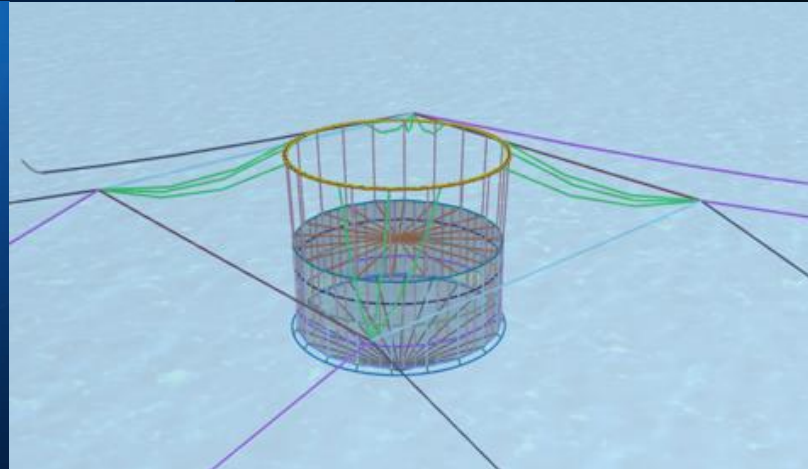
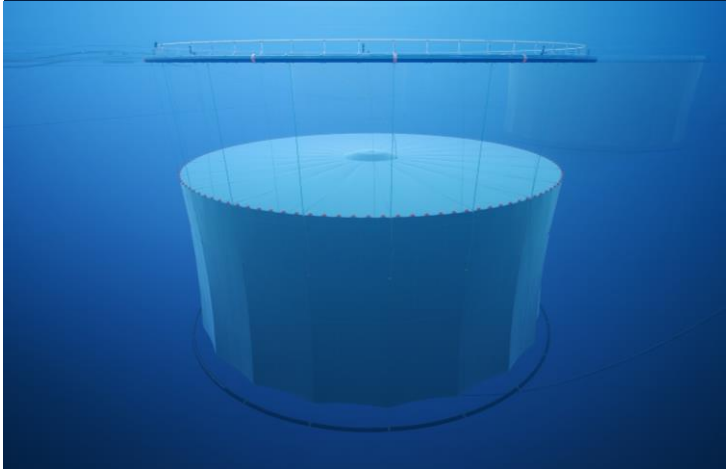
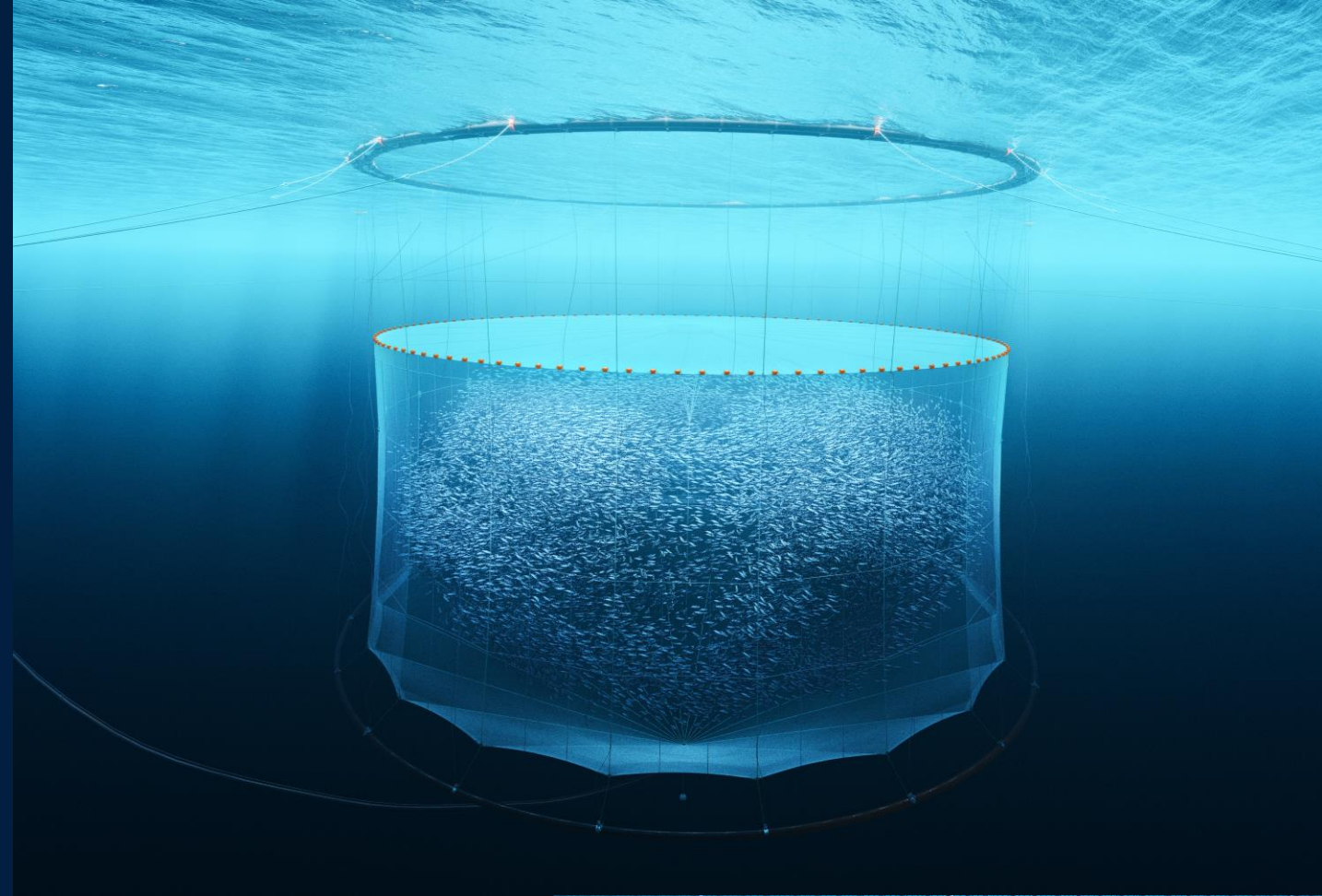




ScaleAQ Subsea system

Exposed Cage System

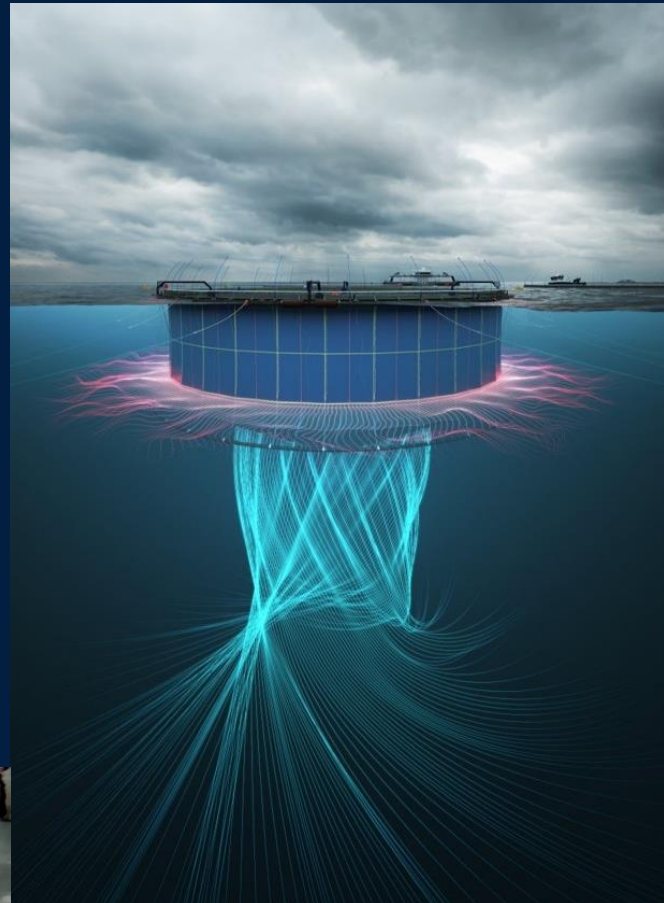
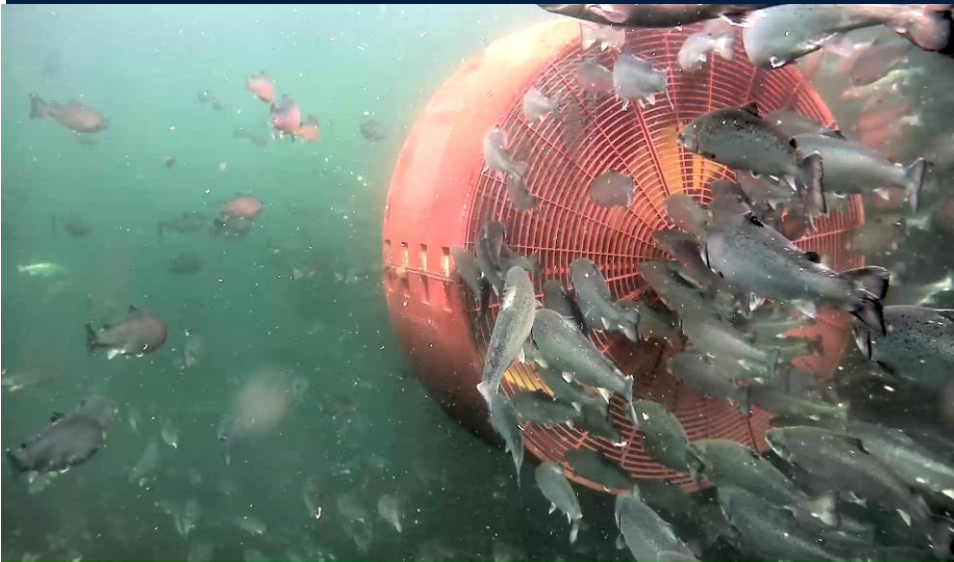
- Lice-Free Farming
- Reduced wave impact
- Stable Temperatures
- Suited for exposed sites
- Submerged 25-30m





VORTEX Semi Closed Cage

- ✓ Lice Reduction
- ✓ Protects against algae
- ✓ Stable Water Temperatures
- ✓ Stable oxygen
- ✓ Adjustable water flow



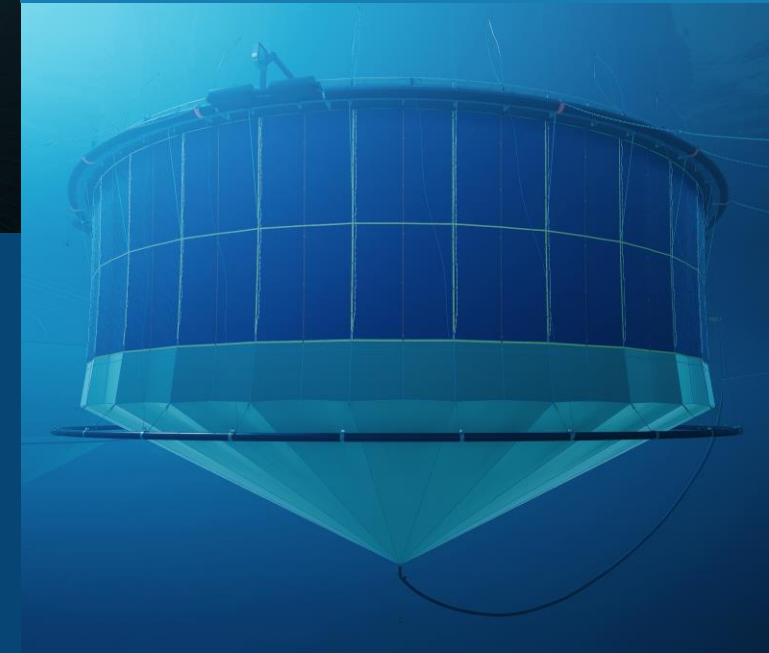
Specifications

- Patented
- Cage 157m / 160m
- 4 thrusters
- 20m side wall
- 15m skirt + netting
- Midgard© setup



Functionality

- Thrusters creates a vortex that brings water up from 15-30m depth
- Water flows upwards in centre all the way up to water line
- The constant circular water flow makes «old» water exit the cage on the edges





ScaleAQ strategic pillars of sustainability



Circular economy

We will become circular in order to reduce climate emissions, the use of virgin raw materials, and increase value creation



Reduction of plastic emissions



Product design, material use and circularity



Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions



Technology for zero emissions and good animal welfare

We will contribute to reducing emissions, protect biological diversity, ecosystems and ensure animal welfare



Protect biological diversity, ecosystems and animal welfare



Product quality, lifetime and safety



R&D and technology development



People and interaction

People at the center - we will work long-term and systematically with our sustainability commitments



Employees health and safety



Competence development of employees



Business model, risk management, compliance, transparency and ethics



Why circular economy for plastics

- The fish farming industry has a large consumption of plastics
- World's economy today is 8,6% circular but only 2,4% for Norway
- European Green Deal
 - Goal of reducing GHG emissions by min. 55% by 2030
- Regulations in Europe
 - EPR for plastics from aquaculture in 2025
- Chilean Plastics Pact from 2019 part of the Plastic Pacts Global Network



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Establishing and implementing sustainable circular value chains for plastics from discarded equipment from the aquaculture industry.





Responsible organization: Scale Aquaculture AS

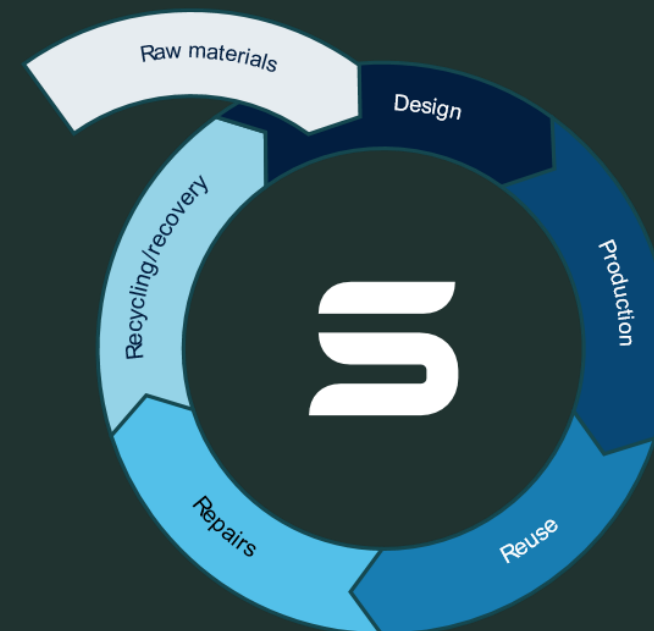
Partners: Hallingplast, Sinkaberg, Oceanize, SINTEF Ocean, Norner Research, OsloMet and Future Materials

Project period: 2023-2025

Funding type: Green Platform

Goal

- Develop processes for reuse, life extension and increased use of recycled plastic into new products for aquaculture or other markets
- Develop eco-design and systemic design for future fish farming equipment
- Develop environmental documentation and digital solutions for traceability through the value chain





ScaleAQ Circular



- ✓ Lifetime extension
- ✓ Reuse
- ✓ Recycling facility
- ✓ Collaboration



Recycling station

- Over 200 tons from March 2024
 - Floating collar
 - Sinker tube
 - Walkway
 - Handlist
- Separation of polymer grade
- Closed loop
- Traceability



New products from recycled plastics

- Increased use of recycled plastics from 2 to 23% from 2022 to 2023 (non-bearing structures)
- Reduction of CO₂ emissions by 50-65% by using 70-100% recycled plastic in the feeding pipes

Used plastic components

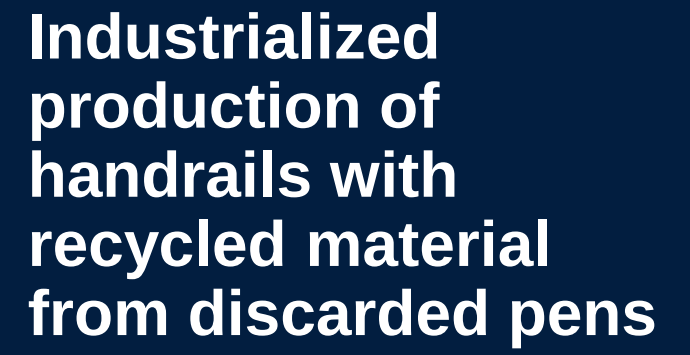


Processing



New products







Test activities within
reuse, recycling and
life extension

Antifouling tests

Testing various netting materials, floating collar and feed pipe over several months in the sea for the level of fouling



Recycling HDPE net

Recycling test, produce pellets and do analyses to find new market areas



Cleaning of nets and ropes

Net cleaning

- Compare washing robots, netting material and frequencies
- Analyses of the netting in the end



Rope cleaning

- Evaluate if regular cleaning of ropes in the mooring system has any effect on the lifetime and recycle/reuse potential at the end of the lifetime



Ecodesign student work

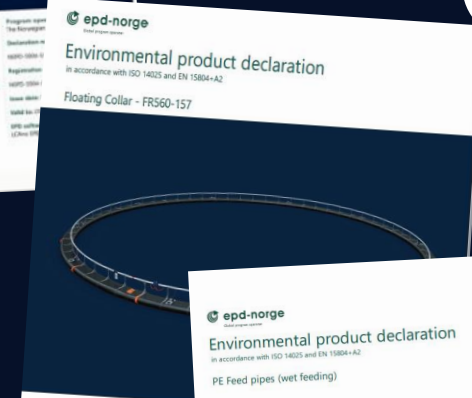
Buoys



Camera housing



Ref: Isaksen, 2024, Master's Thesis NTNU;
Driving Sustainable Change: Anchor buoy redesign for improved aquaculture



EPD on our products

- Assess the environmental impact of the product
- Basis for decisions regarding product and environmental development
- Tool for improvements throughout the product's value chain
- Documentation of the customer's environmental requirements
- Data input to our climate accounting

Environmental
Product
Declaration
(EPD)

Thanks for your attention!

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