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LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT FOR AQUAFEED INGREDIENTS

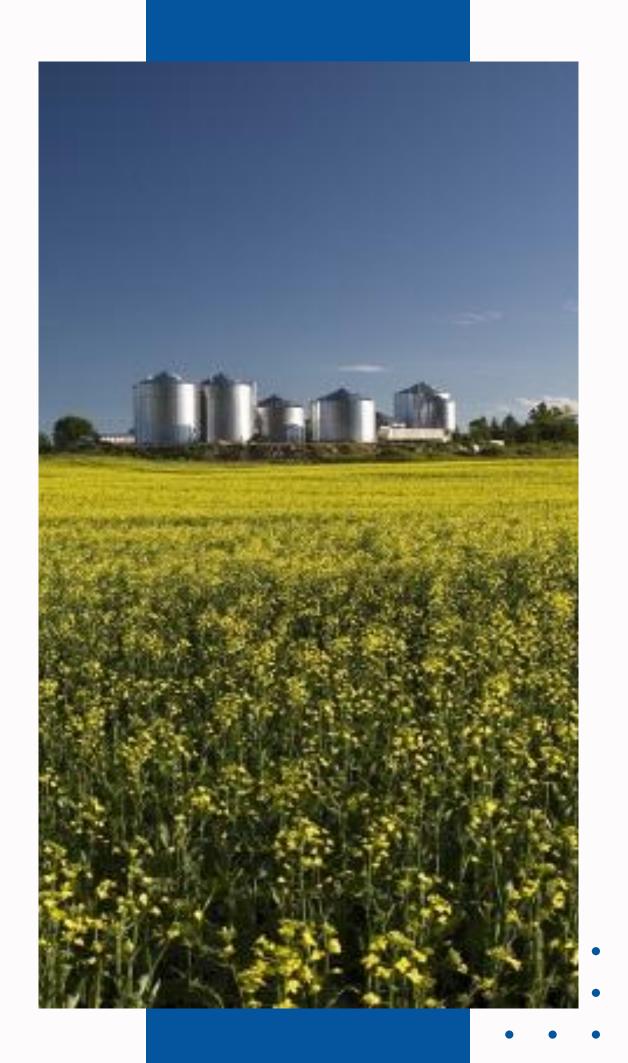




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# SUSTAINABLE FEED & FOOD PRODUCTION

IFFO InFocus Webinar





## Independent non-profit institute with the purpose of:

- Providing a globally accessible, evolving animal feed ingredient Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) database;
- Supporting compliant, credible, and transparent environmental assessment of animal feed ingredients and their role in the environmental footprint of animal derived products; and
- Fostering continuous improvement of the environmental performance of animal derived products.



## **GFLI** timeline

While the Institute was established in 2019, a long road came before...



### 2020 onwards

Publication of the database, member-based institute, data licensing



### 2019

GFLI founded as nonprofit institute



### 2016-2018

GFLI methodology created according to FAO-LEAP & EU PEFCR Feed



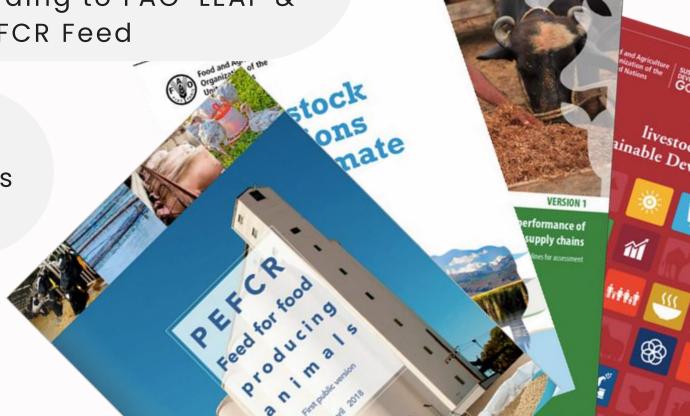
### 2015

GFLI established as a coalition project



### 2010-2015

Start of feed LCA research



# GFLI Corporate Members

















































## **GFLI Association Members**































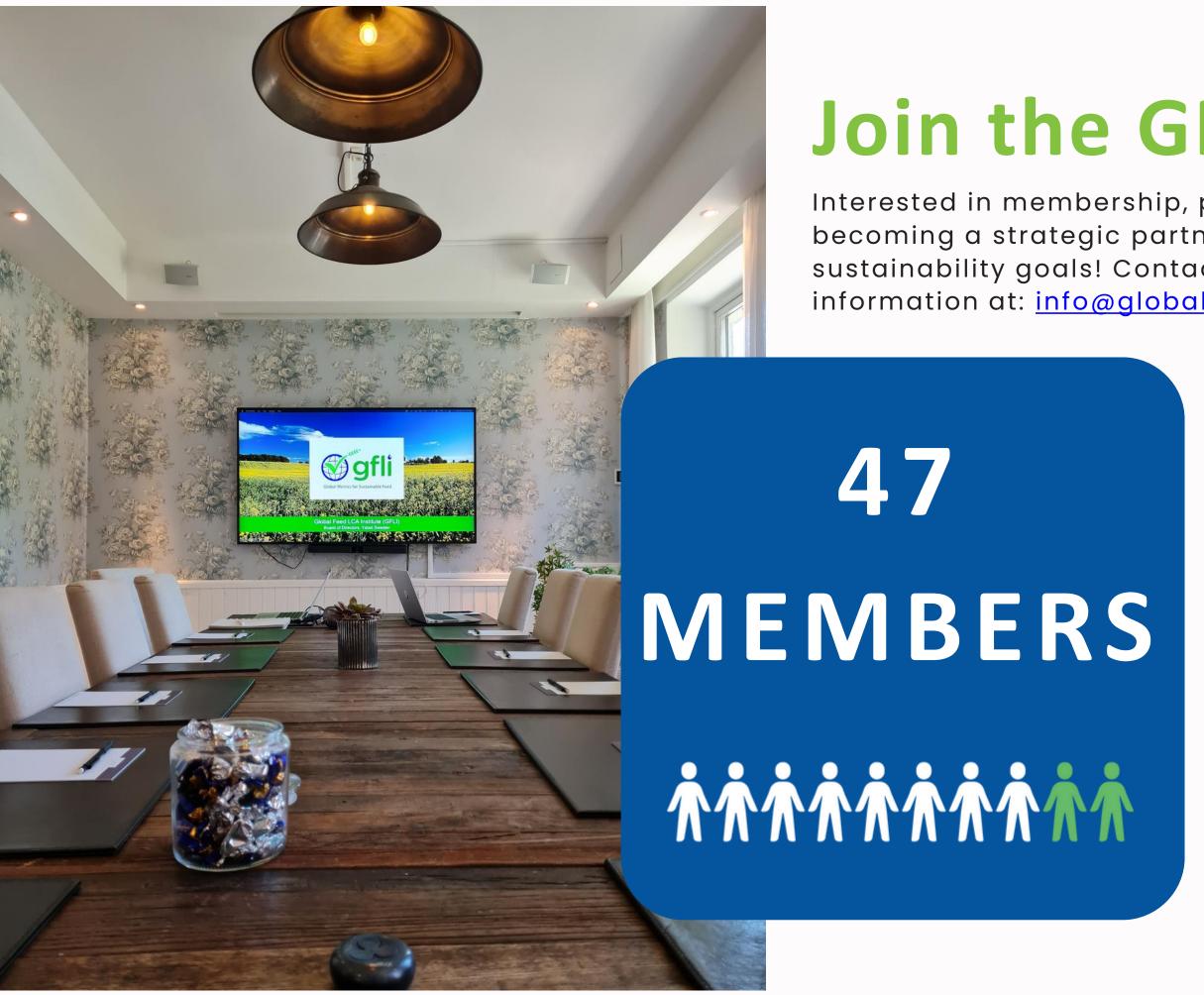












## Join the GFLI!

Interested in membership, providing or accessing data, or becoming a strategic partner? Let us help you meet your sustainability goals! Contact the GFLI Secretariat for more information at: <a href="mailto:info@globalfeedlca.org">info@globalfeedlca.org</a>



Check out our website!

## What is the GFLI database?



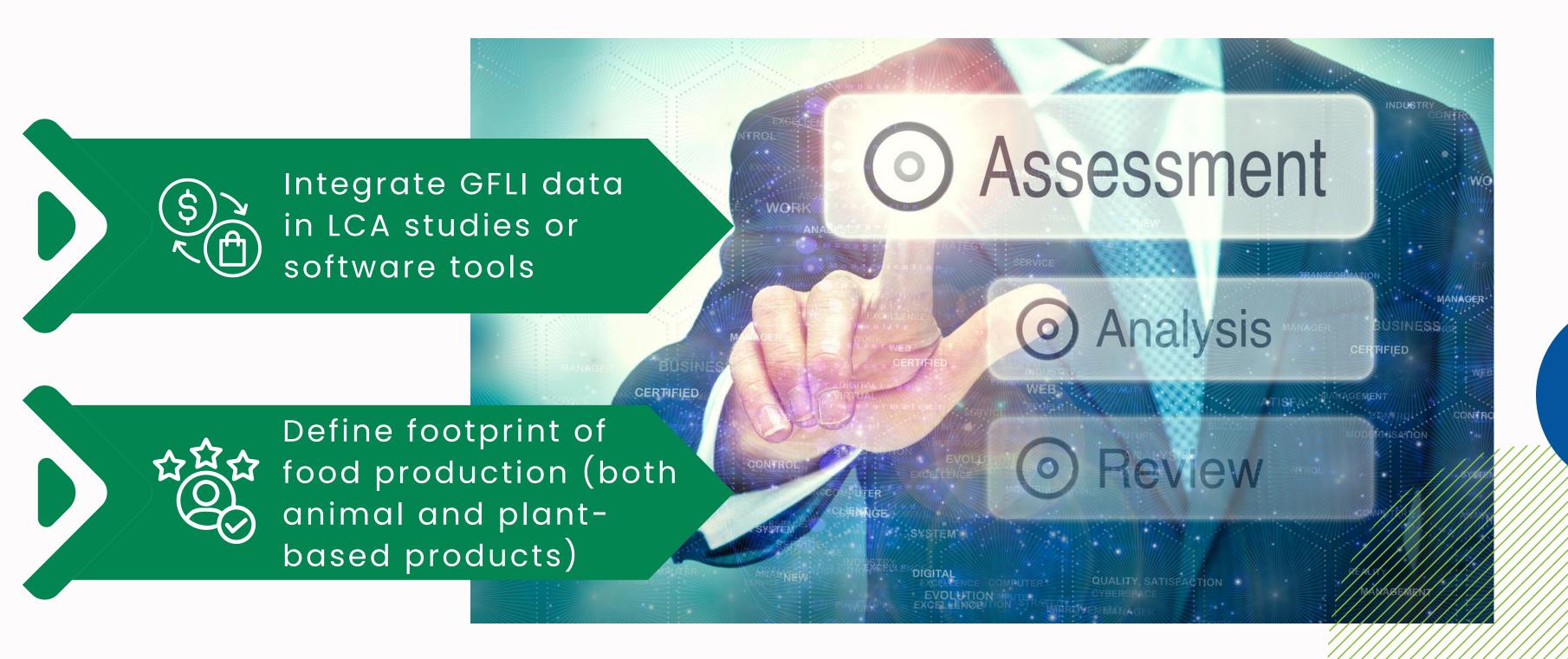
- High-quality, comprehensive database of emissions using LCA metrics for more than **1,830 feed ingredients**.
- Methodology aligned with FAO-LEAP & EU PEF Feed
- System-boundary: cradle-to-gate of feed mill
- Full environmental footprint with 16+ impact categories according to EF3.1 & ReCiPe Midpoint (H)
- Ingredient outputs are presented per 1 ton (1000 kg) of fresh weight
- Datasets are based on statistics & secondary data sources, or aggregated primary data
- Data quality rating (**DQR**) metrics aligned with EU PEFCR Feed
- Three allocation methods: mass, economic, energy
- Three **formats** to accommodate different users: LCIA, system processes, unit process



# Database users - feed companies



# Database users - LCA practitioners research institutes, food companies



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# DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS



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Outbound

Transport

## SCOPE

Inbound

Transport

Default

distances

available in the PEFCR

Feed

Feed Sourcing Stage



Environmental impacts of the sourced feed ingredients



Feed Manufacturer Stage



► Factory energy consumption



List of Feed Ingredients part of the feed composition Livestock Farm Stage



► Emissions related to feed digestion

Experts in Animal Nutrition

**Animal Products** 





Red Meat PEFCR?

Egg PEFCR?

Poultry Meat PEFCR?

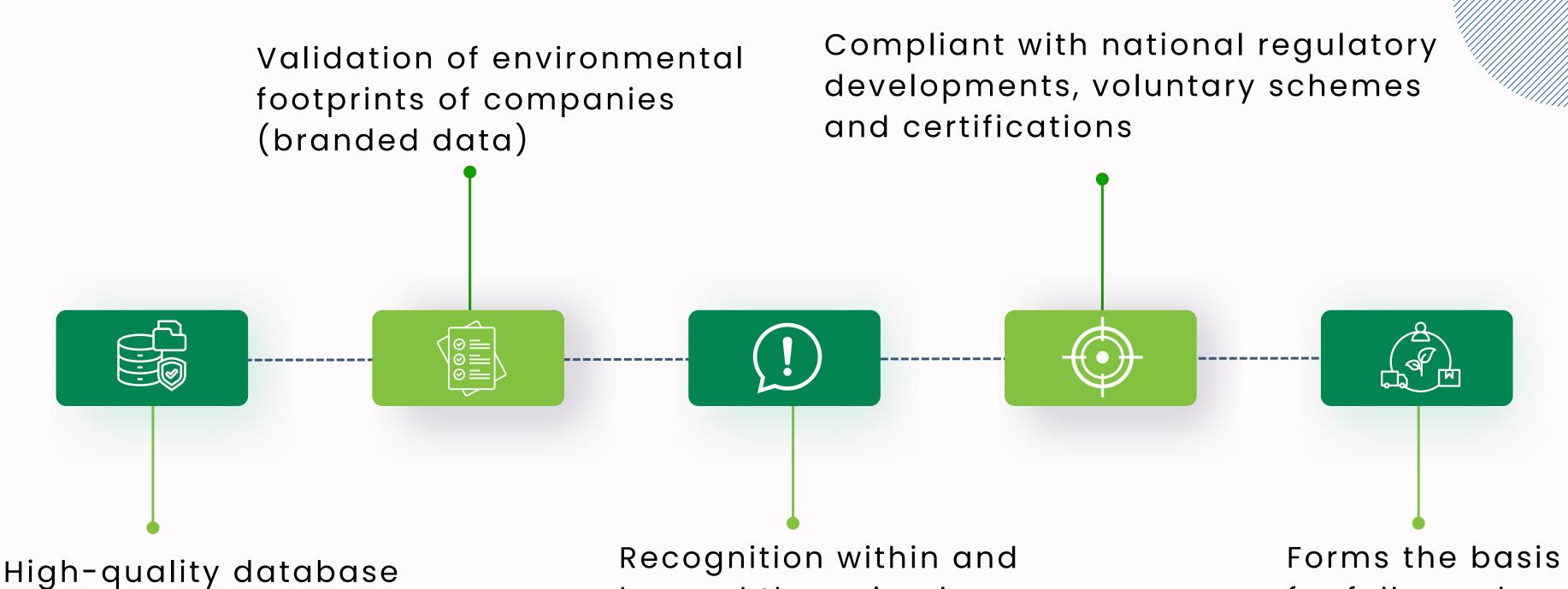
Marine Fish PEFCR?

Use of secondary data allowed

Company Specific Data Required

# GFLI serves as a catalyst for the feed sector, and beyond...

of secondary data



beyond the animal

feed sector

for full supply

chain alignment

# High-quality database of secondary data

The GFLI database is accessible via the purchase of a license agreement. Other license types to respond to additional use cases will be available soon.

#### **Commercial license**

- Benchmarking
- Environmental parameters for compound feed production
- Improve internal processes
- Marketing and communication

## **Developer license**

Data integration in any tool

#### Research license

 Academic and other research and studies







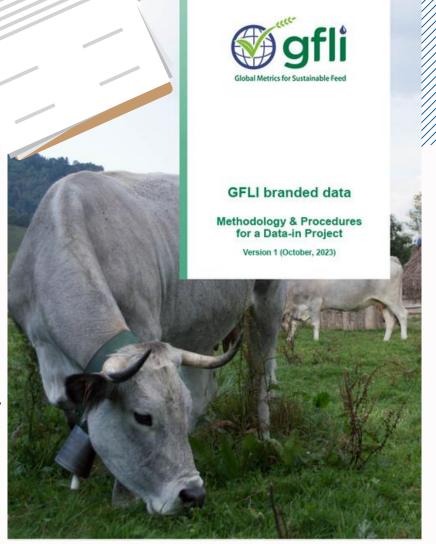




# Validate environmental footprints of companies

GFLI's 'Branded Data' methodology was developed to respond to the growing demand for primary data and many companies' interest in showcasing their own environmental footprint.

- Gives insight into a company's emissions in order to track sustainability over multiple years
- Allows for sustainability reporting through a recognized methodology
- Allows for comparison of a company-specific ingredient with the averages in the GFLI database
- Gives a company insights into its own supply chain so it can drive sustainability
- Marketing and communication purposes













# Recognition within and beyond the animal feed sector



GFLI currently has 47 members, from large international feed companies to national feed associations and research institutes.



The GFLI database is utilized by more than 500 users through commercial licenses and developer license integration of the data into third-party tools.







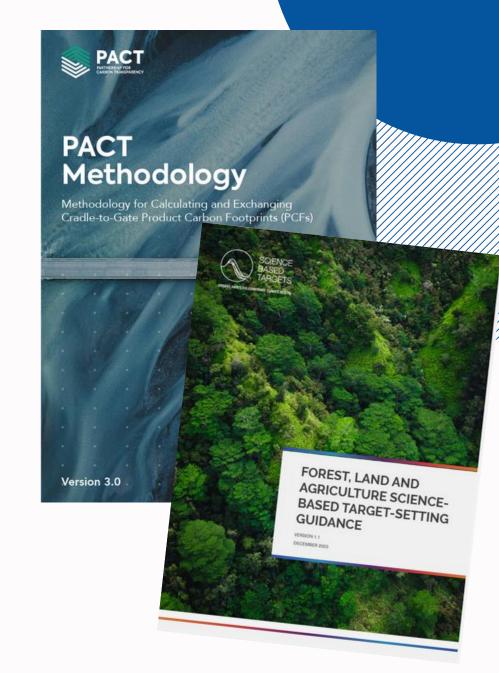




# Voluntary schemes, reporting and certifications

### Latest developments:

- SBTI-FLAG compliant version of the GFLI database for corporate targets to reduce emissions
- Guidance for accepting higher tier approaches (yielding more precise data) in National Inventory Reports
- Involved in the OECD's development of a framework for measuring carbon footprints of Agri-Food Products
- Listed on the PACT website for compliant data exchange













# Forms the basis for full supply chain alignment

With all previous steps, we've aimed to provide high quality data calculated in a transparent manner, and compliant with relevant methodologies in order to meet the needs for environmental footprints of feed (and food) ingredients calculated up to the feed company gate. But the data's value extends far beyond this point in the chain.

GFLI continues to strengthen partnerships with relevant organizations to ensure that the GFLI methodology and database are used as the basis for calculating feed (and food) related emissions throughout the full supply chain (including plant-based foods and pet food).

Help GFLI become the global standard for feed LCA emissions data and bring us in contact with downstream partners and relevant organizations to further align!









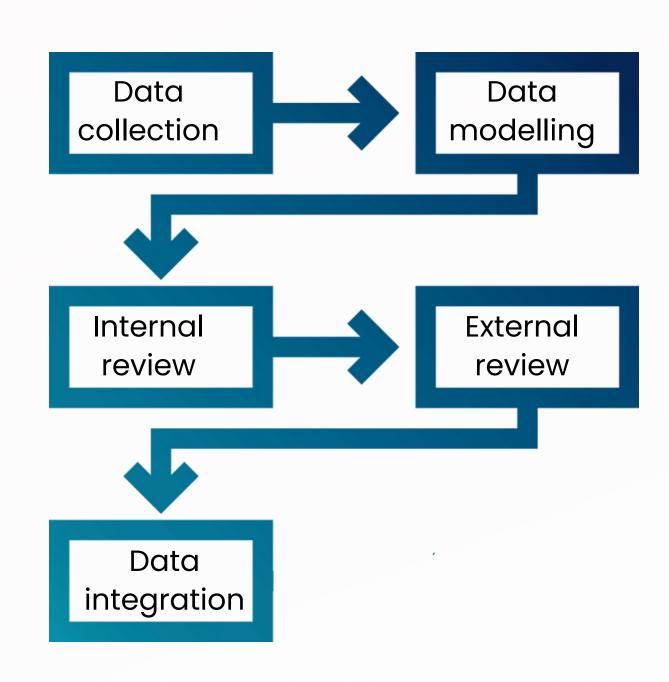


# DATA GENERATION



### How is data added to the GFLI database?

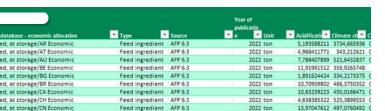
- LCA data from various sources contributed by data providers
- Data providers: research institutes, universities, associations, companies, a consortium of entities
- Goal: collect and model data per GFLI Methodology to fill gaps, improve existing datasets, or improve methodology (i.e. regionalized modelling)
- Branded data: product-specific data
- Internal and external reviews ensure high quality and transparency
- Process description: transparency re: data sources and details about data collection and modelling.



# In progress...







## **Inclusion of New Primary Data!**

Inclusion and update of marine ingredient data based on new primary data derived values.









Tools & services Y Knowledge base Y About us Y Partners Y



Charting New Waters: Building the First PEF-Compliant Generator for Fisheries and Feed ingredients

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In a major leap forward for environmental transparency in the seafood sector, a new collaboration is underway between GFLI (Global Feed LCA Institute), Sjømat Norge, and LCA.no. Their joint project, funded by FHF (The Norwegian Seafood Research Fund), aims to deliver a cutting-edge, cloud-based tool for environmental data generation - the first of its kind to comply with both

## Publication of Marine data generator tool!

Automated data modelling for PEF (Marine Fish PEFCR) and GFLI-compliant marine-based data creation.



## Extension of generator tool!

Expanding the tool for cultivated & processed ingredients, as well as multiple additional features.

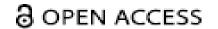
# You Can Only Manage What You Measure

## met-ric (me-trik)

- : a standard of measurement
- : of or relating to (such) an art, process, or science of measuring
- "no metric exists that can be applied directly to happiness"
- —Scientific Monthly

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## The Evolution of Sustainability Metrics for the Marine Ingredient Sector: Moving Towards Holistic Assessments of Aquaculture Feed

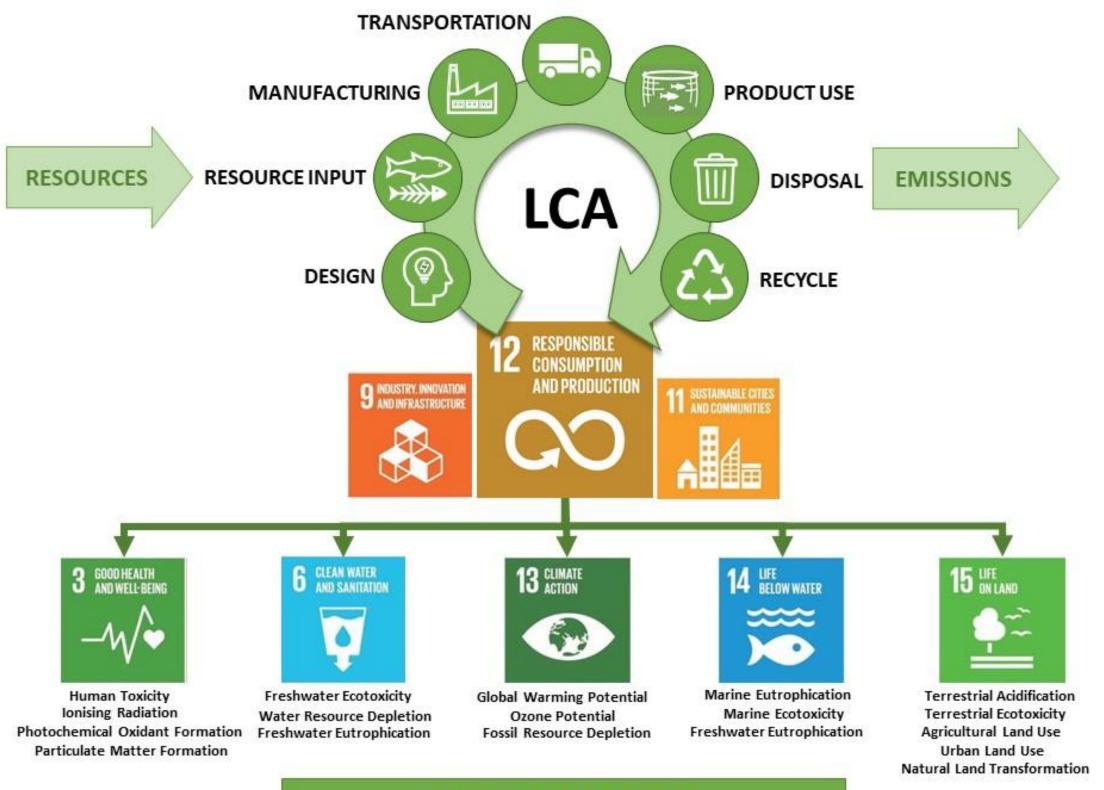
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"We need to move toward a more transparent assessment process as this will better support aquaculture to move forward by being able to assess the sustainability of the use of all feed ingredient resources on an equivalent basis."



# Life Cycle Assessment

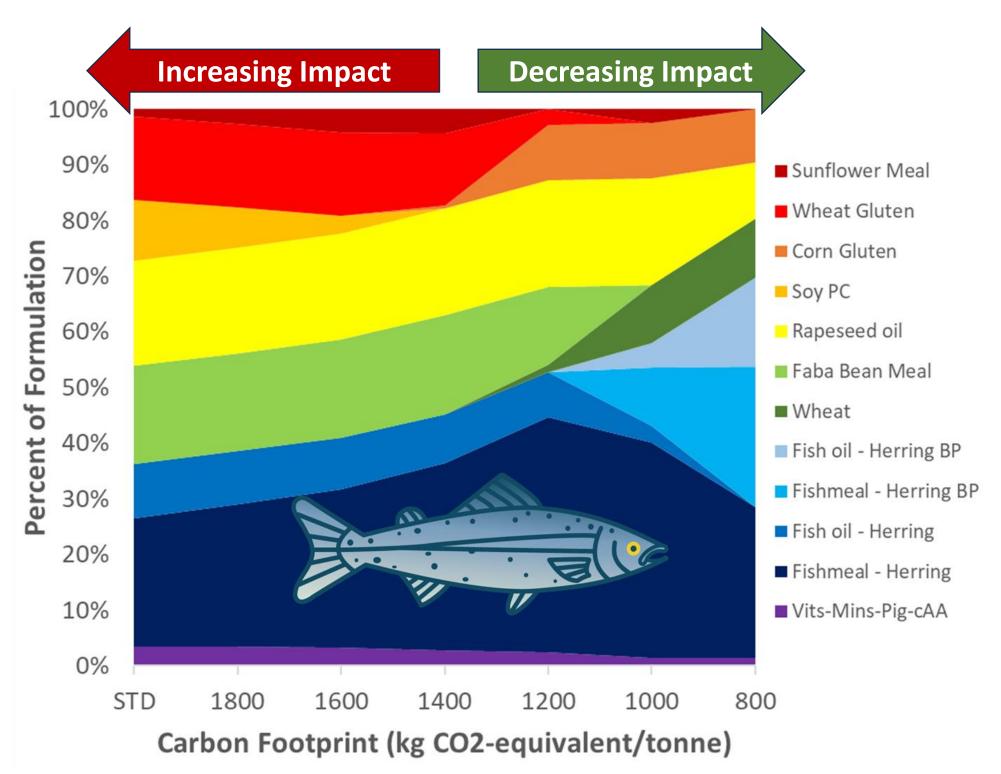


**IMPACT CATEGORIES** 

# Something HIGH in one Impact Category...



# Using LCA Data as a Formulation Constraint

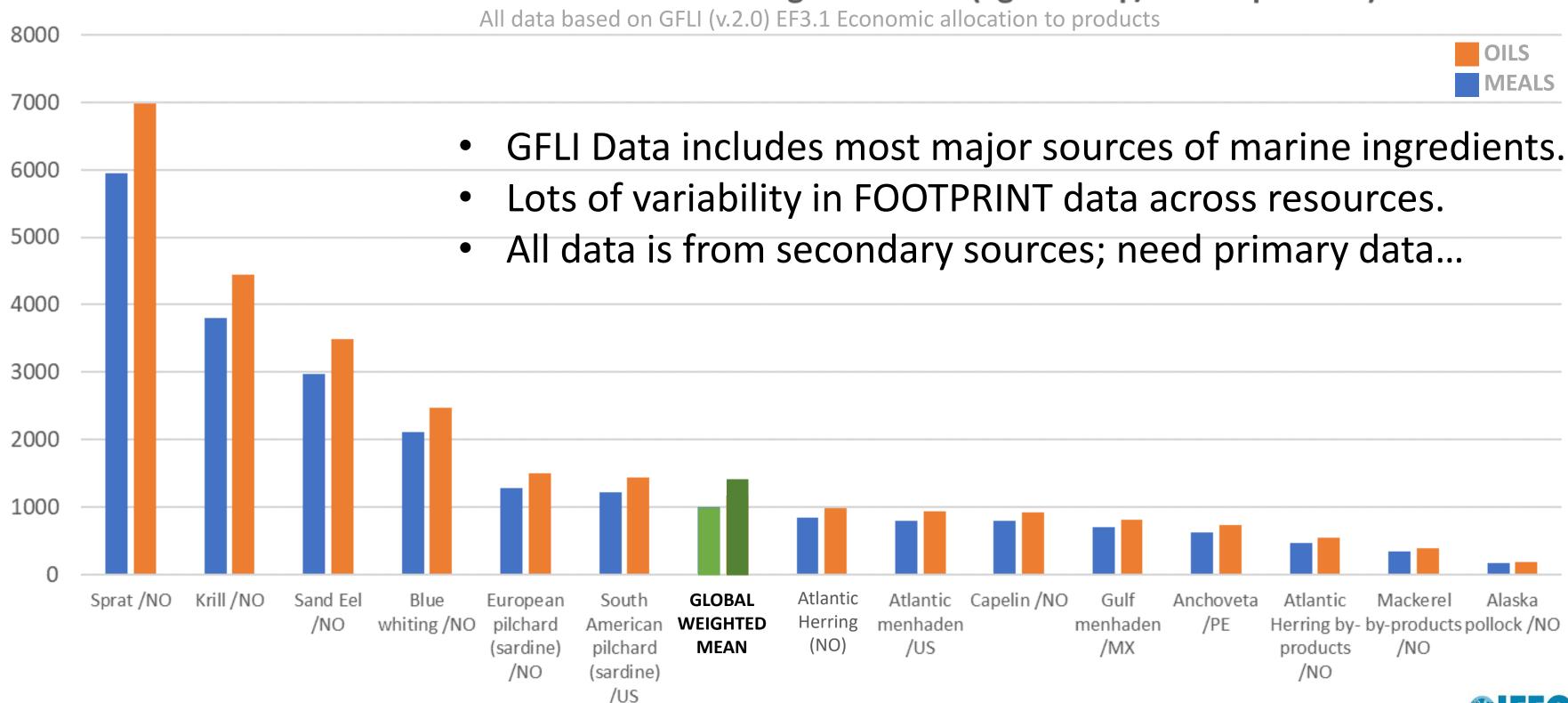


- LCA data can be used in formulation databases like any other parameter.
- A standard (STD) North Atlantic salmon feed (DP36%:DE20kJ/g) has a Carbon Footprint (CF) of about 1978 kg CO2.eq / tonne feed.
- Formulating on CF has some clear effects on ingredient preference.
- Primary data from ingredient suppliers is increasingly being sought by the feed producers as values can vary markedly.



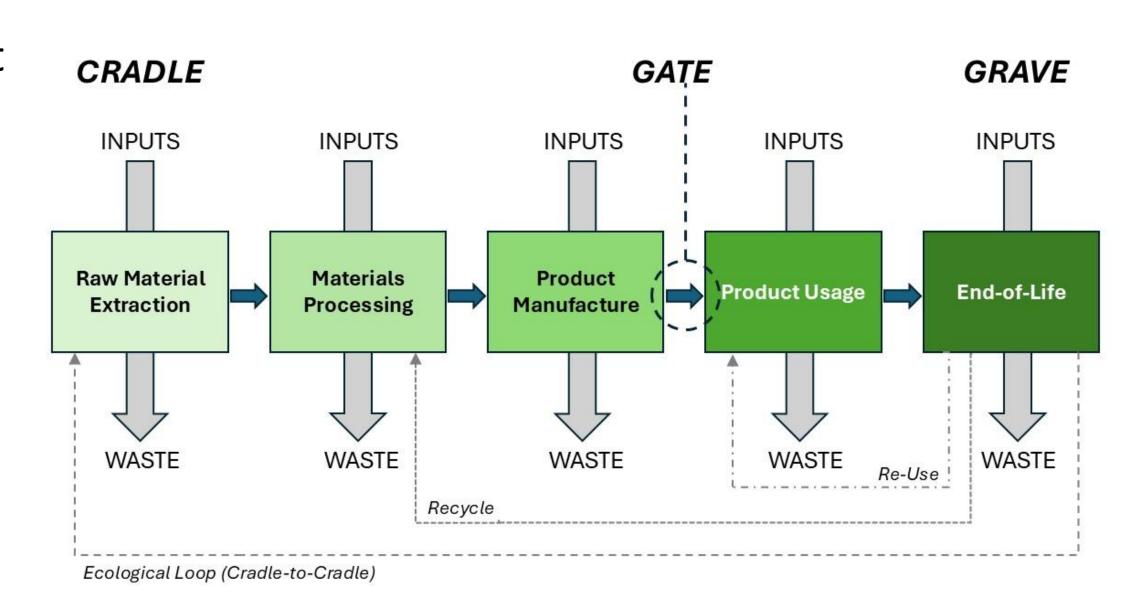
# Existing GFLI Data on Marine Ingredients

## FISHMEALS and FISHOILS - Climate Change Potential (kg CO2 eq / tonne product)

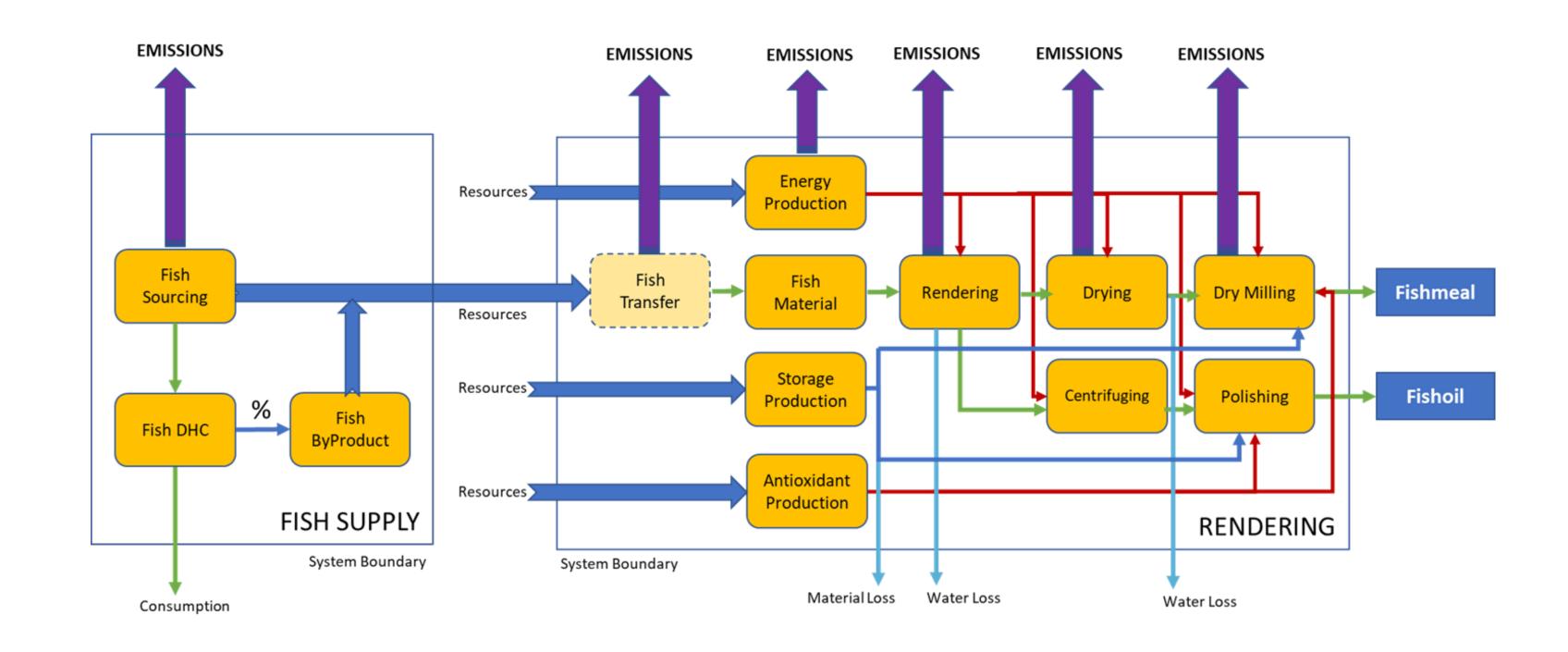


# Assessing Marine Ingredient Impacts...

- Environmental impacts do not just occur on the production unit
  - Raw material extraction (capture)
  - Processing
  - Distribution
  - Consumption/Use
  - Waste disposal
- Defining the extent (boundaries) of your system is critical.
- We are focussing on a CRADLEto-GATE analysis of Marine Ingredient Production.



## Step 1- Mapping the System Boundaries and Flows

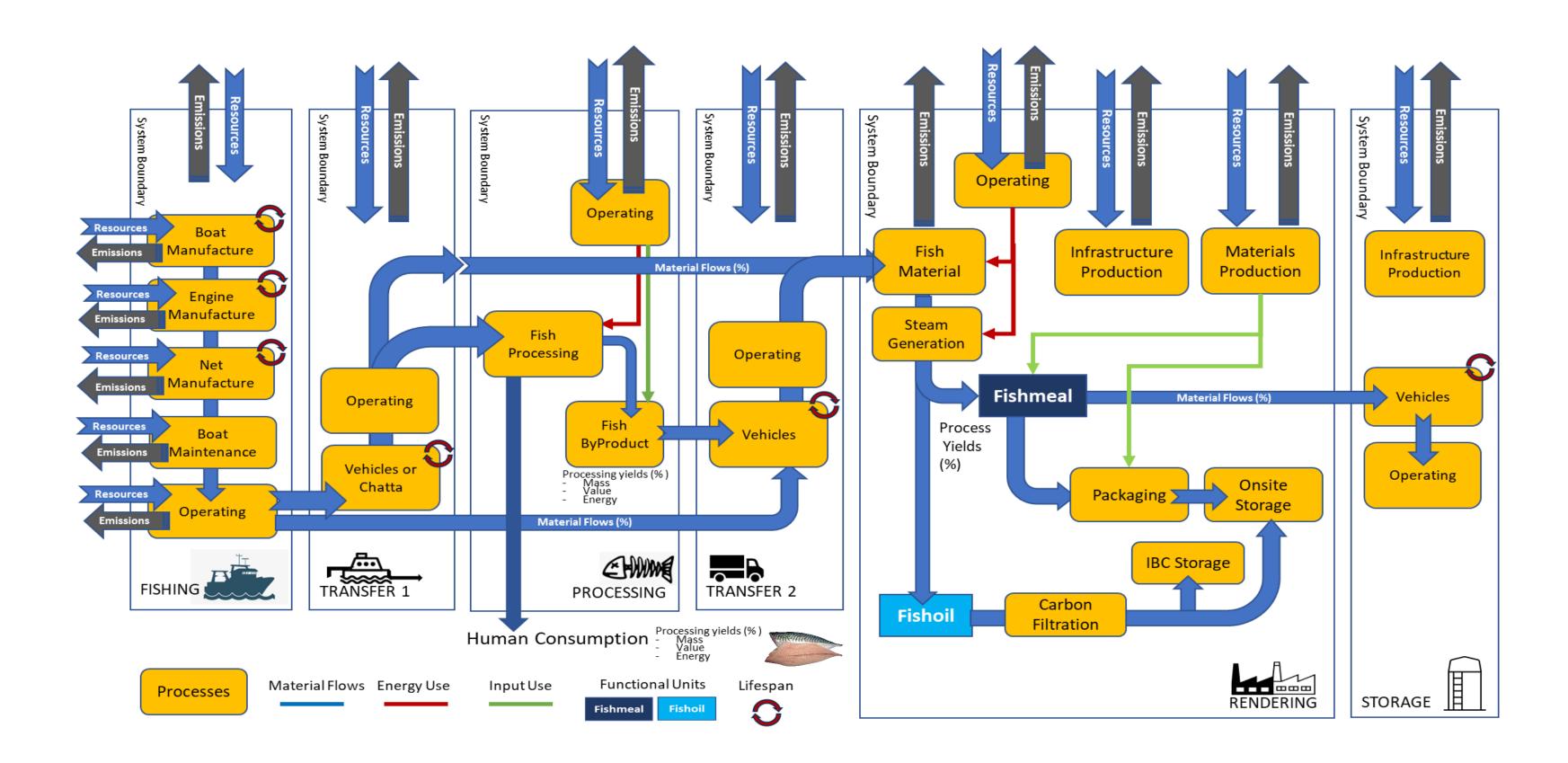




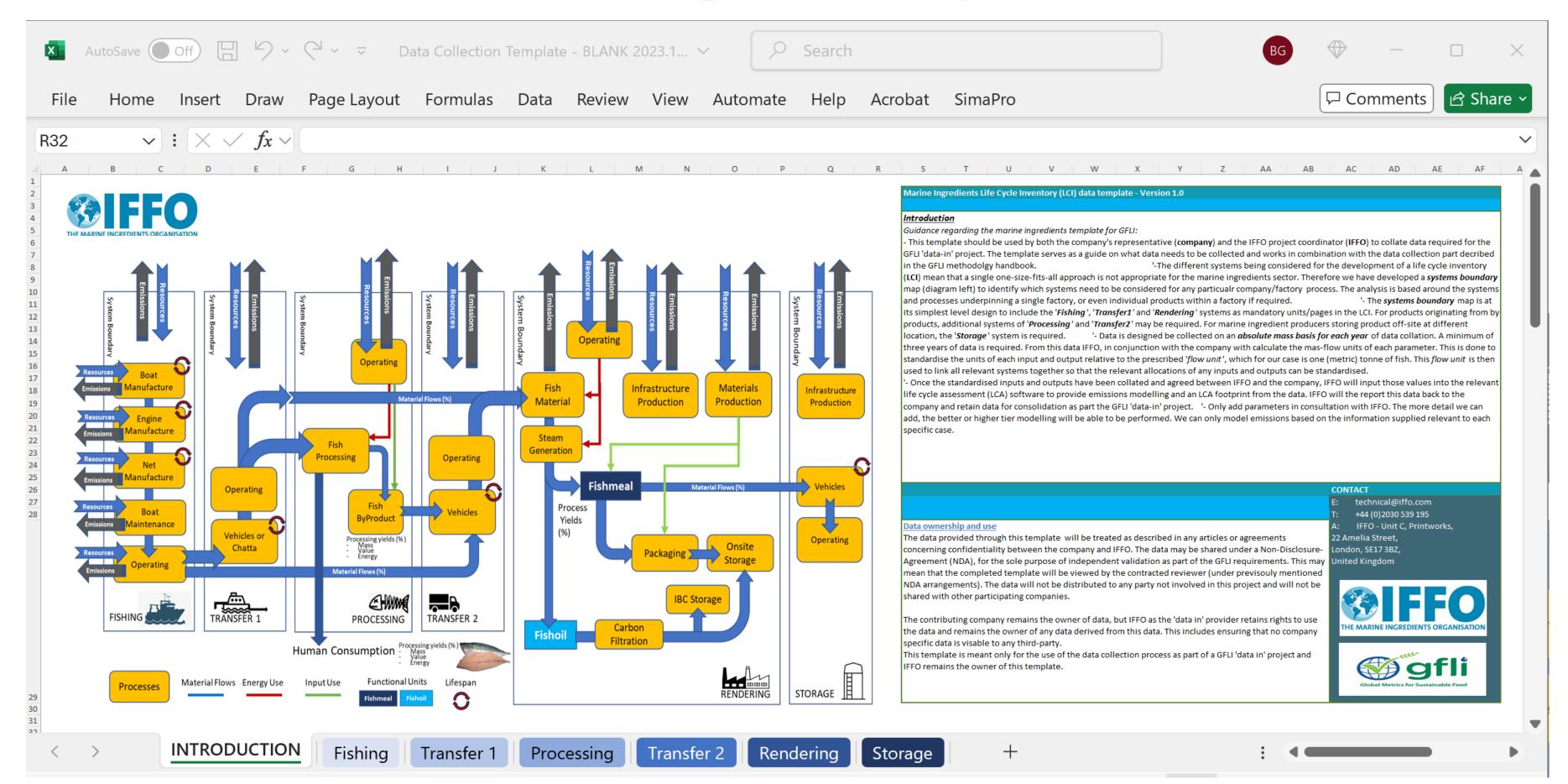




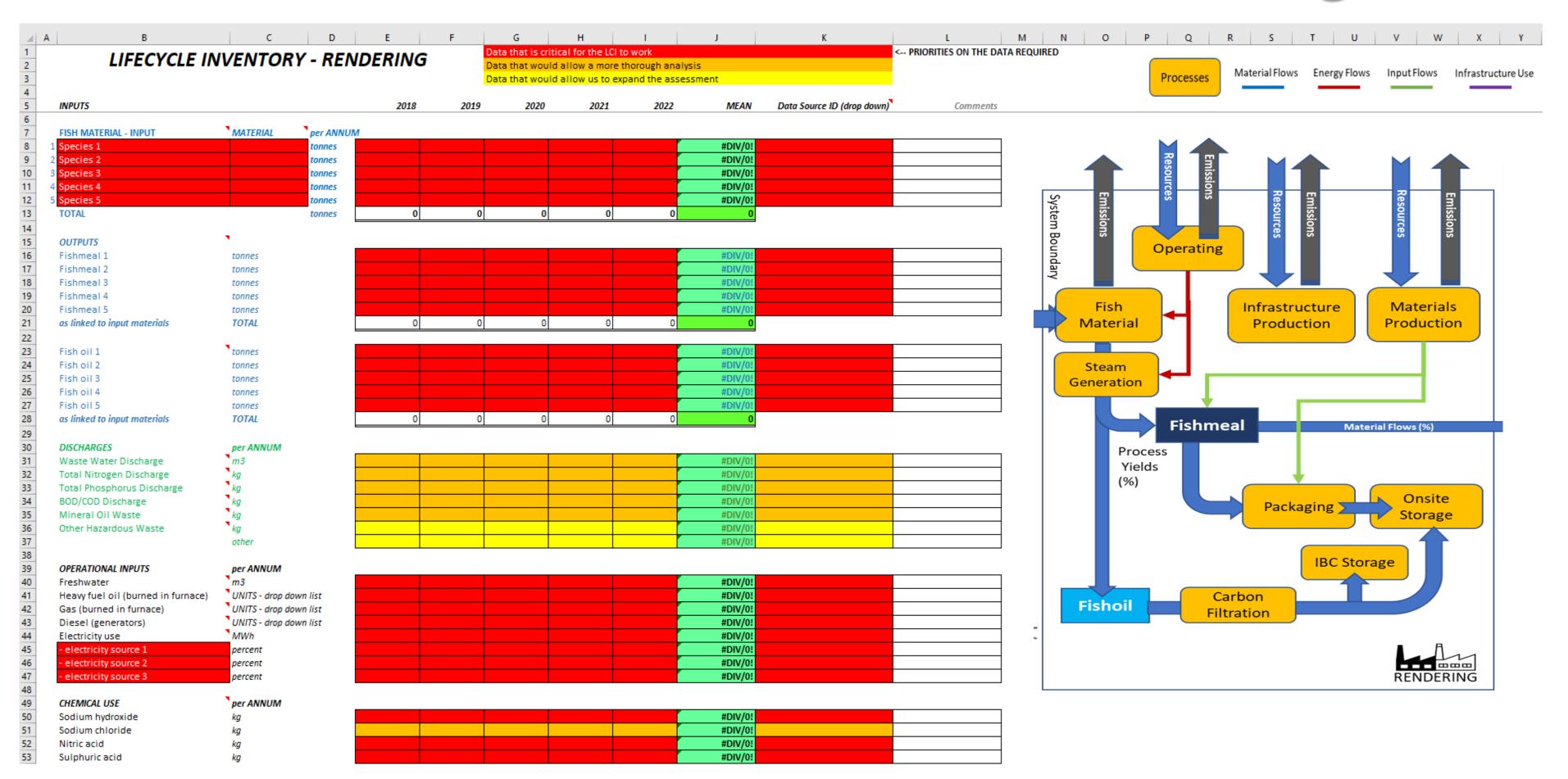
## Step 1.x - Mapping the System Boundaries and Flows



# **Collecting Primary Data**

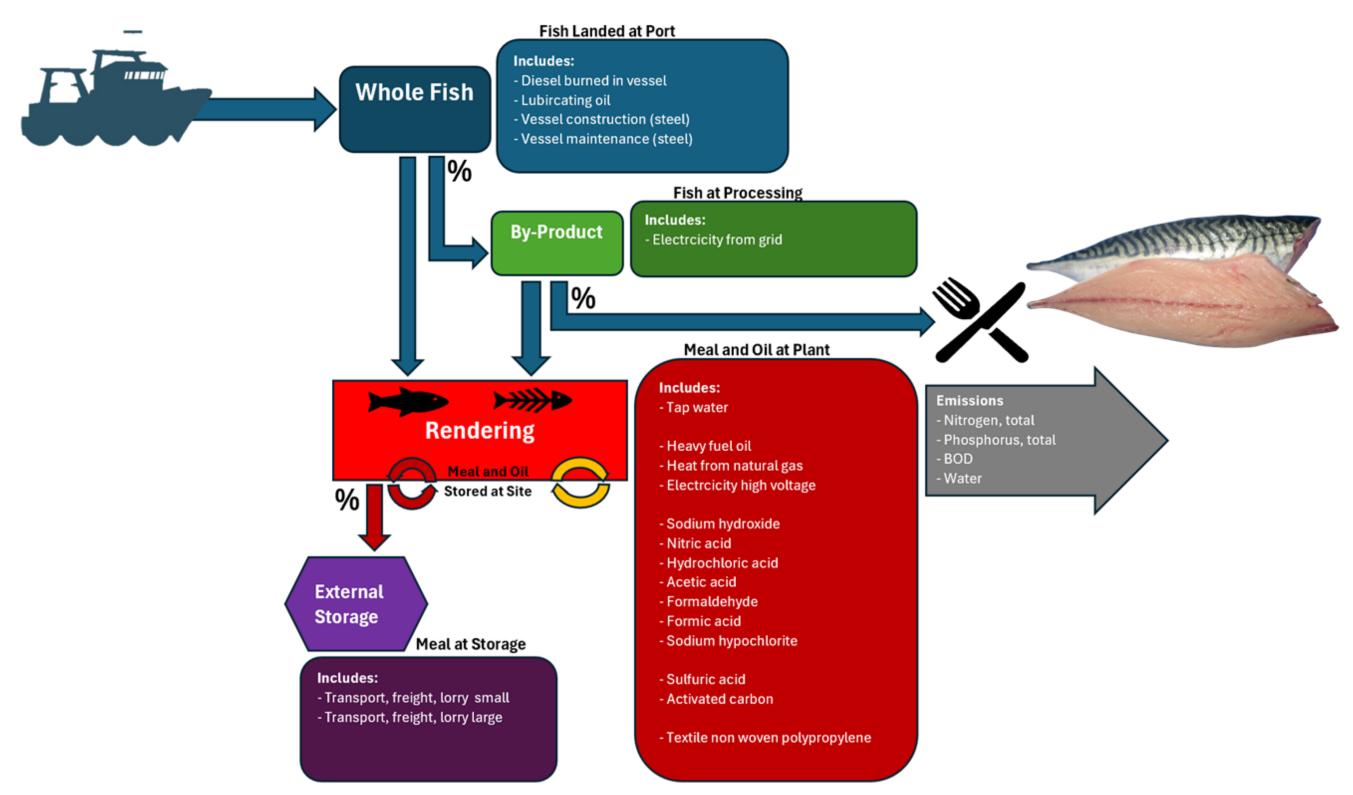


# Data Collection: EXAMPLE - Rendering

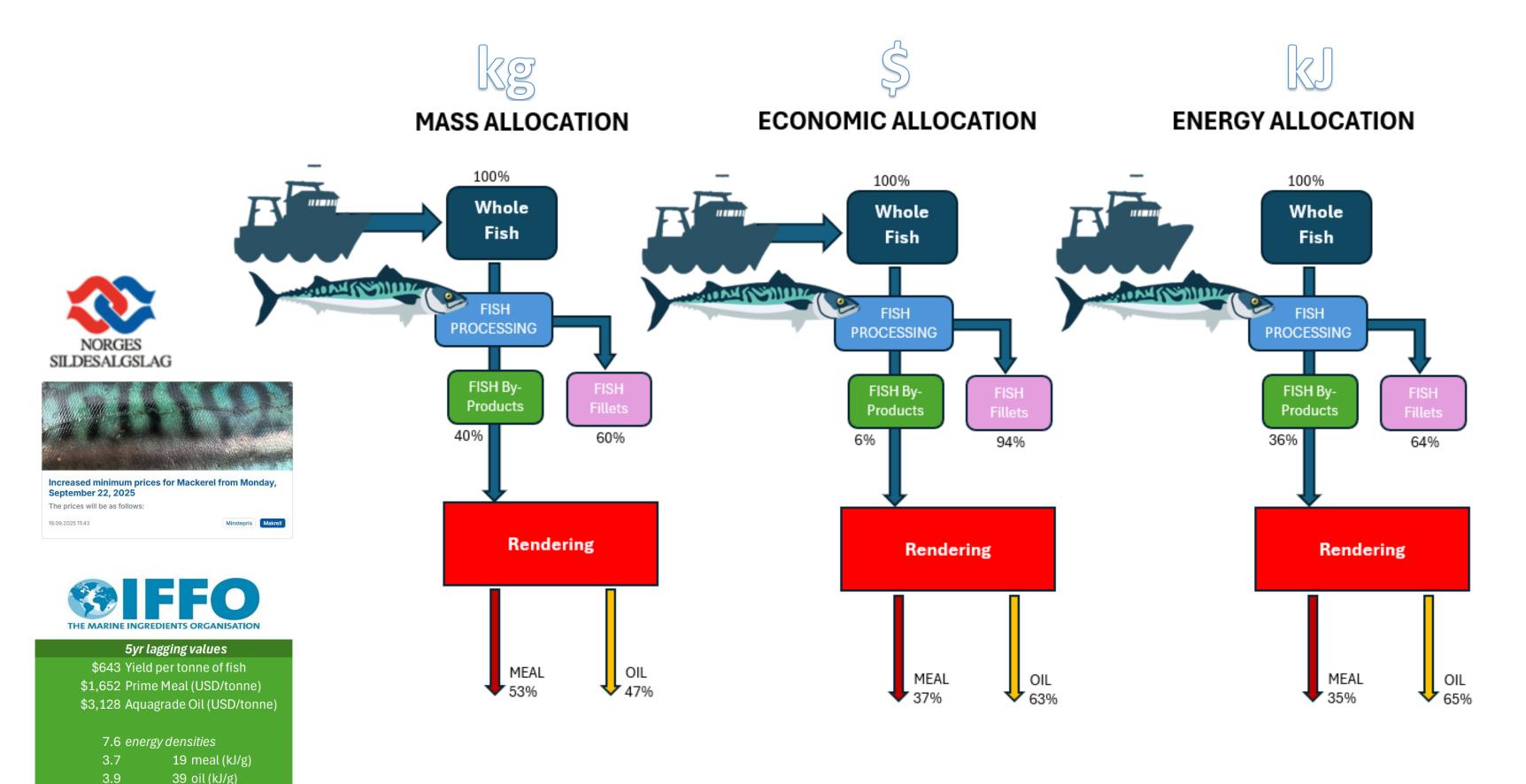


## Rationalising Things to the Key Data Elements

#### **KEY DATA ELEMENTS BY SYSTEM**



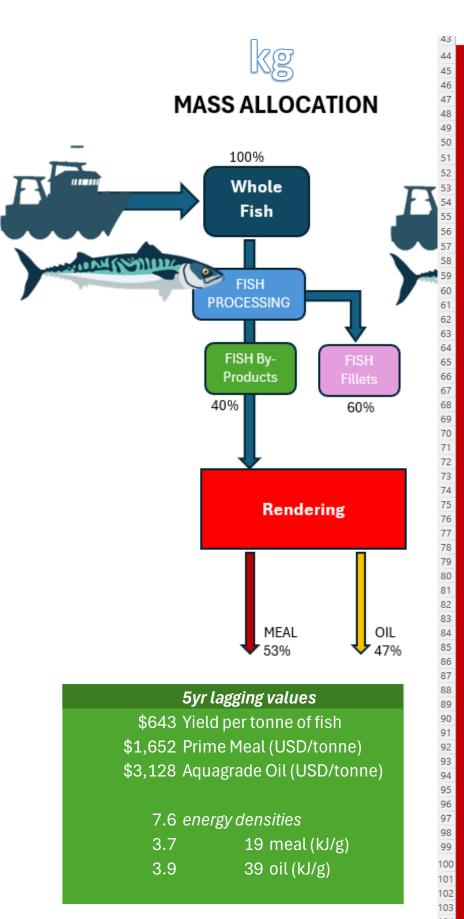
## Calculating MASS, ECONOMIC and ENERGY Allocations

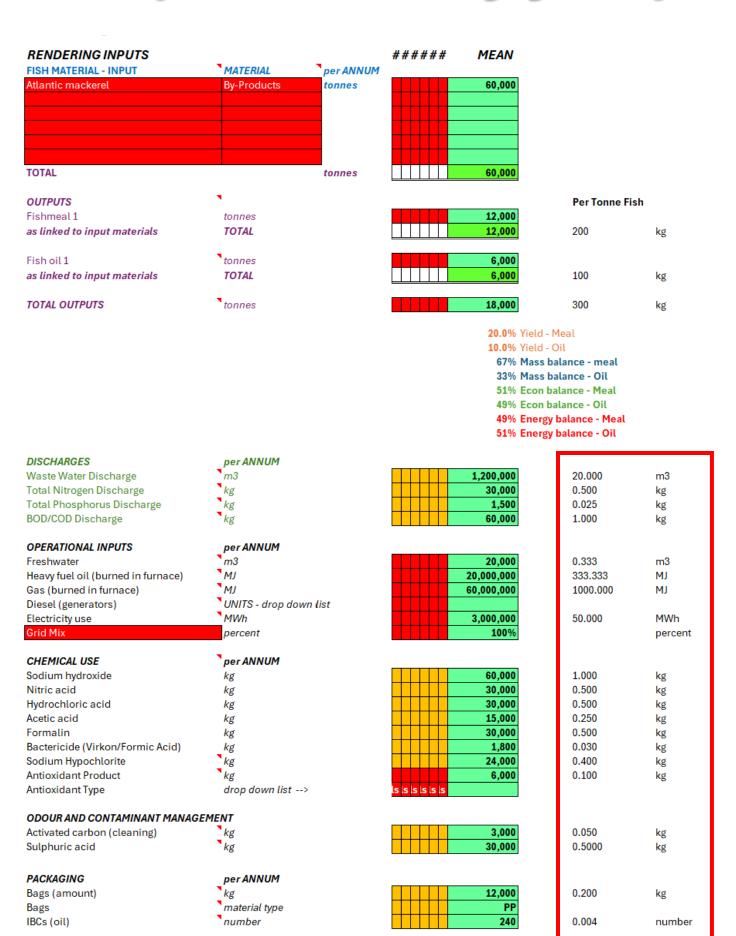


## Standardising DATA to a FLOW UNIT (1 tonne of fish)

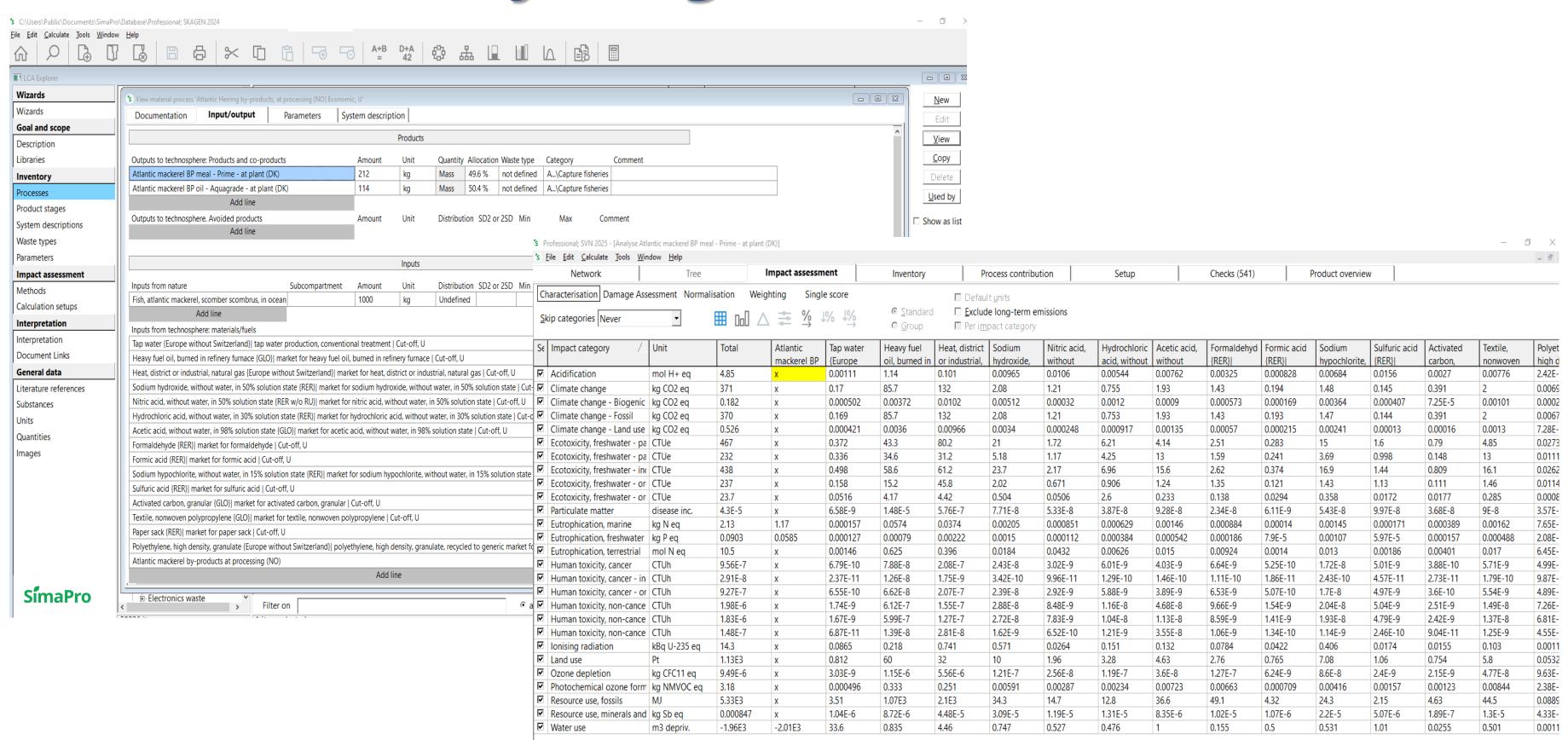
#### ATLANTIC MACKEREL CASE EXAMPLE







# Interfacing with SimaPro



# Summarising the Data from SimaPro

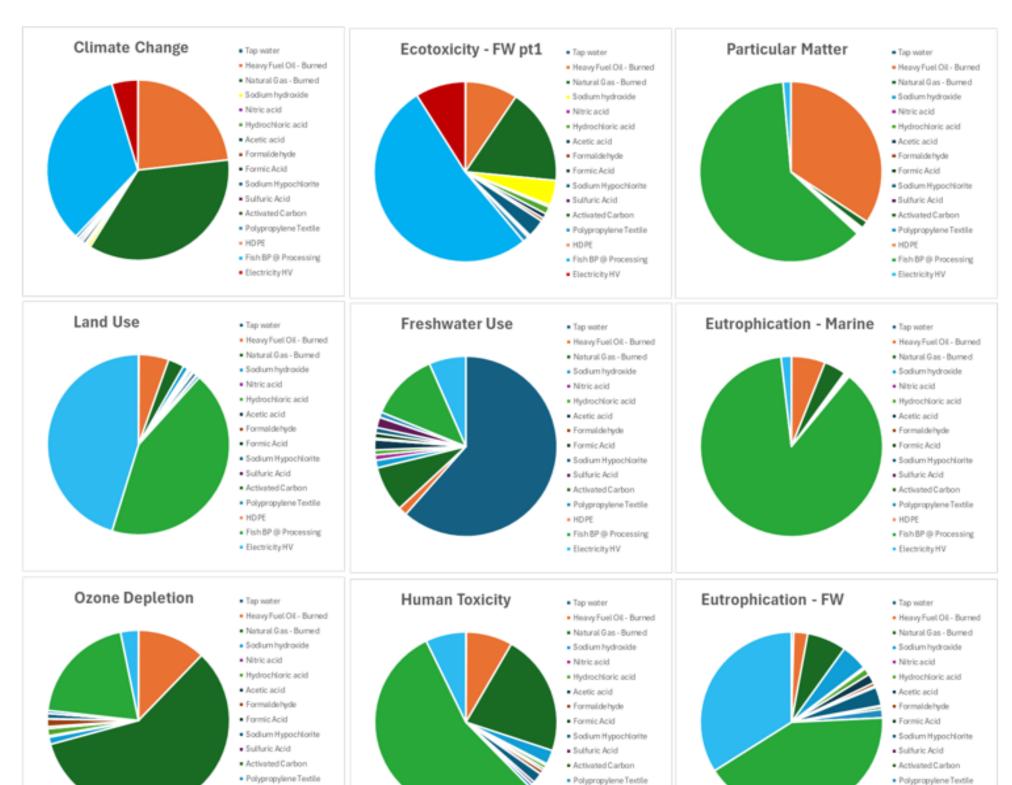
Calculation:	Economic Allocation met	nod applied (value	of meal/oil, and valu	e of BP/Fillet)		
Results:	Impact assessment					
Product:	1000 kg Atlantic Mackere	- Prime MEAL or A	Aquagrade OIL- at pla	nt (NO)		
Method:	Environmental Footprint 3.1 (adapted) V1.01 / EF 3.1 normalization and weighting set					
Indicator:	Characterisation					
Skip categories:	Never					
Exclude infrastructure processes:	No					
Exclude long-term emissions:	No					
Allocation method:		ECONOMIC	ECONOMIC	ECONOMIC	ECONOMIC	Mass
Impact category	Unit	MEAL	OIL	A.Mackerel BP	Fillet	A.Mackerel
Acidification	mol H+ eq	4.85E+00	9.16E+00	1.48E+00	1.46E+01	9.24E+00
Climate change	kg CO2 eq	3.71E+02	7.00E+02	5.30E+01	5.25E+02	3.05E+02
Climate change - Biogenic	kg CO2 eq	1.82E-01	3.44E-01	3.30E-02	3.27E-01	6.75E-02
Climate change - Fossil	kg CO2 eq	3.70E+02	6.99E+02	5.28E+01	5.23E+02	3.04E+02
Climate change - Land use and LU chai	r kg CO2 eq	5.26E-01	9.95E-01	1.81E-01	1.80E+00	1.01E+00
Ecotoxicity, freshwater - inorganics	CTUe	4.67E+02	8.83E+02	1.04E+02	1.03E+03	5.84E+02
Ecotoxicity, freshwater - organics - p.2	1 CTUe	2.32E+02	4.38E+02	4.29E+01	4.25E+02	2.32E+02
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Ecotoxicity, freshwater - part 1	CTUe	2.37E+02	4.48E+02	6.42E+01	6.37E+02	3.79E+02
Ecotoxicity, freshwater - part 2	CTUe	2.37E+01	4.48E+01	4.33E+00	4.29E+01	2.62E+01
Eutrophication, freshwater	kg P eq	4.30E-05	8.13E-05	1.13E-05	1.12E-04	7.09E-05
Eutrophication, marine	kg N eq	2.13E+00	4.03E+00	3.58E-01	3.55E+00	2.24E+00
Eutrophication, terrestrial	mol N eq	9.03E-02	1.71E-01	5.68E-03	5.63E-02	1.61E-02
Human toxicity, cancer	CTUh	1.05E+01	1.99E+01	3.92E+00	3.88E+01	2.45E+01
Human toxicity, cancer - inorganics	CTUh	9.56E-07	1.81E-06	2.25E-07	2.23E-06	1.30E-06
Human toxicity, cancer - organics	CTUh	2.91E-08	5.51E-08	4.75E-09	4.71E-08	2.59E-08
Human toxicity, non-cancer	CTUh	9.27E-07	1.75E-06	2.21E-07	2.19E-06	1.28E-06
Human toxicity, non-cancer - inorgani	CTUh	1.98E-06	3.73E-06	3.57E-07	3.54E-06	1.86E-06
Human toxicity, non-cancer - organics	CTUh	1.83E-06	3.45E-06	3.33E-07	3.31E-06	1.72E-06
Ionising radiation	kBq U-235 eq	1.48E-07	2.81E-07	2.40E-08	2.38E-07	1.39E-07
Land use	Pt	1.43E+01	2.70E+01	2.18E+00	2.16E+01	1.64E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC11 eq	1.13E+03	2.13E+03	2.08E+02	2.06E+03	3.76E+02
Particulate matter	disease inc.	9.49E-06	1.79E-05	8.13E-07	8.06E-06	4.60E-06
Photochemical ozone formation	kg NMVOC eq	3.18E+00	6.02E+00	1.07E+00	1.06E+01	6.71E+00
Resource use, fossils	MJ	5.33E+03	1.01E+04	7.03E+02	6.97E+03	3.94E+03
Resource use, minerals and metals	kg Sb eq	8.47E-04	1.60E-03	2.42E-04	2.40E-03	1.33E-03
Water use	m3 depriv.	-1.96E+03	-3.69E+03	2.86E+00	2.84E+01	1.16E+01

# Attributional Analysis of the Primary LCA Data...

HD/PE

· Electricity HV

. Fish BP @ Processing



HDPE

Electricity HV

Fish BP ⊕ Processing

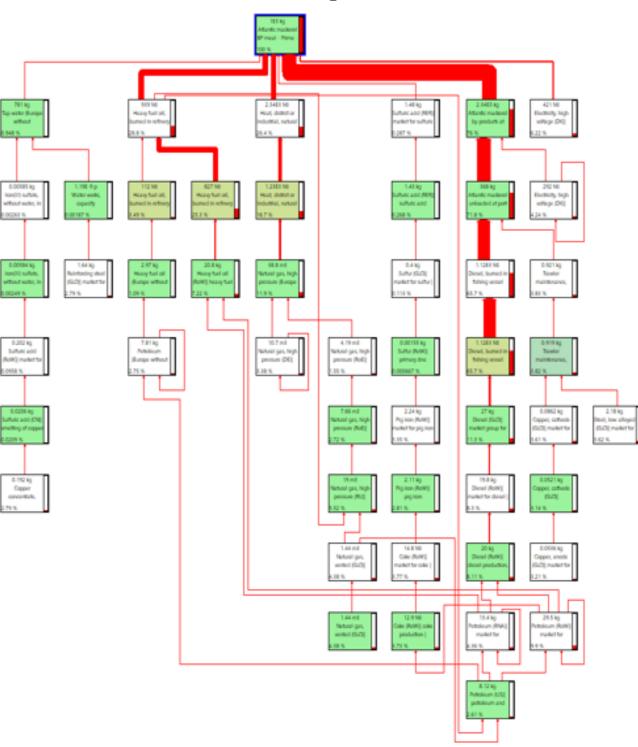
HDPE

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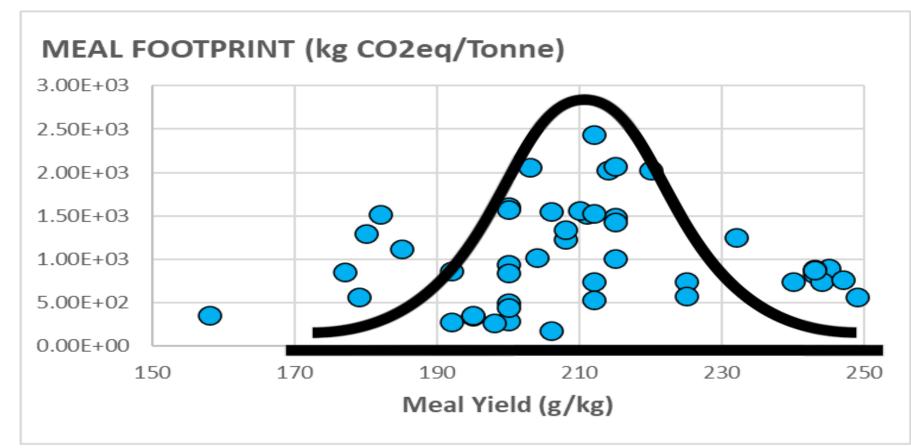
#### **Fishmeal Component Contributions**

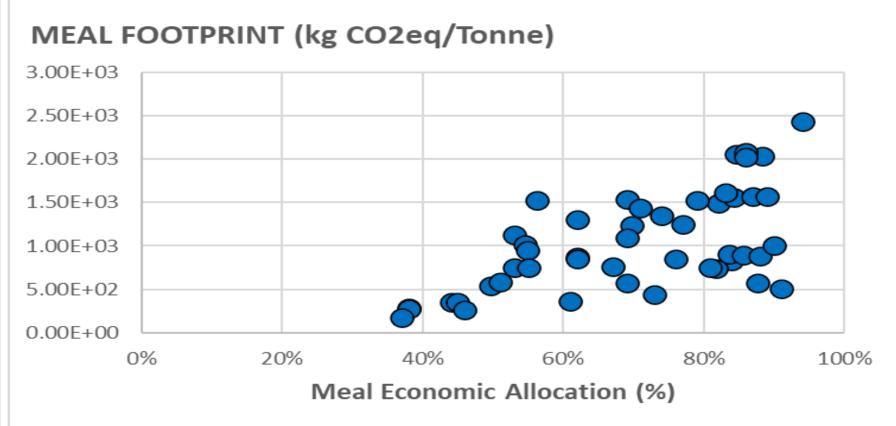


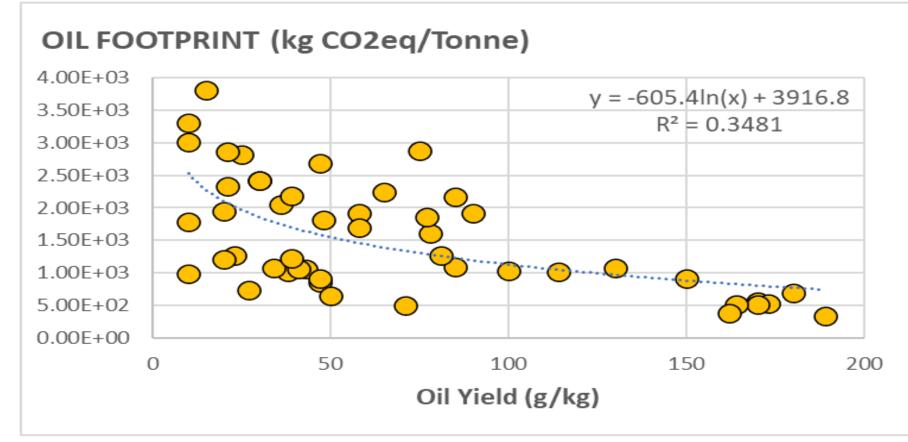


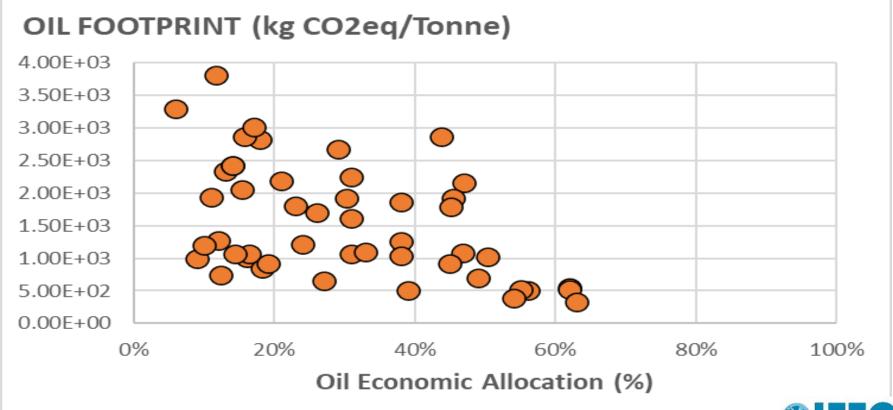


# Understanding Marine Ingredient Footprints

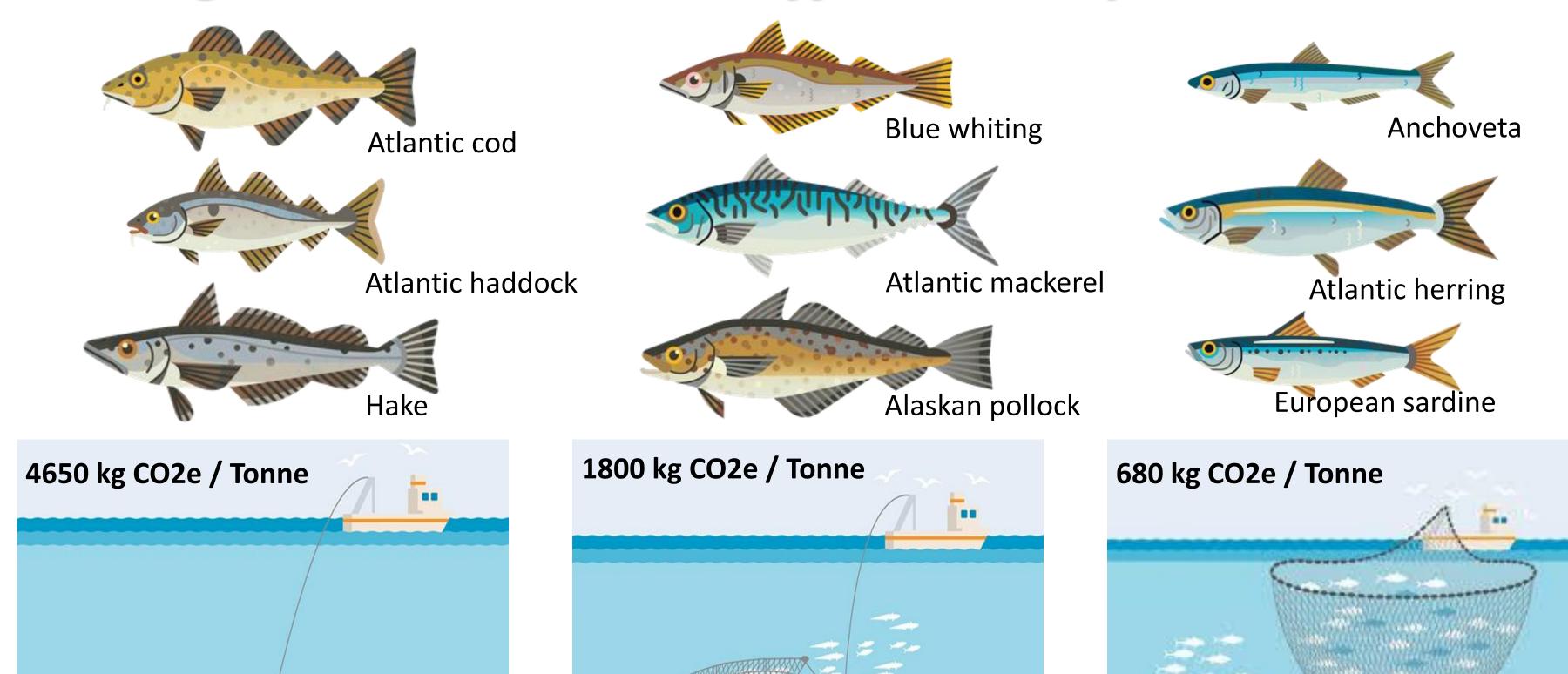






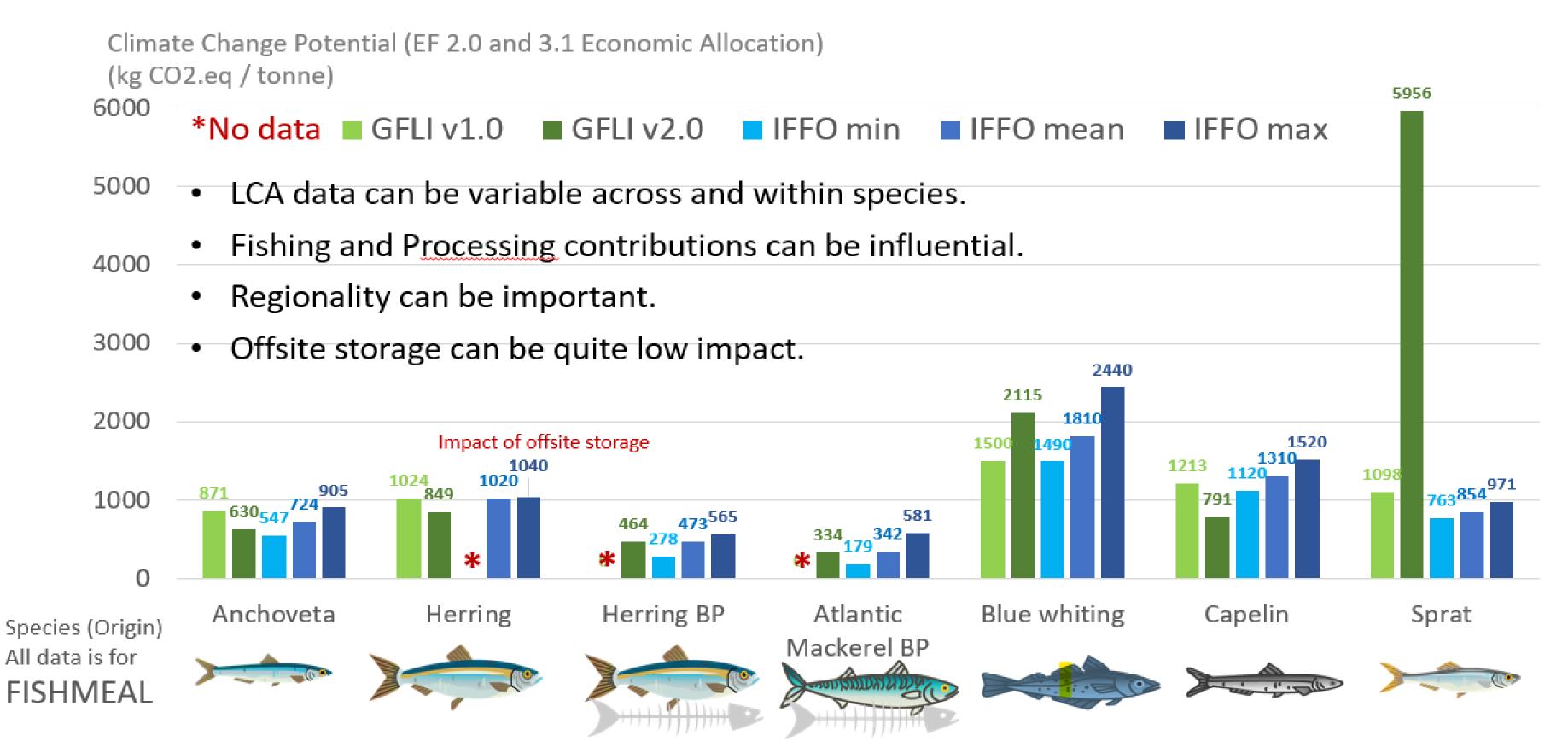


# Fishing Methods Have Different Impacts...

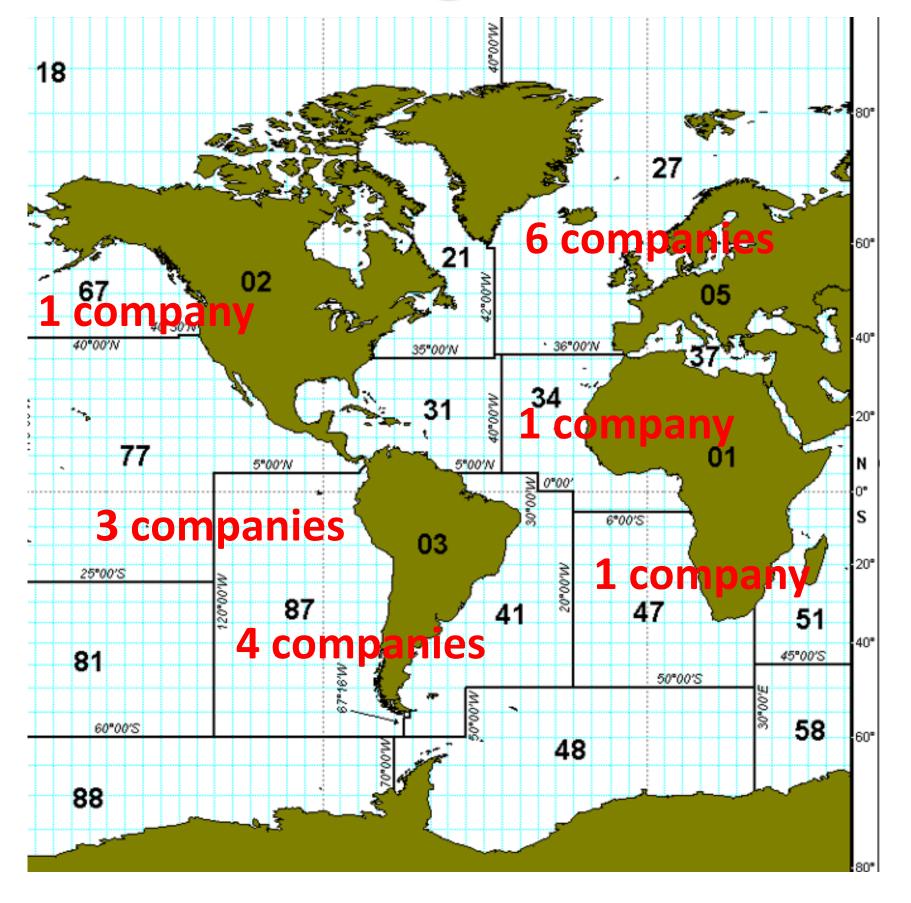


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# Progress with Primary Data: Some Examples



# Marine Ingredient Footprint Progress...



- We have completed LCIA on 53 different products across the global industry...
- This comprises 13 different types of fishmeals and fish oils.
- Reports detailing the footprint of each product have already been delivered to all participants who have provided data.
- We are currently working with GFLI to progress the audit stage to update the Database in 2026.
- Need to review some of the data input assessments (Fishery Data).
- Still always more we can do...



## Resources

#### Relevant documents

- Methodology for regional/sectoral data-in projects:
   https://globalfeedlca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/GFLI-Methodology-and-Project-Guidelines.V2.pdf
- Procedures for a data-in project: https://globalfeedlca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/GFLI-Procedures-for-Data-in-Projects.V2.pdf
- Methodology + procedures of branded data: https://globalfeedlca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/GFLI-Branded-Data-Methodology-and-procedures.V1-20231016-1.pdf
- LCIA guidance document (how to read the GFLI database): https://globalfeedlca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/GFLI-LCIA-Guidance-Document-version-2.1-20231127.pdf

#### **Overviews**

- Overview of available datasets in V2.2 database: <a href="https://globalfeedlca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Overview-of-datasets-in-GFLI-database.pdf">https://globalfeedlca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Overview-of-datasets-in-GFLI-database.pdf</a>
- Fee structure for database access: https://globalfeedlca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Fee-structure-20231220.pdf
- **GFLI leaflet**: https://globalfeedlca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/GFLI/ Leaflet.onlineversion.pdf

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