



# The sustainable production of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (ABT)



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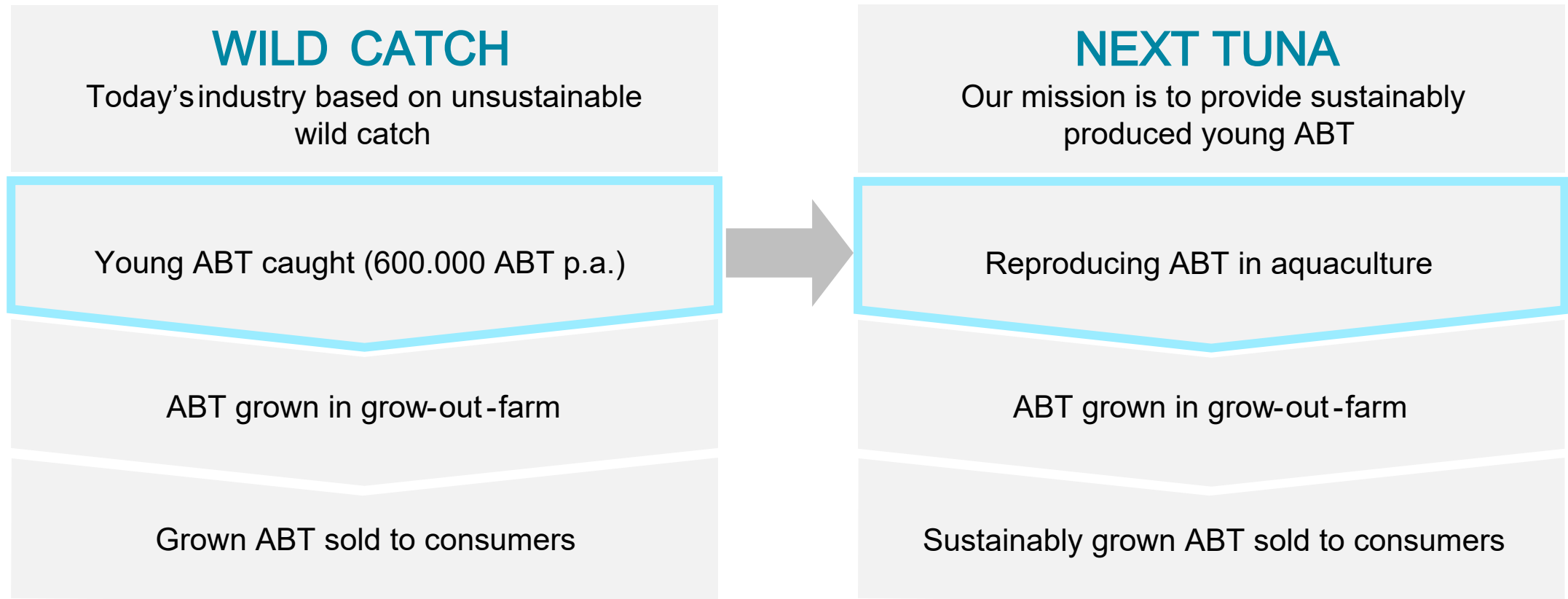
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# Our mission



Next Tuna will replace wild catch of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (**ABT**) as input factor into tuna grow-out farms



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# Our solution

Innovation in 5 areas:

Scale science to industry; ABT breeding program; Adapt RAS to ABT; Floating RAS; Infertile ABT production

Solving the challenges around ABT:

- Implement ABT spawning with partner IEO
- Develop feed with partner from the feed industry
- Solve logistics with concept of floating RAS



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# Closing the Tuna reproductive cycle



- **Artificial reproduction in RAS**
  - Pacific Bluefin Tuna (*Thunnus orientalis*) successful in Japan
  - Southern Bluefin Tuna (*Thunnus maccoyii*) successful in Australia
  - Yellowfin Tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) successful in Panama and Indonesia
  - Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*):
    - Only successful in net-pens, yet
    - Spanish Oceanographic Institute: brood -stock in RAS about to spawn
- **Rearing Protocol:**
  1. Larval phase (0-30g); complex follow up of live prey organisms:
    1. Copepods or Rotifers together with algae
    2. Artemia
    3. Bream yolk-sack larvae
    4. Weaning to artificial diet
  2. Juvenile phase (30g-75kg):
    - Artificial feed up to 100g.
    - **100g -8kg no artificial feed in Europe**
    - Soft diet from 8kg -75kg
  3. Brood-Stock:
    - No artificial Brood -stock diet available



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# Facility layout



- **Port of Castellon (Valencia):**
  - Floating facilities
    - 4 floating RAS for Brood-stock
    - 2 RAS for brood-stock replacement
    - 12 floating RAS for juveniles
  - Land-based facilities
    - Hatchery
    - Storage
    - Service area
    - Effluent treatment (IMTA)
    - Pumping station
    - Oxygen tank
    - ...



# Three phases of implementation



## Next Tuna build-up

### July 2021 – June 2023: Development Phase (DP)

- Construction ready, ABT specific project,
- Design breeding program, initiate marketing
- Funded under EIT Food's call „Sustainable Aquaculture“

### July 2023 – June 2028: Construction and Breeding Program (CBP)

- Build infrastructure in Puerto de Castellón (Spain) in phases
- Raise brood-stock in RAS based on breeding program
- Build up team, ramp-up operations, start sales (ABT floating RAS)

### From July 2028: Operating Period (OP)

- Run state-of-the-art, high margin fish farm in Puerto de Castellón
- Scale business via global satellite farms



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# Achieved/Open Milestones



## Achieved Milestones

- Breeding program in place
- Production concept developed
- Concept approved by external partners
- Site selection finalized
- Local subsidiary established
- Permitting process started

## Open Milestones:

- Permits (construction, etc...) granted
- Pre-sales contract secured
- Financing for next phase secured
- Start construction



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# Creating a sustainable tuna farming industry



## Sustainability as clear target

- Next Tuna's concept does no harm
- New sustainable value chain to replace wild catch
- ASC certification of ABT production – farm to fork
- Positive effect on all 17 SDGs
  - Main impact on SDG 12, SDG 14 and SDG 6
  - Substantial impact on SDG 8, SDG 13 and SDG 2



We will allow the supply of 12'000-18'000 metric tons of farm-raised, sustainable ABT to consumers



Reducing the amount of wild-caught ABT for human consumption reduces the pressure on ABT stocks



RAS : circular production system with control of all processes and parameters, no fresh water consumed



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