



MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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EU fisheries funds for aquaculture and fishery development of Hungary

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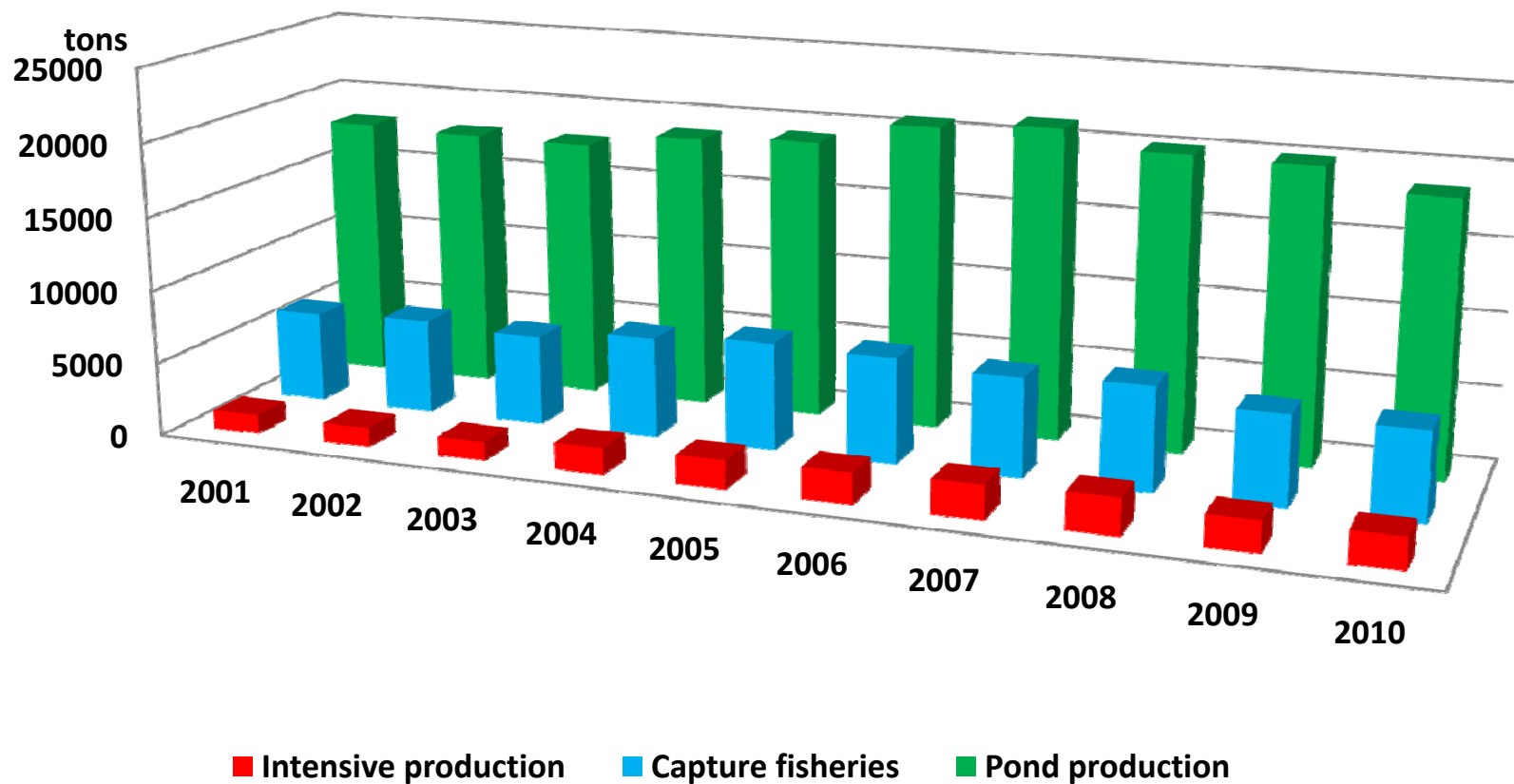
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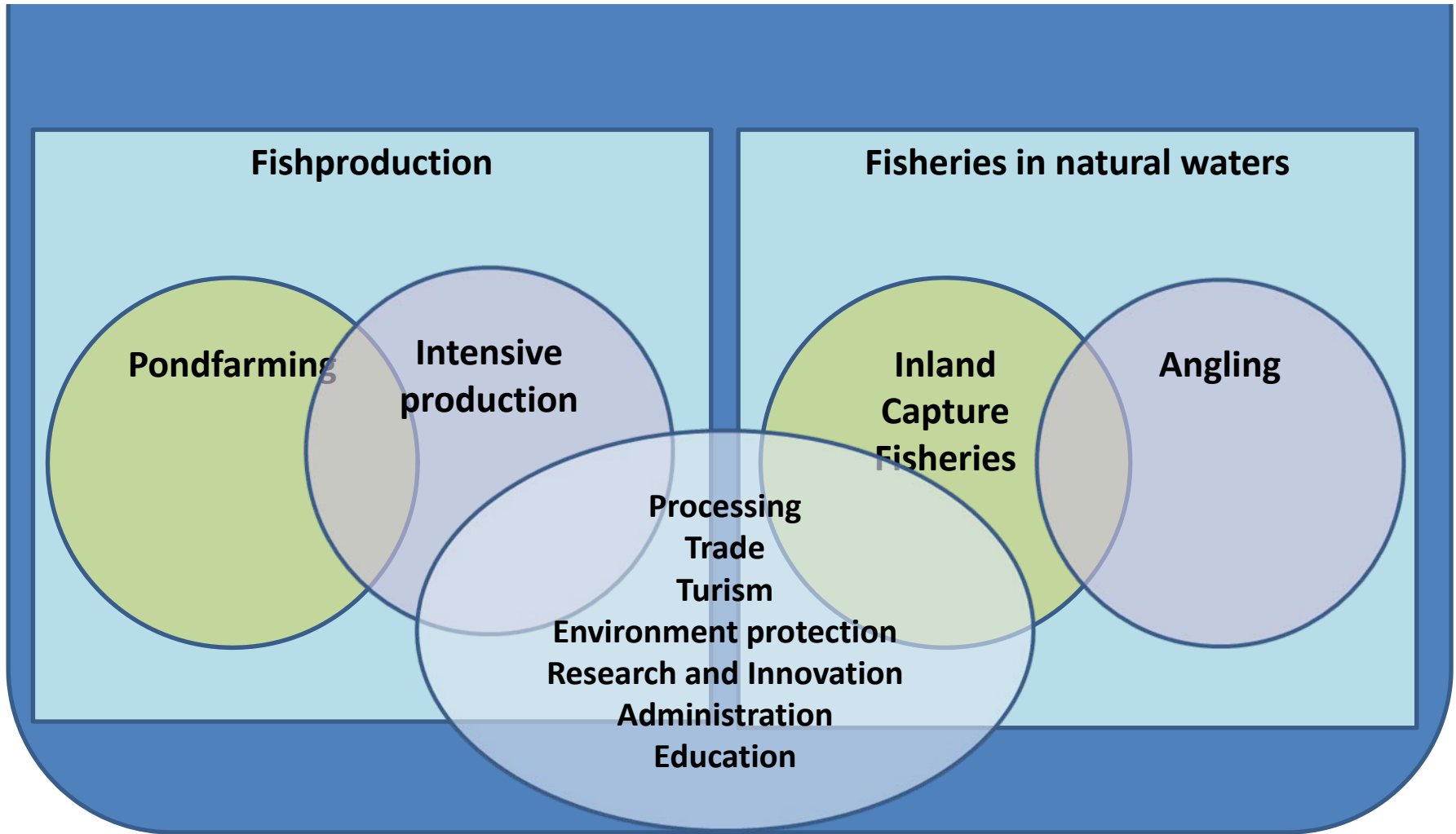


Fish production in Hungary 2001-2010



Source: AKI, HAKI, Fisheries Database

Fisheries Management





Fisheries and aquaculture governance

- Governmental: Ministry of Rural Development,
Department of Forestry, Fishery and Hunting Management
 - Fishery, Aquaculture and Fishery Operational
Programme Management Authority Unit
- Research and Development
 - Research Institute for Fisheries, Aquaculture and
Irrigation (HAKI, Szarvas)
 - Aquaculture research units in Universities and Academic
institutions





Fisheries and aquaculture governance

➤ NGOs in the Sector

- Association of Hungarian Fish Producers and Fishermen
- Hungarian Aquaculture Association
- Fish farmers are represented in agriculture NGOs
- Fishery and Aquaculture Scientific Council





Importance of the fish production sector

- 2,3 % of the gross production value of animal husbandry
- 0,8% of the total agricultural production
- Other economical importance
 - ☐ Angling
 - ☐ Environment protection
 - ☐ Supply of healthy food
 - ☐ Rural development and tourism
 - ☐ Water management





The specific tasks of Hungarian fisheries sector:

- Environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable fish production.
- Providing and keeping employment in rural areas.
- Satisfying consumer demands through supplying safe fish products.
- Contributing to the preservation of aquatic habitats and biodiversity.
- Satisfying the demands of angling and recreation.





Fisheries Operational Program 2007-2013

FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE FISHERY SECTOR IN HUNGARY

Total budget: 47 M euro

(Co-financing 75% on convergence, 50% on non-convergence regions)

- About 87% of the budget for :
 - Aquaculture development,
 - inland fishing,
 - processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products
 - Aqua-environmental programme for fishponds
- 8% for measures of common interest (still to come)
- 5% for technical assistance

webpage: halaszat.kormany.hu





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- Main results of the programme so far:
 - ✓ New and modernised fishponds
 - ✓ New and modernised processing facilities
 - ✓ Improved working conditions
 - ✓ Maintained jobs through the crisis
 - ✓ Conferences, promotional campaigns , exhibiotions
- Still to come:
 - encourage partnership between researchers and operators in the fishery sector – R&D ; knowledge transfer
 - national marketing programme

[List of beneficiaries on the website !](#)





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Lake Balaton and its catchment area in relation to the FOP:

Number of projects supported in the area (all in Somogy): 22

Total amount of support on the area: about 833 M HUF

Most important measures:

- Construction and modernization of fishponds
- Equipment development
- Mud removal
- Modernization of existing infrastructure and construction of new ones

Projects related to the lake biomanipulation or fishery could not be supported.





The reform of the EU fisheries and aquaculture and the Hungarian priorities in the new programming period

Reformed EU Policy: **Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)**

New financial tool: **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF 2014-2020)**

New market regulation: **common organization of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products**

New aquaculture strategy



- ✓ **Main priority is to increase competitiveness of aquaculture sector**
- ✓ **Supply the population with healthy fishproducts,**
- ✓ **Enhancement of environmentally sustainable development**
- ✓ **Increase territorial cohesion**





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European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

- Negotiations are still ongoing: „*Nothing is agreed until everything is agreed*”
- Planned budget: MEUR 4 535 for Sustainable development of fisheries, aquaculture and fisheries areas

National allocation: ???

New Strategy: National Aquaculture Strategic plan





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Main areas , aims and measures in the new period:

- **Sustainable and Smart Fisheries**
In Hungary: Inland fisheries
- **Sustainable and Smart Aquaculture**
„Boost to the development of EU aquaculture”
- **Sustainable development of fisheries areas**
Community led local development (CLLD)
- **Data collection, control and market measures**





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Possible measures in Hungary under the next period:

1. Inland fisheries:

- reduce the impact of inland fishing on the environment, increase energy efficiency, increase the value or quality of fish landed, improve safety or working conditions;
- diversification of inland fishing activities;
- stimulate innovativeness, competitiveness and environmental sustainability of inland fishing;
- protect and develop aquatic fauna and flora





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2. Aquaculture- fish production:

- Productive investments in aquaculture facilities;
- developing technical innovation or knowledge;
- developing or introducing in the market new or substantially improved products;
- diversification of aquaculture production and species cultured;
- modernization of aquaculture units;
- new forms of income and added value;
- management, relief and advisory services for aquaculture farms;
- lifelong learning, dissemination of scientific and technical knowledge ;





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3. *Aquaculture providing environmental services +*

Planned: „New Aqua- environmental program” –integrated with LIFE+ and other OP's

Aims of the program:

- **conservation** and improvement of the environment, **biodiversity**, and management of the landscape and traditional features of aquaculture zones
- participation in conservation and **reproduction of aquatic animals**, within the framework of conservation and biodiversity restoration programmes
- experimental restocking of native species
- support for aquaculture methods compatible with specific environmental needs (Natura 2000)

On lake Balaton: „Programme for the development and rehabilitation of native species in order to reduce the impact and prevent the spread of bighead carp”





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4. Fisheries areas, local partnerships and local development strategies

CLLD-=community led local development- Based on LEADER programme

Objectives of local development strategies may be:

- (a) adding value, creating jobs, and promoting innovation at all stages of the fisheries and aquaculture supply chain ;
- (b) supporting diversification inside or outside commercial fisheries, lifelong learning and job creation in fisheries areas;
- (c) enhancing and capitalising on the environmental assets of the fisheries areas including operations to mitigate climate change ;
- (d) promoting social well being and cultural heritage in fisheries areas including fisheries, aquaculture and maritime cultural heritage;
- (e) strengthening the role of fisheries communities in local development and the governance of local fisheries resources and maritime activities.



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