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Blue Mussel cleaning and processing New cultivation and processing in Iceland

## Blue Mussel Aquaculture

- Shells found in kitchen midden from 6000 BC
- Cultivation from 13<sup>th</sup> Century
- Pole vs Bottom cultivation



How to strengthen and upscale existing and new technologies?

- Northlight Seafood aims at using a new method, developed by Kristján Ingi Daðason.
- The rafts float on the surface of the sea and are in sea camouflage.
- The larvae sticks to breeding lines underneath the rafts, where they grow for two years before harvesting and put on market.



### The rafts











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Conveyer belt moves them into containers full of sea water.

### Northlight Seafood



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### Process





# Processing steps



# Utilisation of the shell









# More information: http://www.northlightseafood.is



Can all streams from the refineries be utilized or recycled?

#### **Research** activities



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### Many different applications



#### **Developing and Fast Growing Market**





# Processing steps

# Protein – Lipids - Shells





### Proteins

### => Bioactive peptides

- Antimicrobial peptide
- Antioxidant
- Antihypertensive
- Anticoagulant activity
- Anti-inflammatory
- Therapeutic applications



PROCESSING COMPANIES MUSSELS

### NZ blue mussel firm wins funding for protein production plant

By Undercurrent News Aug. 17, 2018 09:26 BST

www.stuff.co.nz

# On it's way to commercialization?



## Lipids

- Mainly from Green Mussel
- Several anti-inflammatory and antiarthritic dietary supplements
- ✓ The best known products are Seatone and Lyprinol

### **Blue mussel**

- ✓ Lower lipid content
- ✓ Possible for skin care and / or antiarthritic

### Shells

Bio-Concrete ✓ Aggregates & concrete additives

✓ Decorative concrete



Shell, S (without treatment). Large: 76mm -wide: 37mm



Mussel Shell gravel, MG (heat treatment



Coarse mussel shell sand, CMS (heat treatment, crushand sieve)

Fine mussel shell sand, FMS (heat treatment, crushand sieve)

Martínez-García et al. 2017. Performance of mussel shell as aggregate in plain concrete

Which new and old technologies may create leapfrog developments in the refineries?

### **Biorefining - Challenges**



- ✓ Novel processing technologies
- ✓ Optimization of bioprocessing
- ✓ Product development and confirmation of benefits via in-vivo testing (human studies)
- ✓ Marketing
- ✓ Need of open access biorefineries or scale-up facilities

