

LETTER TO THE EDITOR**Comment on “Organic Aquaculture as a Promising Direction for the Production of Organic Food”**

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Over the past years, there has been an increase in demand for seafood grown in accordance with certified organic standards. The purpose of their article is to summarize the trends in aquaculture production, organic farming, and to identify and describe the main trends in organic aquaculture production in Russia. In line with the authors, the relevance of the research topic is determined by the need to substantiate the prospects for the development of organic food, in particular organic aquaculture. The growth in consumption of organic products is due to consumer motivation for environmental safety of food; preservation of the natural environment in the production process; lack of genetically modified organisms.

Their article clarifies the factors affecting the development of aquaculture production. The main problems negatively affecting the demand for organic aquaculture in Russia are highlighted. Future perspectives and challenges for the further development of organic aquaculture are discussed in a broad context. But with respect to organic aquaculture there is no such detailed statistics in their article. In actuality, the authors used the methods of analysis of normative legal documents, analytical, review and other materials, interpretation of the results, the method of consolidation and synthesis of information. In their article, the assessment of aquaculture development at the present stage is based on the analysis of data presented in the report “The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture”. We think the data should be provided and referenced in more detail. Aquaculture provides nearly half of the fish products consumed for fish. We consider that some problems are associated with this sector in terms of food safety and human health.

The latter is clearly indicating that in order to ensure sustainable development of organic aquaculture, it is necessary to form a national system of legal acts regulating this type of activity, developing and implementing programs to support agricultural producers producing environmental products. We agree with that.

In my opinion, the production of organic aquaculture is one of the promising areas for the production of organic food. Therefore, we should continue to strengthen the development of organic aquatic products, and continue to pay attention to the sustainable development of organic aquatic products.

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We welcome the debate on organic aquaculture and organic food. We are particularly interested in the application of organic aquatic products in organic foods because of the related benefits and economic benefits that organic aquatic products can bring. Taking into account the available natural resources and the growing global demand for organic products, the development of ecological aquaculture may be a good way.