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**Where Smart Aquaculture Meets Foodtech:
A New Frontier for Sustainable
Aquaculture
by AI, IoT & Satellite Data**
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Who is UMITRON?/ Our Core Technologies

VISION

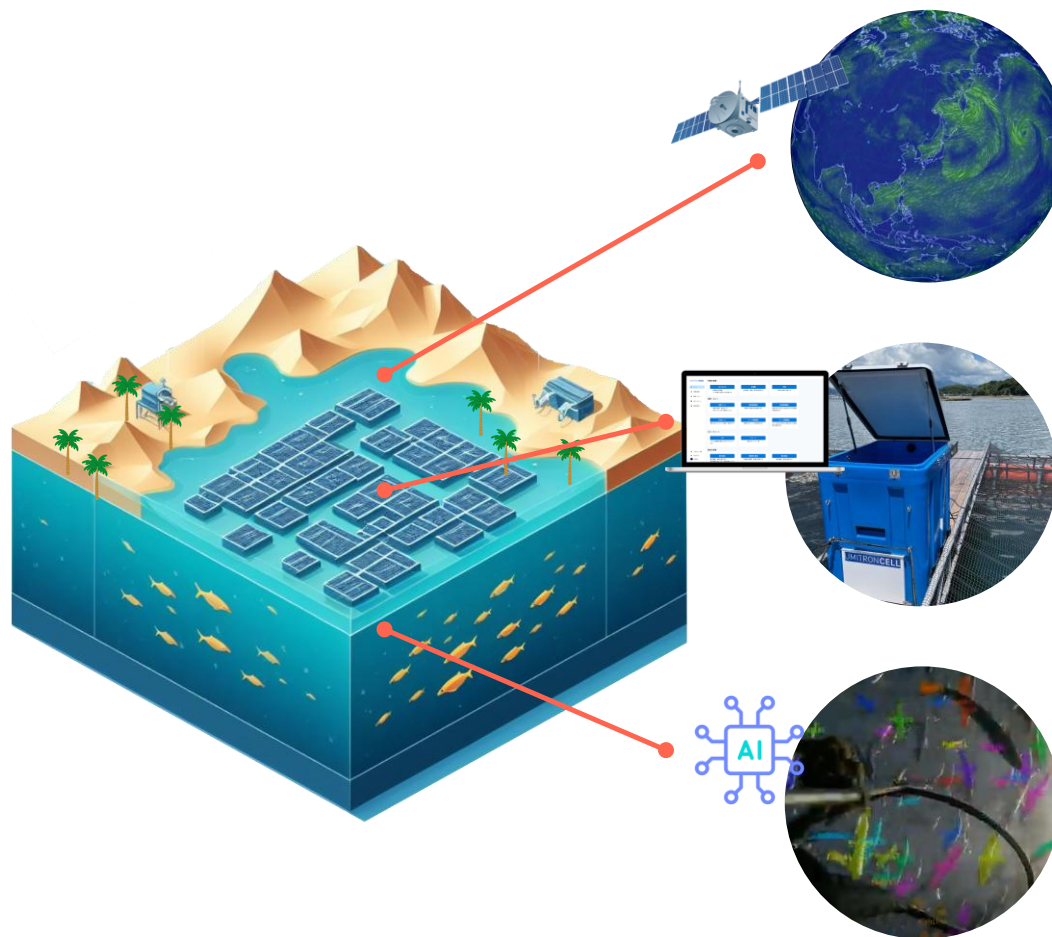
“Install sustainable aquaculture on Earth”

EXPERIENCE

10 years of development & deploy globally, from Japan/Singapore

APPROACH

Crossover of AI, IoT and Satellite Data for both private & public sector



Remote sensing

Identify suitable sites, monitor risk

IoT / Software

Tools to digitize/automate

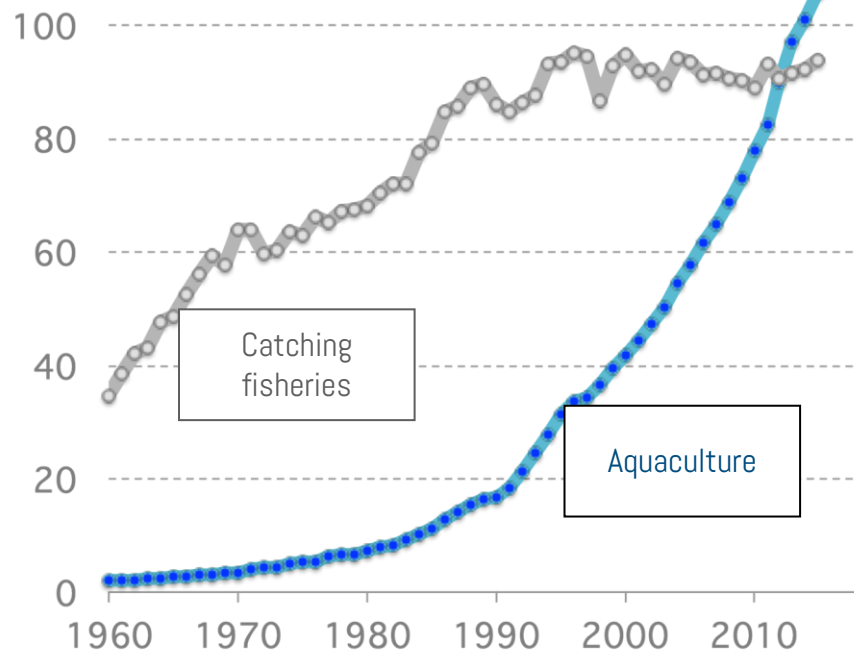
AI for Fish behavior

for appetite analysis and optimize growth



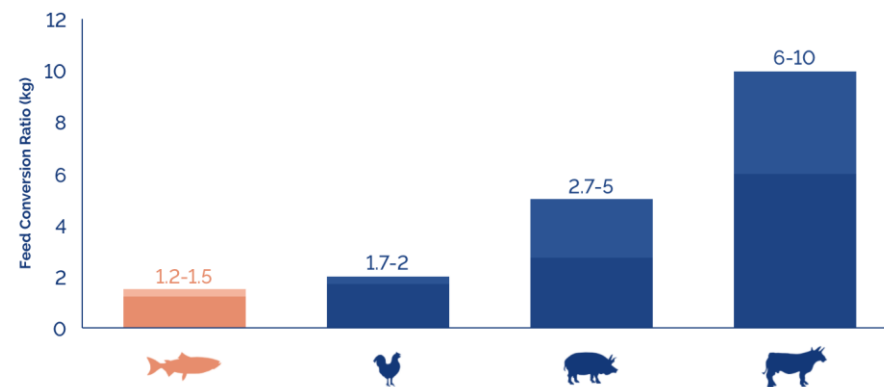
Why Aquaculture? / As a Sustainable Protein Source

Exponentially Growing Demand/Production



Low Environmental Impact

Low FCR (Feed Conversion Ratio)



Low Carbon Footprint



References: Global salmon initiative

CO₂e is calculated by multiplying the emissions of each of the six greenhouse gases (CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, HFCs, PFCs and SF₆) by its 100-year global warming potential (GWP).



Industry Challenges

FEED



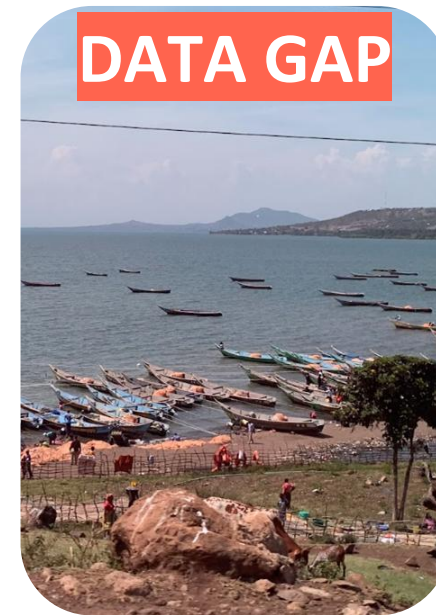
- Use of Fish meal/oil
- 50–70% of operation cost
- Alternative ingredients need R&D and proof

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



- Pollution from feed waste
- Algal blooms
- Climate change

DATA GAP



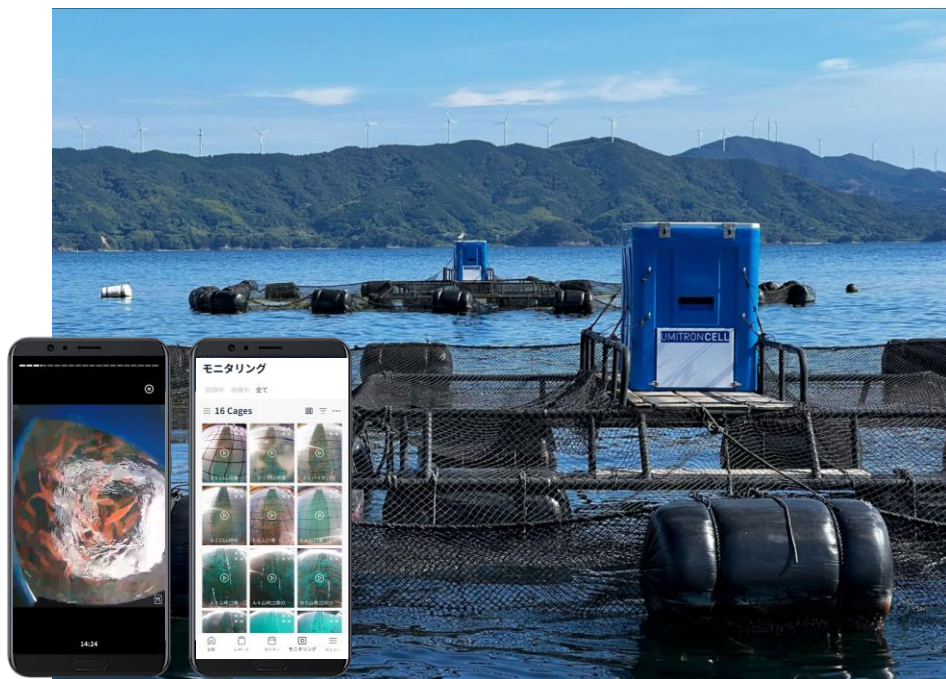
- Where is the right place to open new farms??
- What is the current situation at farms??



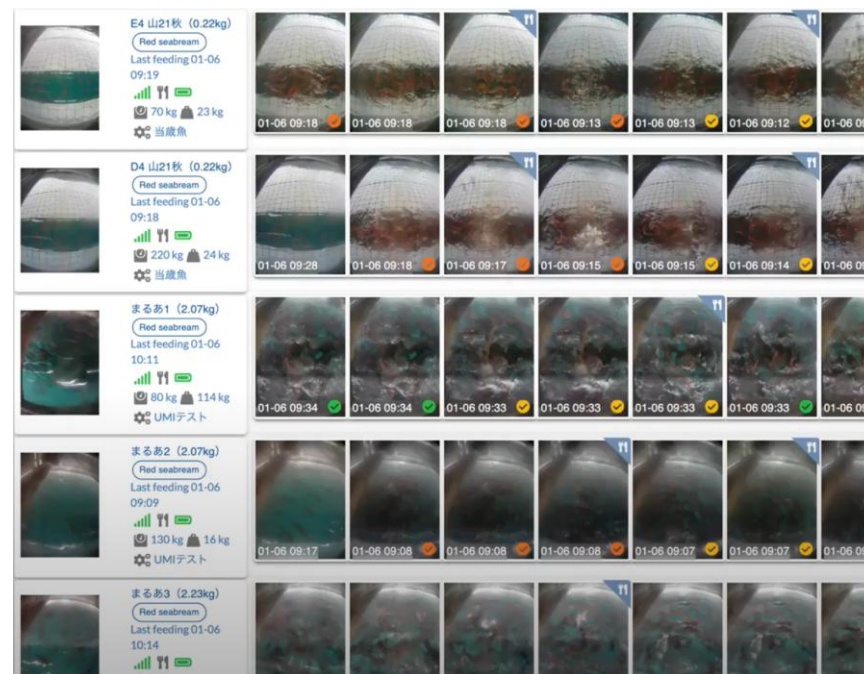
UMITRON CELL / Decentralized AI Auto-Feeder for Fish Farming

Automate and Optimize Feeding Operation by Edge AI system, even at off-line/off-grid location.

UMITRON CELL
(Auto-Feeder, powered by Edge AI & IoT)



**Real-Time Fish Appetite Analysis and
feeding pattern control by AI**



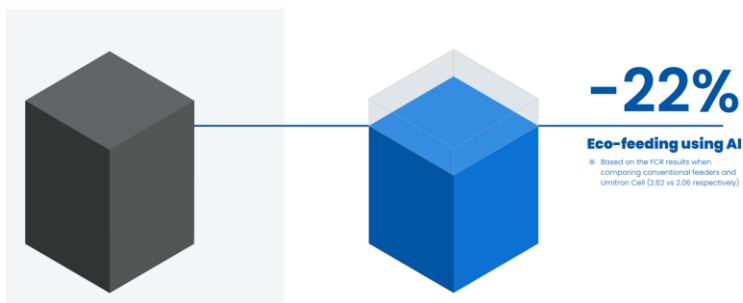


Impact of UMITRON CELL for Sustainable Aquaculture

UMITRON CELL supports realizing environmentally, economically and socially sustainable aquaculture.

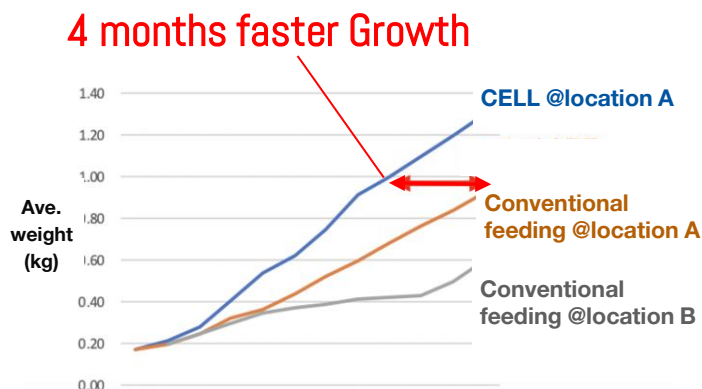
Minimize the feed waste

(Environment)



Faster Growth

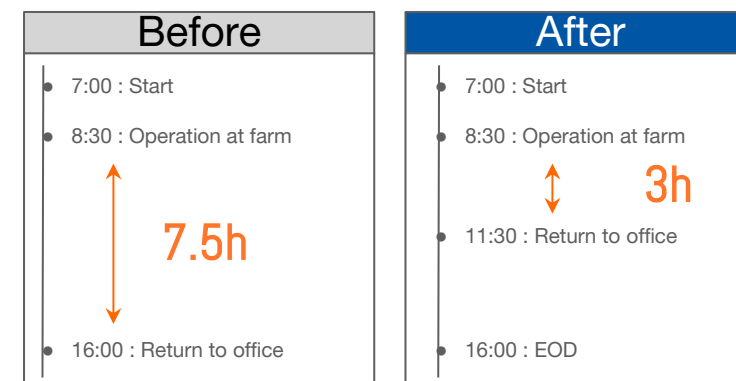
(Economy)



- Faster growth with same feed amount
- Improving farming practice with the insights from data

Resource Shift

(Social)



- Reduce more than 50% of operation hours at farm sites
- Farmers can focus on strategic work (e.g. testing alternative feed)

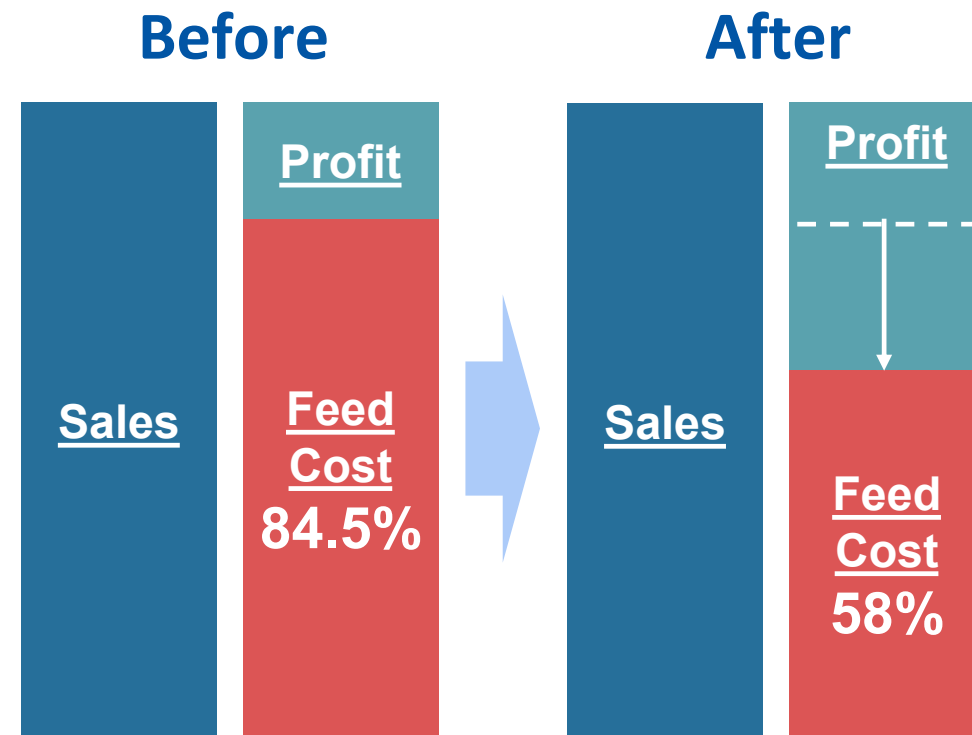


Maximizing potential impact of Foodtech by AI (smart aquaculture × alternative feed ingredient)

AI-powered feeding optimization and growth acceleration can assist the success of alternative feed.

Successful Farmer's Case Study

- Feed consumption reduction by **30%**, profitability increased **more than double**
- Achieved high performance with **zero fish-meal feed**
 - Offset the negative impact/concerns on growth
 - Promote **alternative feed and sustainable practice** by creating **success cases & evidence data**





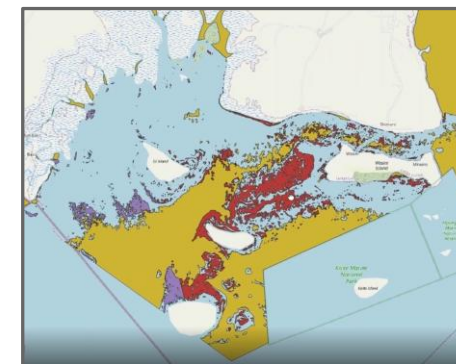
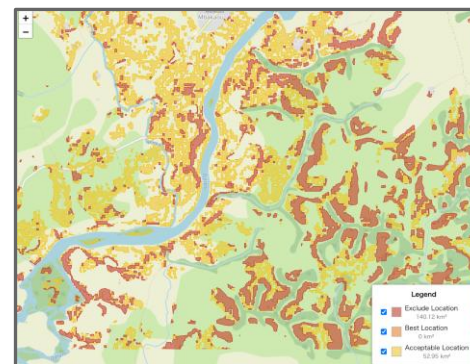
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Challenges on expansion



- Emerging countries lack objective analysis of optimal farm sites
 - Unclear on **existing sites & suitable area** for investment
- Limiting scalability of feed on sourcing ingredients & production (e.g. seaweed-based ingredients)

Solution: Satellite-based mapping



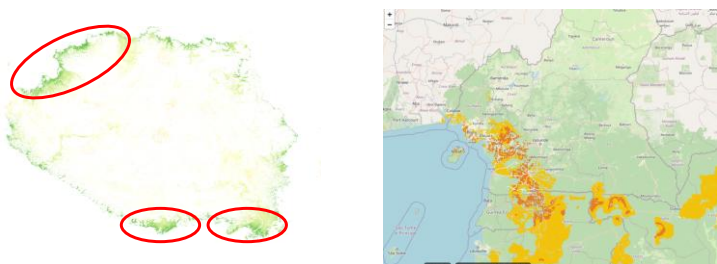
- **Aquaculture Potential Map:**
 - Multi-layer data pinpoints suitable zones
 - Accelerating public/private sector investment
- Monitoring ocean environment to detect risk on seaweed production



Area of collaboration 1: Smart Aquaculture × Foodtech (for alternative feed)

1. Identify the potential area of sourcing aquatic ingredients (e.g. seaweed)

Aquaculture Potential Map



- **Aquaculture Potential Map:** Identify and visualize suitable locations for aquaculture farms
- **Monitoring system:** Environment monitoring / risk alert for stable production

2. Alternative Feed Development for Aquaculture

Alternative Ingredients



Feed



- **R&D for use in aquaculture feed:**
 - Alternative protein for feed, functional ingredient, etc.
- **Increase Seaweed Sourcing :**
 - EU promote investment in seaweed, expecting to scale for alternative feed

3. Test and Promote Alternative Feed Products with AI Feeder

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Performance Data as a Proof of Impact



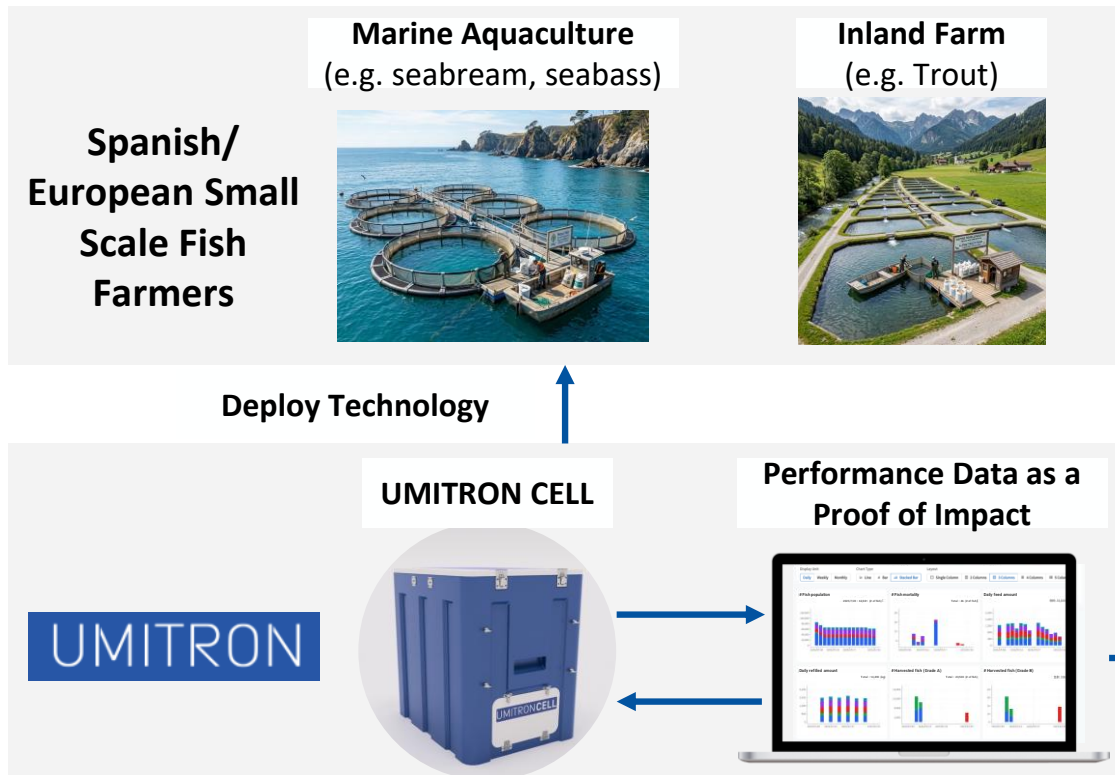
- **UMITRON CELL :** AI-powered auto-feeder for sustainable farming
- **UMITRON FARM :** Record operation data and analyze for accelerating the R&D



Area of collaboration 2: Promoting Sustainable Value Chain, Smart Aquaculture × Demand Side (corporate/retail)

Promote Smart & Sustainable Farming

Promote Sustainable Fish from Demand Side





Thank you, and let's discuss collaboration ideas!

- Pilot/R&D of alternative ingredients for feed,
- Low-environmental fish sourcing (promote transformation of production site),
- Strategic partnership with aquaculture equipment supplier, ... etc

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