

# Algae Growing Systems for large scale applications



**Kansen voor CO<sub>2</sub> als grondstof  
Kans om in Rotterdam te blijven**

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# Algae contribute to a sustainable world



**Sequestering CO<sub>2</sub> (1 kg algae sequesters 2 kg CO<sub>2</sub>)**

**Algae can grow directly on flue gas**

**Algae produce essential nutrients ( omega - fatty acids & proteins )**

**Algae produce 20 to 80 ton dry matter per hectare ( EU-climate )**

**No competition with the current agriculture**

**Algae fit in a circular economy with a positive business case**

**Algae business offers innovation challenges**

**Algae business creates new jobs**

**Biotechnology is the base**

Crops	ton/ha/yr (dry matter)
Algae	20-100
Palmoil	10
Rape seed	3
Soy	1 – 3
Jathropha	7-10
Sun flower	3-5

Micro algae are only visible with a microscope  
Macro algae visible with your eyes (wieren)  
Different in composition



# State of the art

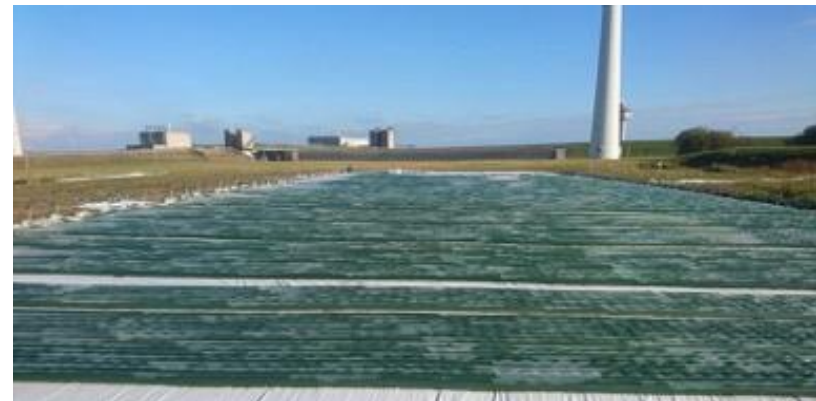


Algae culturing is not in a laboratory phase anymore  
Pilot- and demo plants have been build at several places  
Scaling up has been executed by Omega Green  
A commercial unit now available

# Unique system developed for large scale production



- Closed production system resulting in a GMP and HACCP proof production process
- The patented disposable plastic foil bioreactors avoid expensive cleaning procedures and loss of production time.
- Yield of 30 to 50 tons dry matter per year
- Scalable process, suitable for different algae species
- Culturing process is suitable to use waste streams
- System can be operated by non specialized personnel
- System is suitable to operate in windy conditions
- Positive business case
  - Low cost algae compared to indoor and/or high capex systems





# Cooperation and LOI's



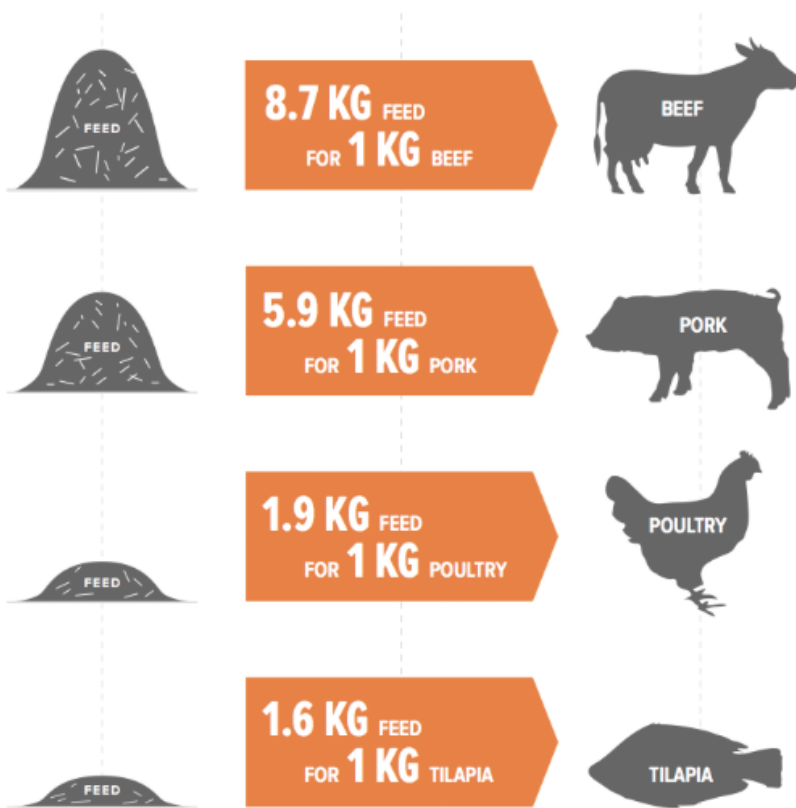
← Consortium in algae for feed additives

Gekend te Vagel namens Vobra b.v.,  
 Datum: 14/10/2014  
 Naam: Peter van Erp  
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# Protein sources

## FISH ARE EFFICIENT

FISH CAN BE PRODUCED USING 1/5TH OF THE AMOUNT OF FEED COMPARED TO BEEF.



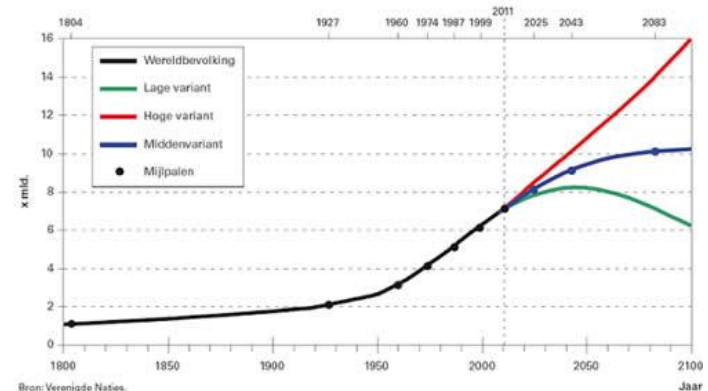
80 % of all agricultural land world wide is used for feed production

Most important source for proteins  
Soja

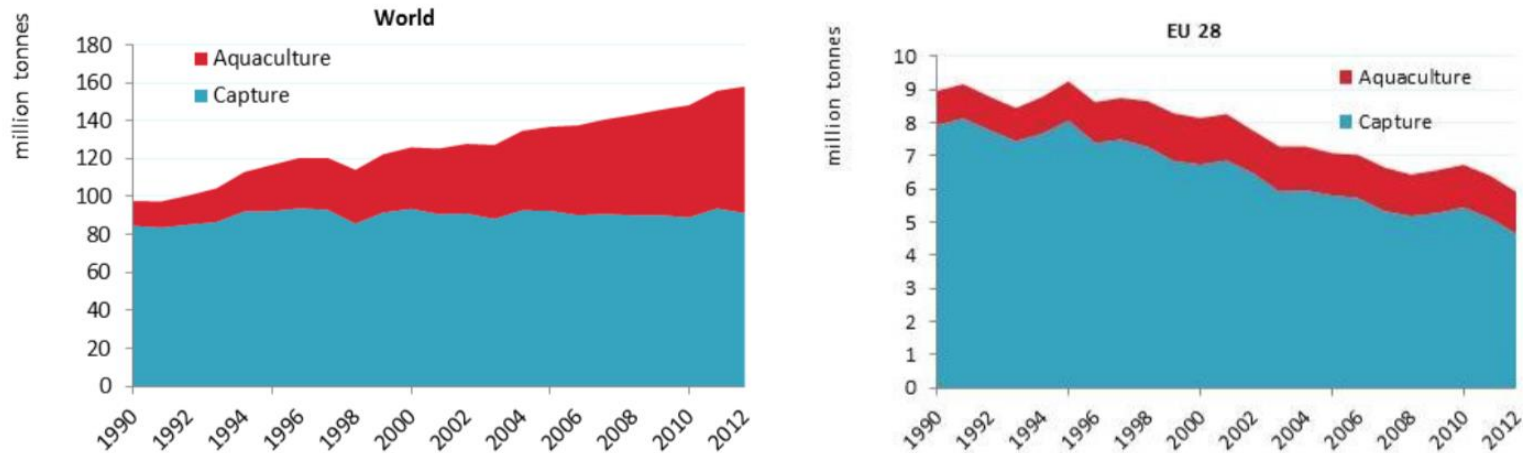
Imported from Brazil, Argentina and USA

Algae is a real substitute  
Comparable amino-acid pattern

De omvang van de wereldbevolking van 1800 tot 2100



# Aqua culture



**Figure 2.1: World and EU-28 seafood production (capture and aquaculture): 1990-2012.**

Source: FAO, 2014

No grow in Europa due to a shortage of fish feed

FAO prediction- shortage around 30 million tonnes of fish to meet the world demand in 2030

Algae are a real option

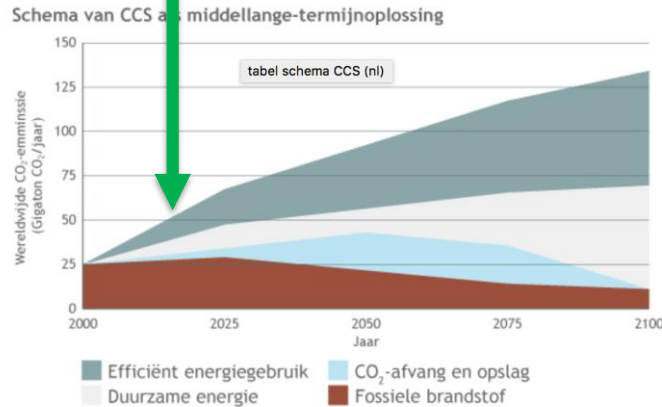
For example DSM & EVONIK announced an investment of € 200 million in algae based fish feed in 2017



# IMPACT & VISION



- Sustainable Feed
- Saves energy and water
- More sustainable jungle and oceans



Large scale developments

- Prices drop
- New markets appear
- Serious circular CO<sub>2</sub> by algae technology.
- New jobs

The production of algae for energy use.

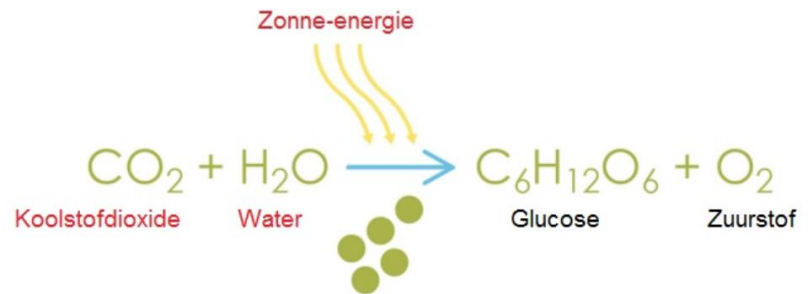
2030- 2050

2022- 2030

2018- 2022

1 hectare  
100 ton CO<sub>2</sub> / yr

2017/2018



- Algae are the most efficient photosynthetic organism
- Responsible for 50% of our oxygen supply
- Natural carbon sink in the ocean, start of the food chain

# Rotterdam: unique position to start

## OCAP line & planning new CO<sub>2</sub> infra structure



Possibility to use existing infra structure and non-used land

## Cooperation of all companies who want to stay in Rotterdam

Investment fund to set up the first commercial algae plant in NL/ Europe.

For example a certain amount per tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> emission

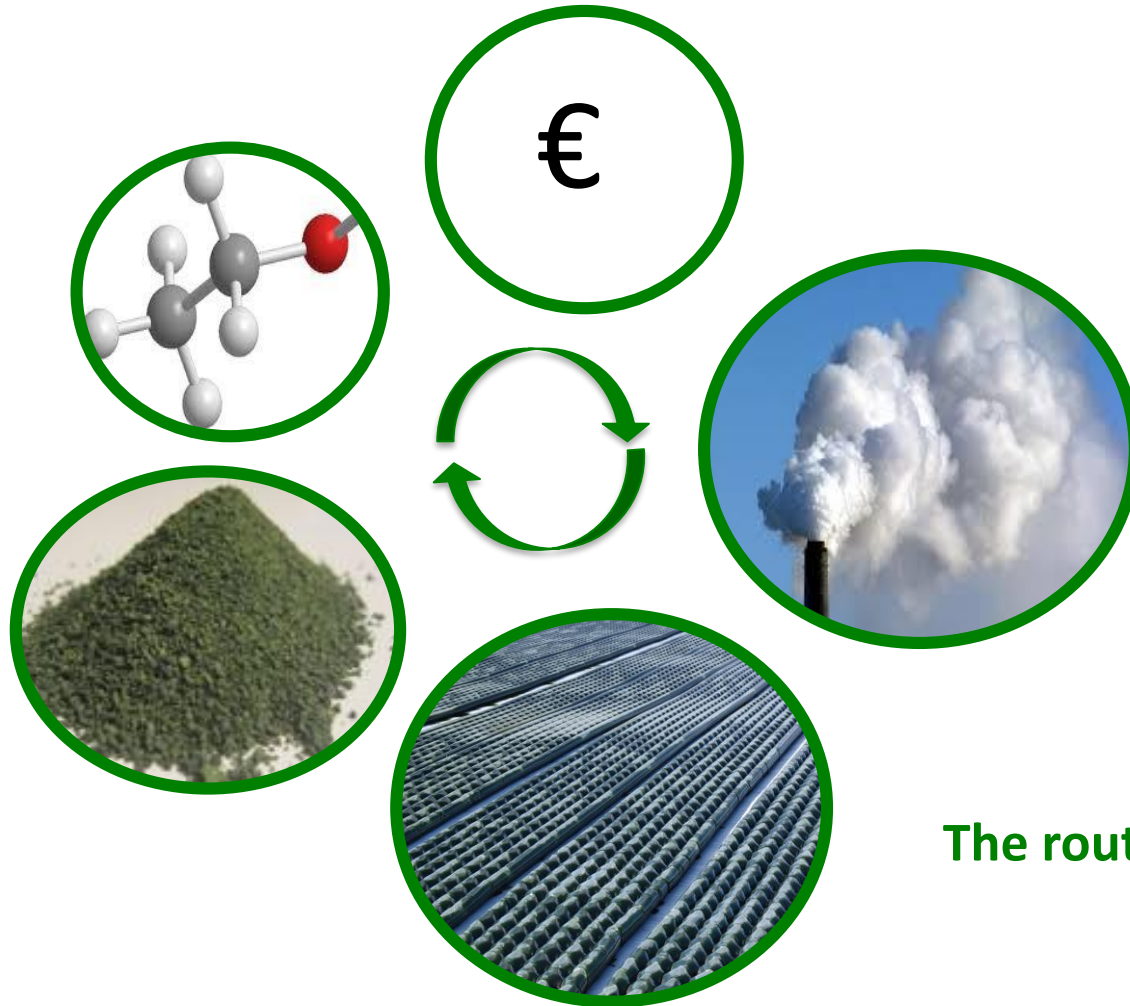
Shared risk for a new concept

## Offer

- Sustainable return on investment without subsidies.
- Contribution to a circular economy and CCU
- No worries, work will be done.

# CCU already available in 2017

circular algae business



The route to sustainable biomass  
for energy use