

# **AQUACULTURE PLANNING: FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE IN MOROCCO**

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**T**he presentation will focus on the aquaculture planning in Morocco, which is a pillar and an essential lever for the development of a responsible and sustainable aquaculture. By adopting a relevant and well-structured approach, ANDA has initiated a genuine planning program that strives to reconcile economic and environmental imperatives while ensuring the balanced growth of the aquaculture sector. This program has covered up to now about 1700 km of the Moroccan coast. The conception of each aquaculture development plan follows four key steps carried out in chronological order: 1) Establishing background assessment of areas subject to planning, 2) Study of the Environmental Characteristics of the dedicated appropriate areas, 3) Establishing of aquaculture planning scheme and 4) Environmental impact assessment and Environmental and Social Management Plan.

### **Biography**

Mustafa Amzough is currently Head of Investment, Promotion and Studies Department at the National Agency for the Development of Aquaculture. He was Chief Engineer, graduated from the Agronomic and Veterinary Institute Hassan II in Halieutics in 1999. He has worked in the Department of Maritime Fisheries, Regional and Central Services, from 2000 to 2011. He has gained 16 years of professional experience in the fish products industry and fisheries and fleet management. In 2011, he participated, for one year, in the prestigious program Hubert H Humphrey in the USA. During this year he received training at Davis University in California and Cornell University in New York. Also, and still as part of this program, he worked as a Consultant in the Aquaculture Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington DC and in a hatchery and shellfish farm in the New York state. He joined the ANDA team after his appointment in 2012 as Head of Investor Support Service.

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