

South Africa's first salmon farm?

Plans for a land-based farm in South Africa that's capable of producing 4,800 tonnes of salmon a year have been unveiled by West Coast Salmon (WCS).

The company has proposed to construct a four-module recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) on a 5.5 hectare greenfield site on the coast of Betty's Bay, about 100km from Cape Town.

West Coast Salmon's plans include a shared pre-treatment system to purify the incoming seawater to the facility, while a reverse osmosis seawater desalination system (SWRO) would be used to create fresh water for the hatchery and smolt unit.

The facility will be the first of its kind in Africa. And, if given the green light, include a primary processing unit to allow for the salmon to be slaughtered and packed as head on gutted (HOG) product.

According to WCS, when at capacity it will be able to increase South Africa's salmon consumption by 50 percent.

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