



## A development plan to realize the country's strong potential

According to statistical data, the current total area of national marine aquaculture is today 265,000 ha, against 38,800 ha in 2010. Production reached more than 610,000 tonnes, against about 156,000 tonnes in 2010, an average growth of 16 % per year.

To date, many provinces have developed their aquaculture areas, greatly contributing to local economic development. Quang Ninh province in the northeast is a good example. According to the statistics of the Provincial Service of Agriculture and Rural Development, the total area of marine aquaculture in the locality is about 18,150 ha, and includes many species such as shrimps, molluscs, fish and crabs. . Total marine aquaculture production in 2020 was 137,200 tonnes, equivalent to a value of nearly 13,000 billion VND.

“By 2025, Quang Ninh will stimulate environmentally friendly aquaculture workshops, at the same time helping to increase the value of production and exports.”, underlined Nguyễn Văn Công, director of the said service.

In the southern provinces of the Center, too, aquaculture activity is developing with certain large areas. We can cite the province of Phu Yên which specializes in particular in shrimp, lobster and oyster. For their part, Binh Dinh and Khanh Hoà become the centers for the supply of fry.

### Vision to 2045

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) has taken a series of measures to promote sustainable marine aquaculture in coastal regions, in order to make this sector a key component of the country's maritime economy by 2045. .

According to the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Phùng Đức Tiên, the aquaculture development plan in Vietnam until 2030 and vision for 2045 will focus on improving production, quality and the economic efficiency of marine aquaculture; environmental protection and adaptation to climate change; restructuring of production activities; the creation of value chains for each product group.





Particular attention will be paid to the creation of marine aquaculture centers, particularly in coastal towns and provinces. More specifically, Hai Phong and Quang Ninh in the North will focus on aquaculture accompanied by the development of maritime tourism. The provinces from Thanh Hoa to Binh Thuân in the Center will specialize in aquaculture, along with processing, logistics services and the development of related infrastructure. The southern provinces including Bà Rịa-Vung Tàu, Cà Mau and Kiên Giang in the South will position themselves on aquaculture, maritime tourism, oil exploitation and the development of wind energy.

Nguyễn Hữu Dũng, president of the Vietnam Marine Aquaculture Association, suggested to MARD to invest more in workforce training and publish policies likely to attract projects from advanced countries. in the matter.

Priority will be given to the development of multi-species breeding models and the modernization of traditional models with the help of high-tech technologies. The application of high technologies, international cooperation in technology transfer and the attraction of investment in the field will also be essential to achieve the objectives set.

Vietnam aims to have an advanced marine agriculture industry with sustainable development and systematic management by 2045.

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