



1<sup>st</sup> International Seaweed Conference Asia-Pacific

# Seagrassiculture

8 - 9 FEBRUARY 2023  
ONLINE

## Seagrassiculture is expanding to Asia-Pacific!

Seagrassiculture Asia-Pacific 2023 was held online on 8 & 9 February. The conference welcomed 187 attendees from 113 companies and 31 countries worldwide.

Seagrassiculture shows that it is a great and important way to bring people together to discuss important topics, receive insights, and network with experts or enthusiasts who are only just starting with their seaweed activities. We see that Asia-Pacific has a huge potential and we are committed to contributing to the development of the blue economy in this important region.

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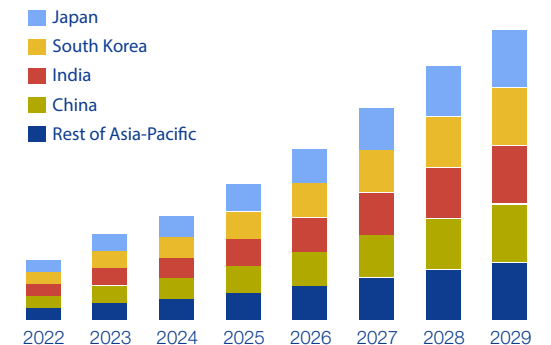


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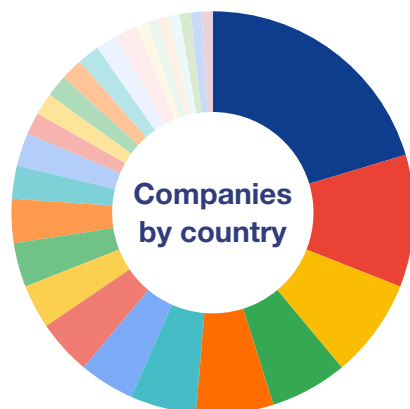


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The Asia-Pacific commercial seaweed market is expected to gain market growth in the forecast period of 2022 to 2029 and reach nearly USD 16 billion by 2029.

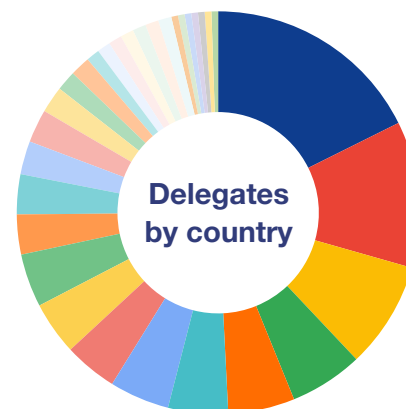


- USA - 23
- Australia - 12
- Indonesia - 9
- Canada - 7
- United Kingdom - 7
- Norway - 6
- France - 5
- Singapore - 5
- Belgium - 4
- India - 4
- Netherlands - 4
- South Korea - 3
- Thailand - 3
- Brazil - 2
- Chile - 2
- Lithuania - 2
- Malaysia - 2
- Philippines - 2
- Spain - 2
- Sweden - 2
- Finland - 1
- Germany - 1
- Ireland - 1
- Japan - 1
- New Zealand - 1
- Switzerland - 1
- Vietnam - 1



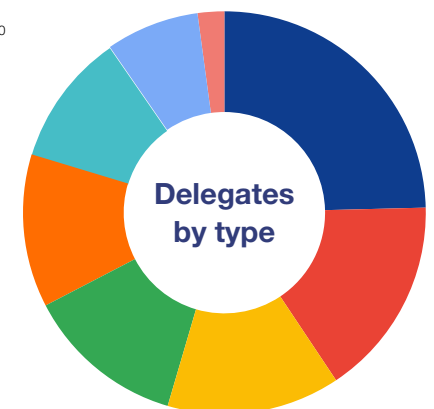
Total number of companies: 113

- USA - 33
- Indonesia - 22
- Australia - 16
- Canada - 11
- Norway - 10
- Netherlands - 9
- United Kingdom - 9
- India - 8
- Singapore - 8
- South Korea - 8
- France - 6
- Lithuania - 6
- Belgium - 5
- Vietnam - 5
- Thailand - 4
- Germany - 3
- Spain - 3
- Brazil - 2
- Chile - 2
- Malaysia - 2
- New Zealand - 2
- Philippines - 2
- Sweden - 2
- Switzerland - 2
- Austria - 1
- Finland - 1
- Iceland - 1
- Ireland - 1
- Japan - 1
- Saudi Arabia - 1
- Sri Lanka - 1



Total number of delegates: 187

- Seaweed Farmer - 46
- Academic and Research - 30
- Seaweed Processor - 26
- Equipment / Technology Provider - 24
- Other - 23
- Seaweed Applications - 20
- Venture Capitalist / Investment - 14
- Government - 4



# Conference Program Seagiculture Asia-Pacific 2023



Keynote Presentation by Simon Funge-Smith, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand

## Session 1: Smart seaweed farming



Shrikumar Suryanarayan, Sea6 Energy, India



Job Schipper, SWD Connectors, The Netherlands



Tran Dinh Luan, D-Fish, Vietnam

## Session 2: Seaweed business/investment aspects



Paul Dobbins, World Wildlife Fund, USA



Koji Yamamoto, Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), Japan



Karlotta Rieve, Hatch Blue, Norway

## Session 3: Panel discussion: seaweed state of play in Asia-Pacific



Maya Puspita, SELT Alga Indonesia, Indonesian Seaweed Association (ARLI)



Jo Kelly, Australian Seaweed Institute, Australia



Dr. CRK Reddy, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, India



Moderated by Fionnuala Quin, Founder CEO, Kelpy - Seaweed Biopackaging, Australia



Keynote Presentation by Dr. Brian Von Herzen, Climate Foundation, Australia

## Session 4: Seaweed breeding and disease aspects



Michael Y. Roleda, University of the Philippines, Philippines



Dr. Nita Rukminasari, Universitas Hasanuddin, Indonesia

## Session 5: Seaweed applications



Dr. Rob Kinley, FutureFeed, Australia



Dr. Jang K. Kim, Incheon National University, South Korea



Dr. Pia Winberg, PhycoHealth, Venus Shell Systems, Australia

## Session 6: Virtual seaweed tour around the world



Mitchell Lench, Ocean's Balance, USA



Stephanie Debels, SEACROPS, Belgium and BGC, Belgium



Prof. Alejandro Buschmann, Centro i-mar, CeBiB & Mash, Universidad de Los Lagos, Puerto Montt, Chile



Josh Castle, Aboitiz Reimagine, Philippines



Jorunn Skjermo, Senior Research Scientist, SINTEF, Norway

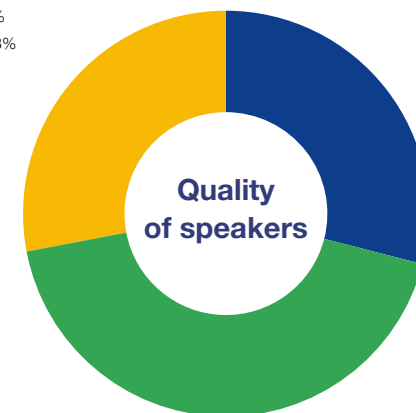


Guest Speaker: Scott Lindell, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA

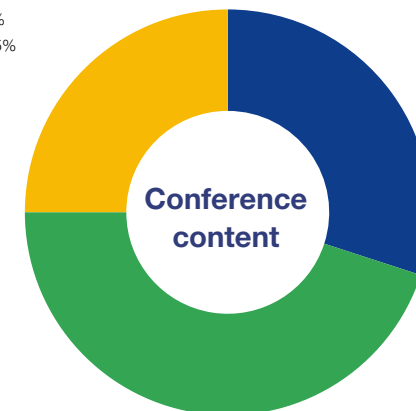


Wrap up Prof. Catriona L. Hurd, University of Tasmania, Australia

● Excellent - 29%  
● Very Good - 43%  
● Good - 28%

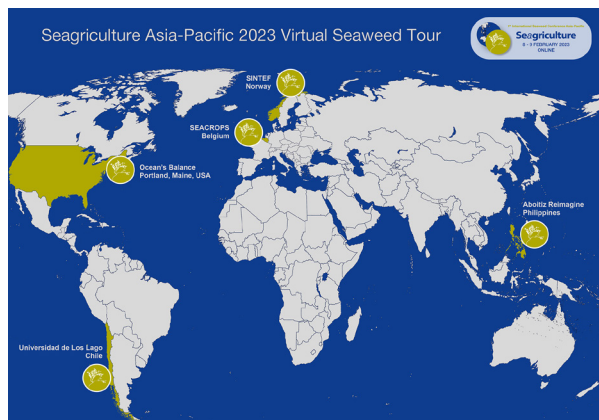


● Excellent - 30%  
● Very Good - 45%  
● Good - 25%





During the seaweed tour around the world, we visited 5 locations, met local seaweed stakeholders, and learned what exactly they do and what contribution they make to the development of the seaweed industry



The panel discussion was a great way to know the seaweed state of play in Asia-Pacific, ask intriguing questions, and communicate with 4 seaweed experts from across the region



### The quality and structure of the conference sessions



### How would you rate the organization of the conference?

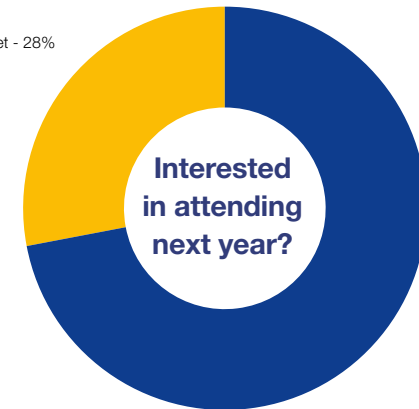




## Upcoming Seagrass events:

- Seagrass EU, 21 – 22 June 2023, Trondheim, Norway
- Seagrass USA, 6 – 7 September 2023, Portland (ME), USA
- Seagrass Asia-Pacific 2024 (the dates will be announced soon)

● Yes - 72%  
● Don't know yet - 28%



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