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THE CASE FOR AQUATIC BLUE FOOD IN ACHIEVING SDG 2 (ZERO HUNGER)

Reducing hunger and improving nutrition outcomes

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Dr Rita Hannisdal is a researcher at the Seafood and Nutrition group at the Institute of Marine Research in Norway. She has a background in analytical chemistry and has extensive experience in developing analytical methods for analyses of contaminants and nutrients. Dr Hannisdal received her PhD in analytical chemistry from the University in Bergen, Norway, where she conducted research on folate.

Dr Hannisdal is project leader for the Seafood database, an open access database from the Institute of Marine Research that presents analytical data on both nutrients and contaminants in seafood. She has a particular interest in the importance of obtaining high quality data, and for the data to follow the FAIR principle, making them Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable. Dr Hannisdal is a member of the Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment, which carry out independent risk assessments. She also participated in the work on the 2023 FAO/WHO Background Document on the Risks and Benefits of Fish Consumption. For several years she has provided data on contaminants in seafood to The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). Dr Hannisdal has been involved in organising several webinars related to the importance of aquatic foods in sustainable food systems.

