PROJECT PARTNER: Apulia Region

PROJECT TITLE:

RFID (Radio-frequency identification) MUSSELS





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The project aims at reducing and preventing equipment and mussel ropes thefts in the open sea, through RFID sensors. Nowadays many mussel farms in open sea (Adriatic and Ionian) face continuous thefts of their equipment (long line buoys for mussel farms) and mussel ropes or net bags. This situation reduces profitability and competitiveness and represents a major problem for the mussel farmer. Thanks to RFID sensors the company will have a traceability system for equipment and mussels rope.

RFID passive sensors have been hidden into the long line buoys that are floats made of HDPE plastic and are hollow: after RFID sensors incorporation into the buoys, the farmer blocked them using polyurethane foam. RFID tags have been hidden into the mussel ropes as well and, in this case, they are black (like mussels) and look like product labels.

RFID uses electromagnetic fields to automatically identify and track tags attached to buoy and ropes. The tags contain electronically stored information. Passive tags collect energy from a nearby RFID reader's interrogating radio waves. Active tags have a local power source (such as a battery) and may operate hundreds of meters from the RFID reader.









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