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#### **ABOUT ASTAXANTHIN**



Astaxanthin is a carotenoid responsible for the pink/orange pigmentation of several fishes, like salmon, shrimps, and crustaceans. It is also one of the most powerful antioxidants found in nature, and provides an increased immune response against pathogens and viruses. Natural astaxanthin hails from microalgae.

**PROS** 

#### NATURAL ASTAXANTHIN HAS SEVERAL BIO-MEDICAL BENEFITS

It has been proved that natural astaxanthin has effective beneficial properties for human health.









Positive effects for the immune system



**Protects** skin from **UV** rays



the heart

function

Enables the

production of organic feed



Positive effects on the brain

90%

food suppliers

today is **farmed** 

CONS

NATURAL ASTAXANTHIN IS A HIGH-COST PRODUCT WITH A LIMITED MARKET

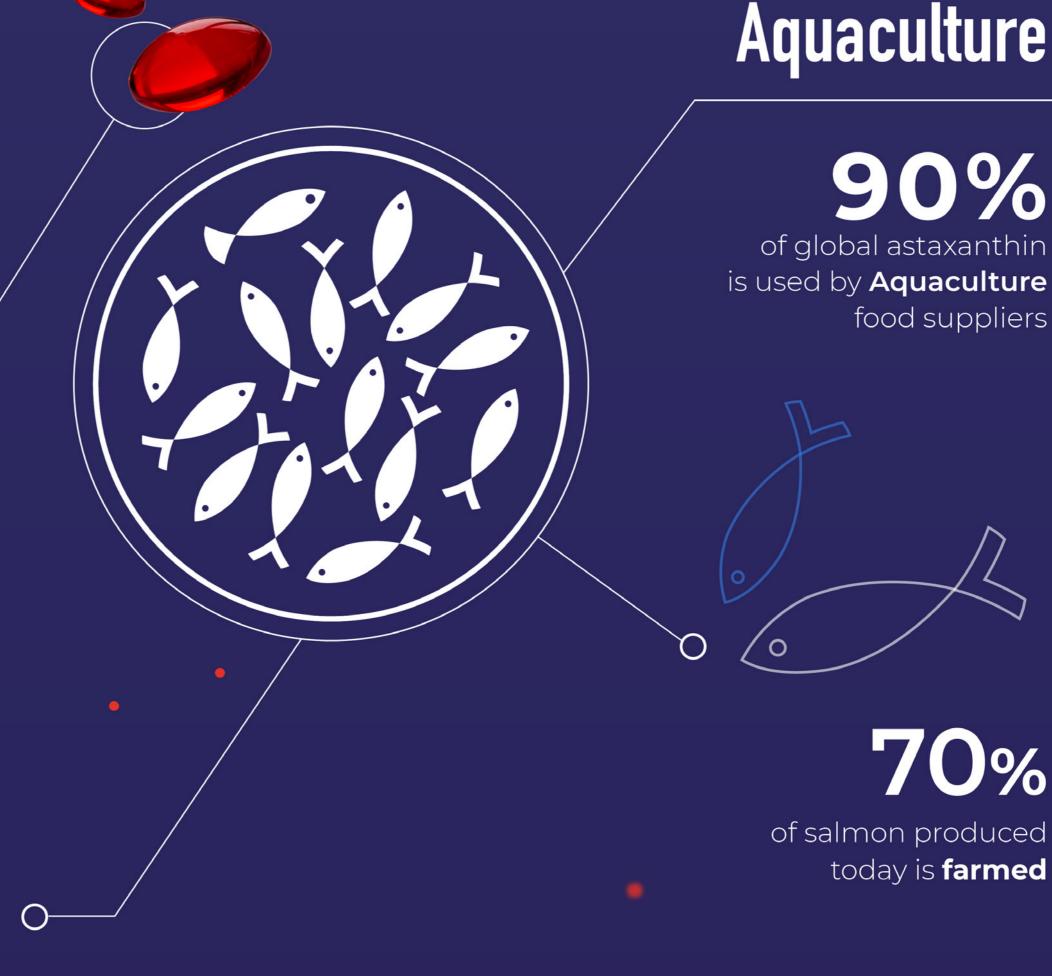
The cost of natural astaxanthin is so high that is practically not used in the main industries in which it is requested.

## Some numbers



Expected growth of the aquaculture sector by 2030

+15%





3. Asteasier

### a sustainable way to produce natural astaxanthin The Asteasier EU-funded project aims at introducing

into the market a high-level and cost-effective method to produce natural astaxanthin, from two new patented strains of the N. Gaditana and C. Reinhardtii microalgae species. Thanks to the extraordinary properties of new strains of

microalgae, Asteasier aims to increase the production

and market diffusion of low-cost natural astaxanthin,



COST-

**EFFECTIVENESS** 



**SUSTAINABILITY** 



The increased availability of natural astaxanthin will improve the wellbeing

and the quality of farmed fish.



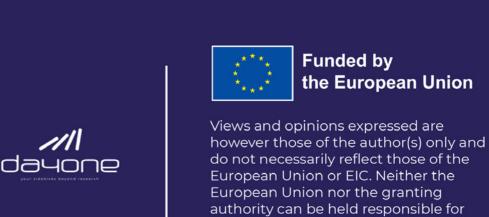
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