

# Advancing Zero-Waste Multi-Product Biorefineries Through Innovative Technologies

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# What is a Biorefinery?



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- ✓ A facility that integrates biomass conversion processes and equipment to produce **fuels, power, and chemicals** from biomass.
- ✓ Analogous to today's petroleum refineries
- ✓ The sustainable processing of biomass into a spectrum of bio-based products (**Food, Feed, Ingredients, Chemicals**) and bioenergy (**Fuel, Power, Heat**).

## Key drivers

- ✓ Complying with net-zero targets
- ✓ Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Sustainable Developmental Goals
- ✓ Transitioning economies to an environment, economic, and socially sustainable





# Establishing a seafood biorefinery

1. Choose the potential raw material and determine its composition and physicochemical properties.
2. Define the target bio-products and physicochemical properties required
3. Make an inventory of technologies or any interventions required to produce targeted bio-products.
4. Inventory of input materials
5. Data collection for each unit operation
6. Determine the chemical compounds to be transformed via pre-treatment/processes
7. Carry out cost-benefit analysis (LCA/LCCA) to meet targets.





## Different types of Seafoods



Fish



Crabs



Seaweed



Molluscs



Prawn



Lobster



Cephalopods

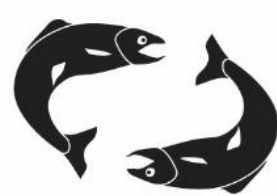


Oysters

## Seafood harvesting

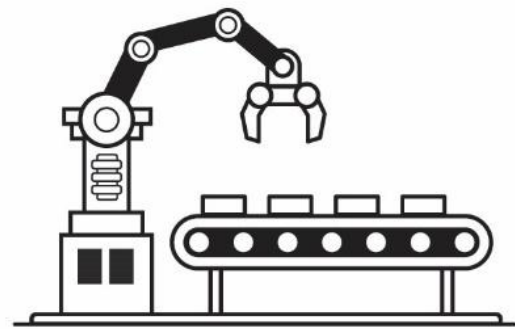


Fisheries (capturing)



Aquaculture

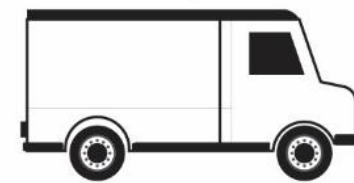
## Industrial Processing



Processing



Packaging



Distribution



Wholesale/retail



Consumption at household level

## Seafood waste



Outer scale



Outershell



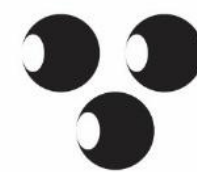
Fish bone



Outershell



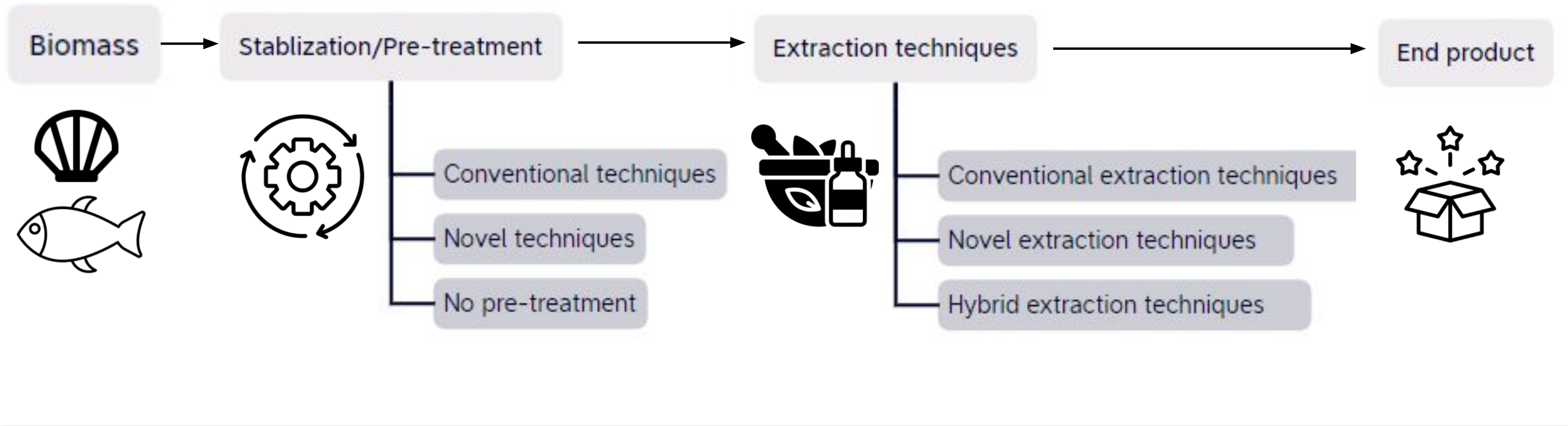
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Scales







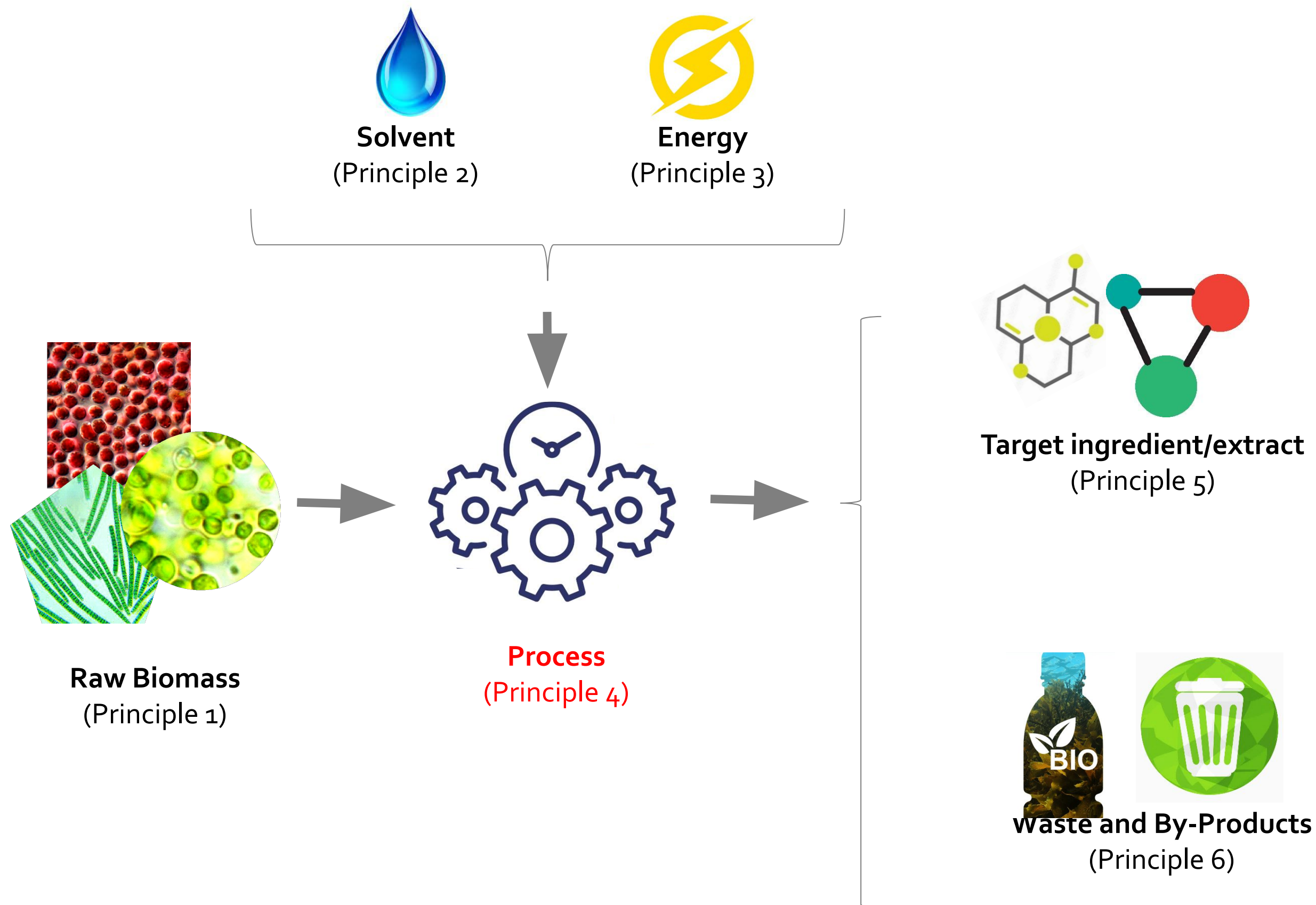
Processing of

biomass for valorisation



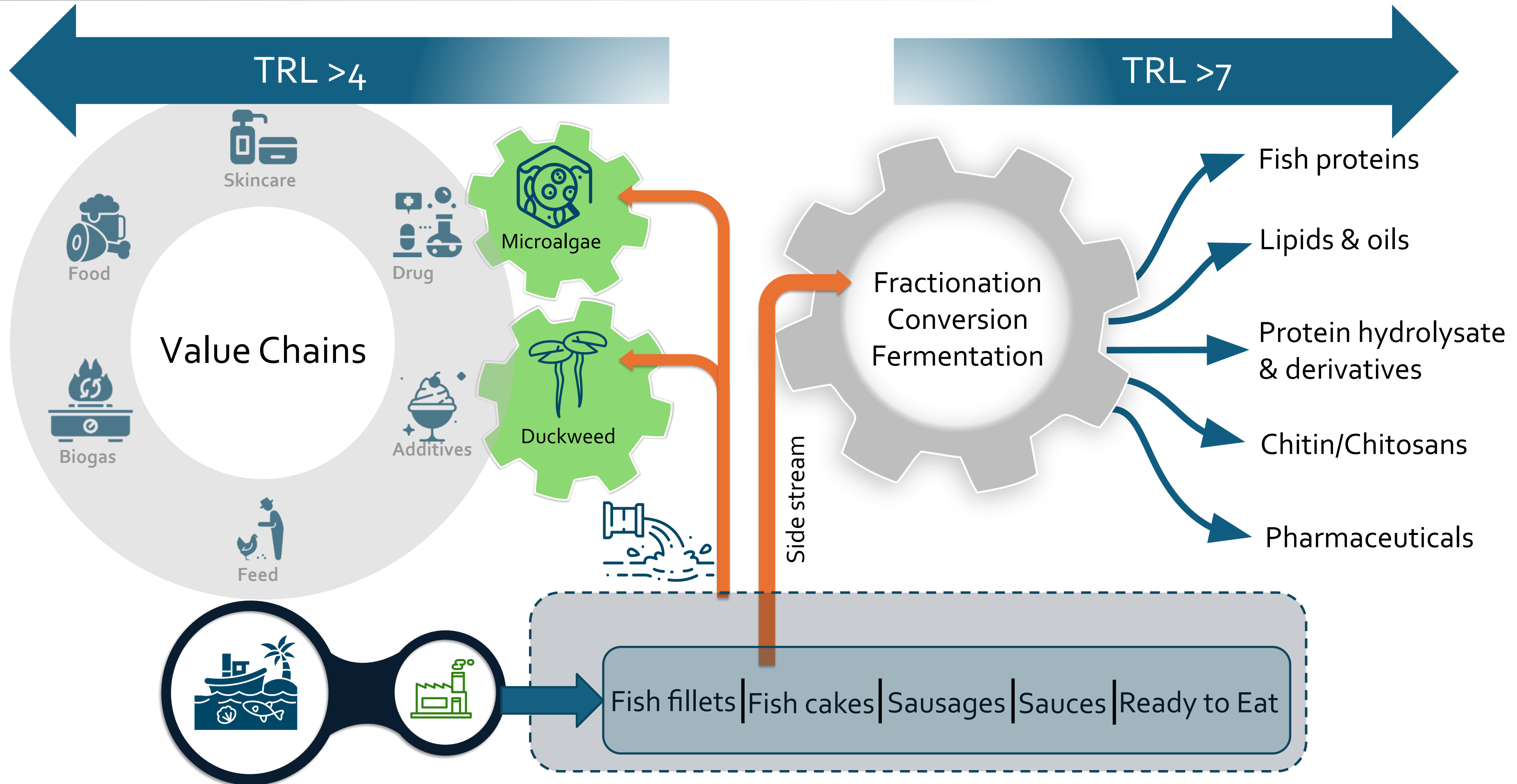
# Principles of clean processing technologies

*Reduce negative environmental impact of products and processes*





# Seafood Biorefinery





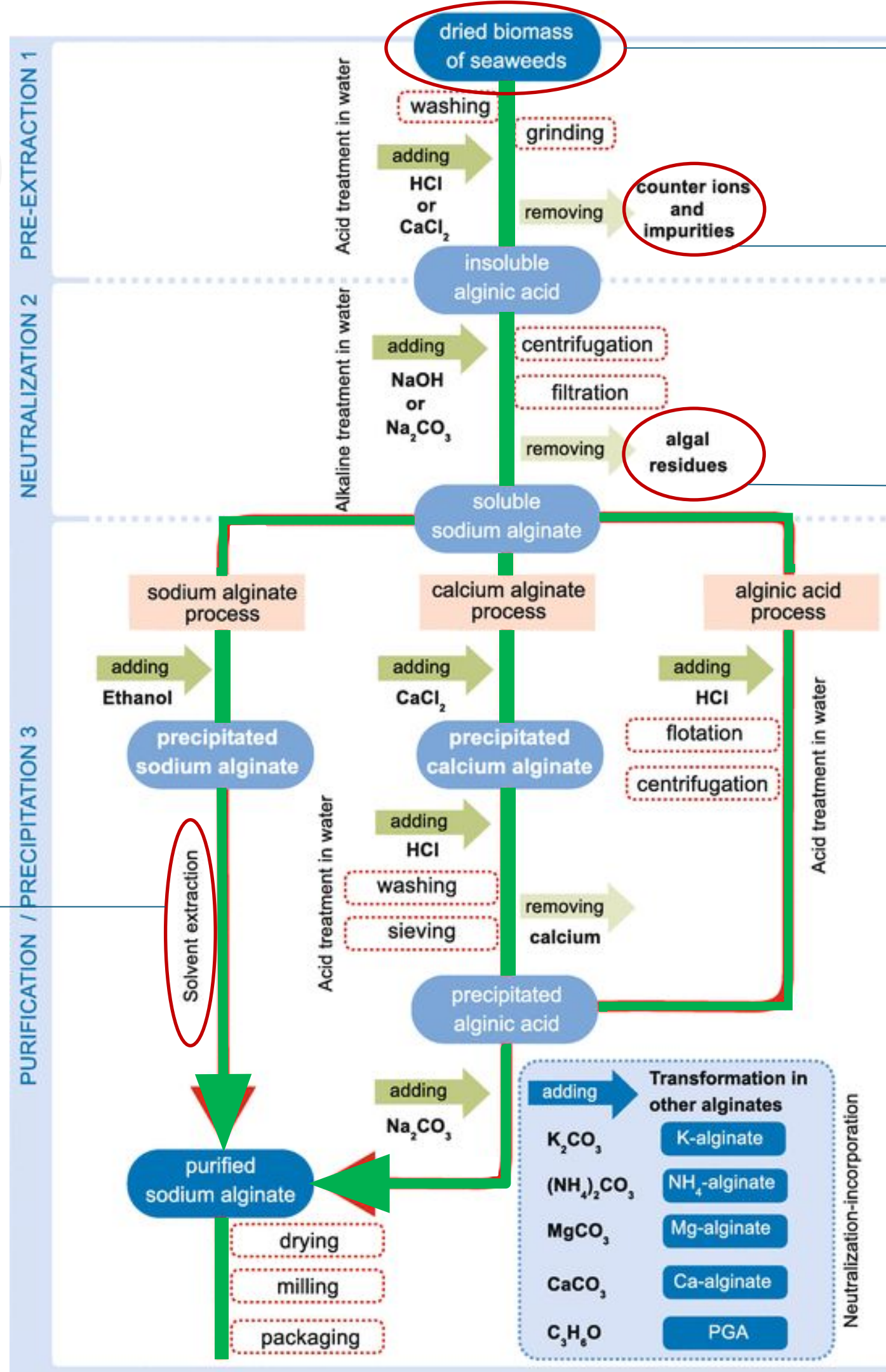


## Value Addition

### Approach

- Greening the process
- Zero waste approach
- Utilising every fraction

- ✓ Solvent replacement
- ✓ Membrane technology



- ✓ Energy efficient drying techniques
- ✓ Stabilising fresh biomass
- ✓ Utilising fresh biomass
- ✓ Laminarin (Value chain 1)
- ✓ Amino acids (flavour enhancers) (Value chain 2)
- ✓ Phlorotannins (Value chain 3)
- ✓ Proteins (Value chain 4)
- ✓ Algal fibre (Value chain 5)

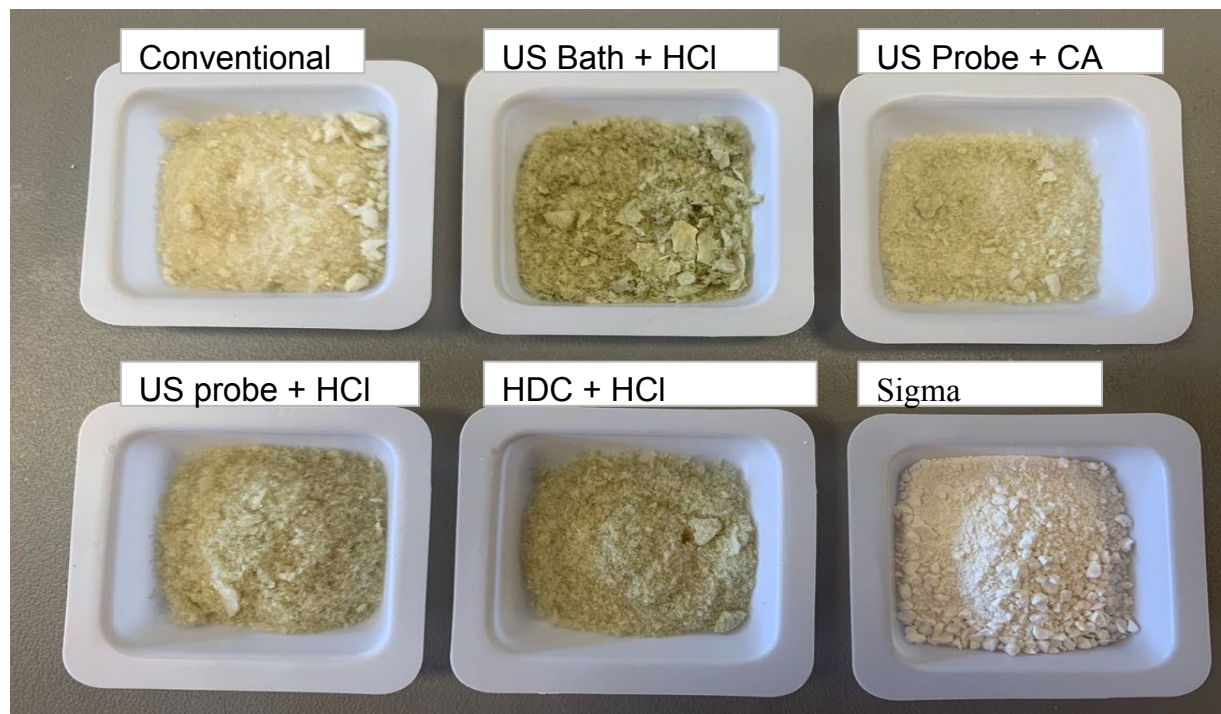
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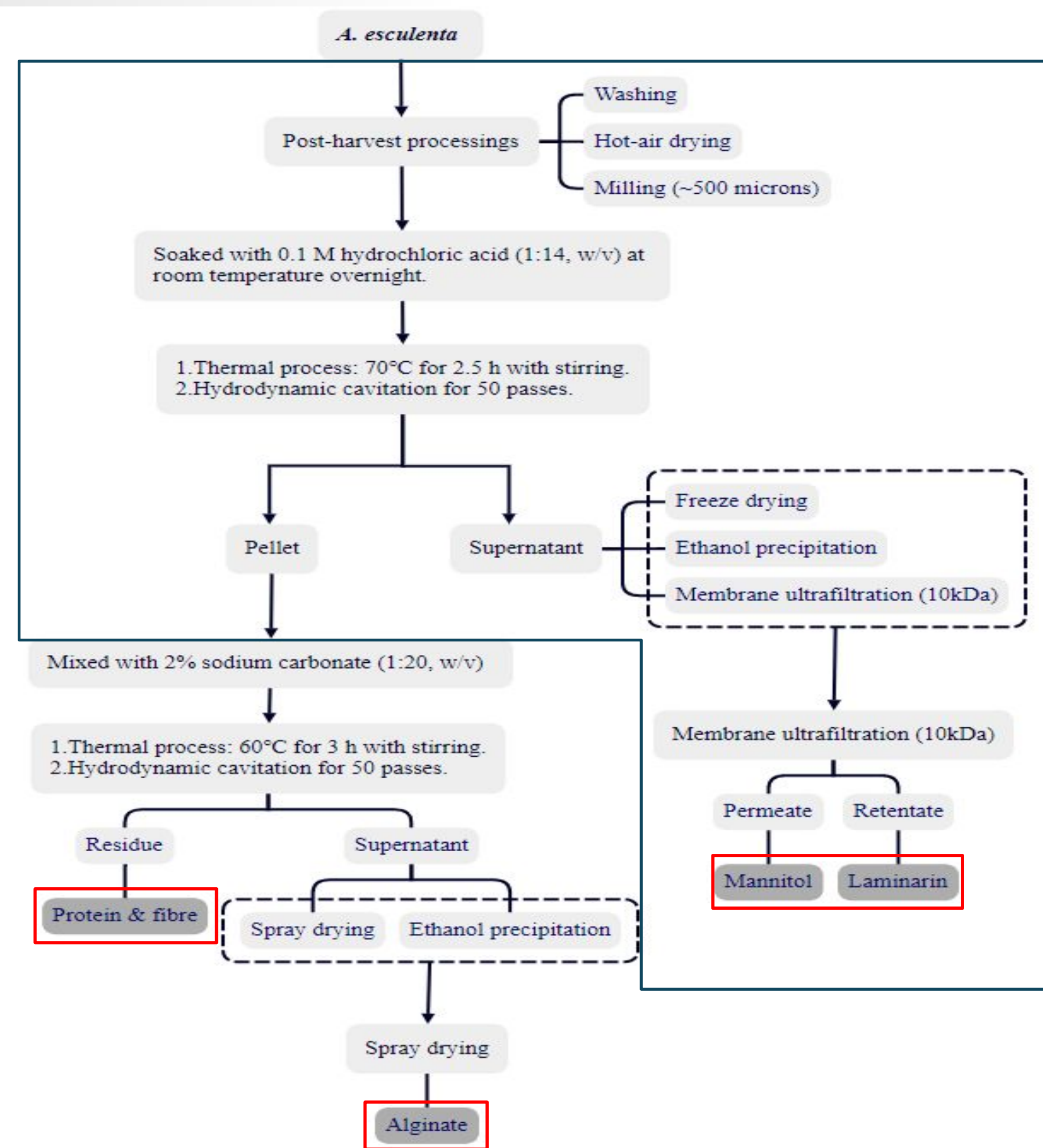
# Seaweed biorefinery



1<sup>st</sup> stage  
process



2<sup>nd</sup> stage  
process

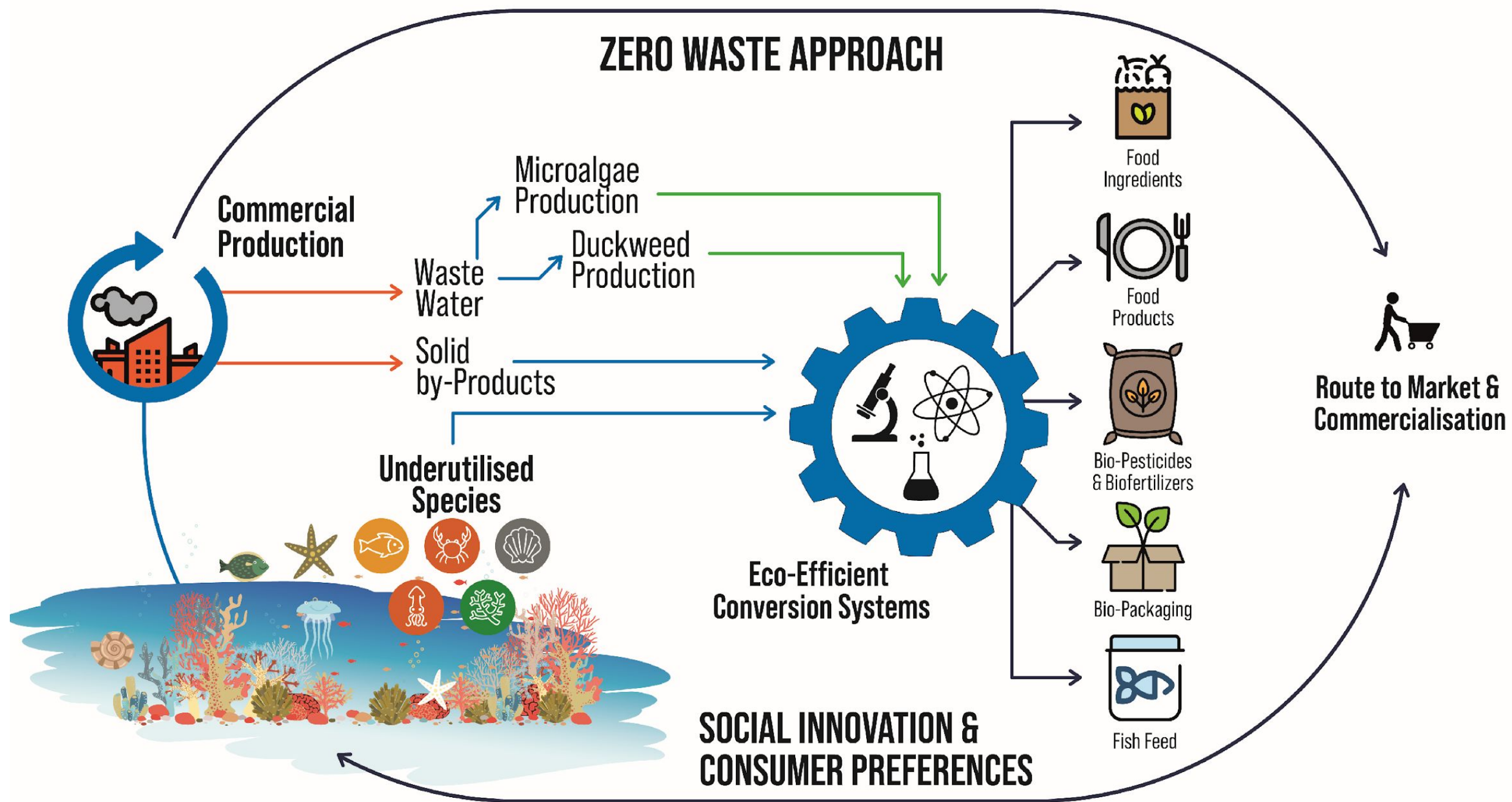




# Extraction efficiency

Extracts	Treatment	Purity (%)	Molecular weight (kDa)	Energy consumption (kWh)	Recovery rate(%)
Laminarin	Con-FD	47.23±1.97a			
	HDC-FD	46.40±0.59a			
	Con-EtOH	43.67±0.98a			
	HDC-EtOH	54.90±0.28a			
	Con-Membrane	80.36±6.90b	5.14±0.01a	10.75±0.57a	54.98±4.75a
	HDC-Membrane	86.57±3.72b	5.13±0.05a	1.83±0.12b	55.55±3.10a
	Sigma		5.24±0.01a		
Mannitol	Con-Membrane	37.77±3.41a			54.53±1.58a
	HDC-Membrane	40.49±2.78a			75.90±4.49b
Sodium alginate	Con-Con-FD	33.36±4.94a			
	Con-HDC-FD	58.01±7.18a,b			
	HDC-HDC-FD	34.06±10.67a			
	HDC-Con-FD	35.37±11.94a			
	Con-Con-EtOH	68.6±13.34b,c	215.75±2.51a	20.46±1.69a	64.84±3.71a
	Con-HDC-EtOH	78.29±9.64b,c	173.43±3.25b,c	13.71±0.93b	56.85±4.88a
	HDC-HDC-EtOH	88.98±4.70c	169.64±2.77c	5.08±0.37c	65.13±5.14a
	HDC-Con-EtOH	67.18±0.78b,c	188.98±5.62b,d	13.75±1.24b	62.34±2.97a
	Sigma		190.80±1.18d		
Protein	Alaria powder	4.94±0.31a			
	Con-Con	13.13±0.11b			
	Con-HDC	12.90±0.19b			
	HDC-HDC	17.19±1.33c			
	HDC-Con	10.73±0.66b			

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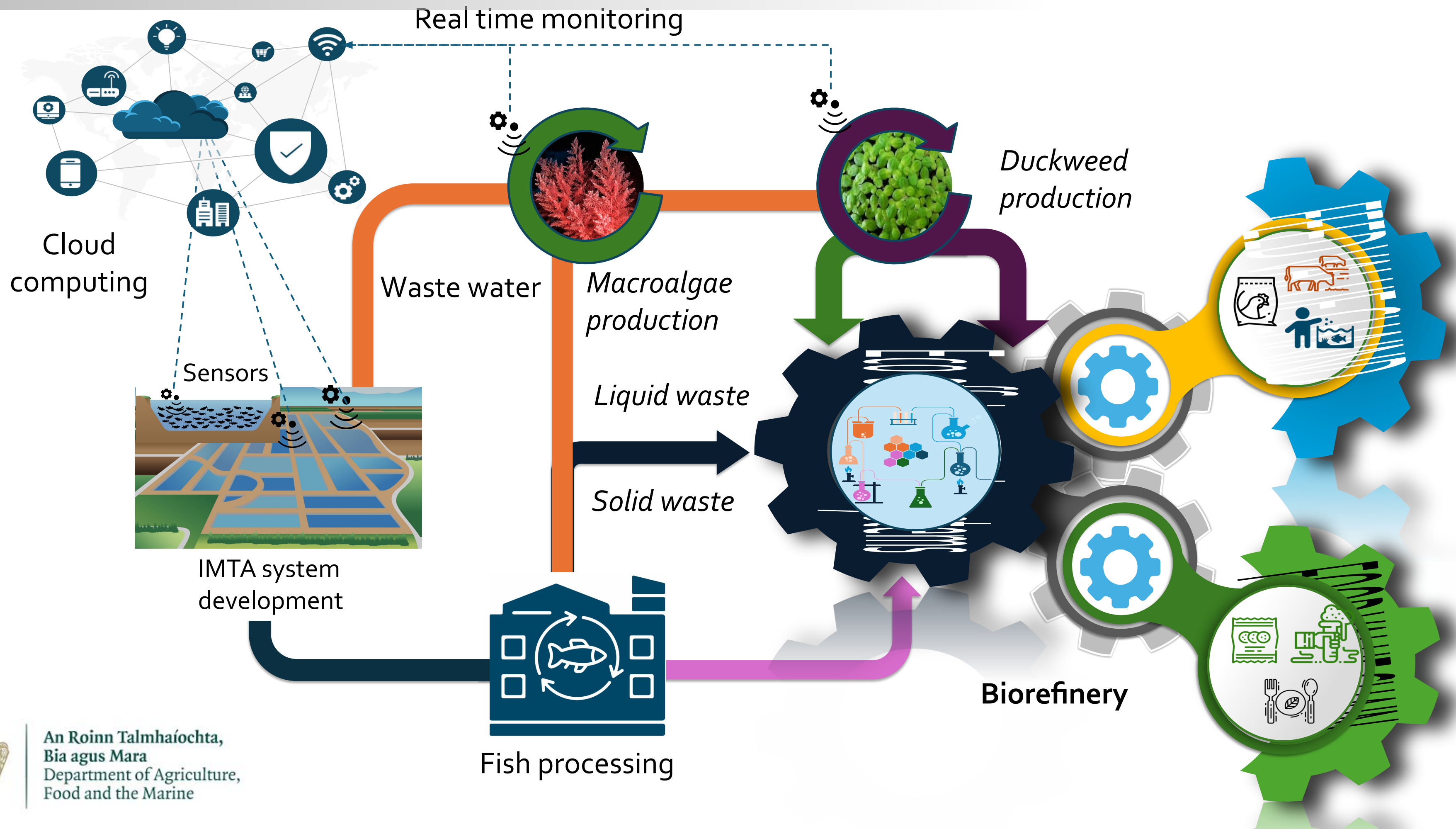
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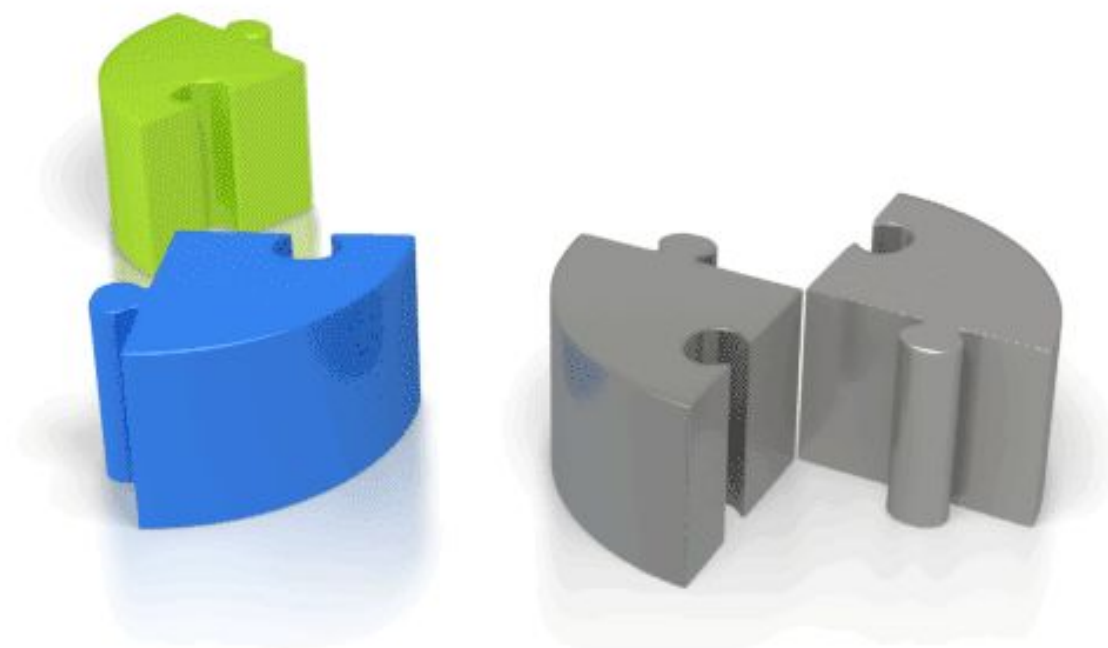
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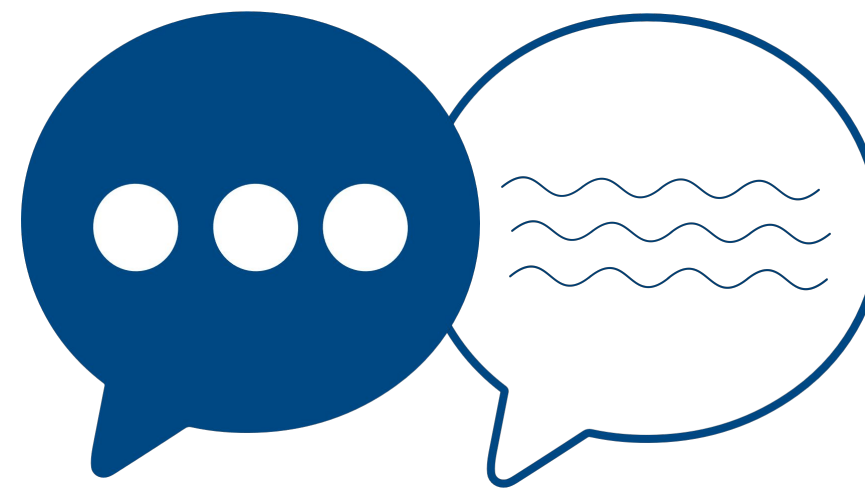


# Conclusions

- ✓ Complete valorisation of marine biomass is challenging though achievable
- ✓ Transformation and translational approach is the key
- ✓ Technologies are available but requires innovative translation
- ✓ Adoption of circular economy/Bio-refinery is the key



# Questions







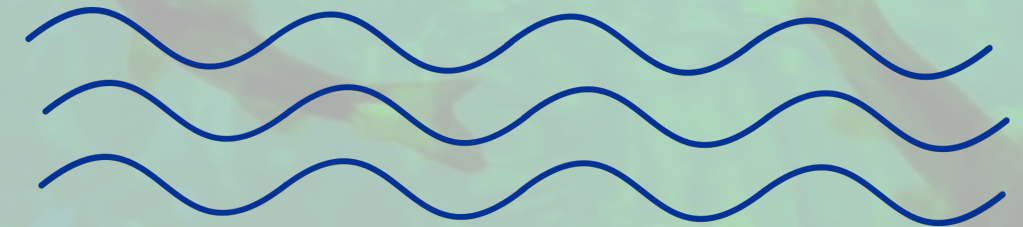
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