

Expertise for aquatic environments and aquaculture

Akvaplan-niva provides consultancy, research and laboratory services to companies, authorities, NGO's and other customers worldwide. Services include environmental monitoring surveys, impact and risk assessments, arctic environmental research, aquaculture design and management consultancy, R&D on new aquaculture species, and a number of accredited environmental and technical inspections.

Environmental services

Akvaplan-niva's main clients are the international oil and gas industry, government authorities, research organisations and others with interests in the North Atlantic and Arctic regions. The company provides environmental services, including:

- offshore and coastal environmental monitoring and baseline studies (Accreditation for soft-bottom, hard-bottom and littoral surveys)
- oceanographic surveys, physical and ecological modelling
- impact assessments (EIA), risk analyses (ERA), pre-entry assessments and resource surveys
- research related to climate change, pollution, biodiversity and eco-toxicology
- coastal zone management and planning
- water, sediment and soil quality surveys

Aquaculture services

Akvaplan-niva provides consultancy and research to the international aquaculture industry, research organisations and other stakeholders. Our staff is experienced with a variety of marine and freshwater species from cold and warm water regions.

- development of culturing techniques for marine species
- feasibility studies and master plans
- advice on biological, technical and economic aspects of aquaculture
- design of hatcheries, nurseries, production facilities, and research and extension stations
- management consultancy
- certification and technical inspections of production facilities.

Expertise and experience

We have a diversified, international staff of some 60 biologists, ecologists, chemists, oceanographers and aquaculture experts. All professionals have academic degrees, more than half at PhD level and with many years experience in international projects.

Research and consultancy

Akvaplan-niva carries out international research in order to offer the latest technical and intellectual advances in commercial aquaculture and environmental management to our clients.



The company

Akvaplan-niva AS is a commercial, independent company, established in 1984. The Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA) is our main shareholder and professional partner.

The company is a major partner in the Norwegian Polar Environmental Centre. Together with the other partners (the Norwegian Polar Institute and the Norwegian Institutes for Air and Nature Research), we are the largest centre for polar research in Europe.

Akvaplan-niva's turnover is approximately NOK 45 million, of which 40 % is related to environmental consultancy, 25 % to aquaculture consultancy and the remaining to research projects.

International references

Akvaplan-niva operates world-wide and provides services to customers in Europe, Russia, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, North and South America, Asia and Africa.

Our headquarters are in Tromsø. We have additional staff located in Norway, France, Iceland, and Spain. In Russia (Murmansk), we operate through our subsidiary company Akvaplan-niva Barents Ltd.

