



EAST END FARM FACT SHEET



COMMUNITY BENEFITS

40 full time jobs with up to 25 seasonal/part time jobs.

30 million-dollar export industry over the next decade, with the possibility of expansion.

5 million dollar construction program.

Small environmental footprint – land-based.

No direct cost to the British Virgin Islands government.

Significant jobs and flow on to support businesses: logistics, supply chain, import, finance, marine technical, biology, aquaculture technical, fishermen, mechanical, electrical, engineering, construction.

Opportunities for technical, managerial, and expert work in the marine sector.

Opportunities to develop key competencies in a new and emerging industry (aquaculture), and for British Virgin Islands to lead regionally in this exciting area.

Connection to world experts in this area to help to train and guide educational programs.

Potential to develop an additional hatchery component for lobsters.

Opportunities to look at other species - conch, etc. for re-stocking and support of fisheries.





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PROJECTED OUTPUTS

Phase 1: 30,000 lbs. of lobster annually.

Completed project: 220,000 lbs. of lobster annually.

Potential for a hatchery program to be based in BVI, which would create an additional unique world-class product.



ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Based on Recirculating Aquaculture Systems (RAS) technology.

This means that all seawater is cleaned, sterilized and re-used multiple times before being discharged.

The RAS will be approximately 800 000 Gallons, of which 95% will be recycled daily.

No direct discharge to the ocean.

Tertiary treated water is outgoing, sterilized, then filtered through mangroves, before draining away.

Puerulus collection has a limited impact on wild fisheries, as this collection occurs in a high mortality window.

Potential for re-stocking of advanced juveniles in a biologically neutral approach.

