



# Integrating aquaculture within local communities

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# Why a FARNET event focused on integrating aquaculture?



- Because aquaculture producers need:
  - Linkages with the community
  - Acceptance and recognition
  - Voice in local decision-making...
- ... and FLAGs are one of the key answers to these needs!
- Aquaculture is an important sector in many FLAG areas



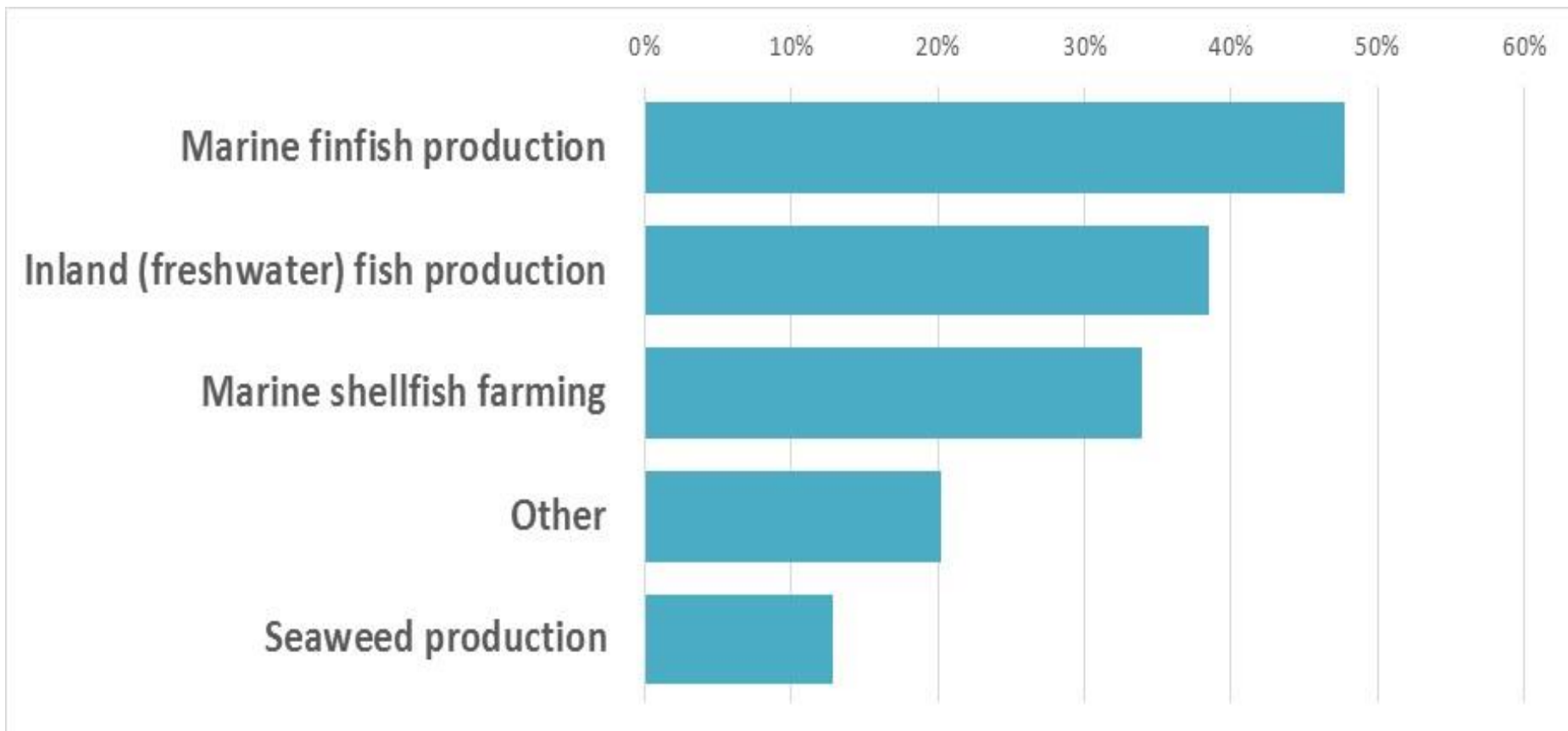
# Aquaculture in FLAG areas

(based on information from responses  
at seminar registration, 112 FLAGs)



- EU aquaculture is extremely diversified!
  - Different types of producers face different challenges and have different growth opportunities
- ⇒ This will be reflected in Working Groups

# Type of aquaculture in the FLAG areas



Based on the responses of 112 FLAGs applying to participate in the seminar

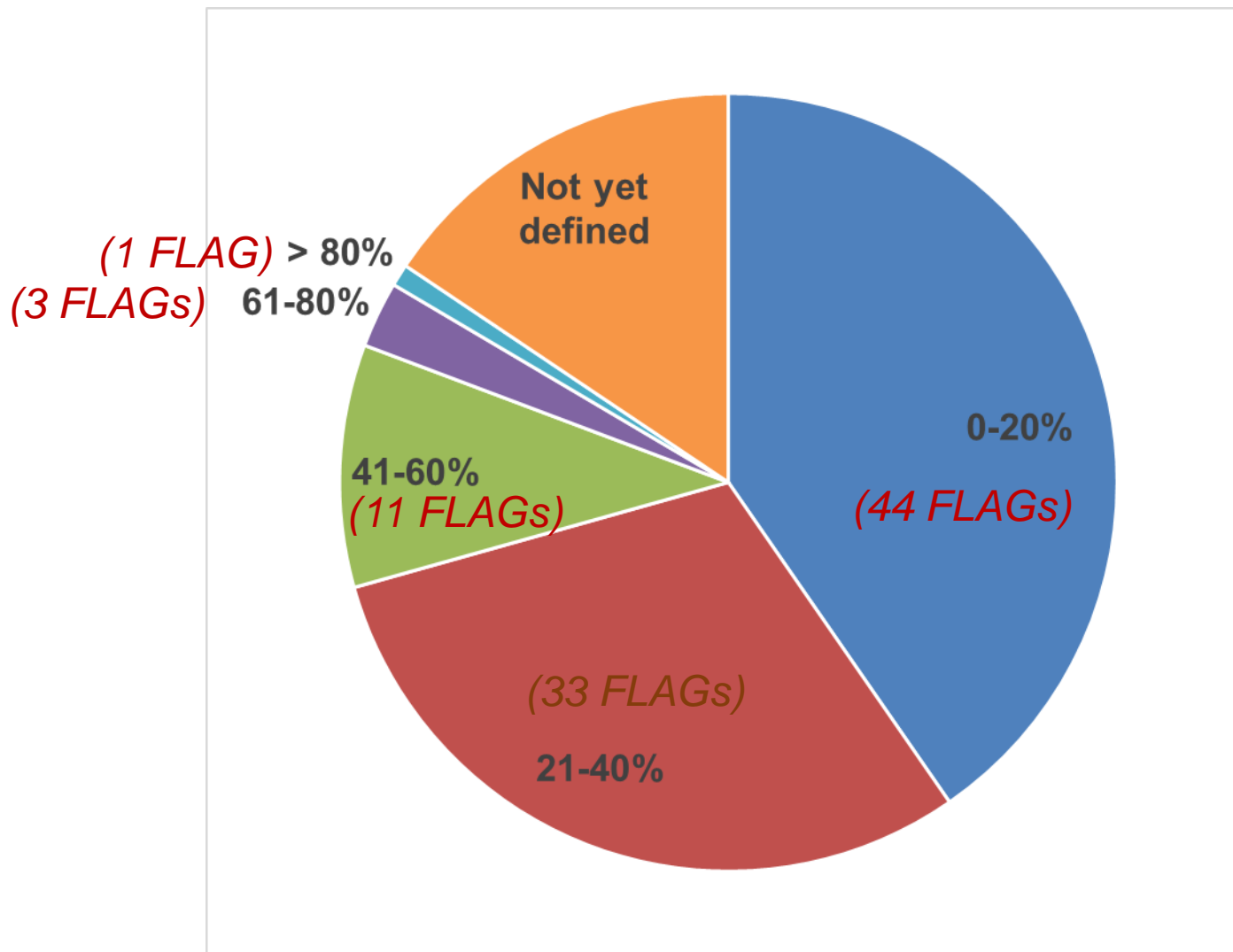
# Working Groups

Type of aquaculture	Languages	Colour
Marine finfish production	EN, ES	yellow
Marine shellfish farming	EN, IT	red
Inland (freshwater) fish production	EN, PL	green
Seaweed & mixed types	EN	orange



- Many FLAGs are already working with the aquaculture sector
- The number of aquaculture projects supported so far is relatively low
- A number of interesting examples identified (10 „Project and Knowledge Hubs” and many more!)

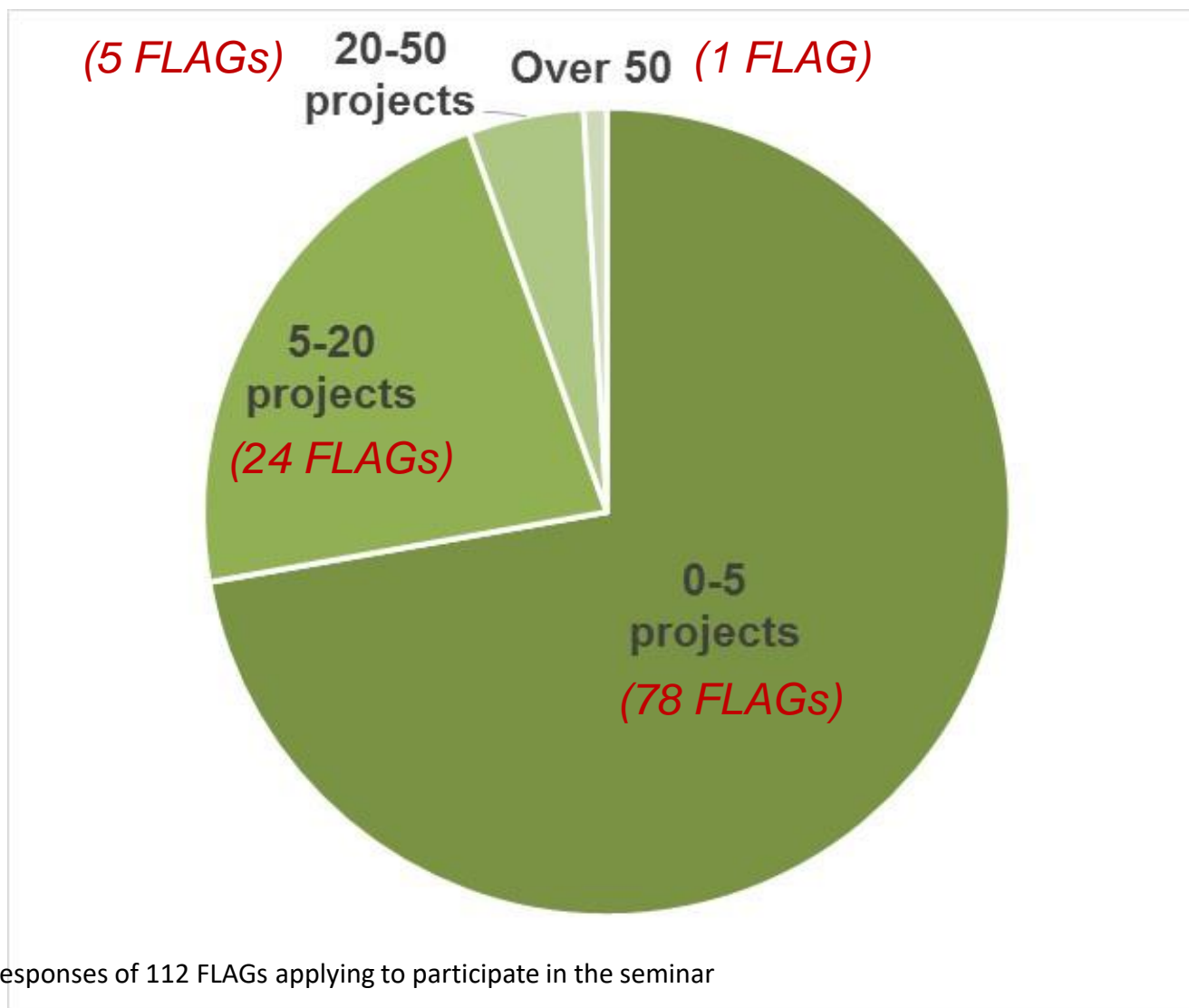
# % of FLAG budgets dedicated to aquaculture (planned)



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# No. of FLAG-supported projects dedicated to aquaculture



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- Aquaculture producers are facing important barriers/challenges
- Overall, at the local level the perception of aquaculture tends to be neutral, slightly more positive than negative
- Most FLAGs expect aquaculture in their area to develop further

# Key barriers for aquaculture in FLAG areas



environmental regulations (e.g. NATURA 2000)

lack of space for aquaculture producers

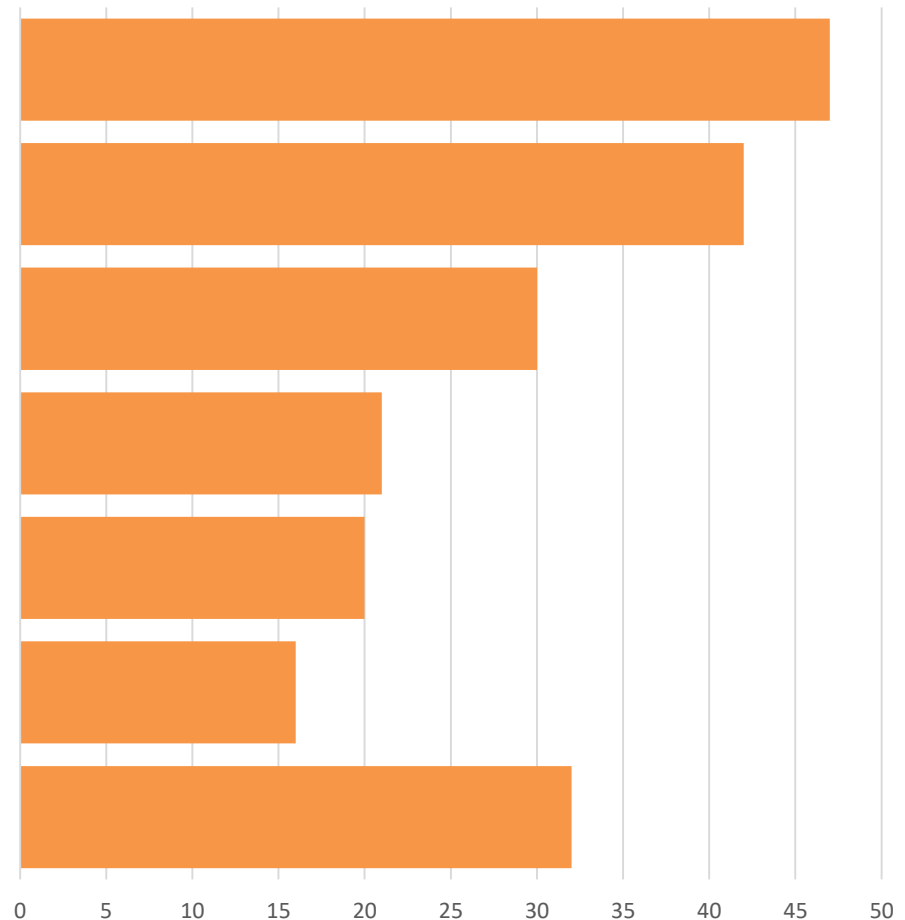
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negative image/perception of aquaculture

weak market opportunities

water quality

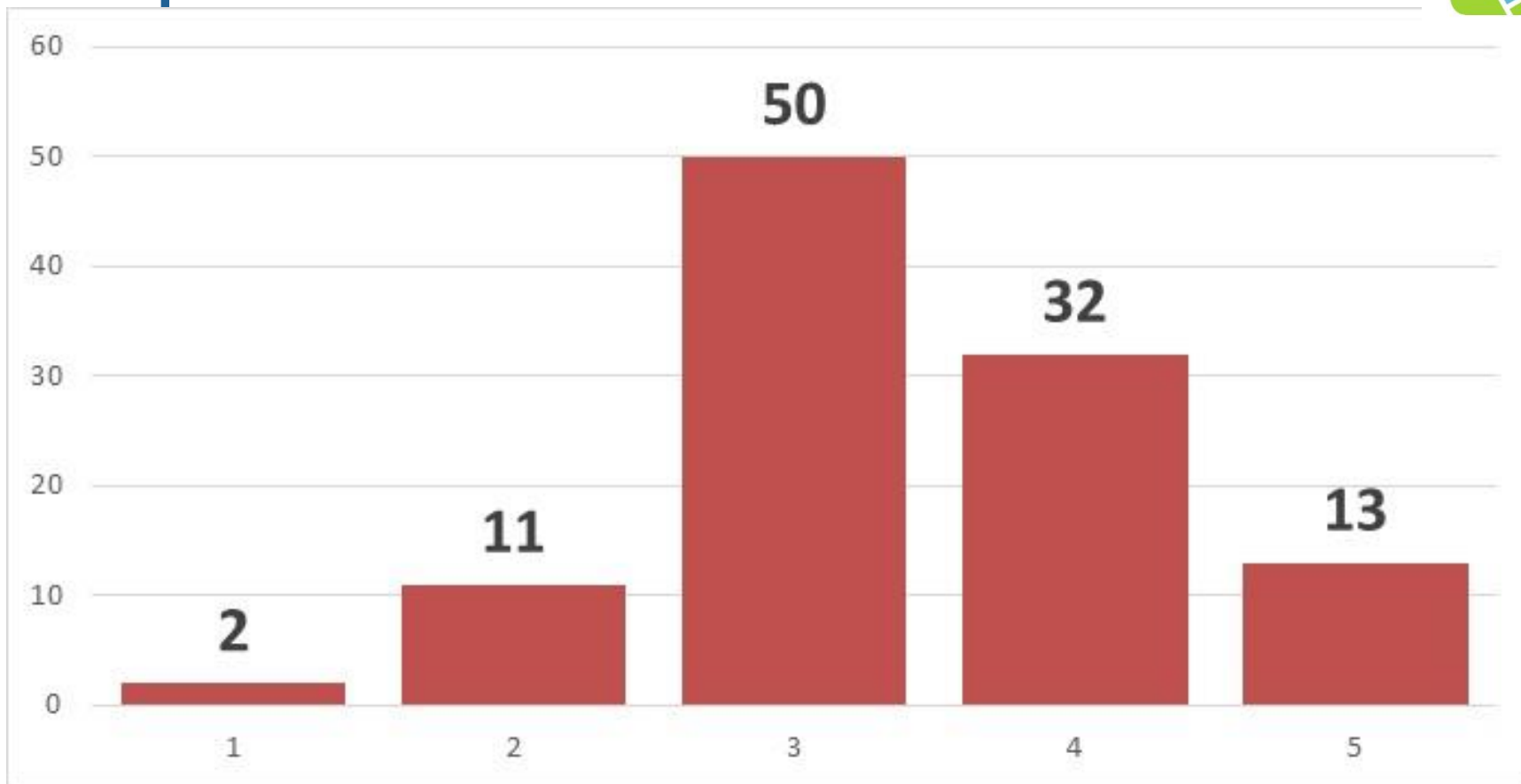
other



frequently mentioned „other barriers“: legislation, licencing, finance

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# Overall perception of aquaculture in FLAG areas

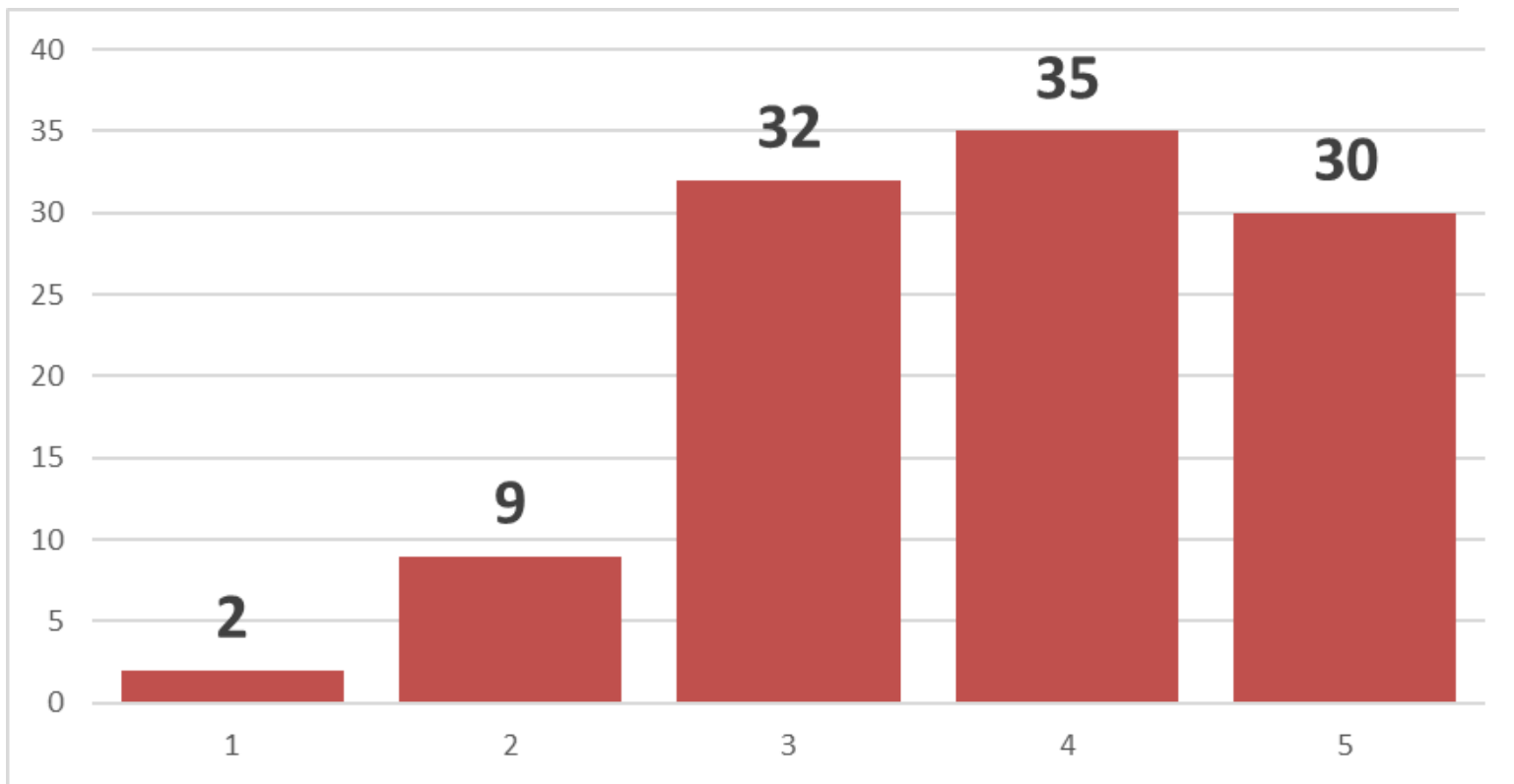


Very negative perception

Very positive perception

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# Potential for aquaculture development in FLAG areas



**Very low potential**

**Very high potential**

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So:

- What can the FLAGs do for aquaculture producers?
- What can aquaculture contribute to the development of the FLAG areas?



# We look forward to exploring this theme with you!

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