Dr. Frédéric Gazeau

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Together with colleagues from IFREMER and from professional associations, he currently aims at building a network of seawater pH monitoring in shellfish farming areas at the French national level and eventually at the European level. Based on long-term perturbation experiments and socio-economical studies that include the participation of growers, this inter-disciplinary project will aim to observe, analyse and help manage the effect of global environmental changes on shellfish farming considering animal physiology, health, environment and economics. Frédéric Gazeau was the leader of the group "Biodiversity and Biogeochemistry" of the Laboratoire d'Océanographie de Villefranche from 2015 to 2019, and is currently member of the SOLAS-IMBER group on ocean acidification (WG3) as well as of the advisory board and of the Ocean Acidification International Coordination Centre (OA-ICC) in which he acts as the focal point for data management (see the database portal at http://oa-icc.ipsl.fr/) and intercomparison exercises.