


The background image shows a boat deck covered with large, brown, leafy seaweed. The seaweed is piled up, and some of it is hanging from the edge of the boat. The water is visible in the background. In the top left corner, there is a dark blue rectangular box containing the logos for NTNU and SINTEF.

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MONITORING PROGRAM 2017

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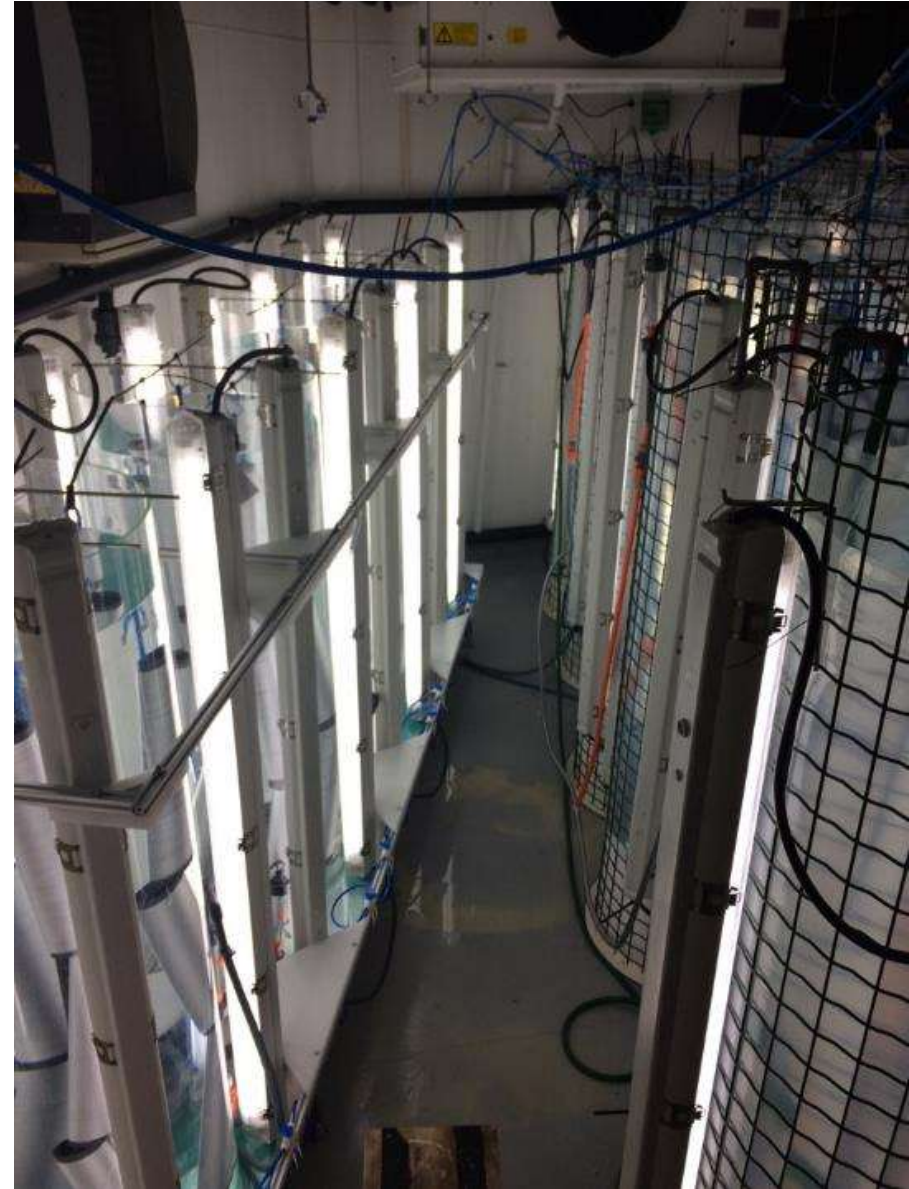
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- Growth
 - Morphology
 - Fouling
 - Genetics
 - Light
 - Temperature
 - Protein
 - Carbohydrate
 - Heavy metals
 - Micro nutrients
 - Internal nitrate
 - NMR

Participants from south to north

1. Norway seaweed Lillesand
2. Norway seaweed Søgne
3. Austevoll Seaweed Farm
4. Hardangerfjord Seaweed Farm
5. Ocean Forest
6. Hortimare
7. Seaweed Energy Solutions
8. Salten Algae
9. Folla Alger
10. Akvaplan Niva

Spore release and seeding

- Fertile *Saccharina latissima* were sent to Trondheim from the different location during week 50 in December 2016. A common protocol was used for collecting and sending the “mother plants”
- Spore release was done according to the Sintef protocol and a spore density of ~ 250.000 spores/ml was obtained from all location
- The spores were sprayed on thin string and incubated in the seaweed hatchery for 7 weeks



Seedling density- Image examples

13. January 2017 (0%)



16. January 2017 (12%)



20. January 2017 (16%)



23. January 2017 (61%)



26. January 2017 (73%)



30. January 2017 (83%)



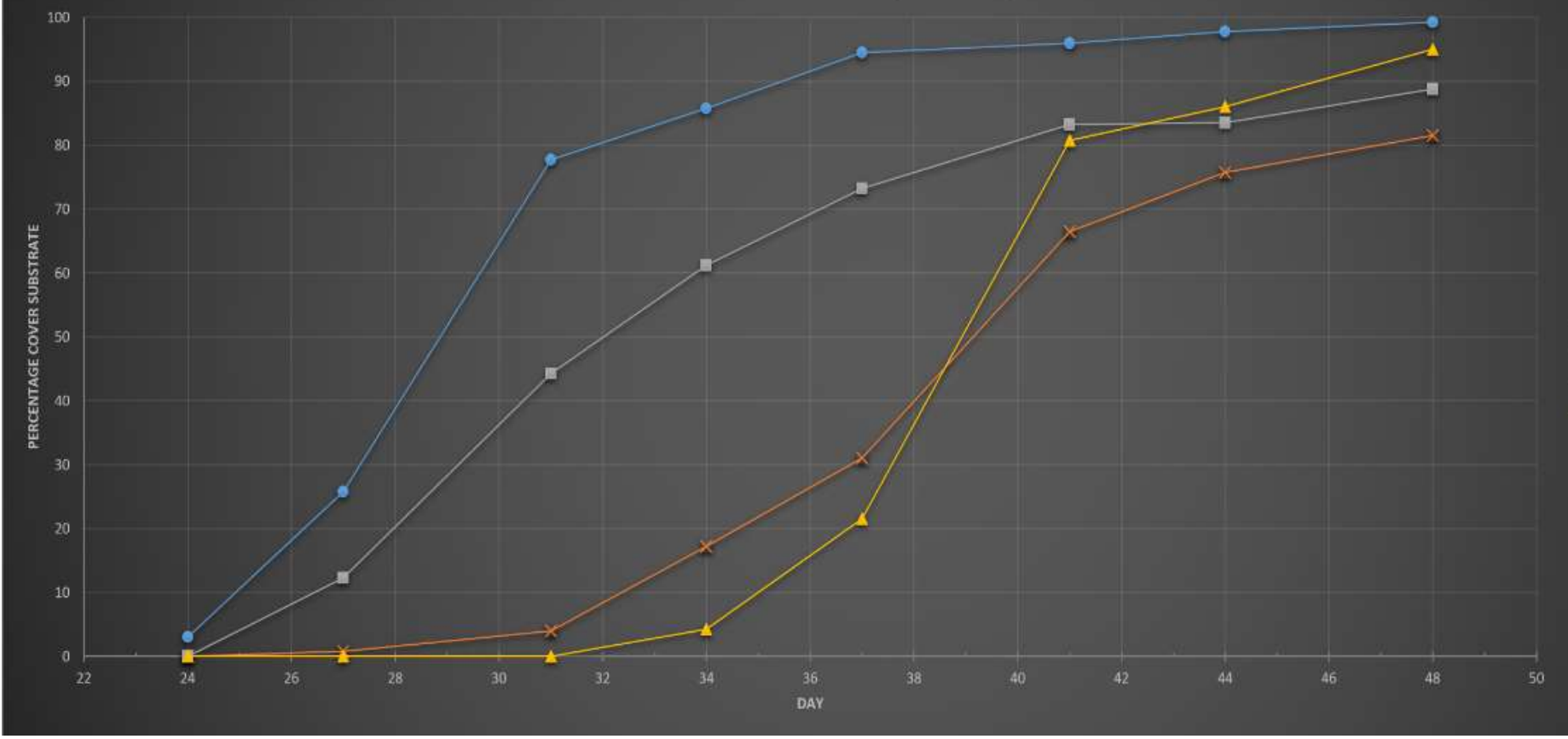
2. February 2017 (84%)



6. February 2017 (89%)



Growth rate, seedlings

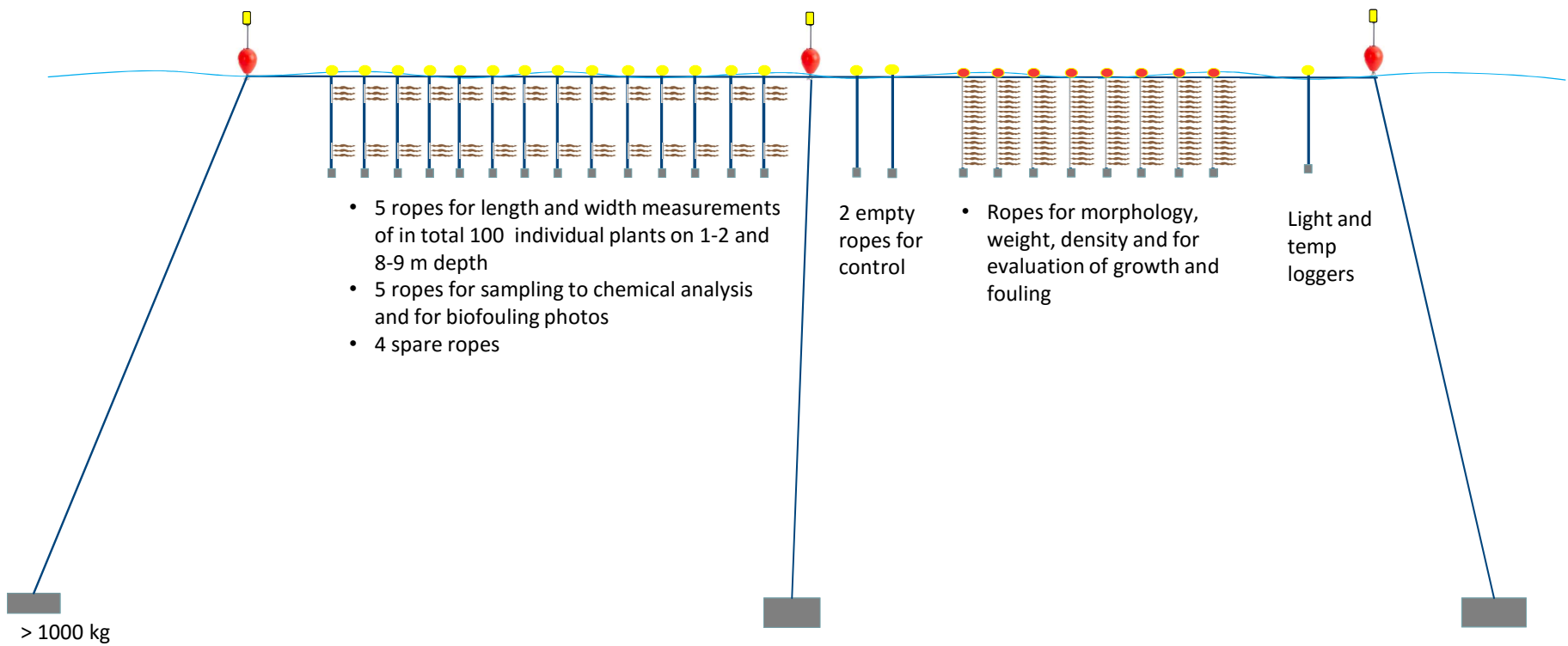


Packing and shipment

- The thin, seeded string was spun onto thicker rope and wrapped in plastic to keep the ropes moist during transportation
- The ropes were packed in Styrofoam boxes and shipped with express delivery to all the ten location
- As far as possible, the ropes were deployed the same day at the sea farms, or stored in tanks with seawater on land until deployment (1-14 days)

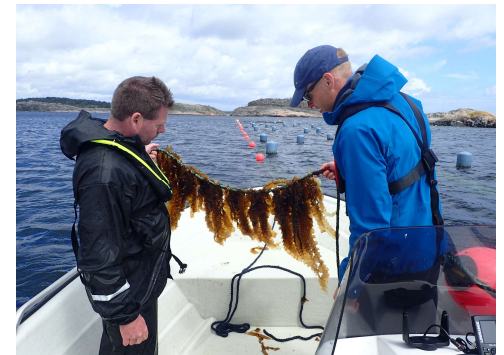


Deployment and set-up at the farms



Registration and sampling

- The participants in the Monitoring program received a protocol for registration/sampling and the equipment needed
- 8 sampling in total were planned from April to September:
 - Length/width on 100 plants (50 from each of the two depths)
 - Weight (starting at sampling number 3)
 - Density (starting at sampling number 3)
 - Pictures for fouling registration (Sanna)
 - Sampling of biomass for chemical analysis (50 plants from each depth)
 - Pictures from the two depths
- Due to bad weather, early fouling/loss of biomass and other circumstances, not all participants have done all the registrations



Norway Seaweed Lillesand (NSL)



Week 16

Week 18

Week 20

Week 22

Week 24

Week 27

Week 32

Week 36

Norway Seaweed Søgne (NSS)



Week 16

Week 18

Week 20

Week 22

Week 24

Week 27

Week 32

Week 36

Week 39

Austevoll Seaweed Farm (ASF)



Week 16

Week 18

Week 20

Week 22

Week 24

Week 27

Week 32

Week 36

Hardangerfjord Seaweed Farm (HSF)



Week 16

Week 18

Week 20

Week 22

Week 24

Week 27

Week 32

Week 36

Ocean Forest (OFL)



Week 16

Week 18

Week 20

Week 22

Week 24

Week 27

Week 32

Week 36

Hortimare (HOM)



Week 16

Week 18

Week 20

Week 22

Week 24

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Week 36

Seaweed Energy Solution (SES)



Week 16

Week 18

Week 20

Week 22

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Week 36

Salten Algae (SAL)



Folla Alger (FOL)



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Week 36

AkvaplanNiva (APN)



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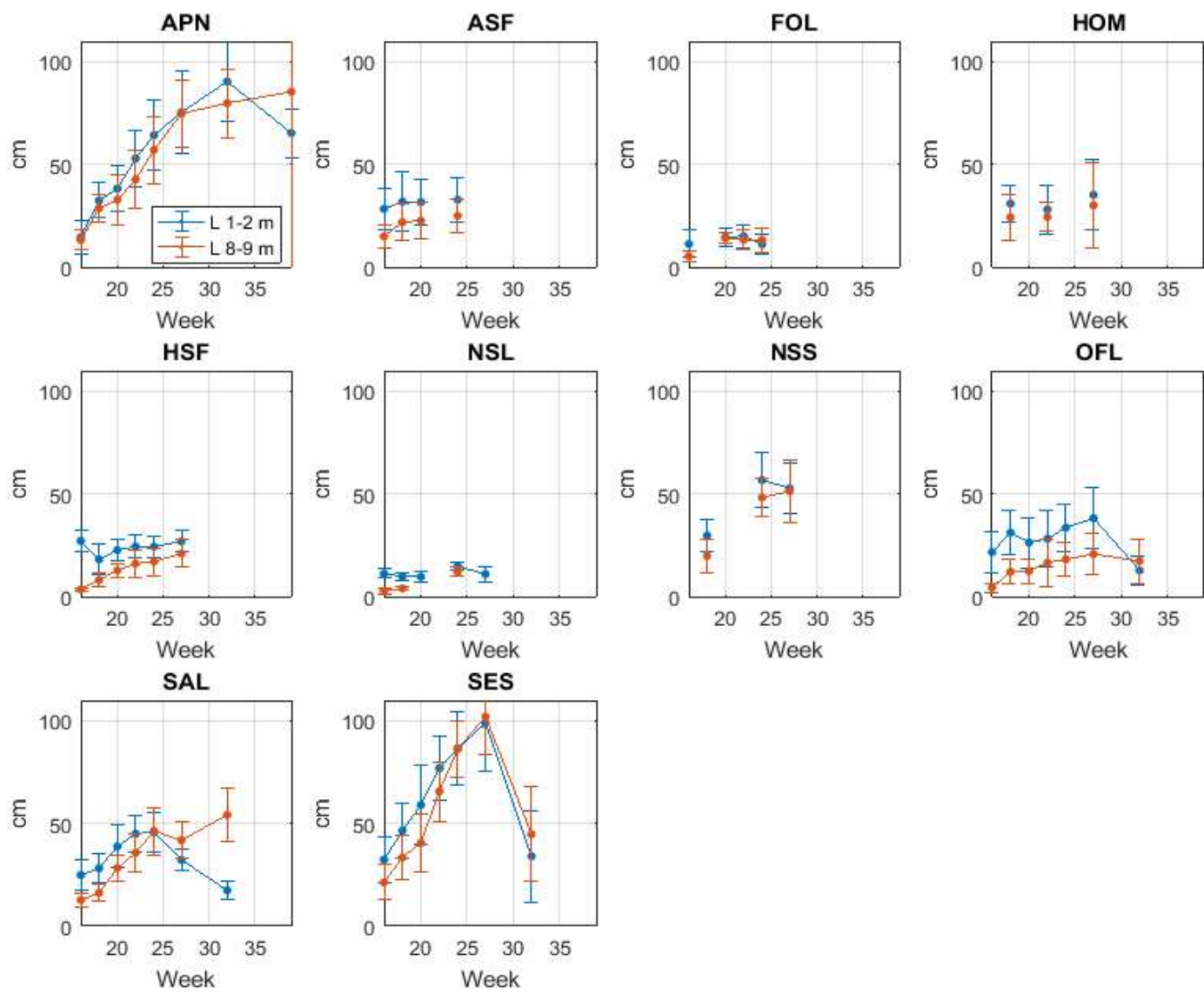
Week 24

Week 27

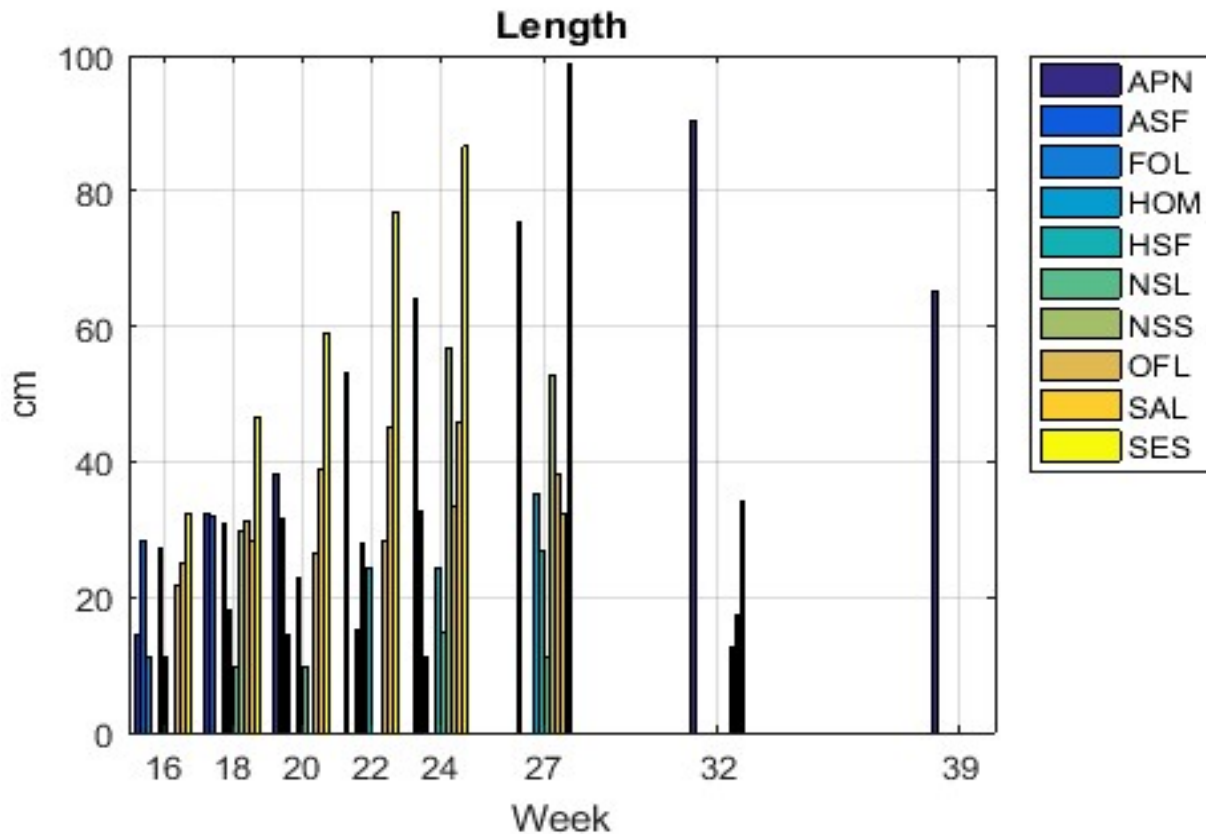
Week 32

Week 36

Week 39



Comparison of growth between the locations





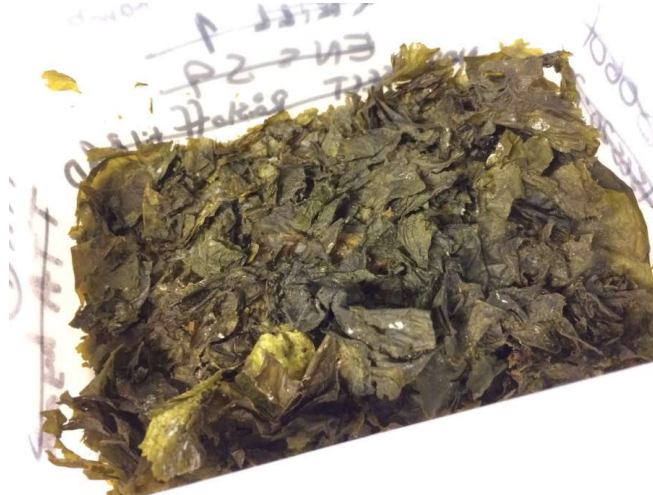
Processing of samples in the lab

- The samples were transported frozen from all locations to Trondheim after the last registrations
- Samples are freeze dried prior to further analysis

Freeze dried sample from week 16



Freeze dried sample from week 20



Freeze dried sample from week 32



- A few samples have too little biomass to run all the planned analysis (especially from the 1. and 2. registrations).
- Samples with biofouling will give a result that will differ from the other weeks

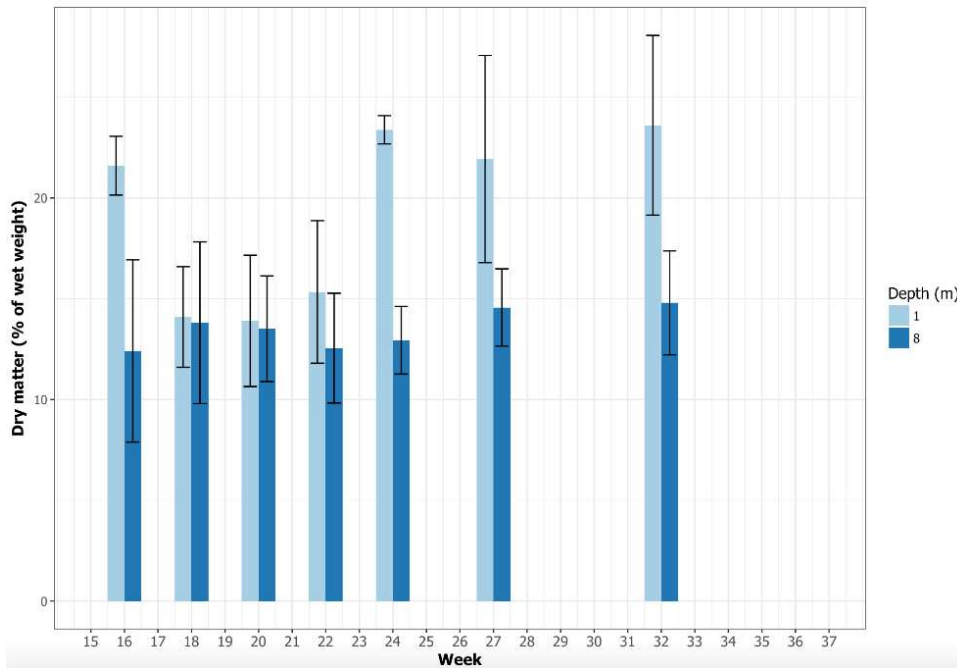
Analysis

- Amino acids
- Internal nitrate
- CN
- Carbohydrates
- Heavy metals
- Inorganic arsenic (As)
- Iodine
- Polyphenols
- NMR
- Dry matter/ash

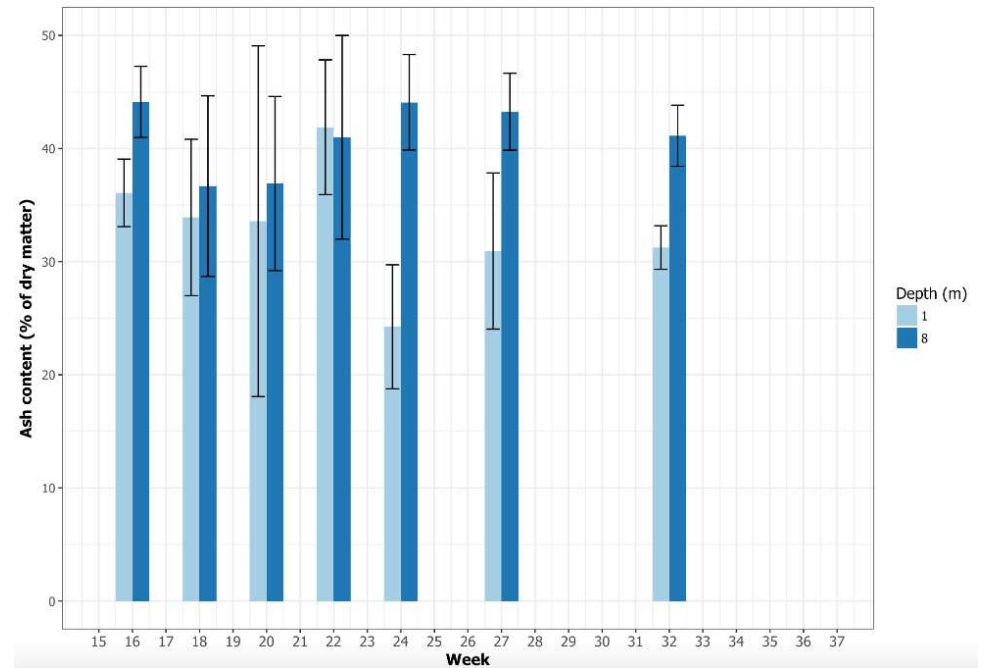


Dry matter and ash content

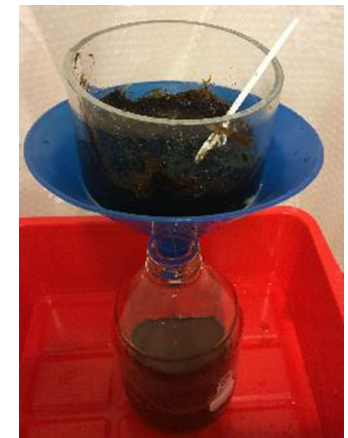
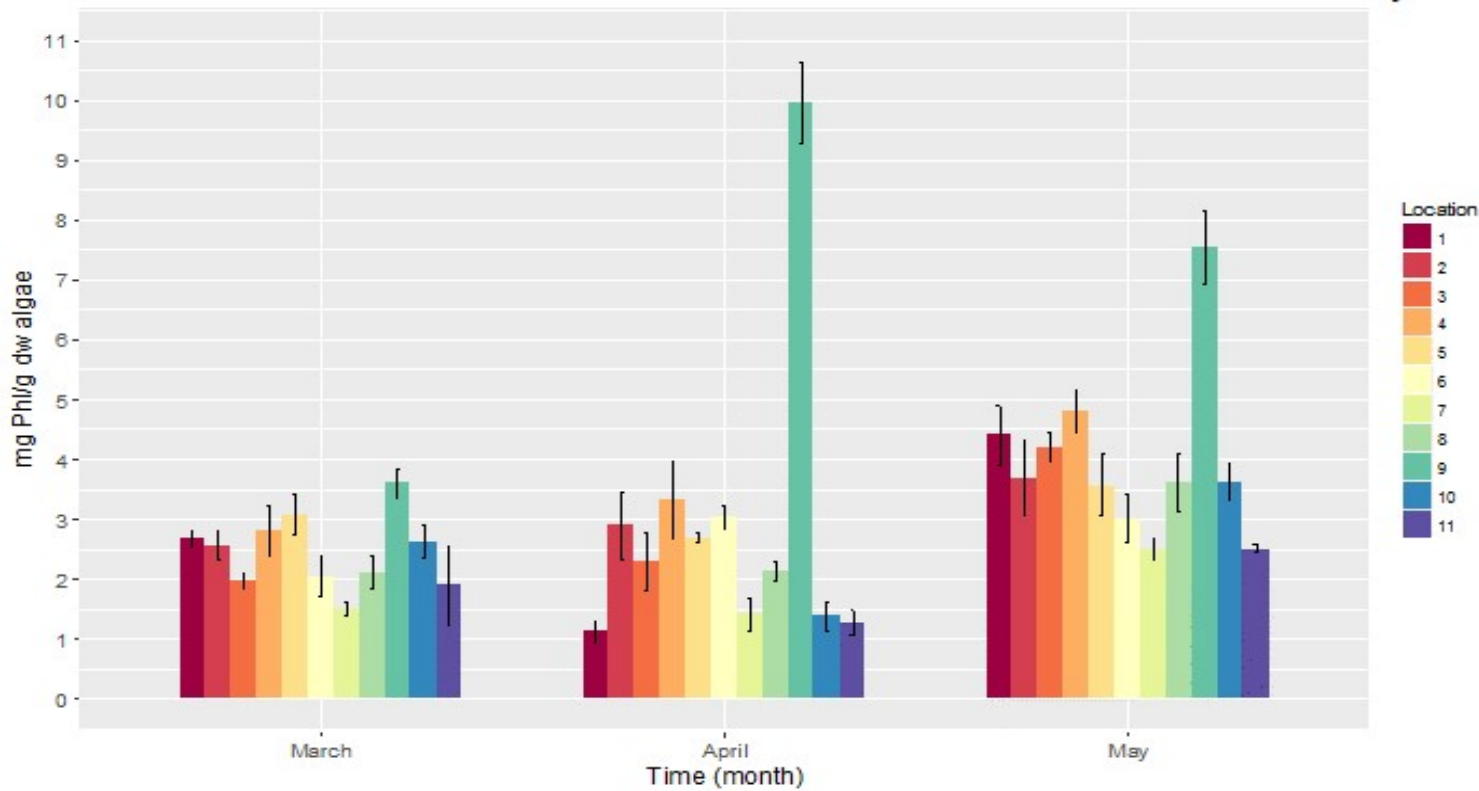
Dry matter 1-2m and 8-9m depth



Ash content 1-2m and 8-9m depth



Phlorotannin content in seedlings from the different locations



Monitoring Program 2018

- Decided not to run the whole program for another year
- Too time- and resource demanding
- Seaweed will be deployed in Trondheim and Tromsø where the PhD's will have other experiments going on





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