

Report Salfar Final Conference in Groningen, Netherlands

[SalFar's](#) final conference on 5 and 6 April 2022 was the event to present findings and results of 5 years of successful co-operation across the North Sea Region. With a focus on testing the salt tolerance of various crops, like potatoes, carrots, onions, cabbages results have been achieved surprising farmers and scientists alike. The conference took place in the charming Grand Theatre in Groningen, which also marked the end of the project. The event was hosted by SalFar's lead partner, Province of Groningen, who had arranged an event filled with inspirational presentations, excursions and panel discussions.

The conference, which was attended by around 120 participants, spotlighted some of the results achieved in the SalFar project, and the participants could also take home some concrete ideas, tools and practical information on how to start using saline crops through the [Inspiration Guide on Saline Farming](#), which neatly pulls together knowledge on saline farming from the farming community, farmers, farming advisors and other interested parties and summarises the lessons learned in the SalFar project.

In the evening there was a saline dinner prepared by chef Flang in de Pan.

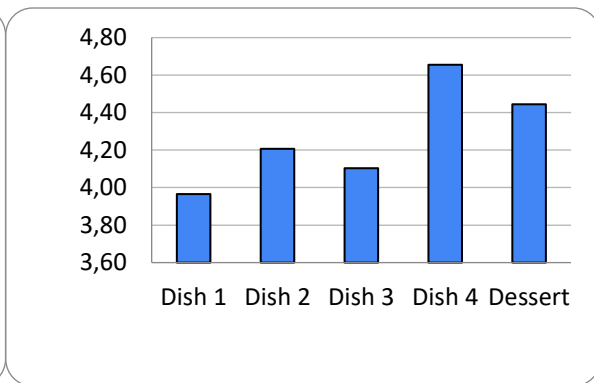
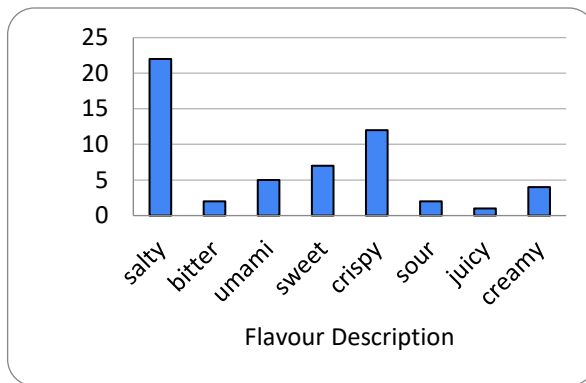
Menu

1. Vegan oyster, fish fingers & oyster leaf
2. Multi colour beet root tartar with crispy ice plant and pickled veggies in brine with tomato vinegar
3. Spiced kale & spinach soup with fresh labneh
4. Mashed saline potato with fresh seabass, topped with caramelized carrots and gremolata of salicornia, sea aster, lemon , and garlic
5. Drak chocolate mousse with salicornia caramel sailor bonbon

Results of the tasting survey

Partners of the SalFar and SALAD project tasted unique saline products. Flavour expectations and descriptions were questioned with crispy and, obviously, salty as dominant flavours. Overall scores (1-5) were given for each dish and nearly everyone would eat saline products more often and would recommend them!





Agenda SalFar and SALAD project meetings 3 - 4 April 2022

Sunday, 3 April

Afternoon: SALAD project meeting

- Arrival SALAD partners
- WP1: Soil – water – plant interactions & models under distinct pedoclimatic conditions (moderator: Cherki/hybrid)
- WP2: Production pilots and nutritional characterization of saline crops' products (moderator: Giulia)
- Steering Group meeting
- Scientific Committee meeting
- Arrival SalFar partners
- Welcome dinner for all SalFar and SALAD partners

Monday, 4 April

Afternoon: SALAD and SalFar partners meet

- Presentation project SALAD (Kate Negacz)
- Presentation SalFar project "Building a community of science and practice in the North Sea Region" (Angelica)
- Preliminary results and future challenges. Discussion both projects