

# MaCuMBA



## Kick-starting a study of unidentified marine microorganisms: First Newsletter of the MaCuMBA project released

Press Release

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A new research project that aims to uncover the untold diversity of marine microbes using cultivation-dependent strategies has released its first newsletter.

The Marine Microorganisms: Cultivation Methods for Improving their Biotechnological Applications (MaCuMBA) project is a four-year FP7 funded project which aims to study unidentified marine microorganisms.

The first issue of *MaCuMBA Project News* features an introduction to the MaCuMBA project; an interview with project coordinator Prof Lucas Stal of the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ); an in-brief look at some projects relating to the study of marine microorganisms which have been making the news; and information on the MaCuMBA kick-off meeting, held in Amsterdam.

### More information:

Prof. Stal is available for interview.

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### Note to Editors

**MaCuMBA** is led by the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ) and is a joint venture of 23 partner institutions from 11 EU countries with the common aim to uncover the untold diversity of marine microbes using cultivation-dependent strategies. **MaCuMBA** aims to improve the isolation rate and growth efficiency of marine microorganisms from conventional and extreme habitats by applying innovative methods and using automated high-throughput procedures. AquaTT is the communication and dissemination partner for the project.

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