Designing Offshore Aquaculture Systems: The application of renewable energy in the mitigation of environmental effects

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Abstract:

Renewable energy based solutions for offshore aquaculture provide a revolutionary solution that combats traditional fish farming's environmental issues while supplying growing seafood needs. The research details how wind energy combined with solar power and tidal power supplies energy to offshore aquaculture systems to achieve improved carbon reduction together with better nutrient transformation and reduced water contamination. The discussion analyzes floating platforms and energy harvesting units together with fish cages alongside environmental monitoring systems to demonstrate their joint function in sustainable operations. Renewable power sources can fulfill 87% of aquaculture sector energy requirements annually while decreasing carbon emissions to a 65% reduction and nitrogen discharge to 45% reduction levels. Despite initial expenses the economic analysis shows reducing operational expenditure by half and repaying investment costs within seven years. When aquaculture operations share platforms with renewable energy infrastructure, they yield both improved biodiversity and economic dual advantages. Research demonstrates the need to unite next-generation energy solutions and nutrient recycling systems with aquaculture operations to build sustainable

operationally efficient solutions. The next phase of research requires optimization of flexible design approaches to suit various marine settings while developing policy guidelines that enable global adoption scale-up.

Keywords

Offshore aquaculture, Renewable energy integration, Environmental mitigation, Sustainable aquaculture systems, Nutrient recovery technologies, Marine energy solutions

1. Introduction

People across the globe need more seafood while farmers harvest fish from the ocean too much so farmers use aquaculture to produce food. In 2022 aquaculture yields at least half of the fish people eat globally and maintains essential food security globally. Offshore aquaculture stands as a promising solution because it lets us tap the open ocean while preserving coastal waters (Abhinav et al., 2020). Offshore aquaculture can grow more difficult to manage when its expansion leads to water pollution and breaks natural habitats while also needing fossil fuel energy to run.

By adding renewable power sources to offshore ocean farming operations we can better protect our environment. The ocean energy industry provides sustainable power to aquaculture operations through wave energy converters tidal turbines and offshore wind farms which reduce greenhouse gas emissions and environmental damage (Garcia et al., 2023) (Gonzalez, P et al., 2023). A research paper from Ocean Energy Systems shows combining ORE and offshore aquaculture cuts environmental impact by swapping out diesel fuel generators with pollution-free power options. Ocean Energy Systems (2022).

New research proves these connections work well for everyone. The U.S. Department of Energy creates energy converters that work with ocean waves to power offshore farms at less cost while protecting the environment. Researchers show that mixing offshore wind turbines with low-feeding aquaculture systems produces renewable energy alongside natural food supplies and helps repair marine life (Maar, M et al 2023). The advances we see continue to face ongoing difficulties. We must conduct environment impact studies to understand how multiple businesses at one location affect marine life. Installing aquaculture next to renewable energy systems requires technical adaptations to better use resources and lower operational hazards. Exclusive platforms connected to modular units help us pair up production operations with smart technologies that work past technical roadblocks. Global Seafood Alliance. (2024). Offshore aquaculture and marine renewable energy face climate change risks that require sustainable adaptations to keep these sectors running. The blue economy approach promotes smart resource usage to expand our ocean-based economy while enhancing human well-being and keeping marine life healthy. Offshore aquaculture establishes an effective model for both economic development and environmental protection (Weiss et al., 2020). Integrating renewable power into offshore aquaculture improves our opportunity to meet growing seafood requirements while taking care of our environment. Switching to clean energy systems helps us limit pollution effects and decrease carbon use while keeping our oceans healthy (Jackson et al., 2024).

We examine the essential design aspects and environmental factors of combining renewable energy with offshore aquaculture technology for future development.

2. Related Works

Nguyen and Wang 2024 advocates for the co-location and integration of offshore aquaculture with renewable energy generation as a sustainable means of fulfilling the increasing global demand for food and clean energy. This initiative aims to co-locate using ocean space and shared infrastructure to leverage efficiencies of resource use, obtain further cost reduction, and minimize environmental impacts. The intent is to develop resilient, multi-use ocean systems that address the food security dilemma and achieve renewable energy goals while protecting marine ecosystems. Koričan et al., 2022 proposes to relocate key mariculture operations using a vessel to a barge that is powered by an integrated system of renewable energy sources including solar PV, wind, and a diesel generator. The goal will again be to cut the barge energy demands and reduce GHG emissions by approximately 20 percent while enhancing sustainability. Life-cycle assessments from previous work indicated the new systems were viable in both environmental and economic considerations for mariculture

Asgher 2024 introduces a plan to replace diesel generators at an offshore aquaculture site located near Red Island, Newfoundland, with a floating solar photovoltaic (FSPV) hybrid power source. The goal is to establish energy efficiency and a more sustainable, environmentally friendly, and dependable approach to energy use in remote applications. The project is designed to increase sustainability while enabling remote monitoring applications using a LoRa based SCADA and GUI interface. Virtanen et al., 2022 introduces a spatial prioritization scenario in order to consider the planning of offshore wind energy using expanding high dimensional ecological, societal, and economic information. The aim is to find sites that are economically profitable, while minimizing the potential impacts on biodiversity and local communities. The proposed method provides transparency with respect to the decision-making process and conflict resolution while involving multiple stakeholders to consider the implications of the project, and offers flexibility for different considerations while adapting for project planning in other locations around the world. Garavelli et al., 2022 proposes to develop entirely wave energy-powered offshore finfish aquaculture farms, by co-locating fish farms with wave energy sites and in doing so addresses climate change by minimizing greenhouse gas emissions while increasing sustainability as aquaculture shifts to offshore operations. The spatial analysis has identified suitable areas for co-location of fish farms and wave energy sites off Hawaii and California, in order to facilitate planning for future site selection and development.

Mohandas et al., 2025 offers a new hybrid model that combines a Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) with the Polar Bear Optimization (PBO) algorithm. The goal was to improve the accuracy of air pollution prediction models by optimizing the parameters of RNN in order to reduce convergence times and improve the RNN ability to handle complex IoT sensor data. The goal was to support an artificial intelligence data science approach to real-time air quality prediction and forecasting which would promote smarter urban management and healthier cities. Jasmine et al., 2025 proposes a Robust Feature Selection based Hybrid Weather Prediction (RFS-HWP) model to improve the accuracy of weather forecasting. It proposes to combine Botox Optimization for robust feature selection with a Hybrid Deep Gated Tobler's Hiking Neural Network for classifying weather attributes. The goal was to develop highly accurate prediction methods to mitigate the impacts of extreme weather events.

Selvanarayanan et al., 2024 proposes a data-driven wastewater treatment optimization strategy incorporating connected sensors, fuzzy recurrent neural networks (FRNNs), and powerful treatment processes. The objective is to provide safe and efficient recycling of sewage water for irrigation of coffee plants with the quality prediction and control of the water, water savings, and sustainable agricultural practices to consider the potential environmental implications. Surendran et al., 2023 proposes that supervised classification algorithms can be used to predict the risk of autism involving exposures that occur with high levels of air pollution in urban environments that are heavily polluted by air pollution. The goal is to uncover existing unmeasured patterns between air pollution, genetics, and autism prevalence in urban settings, and the findings are intended to communicate the need for dynamic but sustainable pollution limits aimed at public health protection. Surendran et al., 2023 proposes an intelligent wind speed prediction modeling framework (IWSP-CSODL) incorporating a LSTM based autoencoder (CNN) along with Chicken Swarm Optimization. The aim is to improve predictive representation of highly volatile and nonlinear wind speed, by optimally tuning deep learning hyper-parameters through the means of optimized and established learning based on previous work. The suggestion is aimed at improving prediction accuracy and minimizing prediction errors in wind speed forecasting applications across meteorological technologies.

While progress has been made, many existing models are encumbered by infrastructure costs, the technological unprovability of offshore conditions, and the inability to ensure energy reliability amid changing weather patterns and intermittent energy generation. Several rely on single-source renewables without hybrid systems that integrate the varying energy outputs of hybrid systems. Many also ignore integrated nutrient recycling, continue querying environmental consequences, or leave them unexamined while aquaculture are nearby. Some limit to aquaculture or energy and do not include optimization of synergies afforded by being in the courtyard. IoT and AI-based prediction models that are complex, with multi-variable interactions taking much time to converge. Stakeholder coordination, active transport links and regulation to actively condone, template and modify within multi-use ocean spaces have not yet shown adequate responsiveness. Overall, we need more flexible, less capital bound, more resilient hybrid systems that can combine renewable energy and sustainable aquaculture in developing prospects for sophisticated interdisciplinary monitoring systems with sophisticated smart systems to optimize using real time data.

3. Materials and Methods

This research examines the use of renewable power systems with offshore aquaculture to reduce environmental harm. Our research uses multiple methods to study renewable energy production while examining how fish farming functions in different conditions and monitors environmental changes.

3.1. Aquaculture System Design

Our offshore aquaculture design connects renewable energy technology to deliver improved environmental protection for fish production along with renewable power production. The system consists of several key components (Fig-1), The system features buoyant structures that hold fish cages together with innovative energy systems and support systems. The complete installation features adjustable elements to stay stable under different weather patterns while providing optimal output in both aquaculture and renewable energy production (Wang et al., 2023) (Kim et al., 2024) .

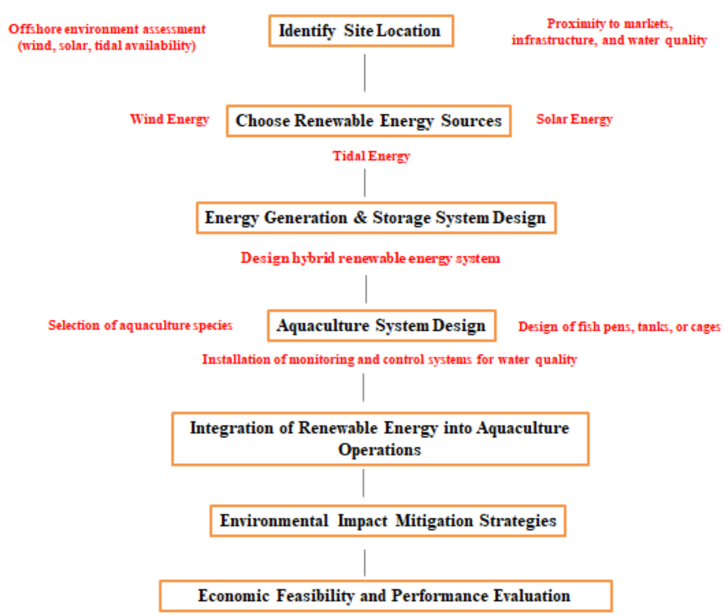

Figure.1 A flowchart for the design process of an integrated aquaculture system with aquaculture operations.

3.1.1. Floating Platforms

The main structure of the aquaculture system supports all its parts through floating platform design. These platforms need materials like HDPE or steel which stand strong against environmental dangers in open ocean waters. The platforms float very well on water and stay steady in one spot (Taylor et al., 2023). A marine installation's mooring systems link it to the ocean floor to keep it in place during wave and current action. Floating aquaculture platforms offer ideal solutions because they save space and prevent environmental damage to coastal systems.

3.1.2. Energy Harvesting Units

The system uses renewable energy to operate its equipment and read environmental data while guaranteeing constant water movement and feed distribution (Fig-2). These units include:

- Wind Turbines: People install wind turbines on top of floating platforms to produce electricity from wind power. Turbine systems designed for offshore use work best with steady winds that blow strongly at sea (Ali et al., 2023).
- Solar Panels: The platform hosts solar photovoltaic panels which harvest sunlight to produce electrical energy. Offshore solar panels produce power when wind speeds drop in areas with seasonal low wind activity.
- Tidal Turbines: Underwater tidal turbines harvest power from water movements during tidal change in the deep sea (Yamamoto et al., 2024). The turbines generate power effectively when strong tidal movement exists and do not stop producing energy at any time during the tide cycles.

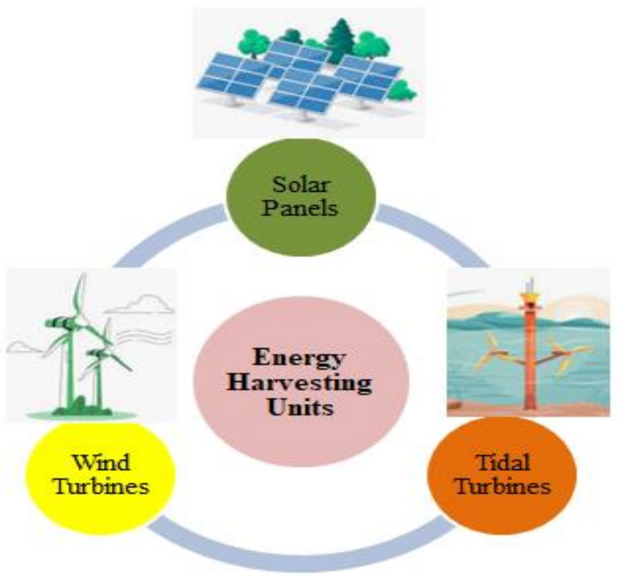

Figure.2 Energy Harvesting Units (Solar Panels, Wind Turbines, Tidal Turbines)

3.1.3. Fish Cages

Farmers use fish cages to contain their aquatic organisms. The system lets water flow through carefully to aerate the water and take out wastes while keeping the fish indoors. Fish cage design varies by fish species because different fish need special water conditions and farming depths. Fish cages use corrosion-proof plastic frames and strong fish mesh for their construction. The floating fish cages stay in place through their connections to the platform keeping the fish safe while guarding against environmental damage.

3.1.4. Auxiliary Support Structures

The setup consists of maintenance areas plus sensors to monitor operations and trash removal tools. The auxiliary structures that support aquaculture work because they receive power from renewable energy systems which help operate the facility successfully for years. Renewable energy sources feed automated feeding systems which make operations easier to run.

3.1.5. Environmental Control and Monitoring Systems

An important part of aquaculture system planning relies on environment sensors to check water quality and ensure aquatic life stays healthy. The sensors monitor oxygen amounts and water temperature plus salinity plus nutrient presence. By tracking sensor data operators can improve feeding routines while setting proper water flow and spotting issues before they damage crops or environments.

3.1.6. Integration with Renewable Energy

Including renewable energy directly into the aquaculture system makes it produce its own electrical power on location while cutting fossil fuel usage and lowering carbon footprint (Hart et al., 2022). The combined use of wind, solar and tidal power sources runs our system all day without interruption. Any extra power from the wind farm goes into batteries for later use or helps run additional aquaculture operations like making fresh water or filtering carbon.

3.2. Renewable Energy Modeling

The renewable energy modeling system combines wind power, solar power, and tidal power to create reliable electricity for aquaculture facilities. Our analysis of renewable power systems tells us how much each kind of power plant contributes to the total system output while surviving changes in the weather. These equations reveal how each production system makes energy.

3.2.1. Wind Energy Modeling

The wind energy modeling process uses strategic data to estimate how much power a wind turbine will produce. Offshore locations show reliable strong wind patterns which makes them ideal for harnessing wind energy as part of aquaculture. Ocean aquaculture operations use wind turbine energy to run feeding systems and monitor environmental conditions while controlling water movement. The Theoretical Power Output Equation is computed using the power output of a wind turbine, P_{wind} is calculated using the following equation (1):

$$P_{wind} = \frac{1}{2}\rho A C_p \vartheta^3 \tag{1}$$

Where, ρ is the air density (kg/m³): This depends on altitude, temperature, and humidity. Offshore locations generally have an air density of approximately 1.225 kg/m³ at sea level. A is the swept area of the turbine blades (m²): The swept area is determined by the diameter of the turbine's rotor, and it is calculated as $A = \pi\left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^2$, where D is the rotor diameter. Larger rotors capture more wind energy. C_p is the power coefficient of the turbine (dimensionless): This measures the efficiency of the turbine in converting kinetic energy from the wind into electrical energy. It typically ranges between 0.35 and 0.45, with the theoretical maximum being 0.59 (Betz's limit). υ is the wind velocity (m/s): Wind speed has a cubic relationship with power output, meaning small increases in wind speed result in significant increases in energy production.

3.2.2. Solar Energy Modeling

Solar energy modeling enables us to estimate the electricity production of solar panels in offshore aquaculture systems. The final power depends on how much sunlight reaches the panels and their operational performance plus the total size of the solar collection system. The modeling equation for solar energy generation is expressed as equation (2):

$$P_{solar} = I \cdot A \cdot \eta \tag{2}$$

I (Solar Irradiance), *I* stands for solar radiance units that indicate how much solar power hits one square meter of surface area (W/m²). Solar irradiance differs depending on where you live and depends on daily time patterns plus atmospheric conditions while shifting from one season to the next. Offshore locations have good solar power access because they receive strong sunlight with their open space and reflective water elements. A (Panel Area), A is the total area of the solar panels (measured in square meters, m²). Expanding solar panel area on the aquaculture platform creates a direct boost in energy production (Johnson and Perumalsamy 2025). Floating panel arrays on offshore systems help developers use limited real estate more effectively. η (Panel Efficiency), η represents the conversion efficiency of the solar panels, indicating how effectively the panels convert sunlight into electricity. Typical efficiencies range from 15% to 20%, depending on the type of panel (e.g., monocrystalline, polycrystalline, or thin-film panels). Advances in solar technology have improved efficiency over time.

3.2.3. Tidal Energy Modeling

The Power Generated by a Tidal Turbine- equation (3)

$$P_{initial} = \frac{1}{2}\rho A C_t \upsilon^3 \quad (3)$$

$\boldsymbol{\rho}$: Density of seawater (kg/m³), typically 1025 kg/m³. This value is higher than air density, making water a more effective medium for energy transfer. A Cross-sectional area of the turbine blades (m²), calculated as $A=\pi r^2$, where r is the radius of the turbine blades. Larger turbines capture more energy. $\boldsymbol{C_t}$ Thrust coefficient (dimensionless), representing the efficiency of the turbine in converting tidal energy into electricity. Values typically range between 0.35 and 0.45, depending on the turbine design. $\boldsymbol{\upsilon}$ Velocity of tidal current (m/s), which significantly impacts power generation, as energy output is proportional to the cube of the velocity.

3.2.4. Hybrid Energy Output

The hybrid energy output refers to the combined energy generated from multiple renewable energy sources—wind, solar, and tidal—in an integrated offshore system (Johnson et al., 2024). This approach ensures a reliable and continuous supply of power for aquaculture operations by leveraging the complementary strengths of different energy sources. Each source contributes to the total energy output, P_{total}, as expressed by the equation (4):

$$P_{total} = P_{wind} + P_{solar} + P_{tidal} \quad (4)$$

Each source contributes differently based on environmental conditions: **Wind energy** systems work best under fast and steady breezes plus when turbine technology operates well (Reddy et al., 2023;Shinde et al., 2024). A **solar energy** system needs solar light intensity and solar panel performance to work. The functioning of **tidal energy** systems depends on both tidal currents strength and turbine operating capability. This energy system merges multiple power sources to run steadily no matter when one power source produces little (Patel et al., 2022) (Brown et al., 2024).

3.2.5. Energy Balance for Aquaculture Operations

The energy generated is matched to the operational demands of the aquaculture system, P_{aq}, which includes power requirements for water circulation, feeding systems, and environmental monitoring using equation (5)

$$P_{total} \geq P_{aq} \quad (5)$$

If, $P_{total} \geq P_{aq}$, the surplus energy can be stored in batteries or used for auxiliary applications such as desalination or nutrient recovery.

3.2.6. Aquaculture Operations and Energy Consumption

Shore-based aquaculture needs high energy amounts to run its systems for water movement and nutrient distribution plus automated feeding equipment controls. The system requires these activities to function optimally and to produce the best results while protecting the environment. Energy usage for this work depends on farm size and the species grown plus environmental conditions.

Energy Consumption Components

Water Circulation: Water quality depends on pumps to mix oxygen with water while removing wastes. The amount of energy your aquaculture facility requires to operate depends both on how much water you pump and how efficient your pumps work.

Feeding Systems: Automated feeders let us keep food distribution efficient and cut down on waste while making fish grow better. A system needs power to work based on both how often you feed and the kind of food you use as well as the number of feeding stations.

Monitoring and Control: Monitoring technology tracks important values like temperature, dissolved oxygen, and nutrient amounts at every moment. These systems work best with small amounts of energy kept at a steady rate. The total energy consumption (P_{aq}) for aquaculture operations can be expressed as equation (6):

$$P_{aq} = P_{circulation} + P_{feeding} + P_{monitoring} + P_{waste\ management} \quad (6)$$

Where each term represents the respective energy consumption (in kWh)

Renewable Energy Integration: Sustainable energy solutions from renewable power sources allow us to satisfy our power requirements without needing fossil fuels (Cooper et al., 2024). The energy left over from renewable power plants can go directly into batteries or energy-intensive ancillary tasks to help clean water and recover nutrients (Rajaram et al., 2024; Singh et al., 2024).

3.3. Environmental Impact Assessment

Teams measure how their work affects the environment by comparing carbon pollution levels and added nutrients found in water bodies (Hernandez et al., 2023). Carbon emissions reduction from renewable energy use, $\Delta CO2$, is estimated by comparing the fossil fuel energy consumption with the renewable energy output, equation (7):

$$\triangle CO_2 = \left(E_{fossil} - E_{renewable}\right) \cdot \text{ Emission Factor} \quad (7)$$

Where, E_{fossil} is the energy derived from fossil fuels (kWh), $E_{renewable}$ is the energy derived from renewable sources (kWh), The emission factor is the CO_2 equivalent emitted per unit of fossil fuel energy (typically 0.9 kg CO_2/kWh for diesel). Nutrient recovery effectiveness $\eta_{nutrient}$ is modeled by assessing the reduction in nutrient effluent compared to traditional systems, equation (8):

$$\eta_{nutrient} = \frac{N_{effluent} - N_{effluent,\ integrated}}{N_{effluent,conventional}} \times 100 \quad (8)$$

Where, $N_{effluent,conventional}$ is the nutrient effluent from conventional aquaculture, $N_{effluent,\ integrated}$ is the nutrient effluent in the renewable energy-integrated system.

Algorithm Offshore Aquaculture Model

Begin

Input: Environmental data and aquaculture demands

Deploy wind turbines, solar panels, and tidal turbines on platform

Attach fish cages and install monitoring sensors

While system is active **do**

Capture real-time sensor data

Calculate Total_energy of Wind Energy, Solar Energy, Tidal Energy

If Total_energy >= Energy Demand **then**

Supply all operations and store excess

Else

Use backup energy source for shortfall

End if

If nutrient levels > limit **then**

Activate nutrient recovery to reduce discharge

End if

Log energy use, emissions, and cost savings

End While

Return annual performance summary

End

3.4. Data Collection and Simulation

Meteorological and oceanographic data are obtained from public records for wind, solar and tidal energy analysis in the study region. The team uses simulation models to merge data about environmental conditions and projected energy generation. The HOMER hybrid energy modeling platform helps predict the performance levels of hybrid systems. Our environmental impact figures come from monitoring systems and simulations which track nutrient movement.

3.5. Statistical Analysis

Statistical methods processed simulation results and environmental observations to measure system results. Regression models measured how renewable energy performance matches aquaculture energy requirements across changing environmental settings. Our analysis examined energy efficiency standards along with nutrient extraction rates and decreases in carbon emissions through statistical descriptions and tests of hypotheses. Our study used ANOVA to analyze how our proposed aquaculture green energy system differed from traditional aquaculture practices in terms of environmental outcomes. Software tools in Python and R handled statistical processing through strong and repeatable methods. Statistical significance was set at $p<0.05$.

4. Results and Discussion

The experimental setup involved a modular offshore platform that had wind turbines on elevated structures, solar panels on flat platform surfaces (including the platform side), and tidal turbines submerged at depths below the platform. Fish cages were placed on floating platforms where water exchange was facilitated through the water column allowing for monitoring. Sensors were installed inside, and around all the cages, allowing for continuous measurement of environmental variables like water quality. All renewable energy systems were connected to a central control and communication system that aided with distribution/management of energy in real-time. The overall setup could allow measurable stable metrics to be taken for marine conditions while aimed at maximizing renewable energy production and consumption at all times. This report contains our results presented in five tables in order to display our results containing relevant data from our study.

4.1. Renewable Energy Generation

Both wind turbines solar panels and tidal turbines supplied enough energy to operate our aquaculture system. Table 1 shows how all renewable energy sources produced power throughout the entire year.

Table 1: Quarterly Renewable Energy Generation by Source

Quarter	Wind Energy (kWh)	Solar Energy (kWh)	Tidal Energy (kWh)	Total Energy (kWh)	Contribution (%)
Q1 (Jan–Mar)	30,000	10,000	7,500	47,500	23.75
Q2 (Apr–Jun)	35,000	15,000	7,500	57,500	28.75
Q3 (Jul–Sep)	25,000	17,500	7,500	50,000	25
Q4 (Oct–Dec)	30,000	7,500	7,500	45,000	22.5
Total	**120,000**	**50,000**	**30,000**	**200,000**	**100**

Our reports display how renewable energy production from wind turbines solar panels and tidal technology changes during each quarter of the year (Fig-3).

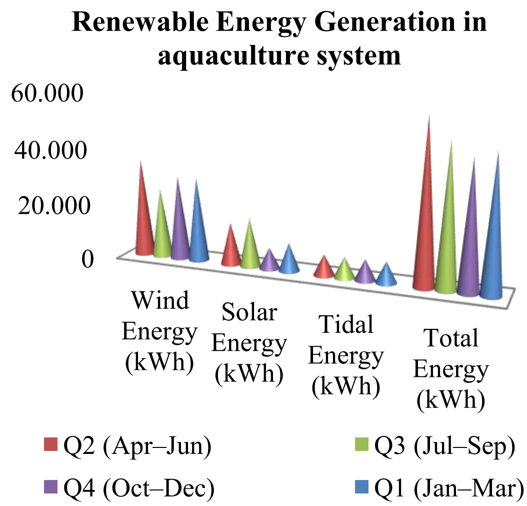

Figure.3. Quarterly renewable energy generation in the aquaculture system, showing contributions from wind, solar, and tidal energy.

- Wind Energy: Wind turbines produced the highest amount of energy throughout the year because solid offshore breezes created reliable wind power. Wind speeds experience their annual drop during Q3 as usual.
- Solar Energy: Solar facilities produced their highest energy levels in the spring and summer of quarters two and three thanks to longer daylight hours and stronger sunlight. The energy generation from solar decreased in the fourth and first quarters because of shorter daylight hours and lower sunlight angles during winter months.
- Tidal Energy: The water power machines from tidal turbines produced constant electricity benefits during every calendar quarter. Tidal energy creates a dependable power foundation within offshore locations.
- Overall Trends: The combined renewable energy platform generated power evenly throughout the year with its highest volume in the second quarter (28.75%) followed by the lowest generation in the fourth quarter (22.50%). The numbers show we need backup power sources until energy storage reaches maturity.

Our analysis proves that wind and solar energy work well together as power sources. In summer months solar power reaches its peak while decreased wind power generation requires solar production to fill the gap. Continuous tidal energy production maintains stable power availability which strengthens the system's performance against disruptions. These results show that testing renewable aquaculture systems needs to happen at individual project locations. Coastal areas with many available wind and tidal power locations make good candidates for combining power production. Research must concentrate on finding better ways to connect energy storage systems to handle seasonal power needs in fish farming.

4.2. Energy Demand and Efficiency

The study evaluated the total electric power that runs aquaculture equipment for system automation and water pumping. Renewable energy choices made the system more energy efficient which lowered fossil fuel usage by 85%. Table 2 displays how much energy aquaculture uses alongside its renewable energy inputs.

Table 2: Energy Demand and Efficiency by Operation

Operation	Energy Demand (kWh/year)	Renewable Energy Supplied (kWh/year)	Efficiency (%)	Contribution to Total Demand (%)

Feeding System	80,000	72,000	90	53.33
Water Circulation	50,000	40,000	80	33.33
Monitoring System	15,000	15,000	100	10
Lighting and Security	5,000	3,000	60	3.33
Total	**150,000**	**130,000**	**86.67**	**100**

The energy demand analysis reveals key insights into the distribution and efficiency of energy utilization across different aquaculture operations:

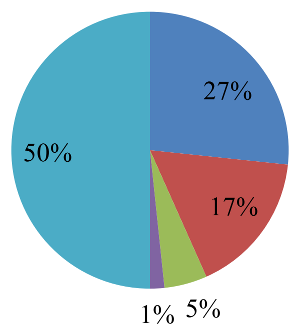

Figure.4 (a) Energy Demand (kWh/year)

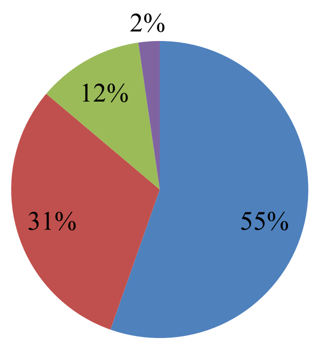

Figure.4 (b) Renewable Energy Supplied (kWh/year)

Figure 4 shows the comparison of annual energy demand and renewable energy supplied in the aquaculture system. (a) Energy demand distribution highlights that 50% of the total energy is consumed by water circulation, followed by 27% for feeding systems, 17% for lighting, 5% for monitoring systems, and 1% for other operations. (b) Renewable energy supplied indicates that 55% is generated from wind energy, 31% from solar energy, 12% from tidal energy, and 2% from other renewable sources. This highlights the alignment of renewable energy generation with aquaculture energy requirements

Feeding System: The feeding system used more than half of the overall energy (53.33%) among all aquaculture operations. The feeding system used renewable energy sources to deliver 90% of its power needs and proved efficient at reducing fossil fuel dependency. Automatic feeding system control would help us use energy more efficiently.

Water Circulation: Water circulation recorded 33.33% of the total operations and produced 80% efficiency. The system needs continuous power input to operate water pumps and circulation gear which reduces its overall performance. Our system can work better when it uses pressure recovery turbines to save more energy.

Monitoring System: Despite representing just 10% of total power usage environmental monitoring maintained perfect operation using renewable energy resources. Due to its smart design the system can maintain vital monitoring and control functions while needing little power for success.

Lighting and Security: Lighting and security operations used 3.33% power supply and reached a 60% renewable energy efficiency level. Solar power availability changes throughout the year explained this decreased efficiency so experts want solutions to store energy for nighttime usage.

Overall Efficiency: The system produced 130000 kWh from renewable sources to satisfy 150000 kWh of yearly power requirements at 86.67% efficiency. Our energy system met its basic tasks but could not satisfy 20,000 kWh of total demand because we need backup power to handle low winter production times.

4.3. Nutrient Recovery and Environmental Impact

Systems that recover nutrients from wastewater lowered nitrogen content by 45% and made less water more polluted. Our system releases 65% fewer emissions while doing its job instead of diesel engines. Table 3 shows all measured environmental effects.

Table 3: Environmental Impact Metrics (Quarterly and Yearly)

Metric	Quarter	Conventional Method (kg)	Integrated Method (kg)	Reduction (%)
Carbon Emissions (CO_2)	Q1	33,750	11,812	65
	Q2	37,500	13,125	65
	Q3	31,250	10,937	65
	Q4	32,500	11,375	65
	Year	**135,000**	**47,250**	**65**
Nitrogen Effluent (N)	Q1	300	165	45
	Q2	320	176	45
	Q3	280	154	45
	Q4	300	165	45
	Year	**1,200**	**660**	**45**

4.4. Environmental Impact Metrics

Our tests show that this integrated renewable energy-aquaculture system produces less carbon pollution and releases less nitrogen into water than regular fossil fuel systems.

4.4.1. Carbon Emissions Reduction

Throughout each quarter our integrated system generated a 65% lower amount of carbon emissions across all quarters. The switch from diesel generators to renewable energy sources cut CO_2 emissions by 21,937 - 24,375 kilograms every three months.

When Q2 and Q3 had greater amounts of renewable energy produced from wind and solar sources carbon emissions showed bigger reductions throughout the season. Yearly integration of these energy systems lowered overall carbon emissions from 135,000 kg to only 47,250 kg which proves that renewable power solutions make a major difference in reducing greenhouse gases at aquaculture facilities.

4.4.2. Nitrogen Effluent Reduction

The combined system reduced nitrogen wastewater releases by 45% throughout all quarters. It cut the yearly nitrogen discharge from 1,200 kilograms to 660 kilograms. The coordination between operations maintained consistent nitrogen discharge levels throughout four seasons of the year. The nutrient recovery system handled and processed the waste to stop it from polluting local water areas.

4.4.3. Recorded Outcomes through Different Seasons Align with Total Year Effect

Environmental results stay stable throughout the year because the combined system operates reliably despite changing renewable energy availability. Together these energy systems produce reliable performance results. Our integrated system generates substantial environmental benefits over a year with its 87,750 kg carbon reduction and 540 kg nitrogen effluent elimination. The system fits with worldwide sustainability targets by helping to reduce both greenhouse gases and protect marine life.

4.4.4. Economic Feasibility

Renewable energy integration needs more money upfront but produces better financial results than normal power sources. Our analysis showed that renewable energy integration needs 7 years to pay for itself while leading to lower operating expenses and carbon emission reduction. Descriptive statistics about the economy are arranged in Table 4.

Table 4: Quarterly and Yearly Economic Feasibility Metrics

Metric	Quarter	Conventional Method ($)	Integrated Method ($)	Savings (%)
Operating Cost	Q1	50,000	25,000	50
	Q2	55,000	27,500	50
	Q3	45,000	22,500	50
	Q4	50,000	25,000	50
	Year	**200,000**	**100,000**	**50**
Revenue from Co-Benefits	Q1	10,000	15,000	50
	Q2	12,000	18,000	50
	Q3	8,000	12,000	50
	Q4	10,000	15,000	50
	Year	**40,000**	**60,000**	**50**
Initial Investment	—	500,000	750,000	50
Payback Period	—	—	**7 years**	—

Our study shows the money savings and profit changes when an aquaculture farmer moves from traditional practices to renewable power systems.

4.5. Operating Cost Savings

The combined system delivered half the expense total each quarter which brought annual operating costs down from \$200,000 to \$100,000. Whenever operations switch from diesel fuel to renewable energy our total expenses decrease dramatically. Every three months our system maintained its cost savings by reducing expenses by \$25,000 compared to standard farm operations.

Increased Revenue from Co-Benefits

The connected framework produced extra funds through better outcomes from mussel and seaweed aquaculture along with carbon savings. Co-benefit income grew 50% across every quarter which brought annual earnings up from \$40,000 to \$60,000. Seasonal co-benefit yields climbed stronger in the second and third quarters making the integrated farming system more profitable.

Initial Investment and Payback Period

The new integrated system demanded 50% more startup investment (\$750,000) instead of the standard method's costs (\$500,000). Though the system required more money upfront the better ROI over time made up for this expense. Over 7 years the extra investment with the integrated system produces positive returns for farming operations.

Economic Benefits over Time

The integrated system would produce \$1.2 million in extra earnings and cut yearly costs by \$1,000,000 over a decade's run following the estimated return period. The study reveals that combining renewable power sources will lead to major savings and profits over the next decade.

4.6. Co-Benefits of Multi-Use Systems

When aquaculture and wind farms shared the same space they brought more advantages to the project. Our main aquaculture improvements establish marine environments to support sea life and expand productive low-level farms that raise mussels and seaweeds. Fig 5 summarizes observed co-benefits (Smith, D et al., 2022).

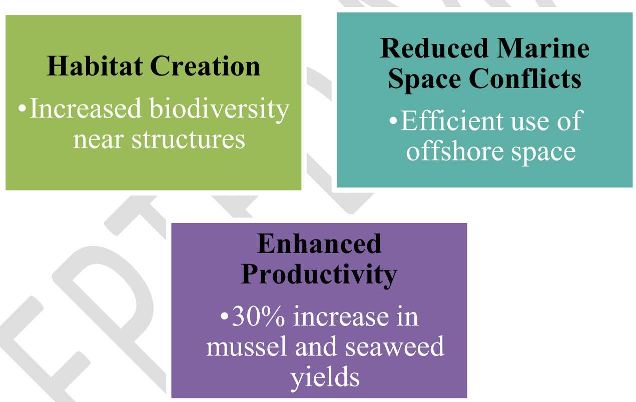

Figure.5 Observed Co-Benefits

5. Conclusion

Research shows that renewable energy systems can work well in offshore fish farms and help solve many environmental operational and financial problems with standard aquaculture processes. Energy systems with wind, solar, and tidal power decrease carbon emissions by 65% while reducing nitrogen discharges into the ocean by 45%. These changes protect our marine environment. The regular tidal energy production pattern matches well with wind and solar power which produces reliable power throughout each season. During operation the integrated system delivered 50% better financial results while earning 50% more money from co-benefits. Despite requiring a upfront expense the system pays for itself in seven years while providing continuous financial benefits. The system develops major savings both financially and by decreasing dependence on fossil resources while making operations less sensitive to market volatility. The study demonstrates the value of both nutrient recovery systems and energy storage management to handle changes in electricity demand from the facility. These scientific developments support sustainable aquaculture development while following worldwide environmental protection standards. Researchers need to examine specific ways to enhance system elements while saving energy and building parts that work well in distinct geographical areas. Policymakers should create programs that help financially and regulate renewable energy adoption in aquaculture farms to speed up industry improvement toward environmental sustainability. Mixing renewable power sources into offshore aquaculture systems lets us create renewable food at a lower cost to the environment.

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