Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Agriculture: A UK Perspective

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Action in the UK

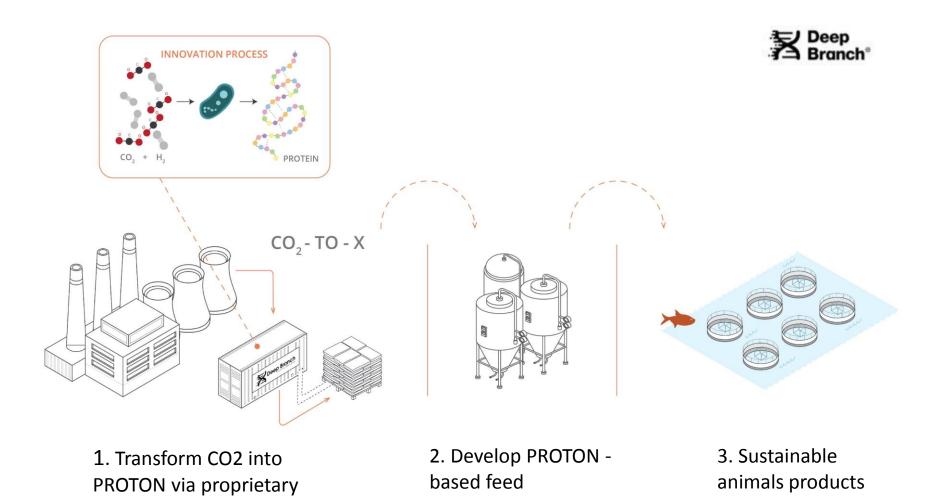
- Net zero by 2050
- Agriculture Bill
- Sustainable Farming Incentive
- 25 Year Environment Plan
- Research and Development
- £90m Transforming Food Production challenge





Innovative technologies: REACT-FIRST

- Converts CO2 to protein for animal feed.
- No requirements for arable land and minimal water usage.
- Less carbon intensive compared to fishmeal and soy imported from overseas
- Nutritional, vitamin rich food
- Reliable manufacturing



Source: <u>Technology – Deep Branch</u>

gas fermentation process





Supporting action abroad

- Sustainable Cattle Ranching Project in Colombia using Silvo Pastoral Systems techniques
- Cattle ranching is a big industry in Colombia
- Grazing cattle on open pasture is environmentally destructive and is economically inefficient
- It incentivises deforestation





Silvo Pastoral Systems (SPS) in Colombia

SPS techniques

- reverse land degradation
- sequester carbon dioxide
- · enable higher intensity cattle farming on existing farmland
- alleviate poverty

UK funding for this project:

- promoted SPS to induce cultural change
- trained farmers on financial management
- provided financial incentives through an environmental services mechanism.





Outcomes

- Biodiversity increased
- Prevented 1 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent emissions
- Raised milk productivity and livestock carrying capacity
- Increased farms incomes
- Inspired Colombian Government to double the sustainable cattle ranching target





<u>About Us – Deep Branch</u>

REACT-FIRST – Deep Branch

<u>DevTracker Project GB-GOV-13-ICF-0020-SPS (fcdo.gov.uk)</u>

25 Year Environment Plan - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

<u>Agriculture Act 2020 -</u> <u>Parliamentary Bills - UK Parliament</u>

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