



Algae
Service
for
Life

Baltic  Environment



*Prototype **ALGAE SERVICE L**
for cyanobacteria collection*

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Project title:

ALGAE – ECONOMY BASED ECOLOGICAL SERVICE OF AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS
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Algae Service L (AS-L)

What is Algae Service - L?

It is cyanobacteria harvesting prototype

State of Art technology

What is it for?

To collect cyanobacteria from inland water bodies

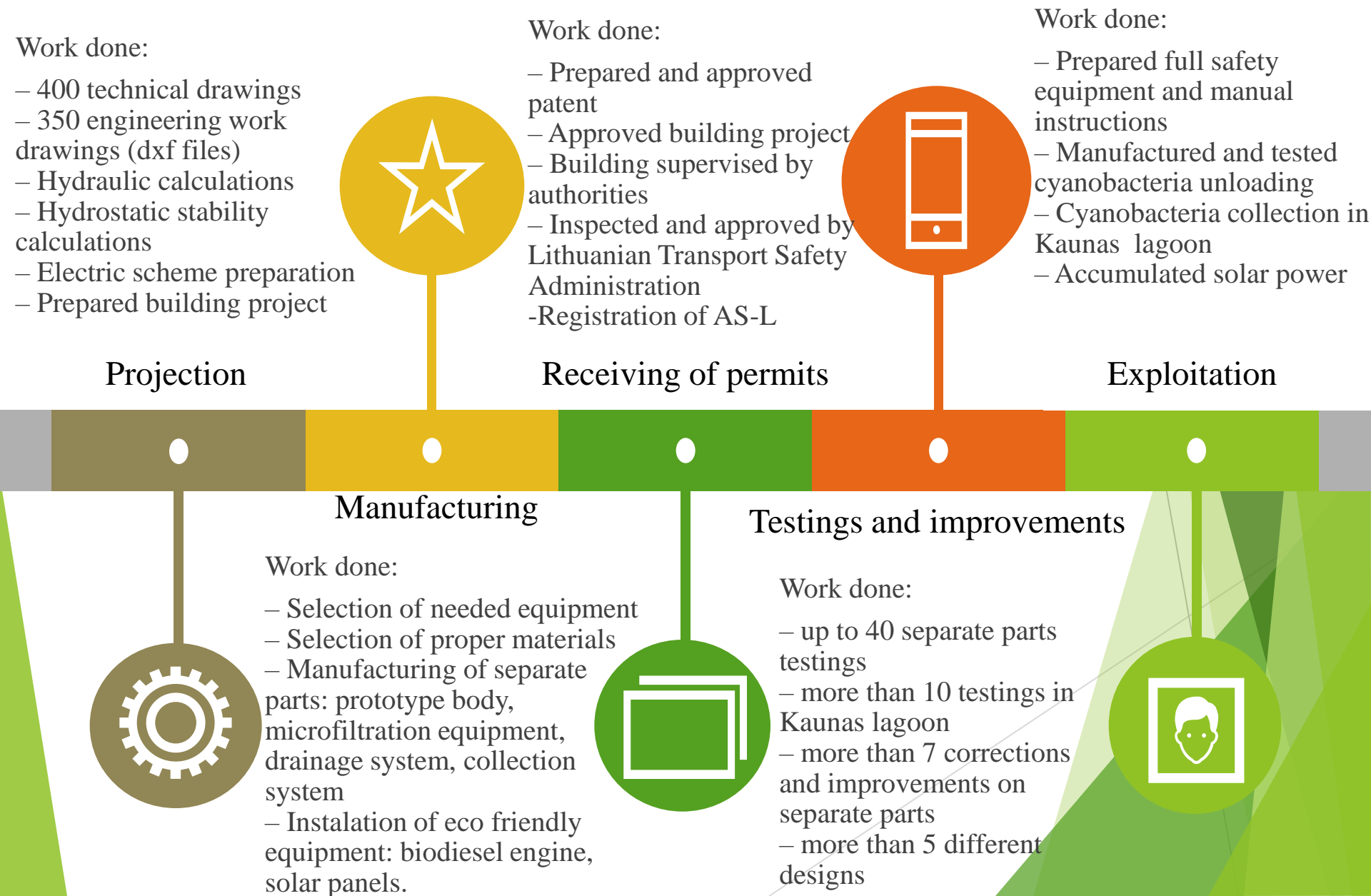
To clean inland water bodies, increase water bodies quality and help water fauna

What does the letter L at the end of prototype name mean?

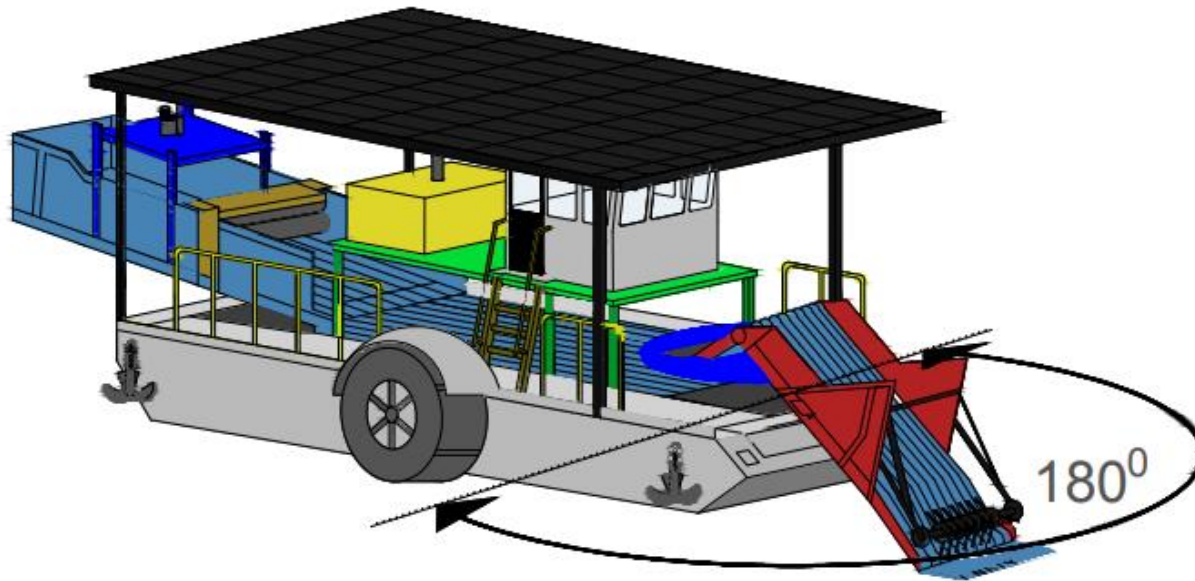
It means it is a **LARGE** harvester prototype

It has higher capacity to collect cyanobacteria from inland waters

Algae Service – L creation timeline (2020-2022)

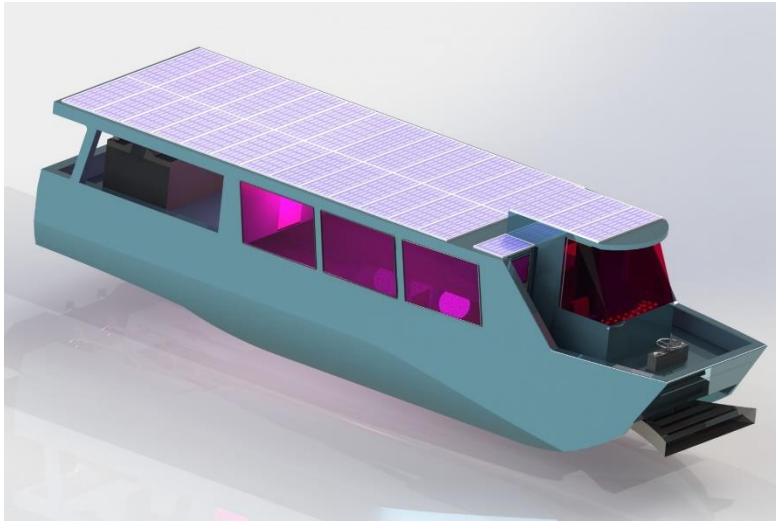


Algae Service L creation metamorphoses

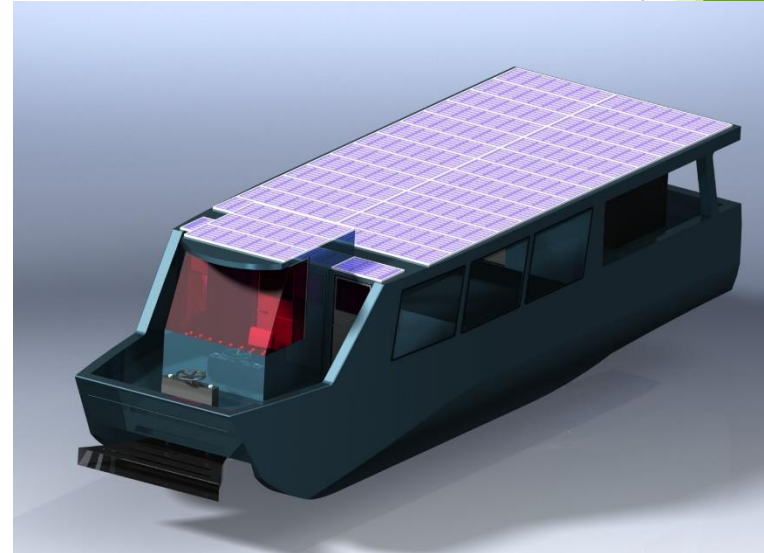


1st version of AS-L
LIFE Application- *The Winner (2018)*

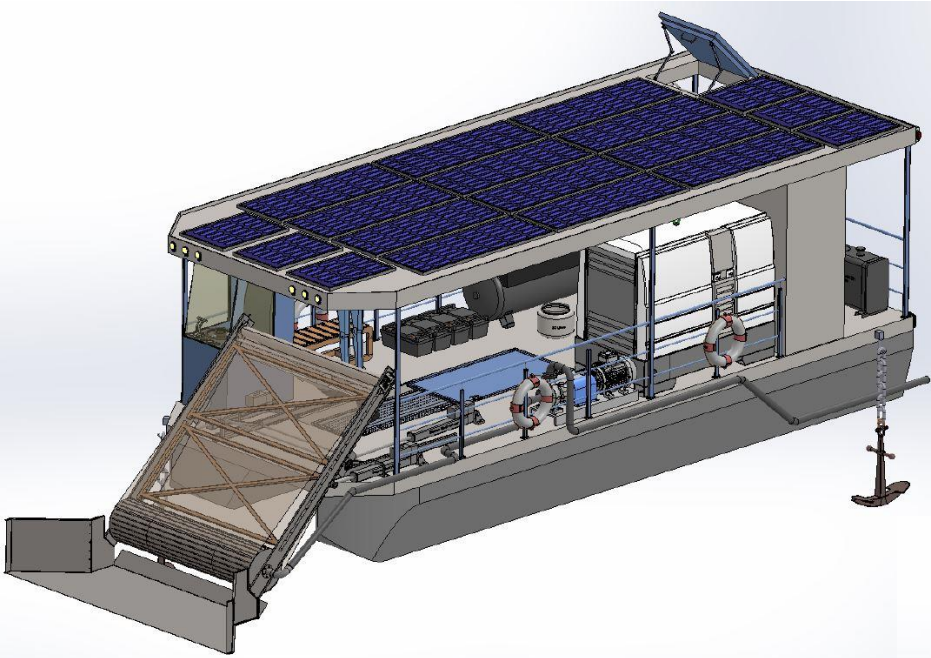
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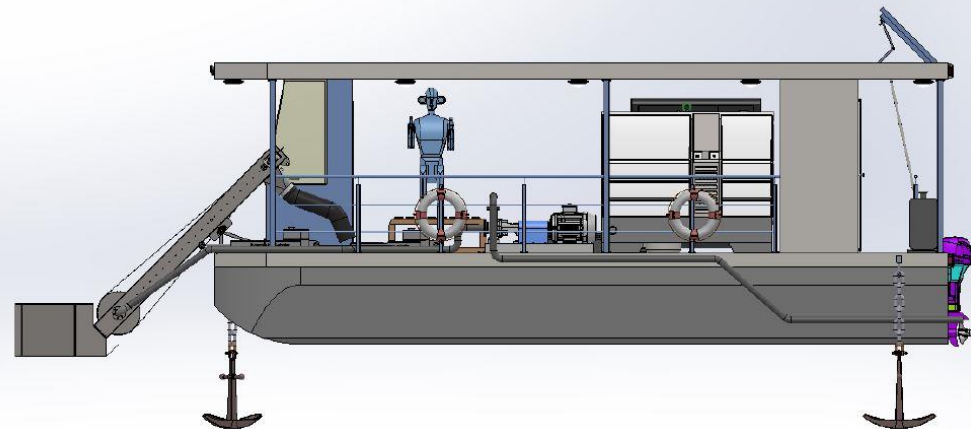
2nd version of AS-L



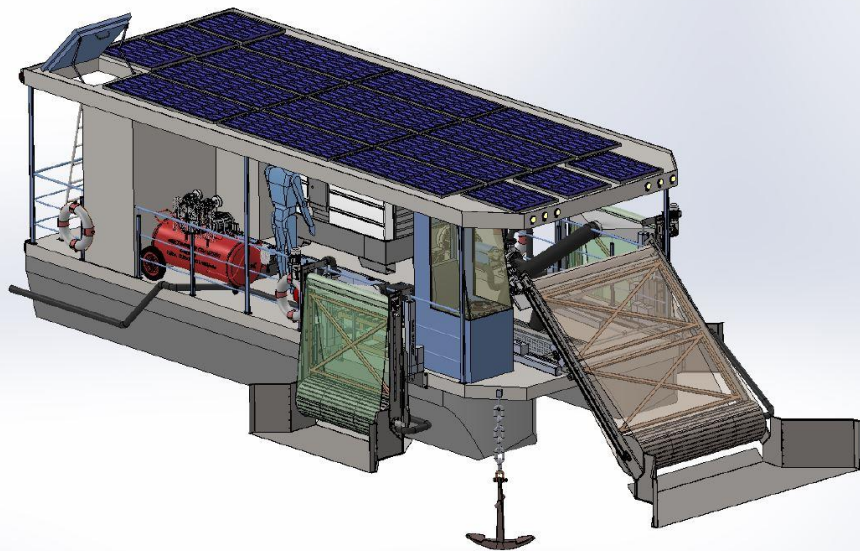
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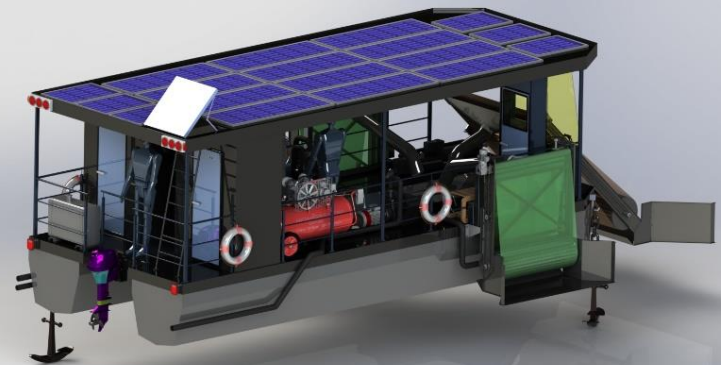
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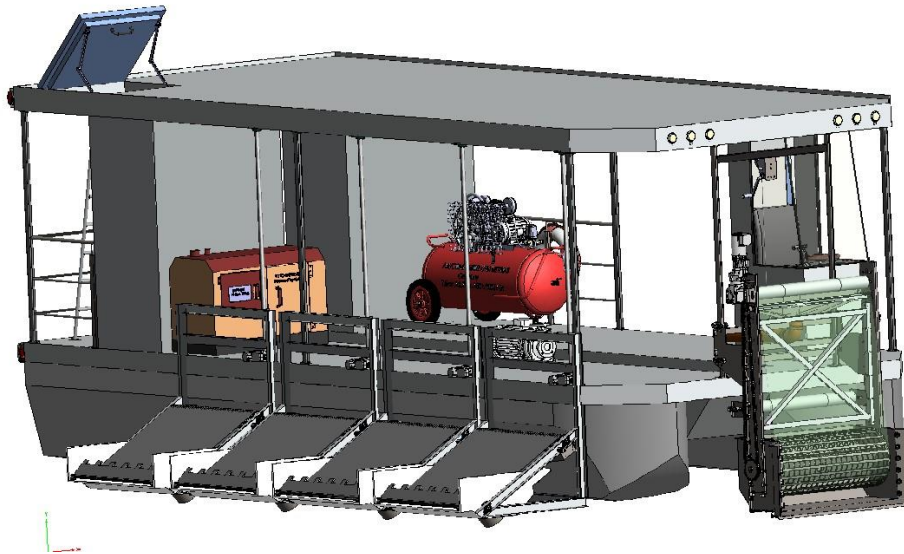
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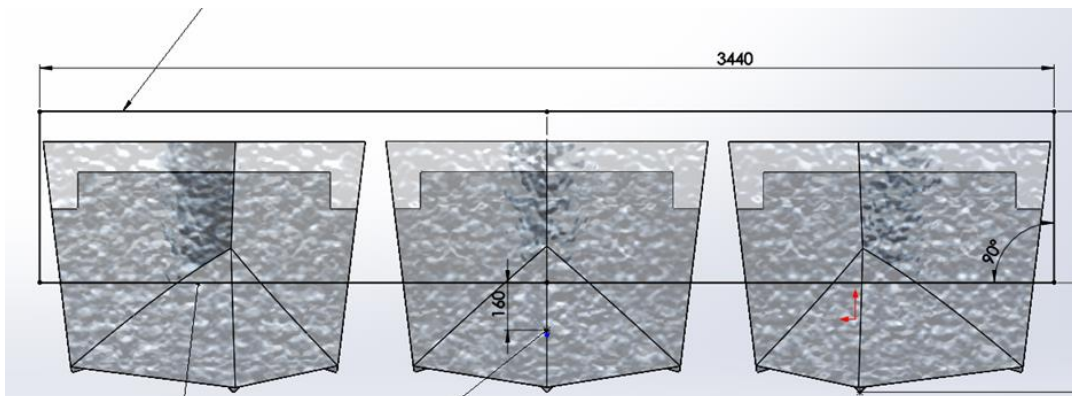
4th version of AS-L



Research, engineering design, calculations and again research...(2018-2020)

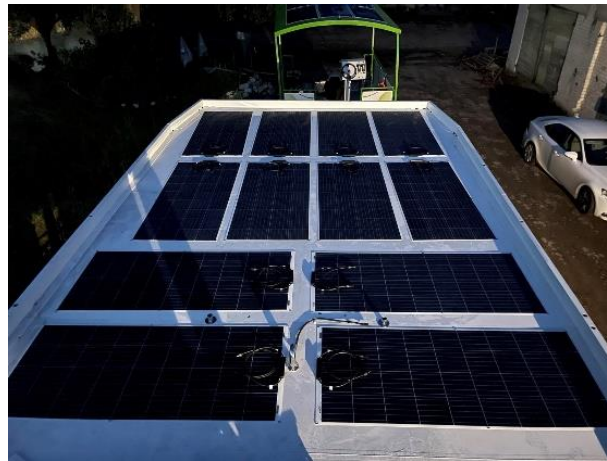


5th version of AS-L (final)



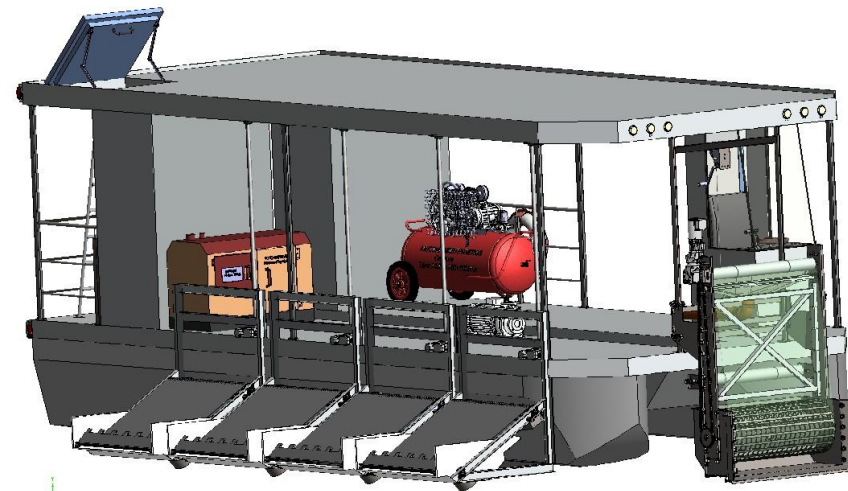
Catamaran to trimaran

AS-L manufacturing process



Technical information of AS-L

Technical information	Value
Platform length	8500 mm
Platform width	3440 mm
Height with pontoons	3250 mm
Pontoons height	1050 mm
Maximum draft	50 cm
Weight	3500 kg
Carrying capacity	4000 kg
Pontoons type	M+
Platform adapted to which category waves and wind strength	C-D ¹
Platform type	Trimaran
Number of pontoons	3



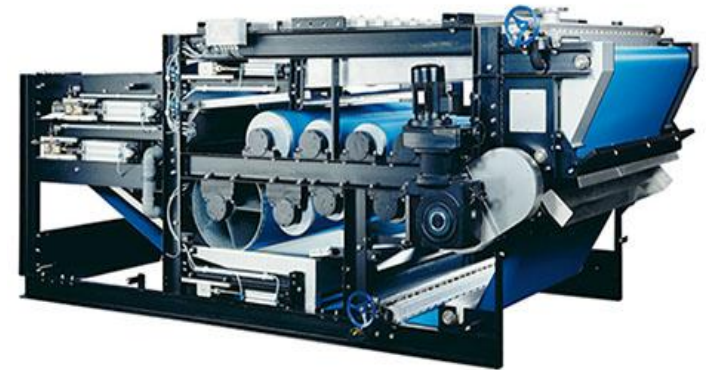
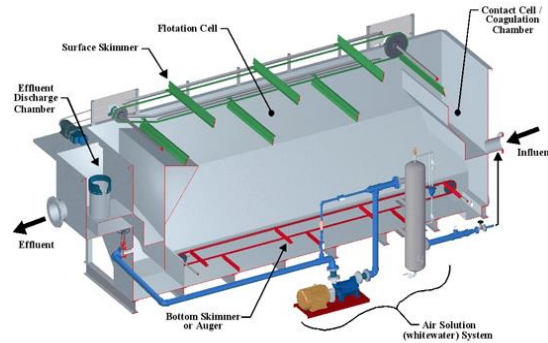
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Before that...

Cyanobacteria collection technology research

Beggining of the project: there is NO simple technology to collect cyanobacteria straight from ecosystem (waterbodies) in larger scale

Taking actions: review and analyzis of more than 12th different water treatment and algae separation technologies used worldwide that is **MAYBE POSSIBLE** to adapt to collect cyanobacteria from lakes. **Result: NEGATIVE**



State of Art technology research

- 1) The suction hose is installed into a perforated cylinder at the bottom that holds filtration mesh. The filtration mechanism is lowered into the water
- 2) Microalgae collection begins. Slow water pumping is switched on, the water together with microalgae is pumped towards the filtration mesh. Microalgae do not pass through the filtration mesh, so it is sucked on filtration mesh and sticks to it.
- 3) Then sucked microalgae is rotated to the spaying pint using perforated cylinders rotation. Meanwhile, the pumped water after passing through the filtration net is discharged through another water pump hose back into the water body

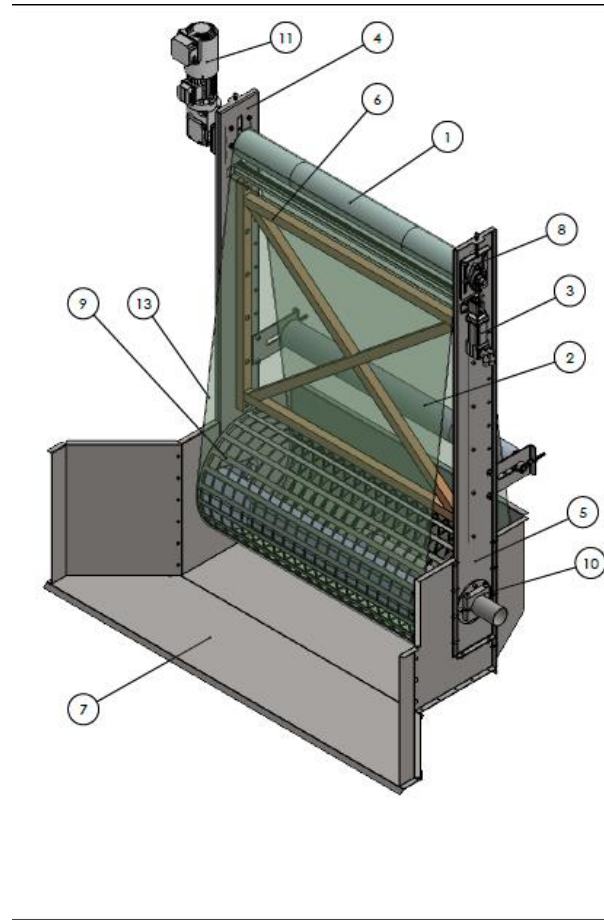


Test model made by project engineers to justify technology

More research, models and calculations



Microfiltration devices



1st version of filtration systems

Collecting cyanobacteria (2021)

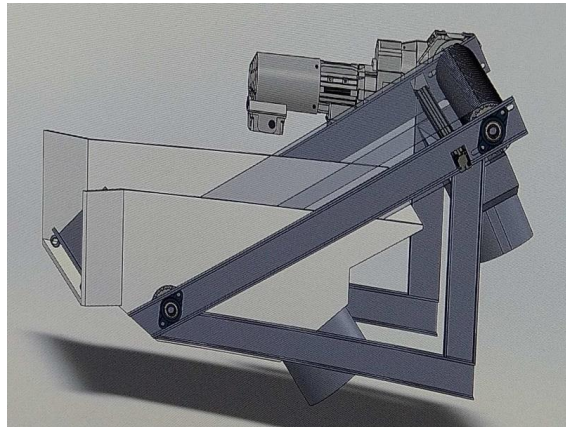
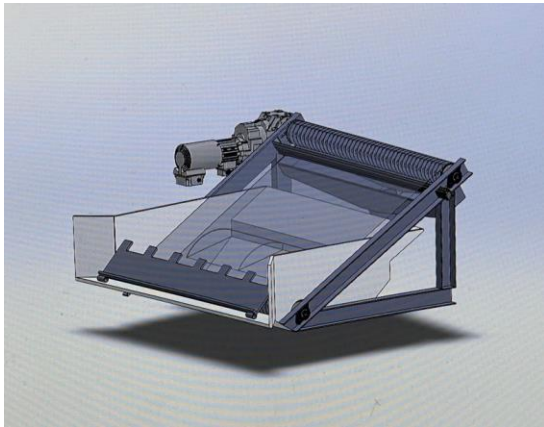


Technology explanation:

Water with microalgae is drawn on a dense mesh (93, 103 or 144 microns depends on microalgae species) with water pumps, mesh with microalgae is lifted with electric system, then the compressed air blows microalgae to the collection tank.

Problems identified with technology: equipment too heavy, angle of 90 degrees is not efficient, algae removal is not efficient

Microfiltration devices. Remodelling.



2nd version of
microfiltration
systems

Technical changes of microfiltration system: filtration equipment reduced by length, facilitated; total 6 meters of mesh (5 devices x 1,2 meters); algae collection will take place at an angle of 45 degrees; there will be an automatic equipment management system - network rotation and step, algae collection speed; the algae will enter the tanks that will be installed at the bottom of the ship.

AS-L prototype specifications

Eco-friendly parts:

- ▶ Biodiesel engine
- ▶ Solar panels, 12 psc
- ▶ Echo-sounder

Parts, which makes AS-L *State of art technology*:

- ▶ Trimaran type vehicle
- ▶ New invented technology for cyanobacteria collection
- ▶ 4 devices onboard by the side working at the same time or separate
- ▶ Possible to change mesh regarding cyanobacteria concentrations
- ▶ Full control pannel for microfiltration devices

Other basic parts:

- ▶ Pontoons
- ▶ Platform
- ▶ Control panel

AS-L working principle

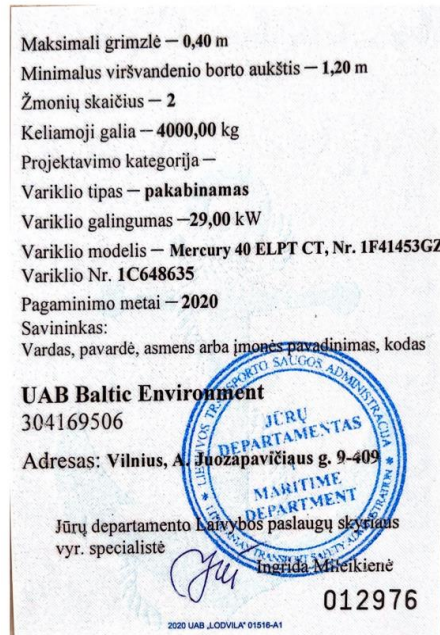
AS-L harvester
working principle

Cyanobacteria
collection

Equipment used:

1. 4 devices by side, 1 in front
2. Dense mesh (53, 144 microns)
3. Water suction equipment under filtration mesh
4. Cyanobacteria lifting system
5. Pressed air nozzles for cyanobacteria removal from mesh
6. Drainage system
7. Microalgae collection system (tanks in the bottom of harvester)
8. Cyanobacteria collection automatization system

Permits received for AS-L



Certificate of inland watercraft registration

2022-07-07

Klaipėda

Registration nr. LT-PI-767

Watercraft name: Algae Service L

Watercraft type: water bodies cleaning device

Watercraft purpose: water bodies cleaning from algae

Watercraft model: b/p

Unique identification number: 0000369532

Construction year: 2022

Origin country: Lithuania

Watercraft body number: BM061C021

Watercraft body material: aluminum

Watercraft body colour: grey-white

Maximum length: 11,20 m, width- 5,8 m

Maximum grizzle- 0,40 m

Minimum freeboard height- 1,2 m

Passengers: 2

Carrying capacity: 4000 kg

Engine type- outboard motor

Engine power- 29 kW

Engine model: mercury 40 ELPT CT, Nr. 1F41453 GZ

Engine Nr. 1C648635

Engine production year : 2020

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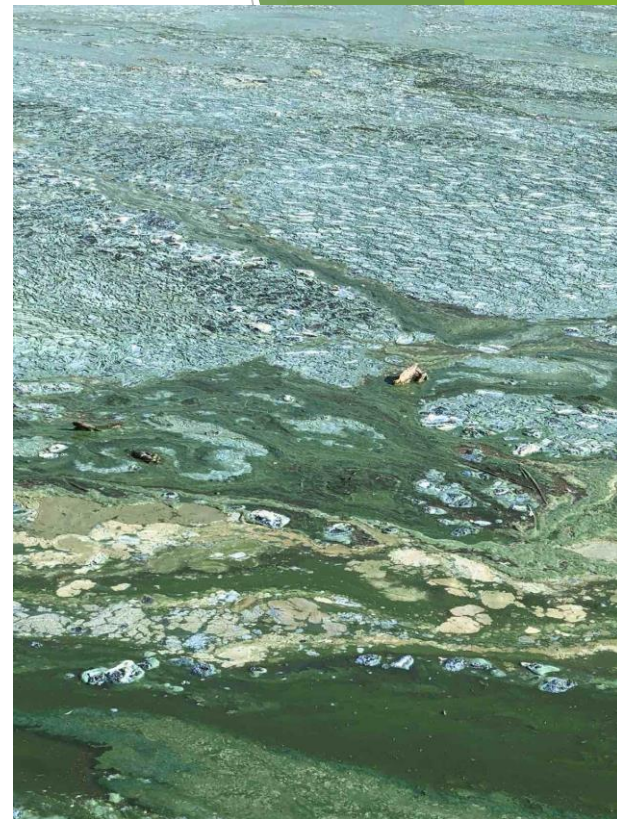
Other created documents and received permits:

- ▶ AS-L building project
- ▶ Manufacturing AS-L registration certificate
- ▶ First technical inspection
- ▶ Annual technical inspection
- ▶ Prepared AS-L manual instructions
- ▶ Various requests and letters
- ▶ AS-L building supervision by Lithuania transport safety administration

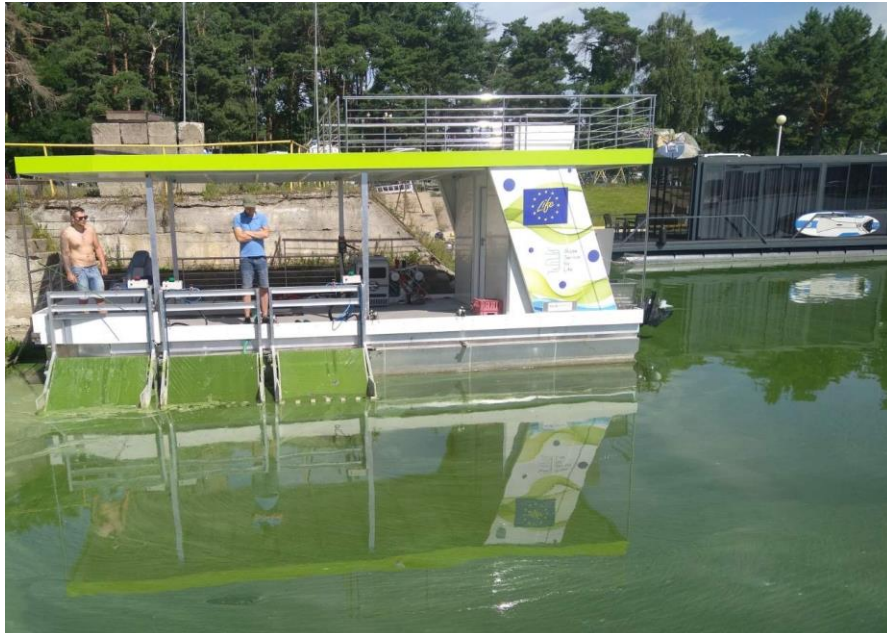
Completed product AS-L



Kaunas lagoon 2022...



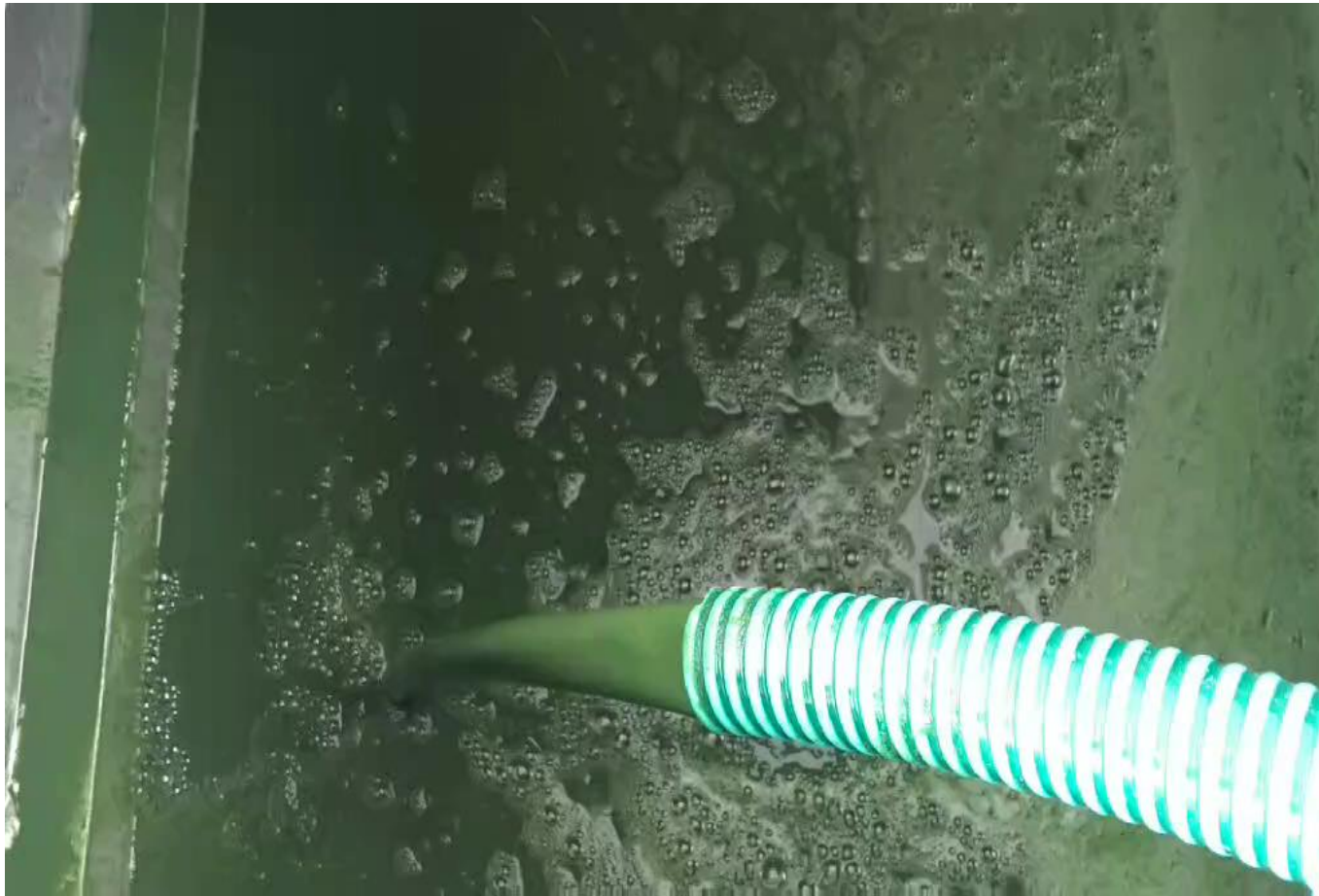
AS-L in use



Harvesting capacity: in 2 weeks in Kaunas lagoon total up to 5000 litres wet biomass collected, per day record 600 litres

AS-L collects up to 120 litres per hour (depends on concentration)³, up to 850 litres per day

Video of cyanobacteria in Kaunas Lagoon collection



Collected biomass concentration differences



AS-L creative group:

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Thank you for your attention



Before AS-L Kaunas lagoon shore



After AS-L cyanobacteria collection

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