



# ORGANIZZAZIONE PRODUTTORI I FASOLARI



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## THE FASOLARO AND FISHING

## The commercial organization

**I.P. I Fasolari** is an organization of producers recognized by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry with the decree of March 27, 2003, according to the U legislation (EC Reg. 104/2000).

**I.P. I Fasolari** gathers all the fishing companies of the districts/regions of Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia, that are involved in fasolari fishing (a typical species, s.c. Callista chione) with a fleet of 80 fishing boats. The vessels serve in the main ports in the north coasts of Adriatic sea, such as Grado, Marano Lagunare, Caorle, Cavallino-Treporti and Chioggia.

**I.P. I Fasolari** is deep-seated and organized in the territory with three offices located in Marano Lagunare (UD), Cavallino-Treporti (VE) and Chioggia (VE) where is even seated the Center of Mollusks Shipping: the headquarter that provides to the sorting of the goods addressed to Italian and foreign markets.



**The Fasolario** (*Callista chione*) has the typical shape of this shellfish, with a shell composed by two distinct valves, connected by ligaments interlocking. The size, in the Northern Adriatic, often arrives in 8-9 cm with a weight of 100-150 grams. The shell is thick, shiny, finely striated; it has a color reddish-brown, brown-rosy, with the radial zones darker but, in contact with certain substrates, can also take on color, almost black.

**The fishing** takes place by means of a hydraulic dredge, a sort of metal cage that is lowered from the vessel on the seabed in order to collect the shellfish on the bumps of sand. The product collected is hand selected by operators and then packaged. Times and quantities of fishing trips are planned and regulated by the operating protocol edit each year at the beginning of the fishing campaign, ensuring the biological recovery of fishing zones in order to protect the reproduction and growth of shellfish present in natural shoals.

O.P. I Fasolari provides fasolari (*Callista chione*) caught directly by its members and other molluscs of major importance in the market, ensuring quality and safety of its products.



**I FASOLARI**

