



## **Stefan Kraan, Chief Scientific Officer- The Seaweed Company BV (Ireland)**

### *Area of expertise:*

Stefan Kraan, originally from the Netherlands, holds a PhD from the University of Galway in Ireland on phylogenetics and aquaculture of seaweeds.

Managed the Irish Seaweed Centre for 9 years, a seaweed-based research and development centre in the University. Has co-founded several businesses to develop commercial ideas using seaweeds for a variety of purposes such as food and fish feed, seaweed based functional ingredient and extracts for human food products. Currently involved and focusing on large-scale seaweed cultivation at our subsidiaries in Ireland, India and Morocco.

Dr. Kraan is actively engaged in international collaborations and organizations (e.g. as the former president of the International Seaweed Association) to promote the sustainable development of the seaweed industry.

