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# The role of education in aquaculture for the strengthening of coastal communities

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# Coastal communities and aquaculture: Current research

- Outmigration, gender imbalance in countryside
- Local identity and perceptions of employment in aquaculture
- Value of education





# Tourism and aquaculture

Education in aquaculture can also benefit other industries and therefore a wider range of residents in local communities

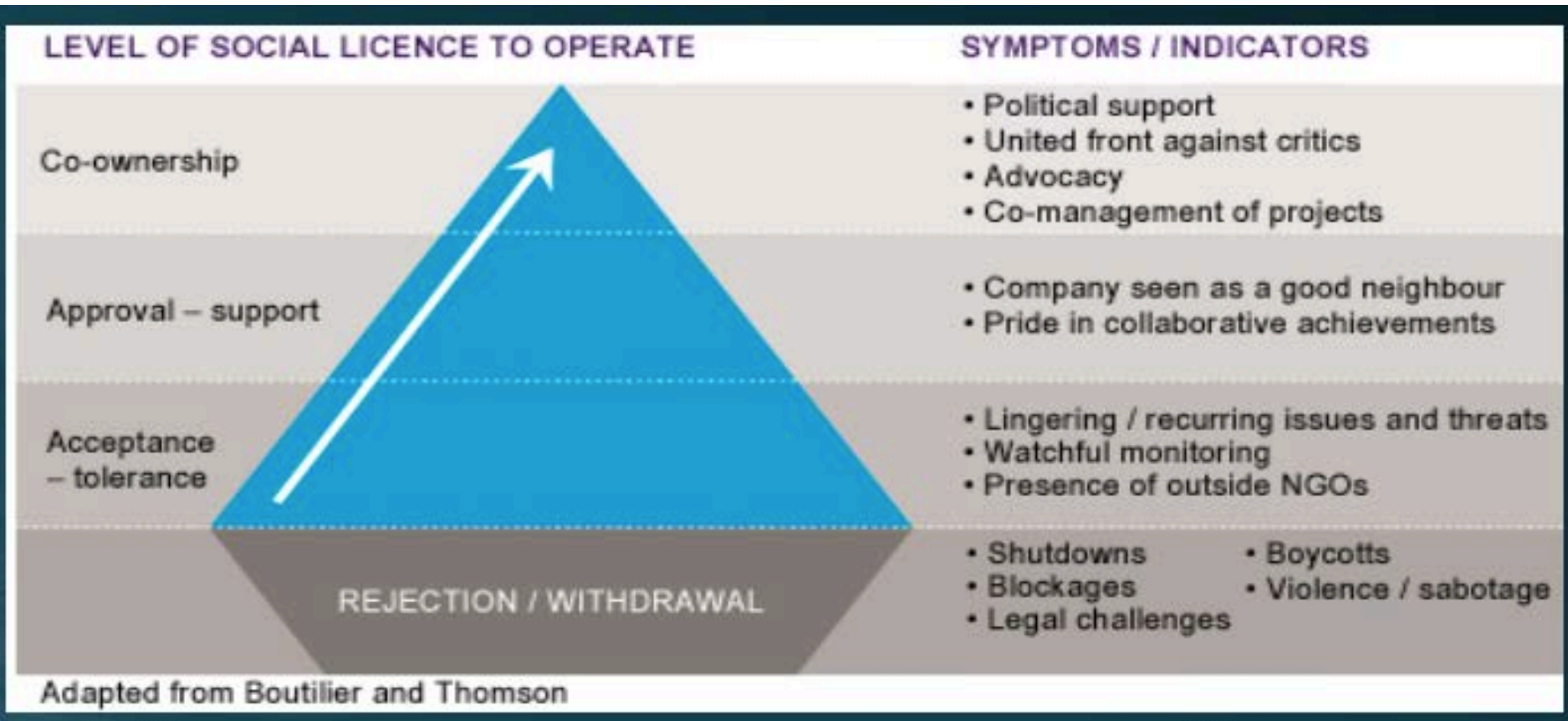
- Hospitality: Local food
- Visitor experiences
  - Kayak and boat tours
  - Harvesting and processing experience, “from sea to plate”





# Social license to operate

- From mining; social sustainability: community acceptance of an industry
- Lack of social license can decrease economic benefit







# Education and social license

- Community outreach: Education of community members is key (not just potential employees)
- Consultation with community members
- Iceland as a model
  - Just transitions
  - Do it right from the beginning





Thank you

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