# INNOVATION SHORTS HALEN MÔN SEA SALT

# HOW HALEN MÔN ARE COMBINING TRADITIONAL CRAFT WITH INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY





Halen Môn, Anglesey Sea Salt Company produces high quality sea salt flakes using traditional age-old craft, combining traditional hand harvesting with innovative technology. The end result? A product which can sit among the great Foods including Champagne, Parma Ham and Melton Mowbray Pork Pies.

Halen Môn sea salt is made from the clean, clear sea waters of the Menai Strait that surround the island of Anglesey.

In 2014 Halen Môn was awarded Protected Designated of Origin (PDO) status by the European Commission, protecting the products under the Halen Môn name. Halen Môn is the first Welsh PDO. The protected status accolade legally recognises Halen Môn as having unique qualities due to its geographical location as well as the way it is made.

In 2015, Halen Môn replaced 2 electric water pumps with gravity, completely eradicating any need for energy for this part of the process. Key to the process is that that seawater is heated under a vacuum and the resulting steam is collected and turned into hot water. This then goes through a heat exchanger so the hot water warms the incoming seawater reducing energy consumption significantly. 40 photovoltaic solar panels were also installed onsite to offset carbon emissions in its ongoing campaign to reduce energy consumption per kilo of salt produced.

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- Professional development training
- Integrated Sustainability Reporting for businesses and social enterprises

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