
Historical developments and current issues in fish nutrition

EAAP 2016

29th of August, Johan Schrama & Sachi Kaushik



Content presentation

- Historical development of aquaculture
- Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds
- EU fish nutrition projects → ARRIANA
- Examples of issues in fish nutrition:
 - Mineral requirements ↔ fishmeal replacement
 - Minimizing waste production
 - Do fish drink? Chyme conditions and digestion
 - Enteritis in Salmonids and other fish

Content presentation

- Historical development of aquaculture
- Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds
- EU fish nutrition projects → ARRIANA
- Examples of issues in fish nutrition:
 - Mineral requirements \leftrightarrow fishmeal replacement
 - Minimizing waste production
 - Do fish drink? Chyme conditions and digestion
 - Enteritis in Salmonids and other fish



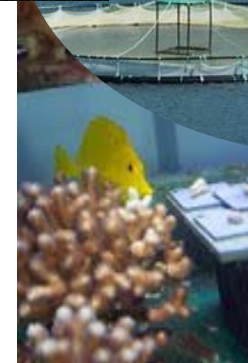
Historical development of aquaculture

Reasons to culture fish:

- Human food supply: aquaculture



- Ornamental fish



- Public aquaria & Zoos



Historical development of aquaculture

Why to eat fish:

- Source of nutrients: protein, fatty acids, vitamins, minerals
- Healthy → unsaturated fatty acids
EPA, DHA & ARA (minimal in farm animals)

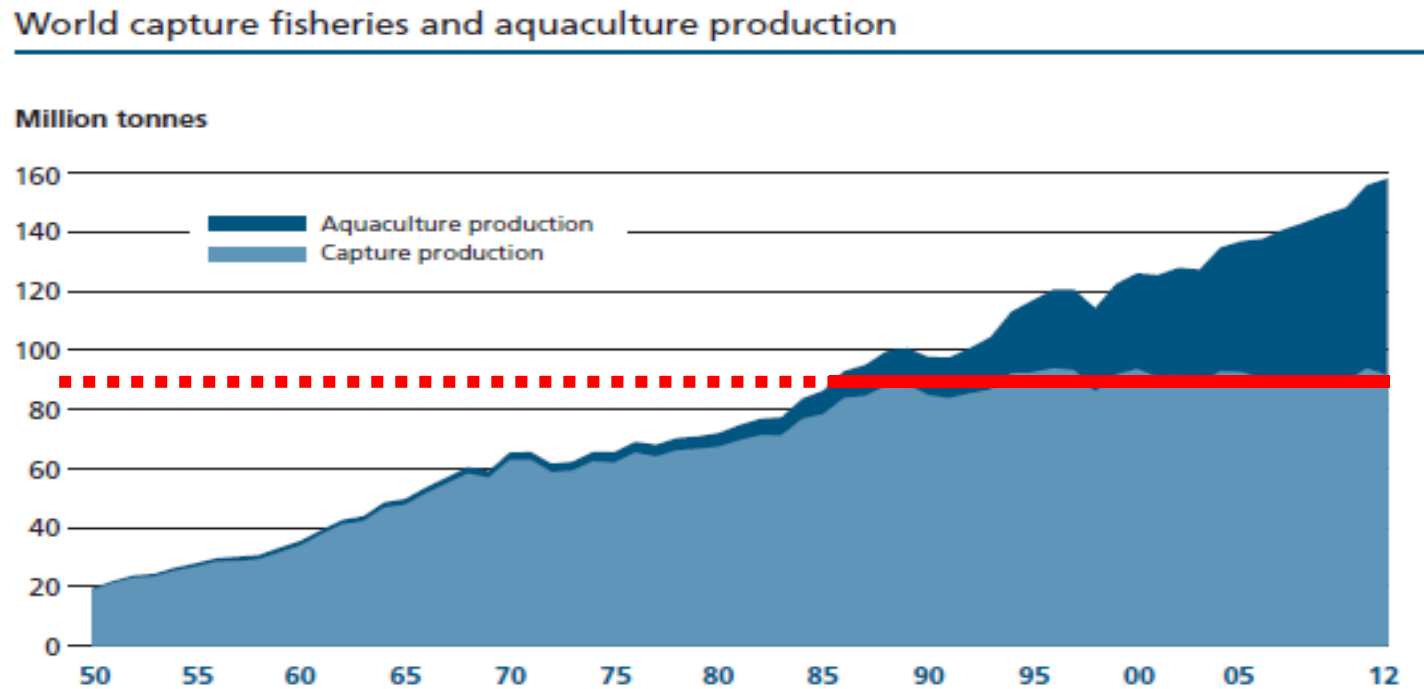
Nutritional intervention of farmed fish:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| ● Protein content & profile | No |
| ● Fat level & fatty acid profile | Yes → Fishoil |
| ● Mineral/trace elements/vitamins | +/- |
| ● Contaminants (POPS, heavy metals) | Yes |



Historical development of aquaculture

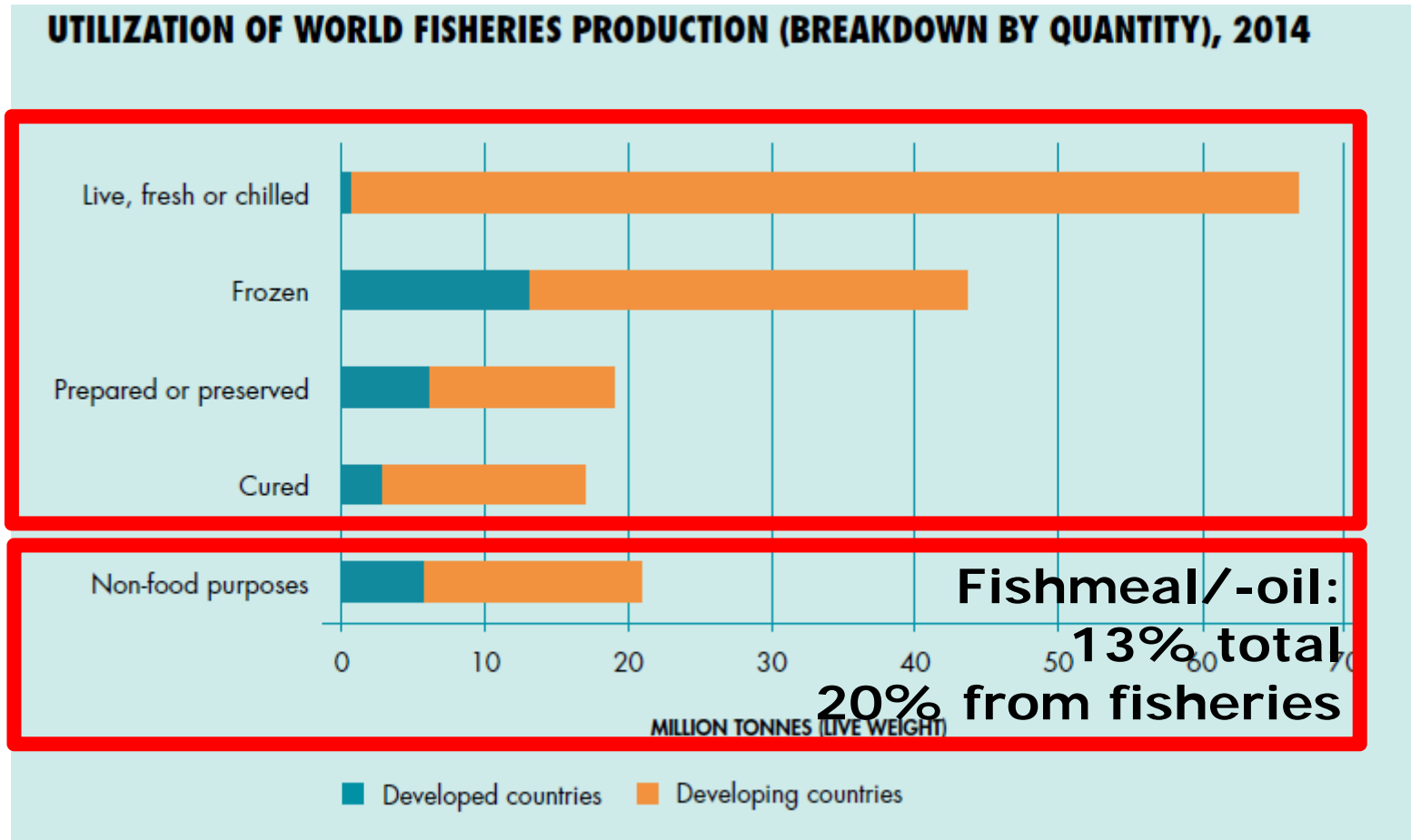
- Global fisheries and aquaculture production



Source: FAO, 2014. The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture .

Historical development of aquaculture

- What is done with catch/cultured fish?



Source: FAO, 2016. The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture .

Historical development of aquaculture

Fishmeal and fish oil production:

Raw materials:

- Whole fish from feed fishing fleets 17-18 Million tons
- Trimmings & rejects from food fish 5-6 Million tons

Total raw material 22-23 Million tons

Production of:

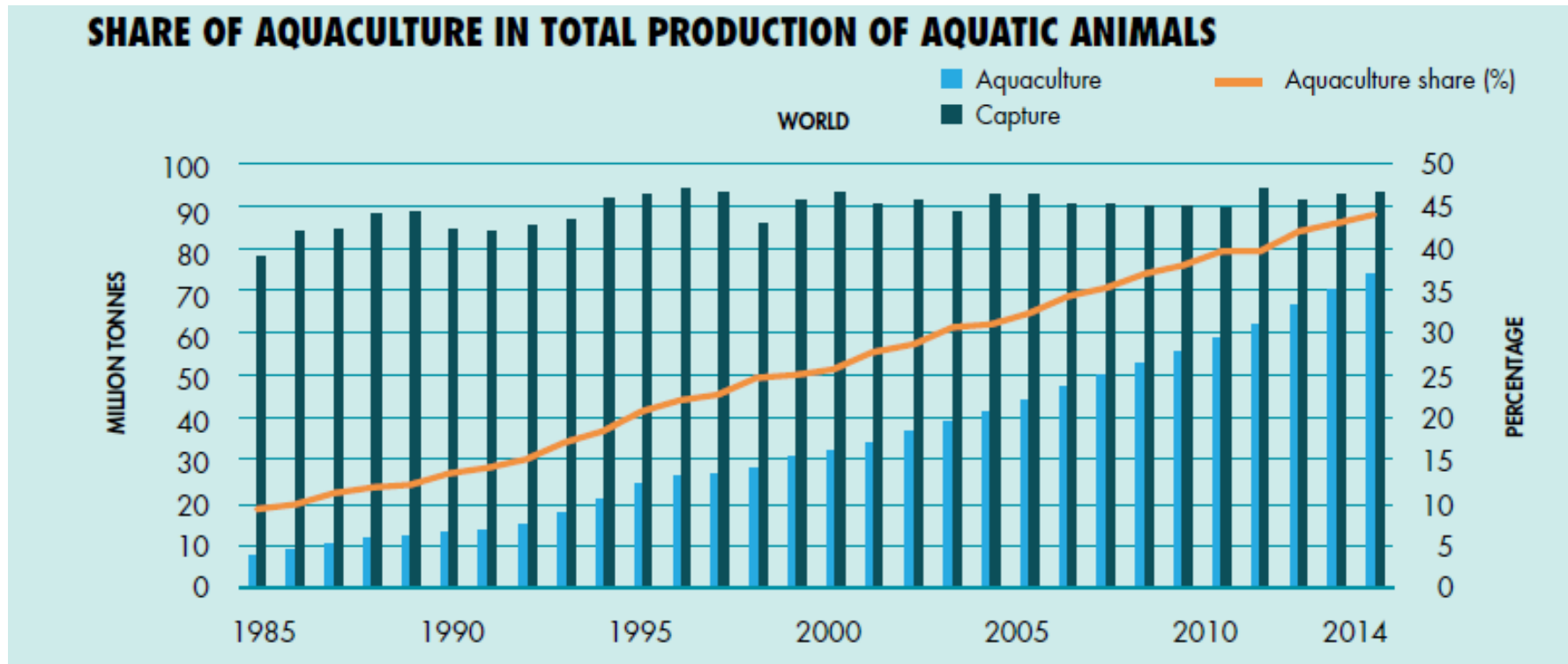
Fishmeal 5-6 Million tons

Fish oil < 1 Million tons



Historical development of aquaculture

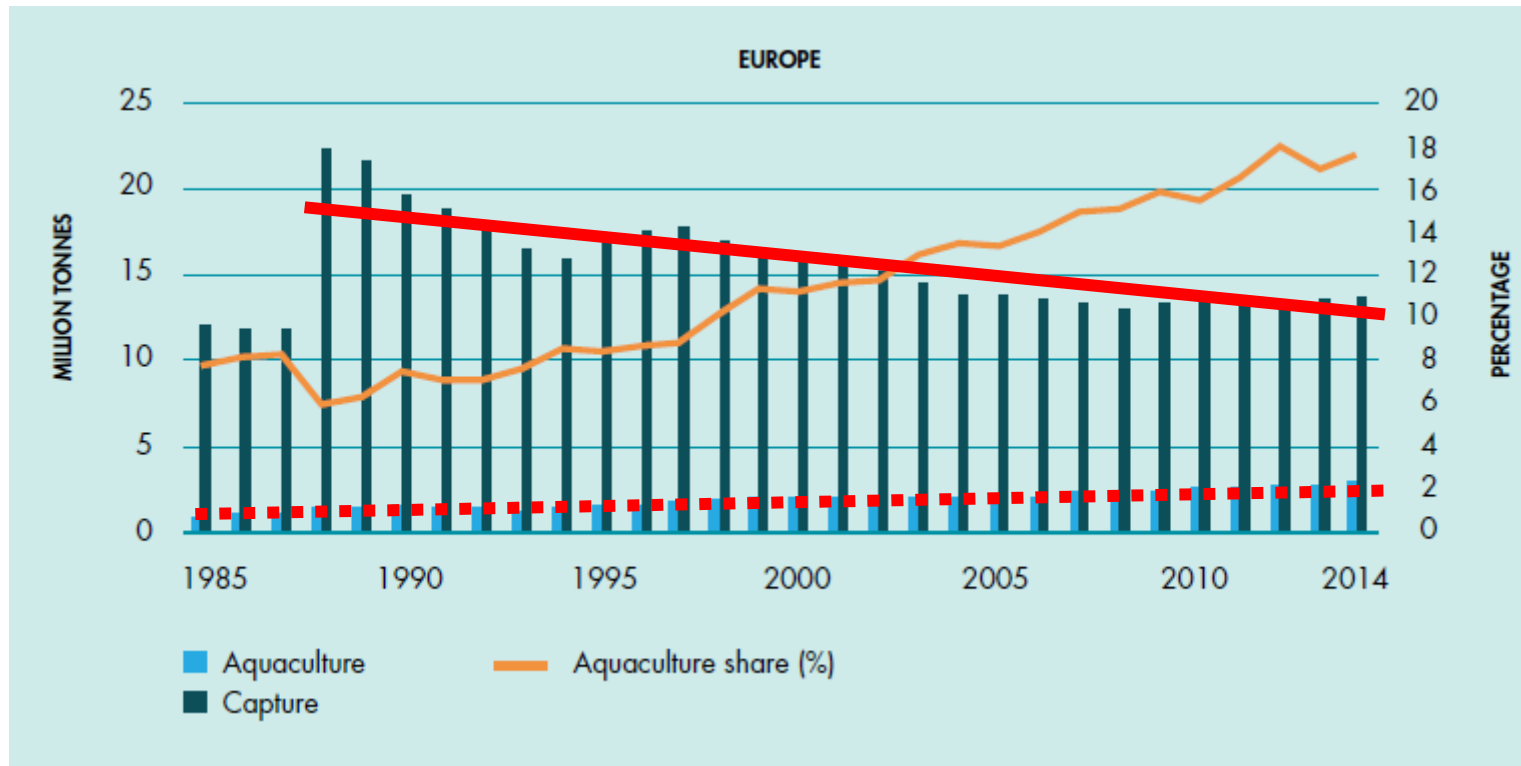
- Importance of aquaculture over the years. Globally.



Source: FAO, 2016. The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture .

Historical development of aquaculture

- Importance of aquaculture in Europe ..

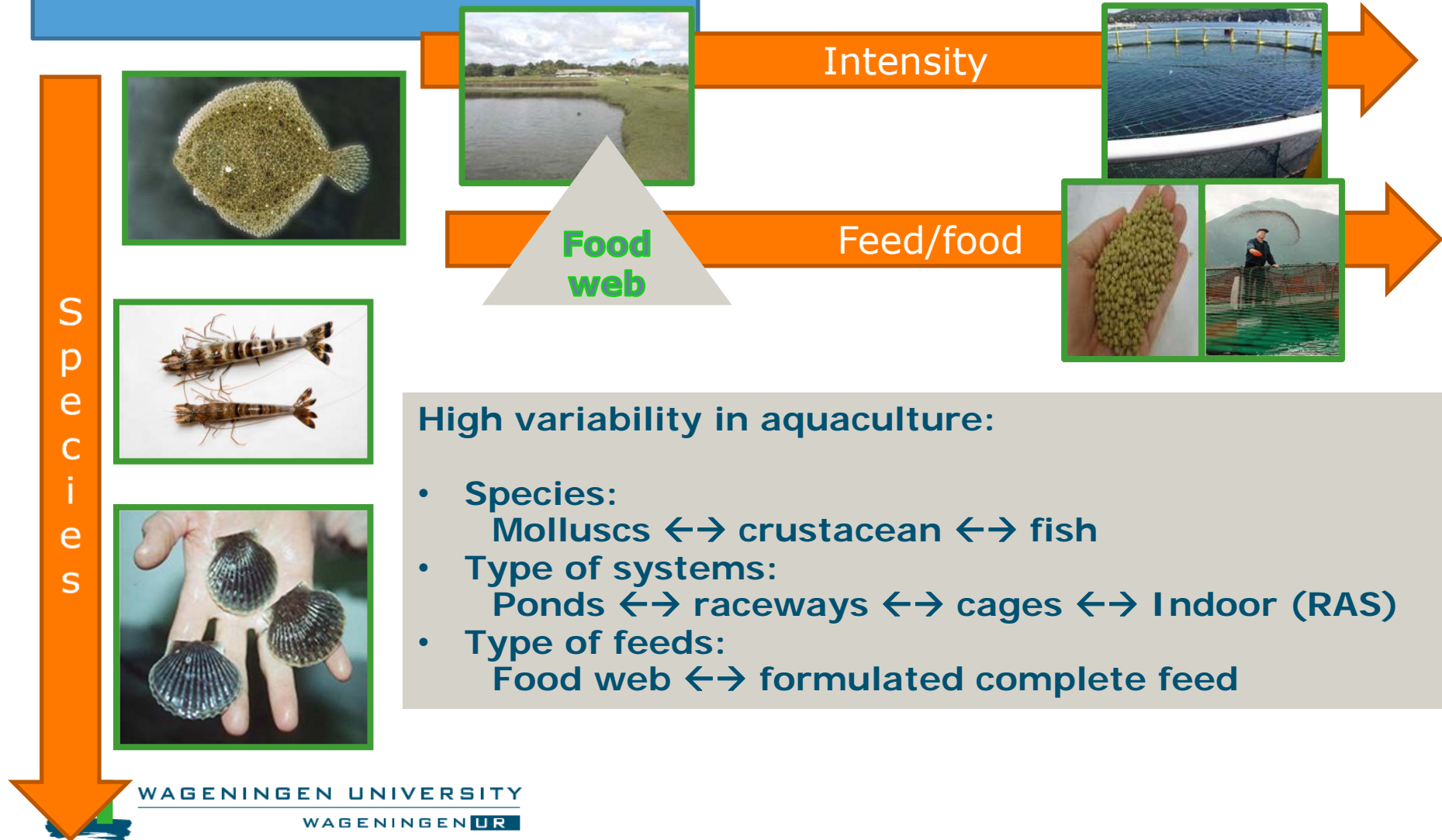


18% from aquaculture: growth small..

Source: FAO, 2016. The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture .

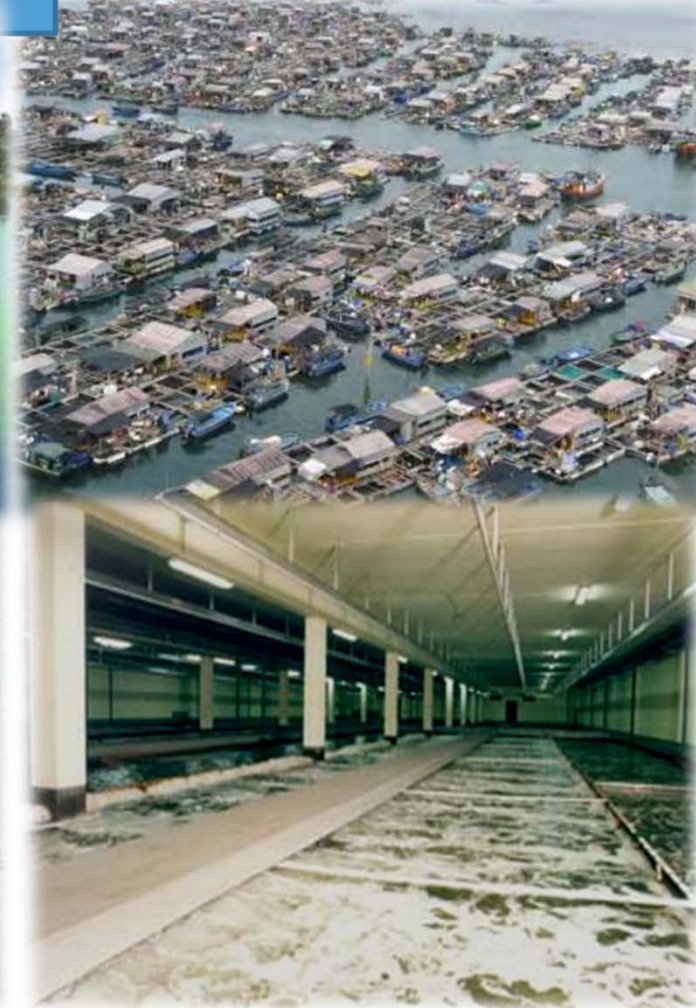
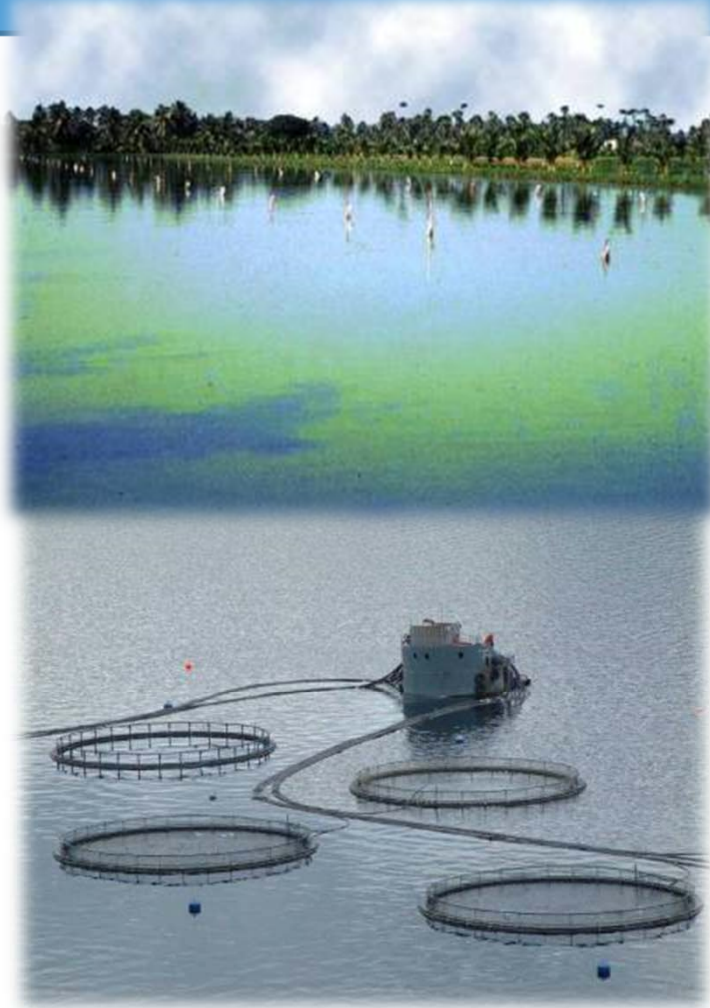
Historical development of aquaculture

Diversity: aquaculture



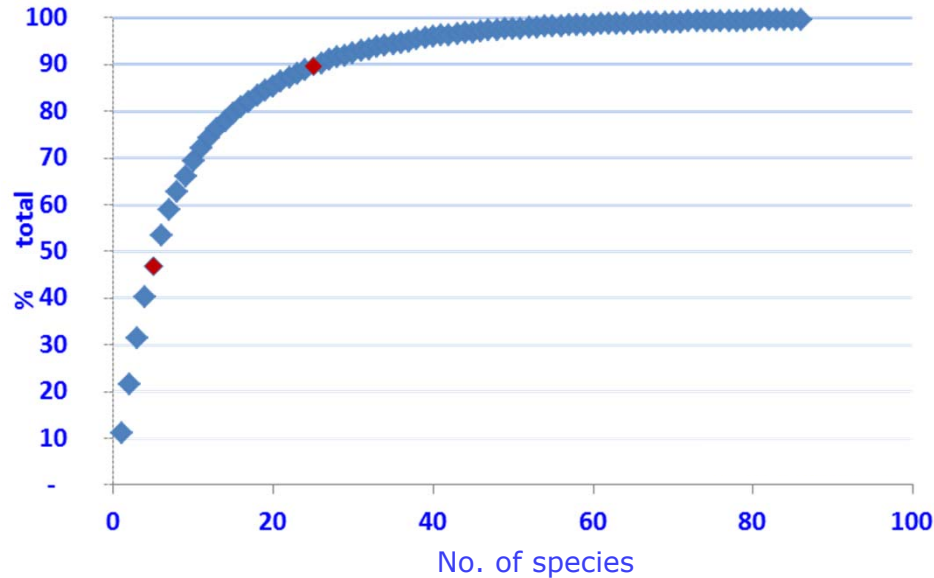
Historical development of aquaculture

Diversity: aquaculture



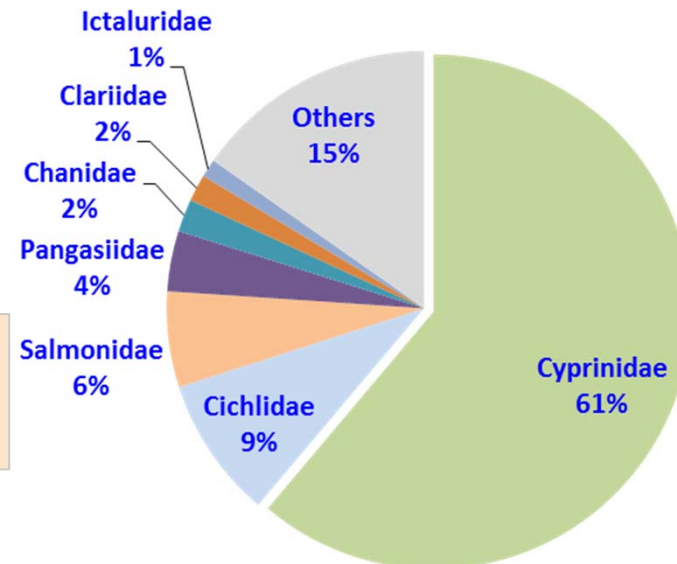
Historical development of aquaculture

What do we rear ? Diversity of species



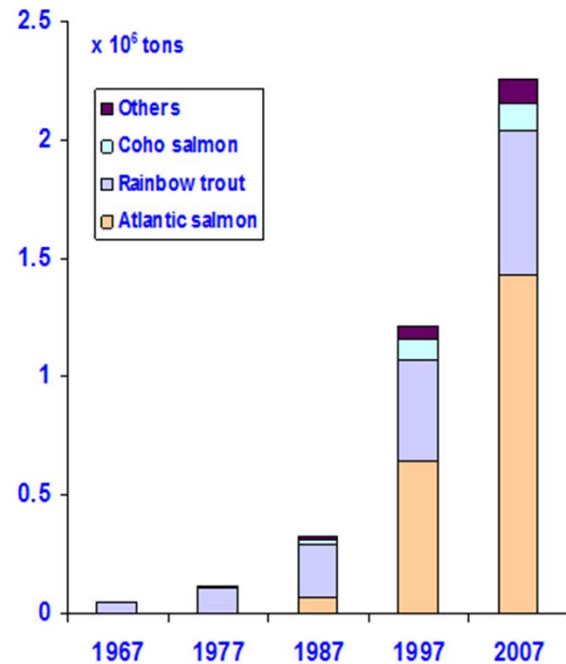
- **Cyprinids > 60% of volume**
- **Majority of fish from low trophic levels**

> 300 species reported under aquaculture
< 5 species represent 50% of volume produced
< 25 species represent 90% of volume produced

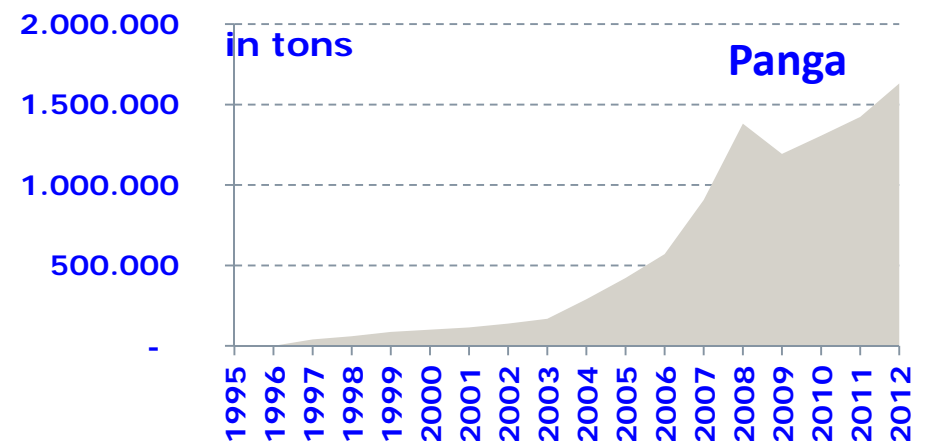
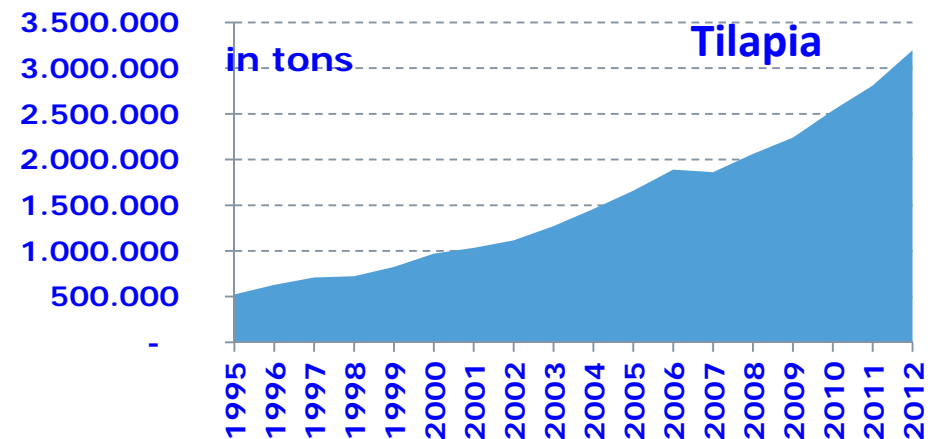


Historical development of aquaculture

European aquaculture dominated by 5 species of finfish (Atlantic salmon, rainbow trout, Seabream, European seabass, Carps)

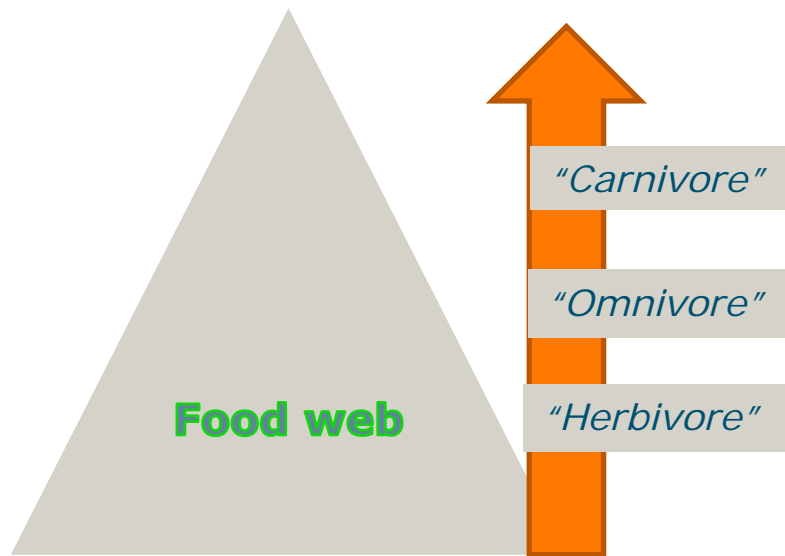


New comers : Asia



Historical development of aquaculture

Diversity: Feeding ecology



Generally energy flow in food web:

- Only 10% of the energy is transferred to the next trophic level
(Pauly & Christensen, 2005)

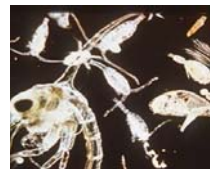
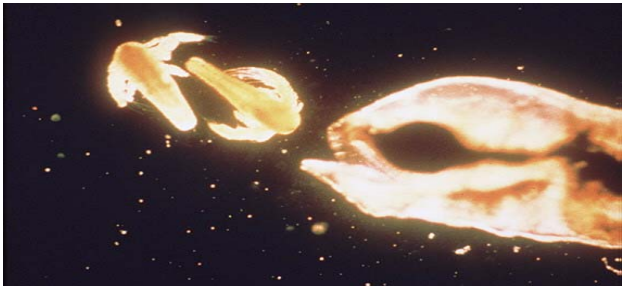
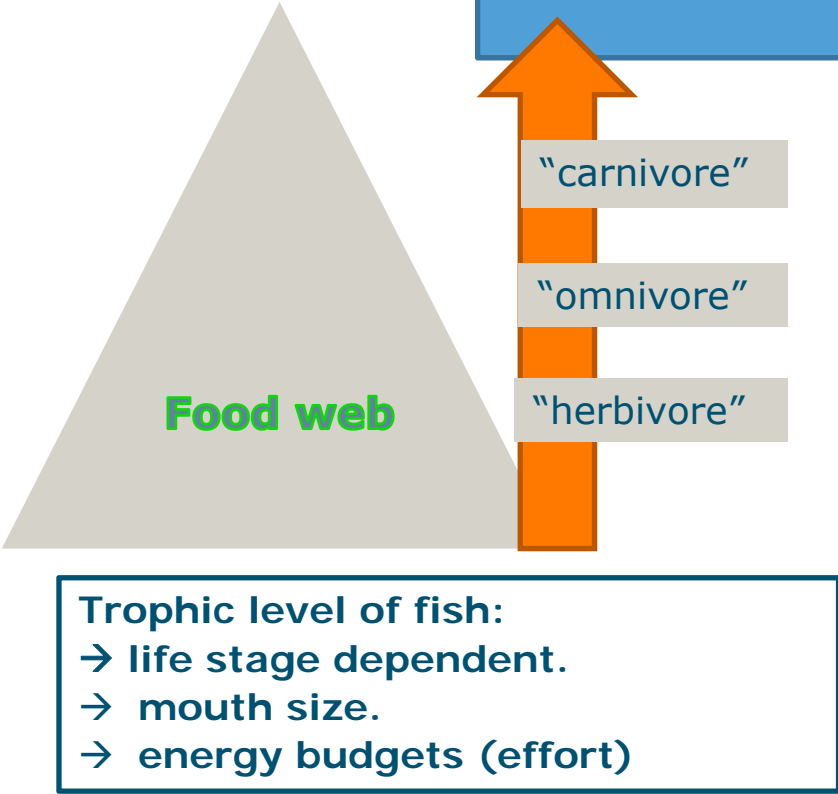
Fish species	Trophic level
Salmon	4.4
Yellowtail kingfish	4.1
Sea bass	3.8
Cod	3.7
Pangasius	3.1
Grass carp	2.0
Nile tilapia	2.0

<http://fishbase.org/>



Historical development of aquaculture

Diversity: Feeding ecology within species



Historical development of aquaculture

Summarizing:

- Aquaculture strong growth globally, but local differences.
- Large diversity in fish species cultured..
- Large variety in culture conditions...

From open to more closed/controlled conditions

- Young sector → highly innovative



Content presentation

- Historical development of aquaculture
- Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds
- EU fish nutrition projects → ARRIANA
- Examples of issues in fish nutrition:
 - Mineral requirements ↔ fishmeal replacement
 - Minimizing waste production
 - Do fish drink? Chyme conditions and digestion
 - Enteritis in Salmonids and other fish



Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds

Animal species	Crude prot.	Fat	Ash	Carb.
Fish	30-48	7-40	7-12	7-35
Pigs	14-20	4-6	5-8	54-65
Poultry	15-24	6-11	10-12	41-57

Fish feed pellets:

Nutrient content:

- High protein
- High fat
- Low carbohydrate

Ingredients:

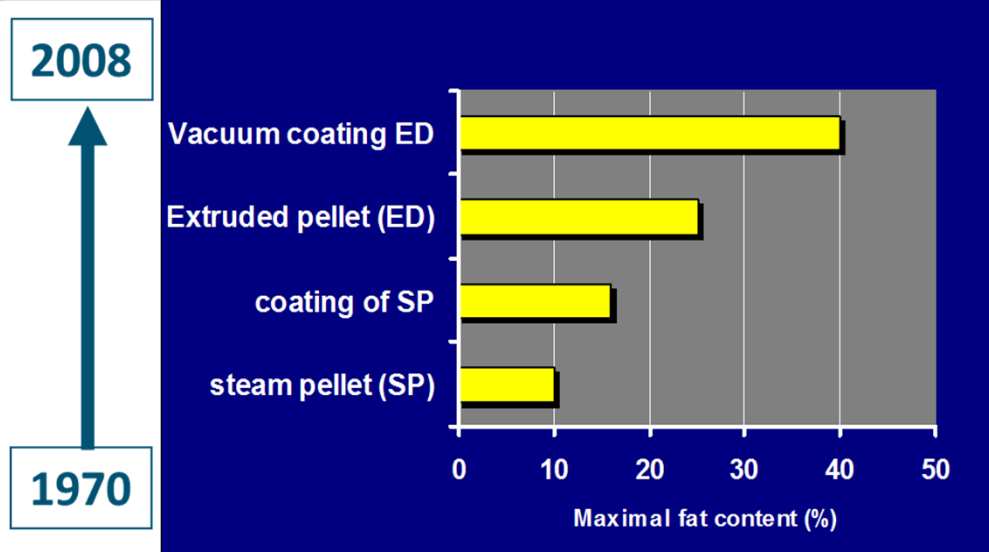
- Fish meal
- Fish oil

Mostly extrudates:

- Pellet quality
- Nutrient availability

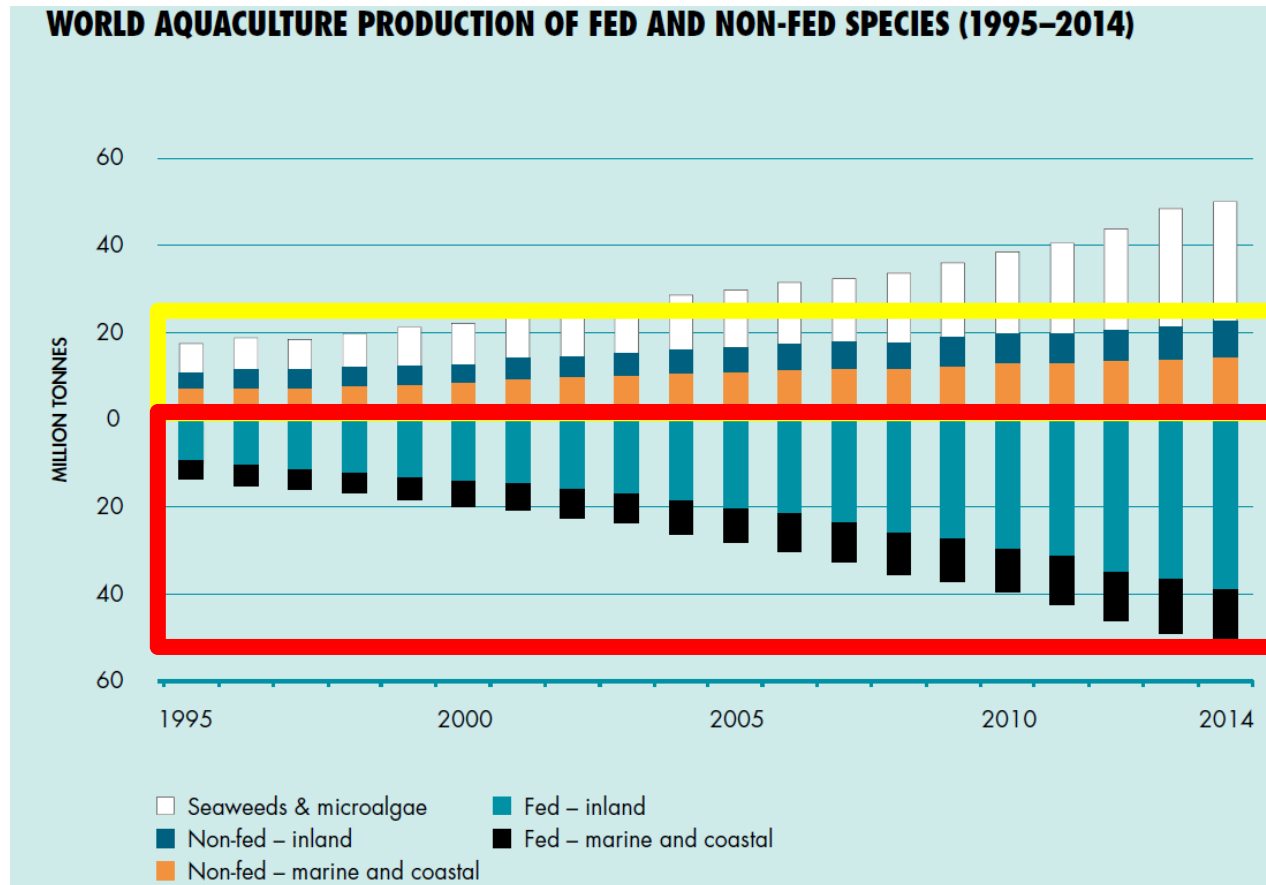
Waste production (water quality)

Filet quality (EFA content)



Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds

- Growth aquaculture sector → mainly in fed species



Source: FAO, 2016. The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture .

Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds

- Total feed used in aquaculture.

Summary totals for fed species and aquafeed production (thousand tonnes)

Year	Total fed aquaculture production	Total feeds used
1995	4 028	7 612
2000	7 684	14 150
2005	13 048	22 585
2007	16 126	26 950
2008	17 476	29 194
2010	21 201	35 371
2015	32 315	51 002
2020	46 917	70 969

20% inclusion
level ingredient

7 million tonnes

14 million tonnes

Source: FAO, 2011. Demand and supply of feed ingredients for farmed fish and crustaceans.

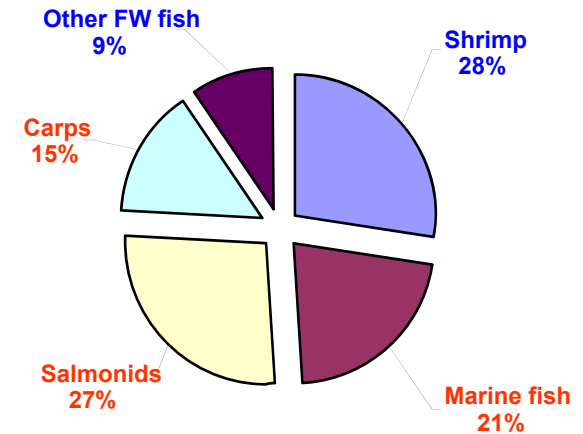
Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds



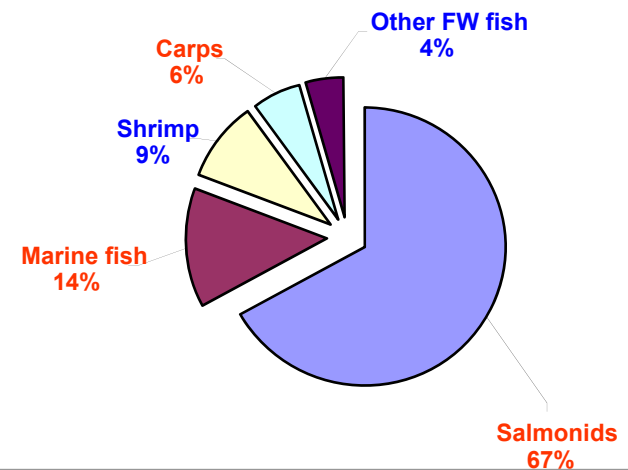
Salmonids, marine fish and cyprinids consume over 60% of FM and over 80% of FO used for aquaculture



Fish meal use in aquafeeds

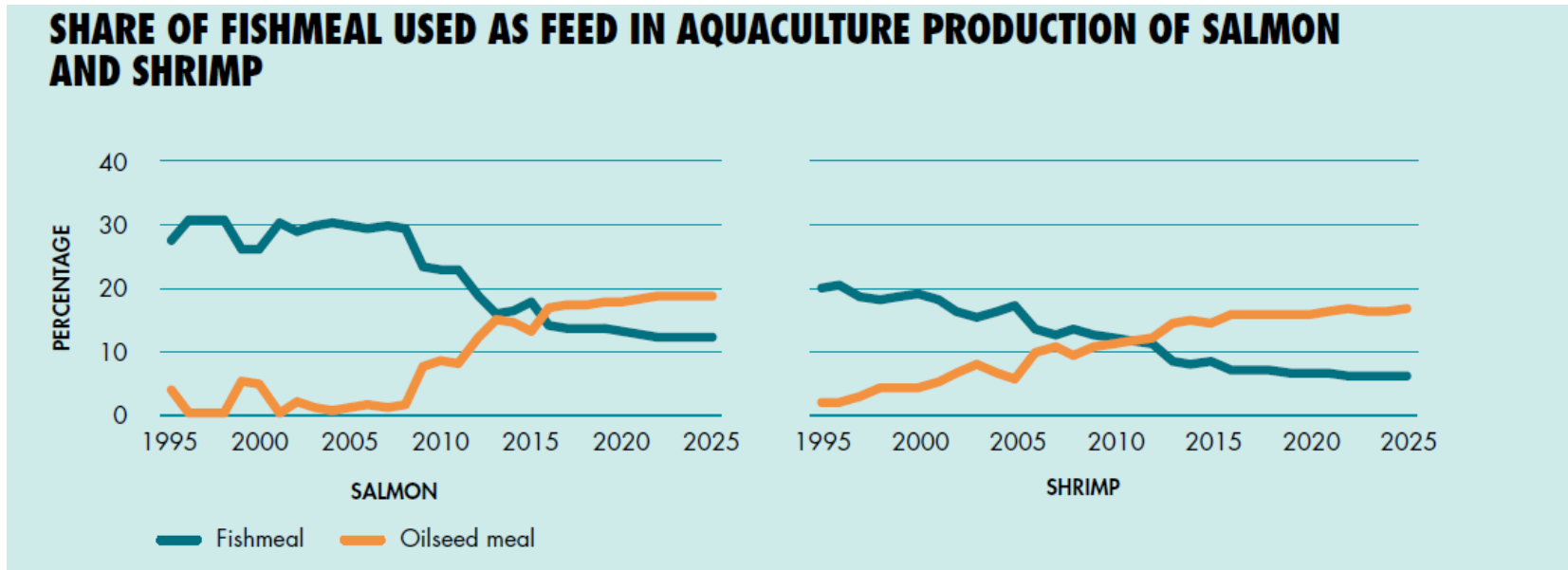


Fish oil use in aquafeeds



Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds

- Aqua-feeds → less Fishmeal/-oil used



Source: FAO, 2016. The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture .

Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds

Summarizing:

- Historically with intensification fish species →
concentrated diets, increasing fat content
- Growing sector → more aqua feed needed
Doubling 2010 → 2020
- Composition → limited amount of FM & FO
Alternative ingredients

Content presentation

- Historical development of aquaculture
- Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds



- **EU fish nutrition projects → ARRIANA**

- Examples of issues in fish nutrition:
 - Mineral requirements \leftrightarrow fishmeal replacement
 - Minimizing waste production
 - Do fish drink? Chyme conditions and digestion
 - Enteritis in Salmonids and other fish

EU fish nutrition projects → ARRIANA

EU projects (FP5&FP6) last 15 years, fishmeal (FM) and oil (FO):

- **PEPPA** → FM replacement by plant protein sources (trout, gilthead seabream)
- **RAFOA** → FO replacement by veg oils (salmon, trout, European seabass)
- **Gutintegrity** → effects of dietary factors on gut (salmonids)

=> **FORM** for collective dissemination to stakeholders

- **Aquamax**, FP6 integrated project, combined replacement of FM & FO

(salmon, trout, seabream, carps)

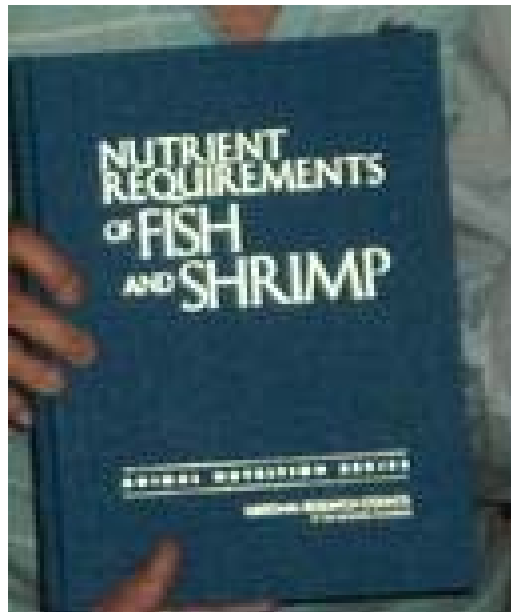


- **ARRAINA**, FP7 → FO & FM devoid diets: full life cycle, nutrient requirements (salmon, trout, seabream, European seabass, carps)



EU fish nutrition projects → ARRIANA

Background



More than 300 species are farmed around the world

But, quantitative data on the needs for all essential nutrients are available only for a few species

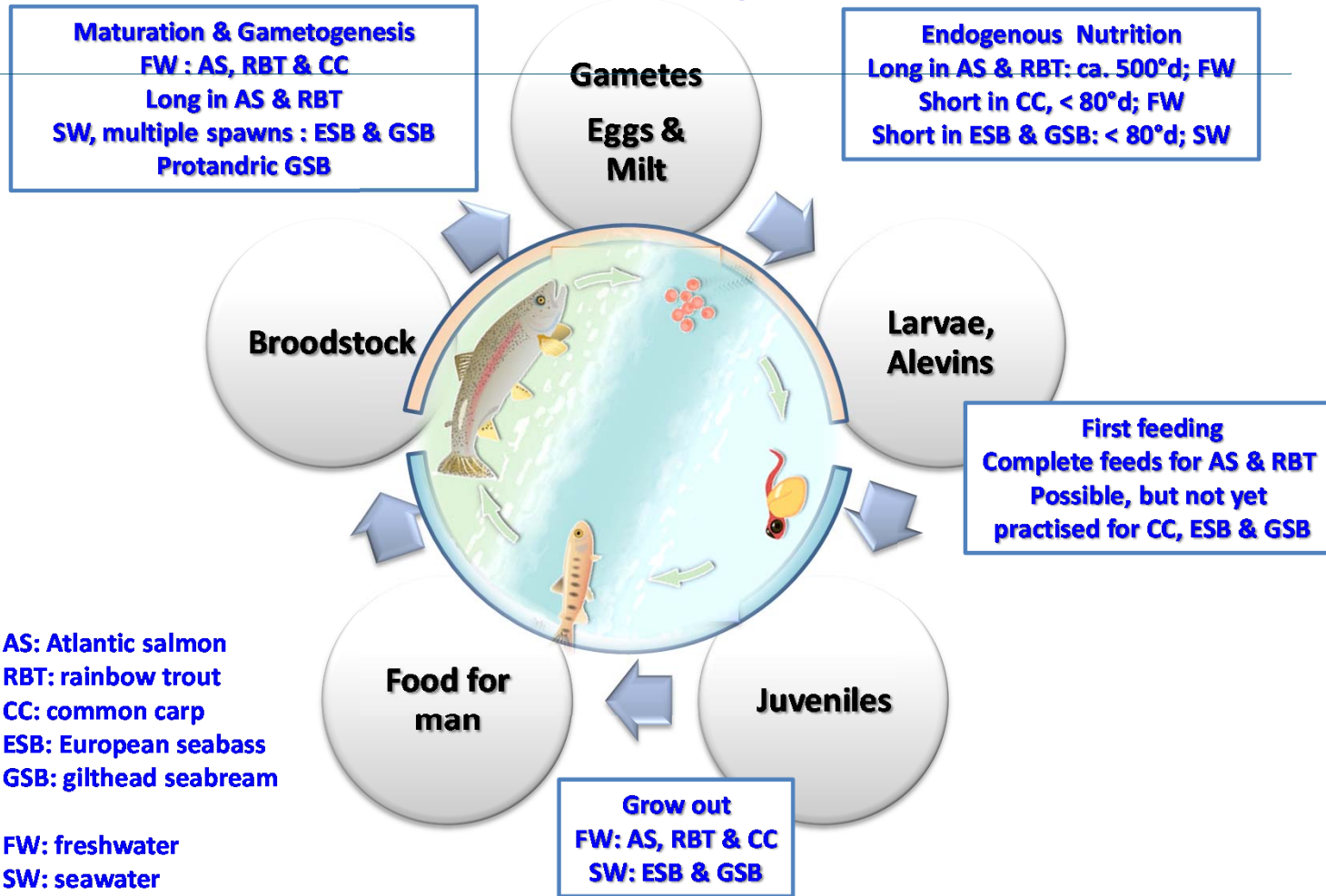
Not accounting for life stage



EU fish nutrition projects → ARRIANA



Species with different life cycles



Content presentation

- Historical development of aquaculture
- Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds
- EU fish nutrition projects → ARRIANA
- Examples of issues in fish nutrition:
 - Mineral requirements ↔ fishmeal replacement
 - Minimizing waste production
 - Do fish drink? Chyme conditions and digestion
 - Enteritis in Salmonids and other fish



Mineral req. \leftrightarrow fishmeal replacement

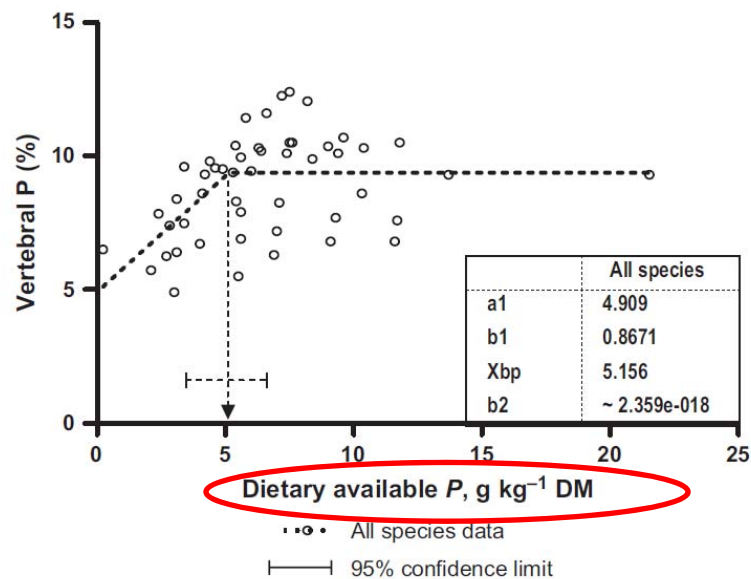
Background

- Fishmeal \rightarrow source of minerals
- Replacement plant ingredient: different amounts & forms (e.g. phytate)
- Within ARRANA assessment of:
 - Variability between fish species
 - Within species (life cycle)
 - Dietary factors
 - Culture conditions



Mineral req. \leftrightarrow fishmeal replacement

Factors affecting requirements: Meta analysis



On available P basis variability < then on total P basis

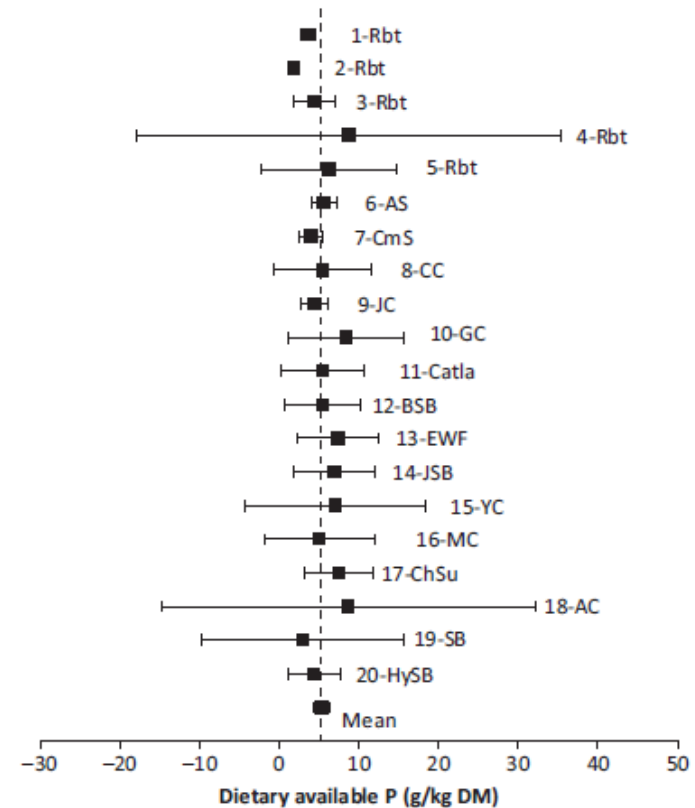
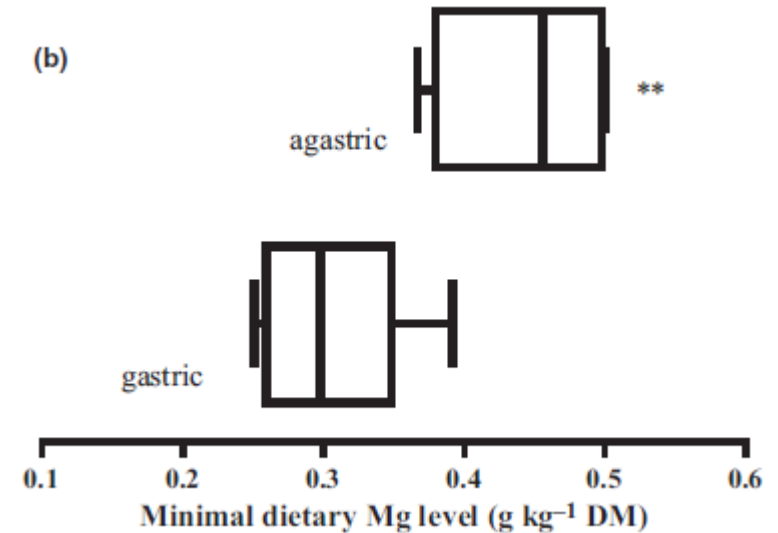
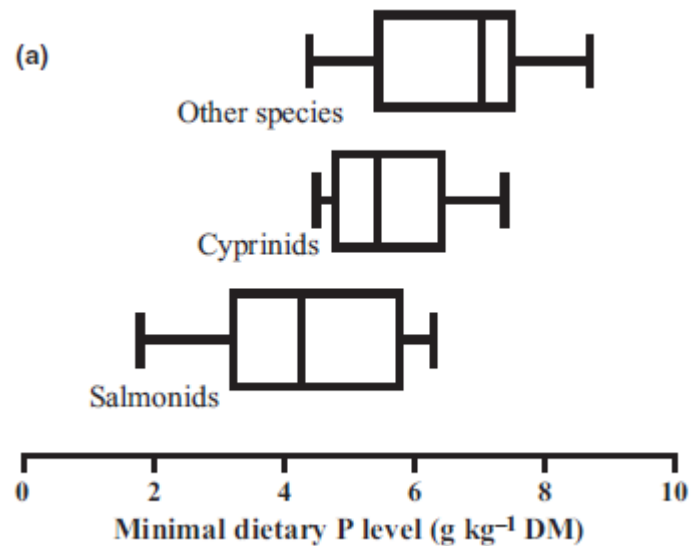


Figure A1 Forest plot presentation of the meta-analytic estimates on the minimal dietary inclusion levels of available P, data presented in Table A1 of appendix.

Mineral req. \leftrightarrow fishmeal replacement

Factors affecting requirements: Species differences



Reviews in Aquaculture (2014) 6, 1–48

Mineral requirements of fish: a systematic review

P. Antony Jesu Prabhu^{1,2,3}, Johan W. Schrama² and Sadasivam J. Kaushik¹

1 INRA, UR 1067, NuMeA, Aquapôle, Saint-Pée-sur-Nivelle, France

2 AFI, WIAS, Wageningen University, AH Wageningen, The Netherlands

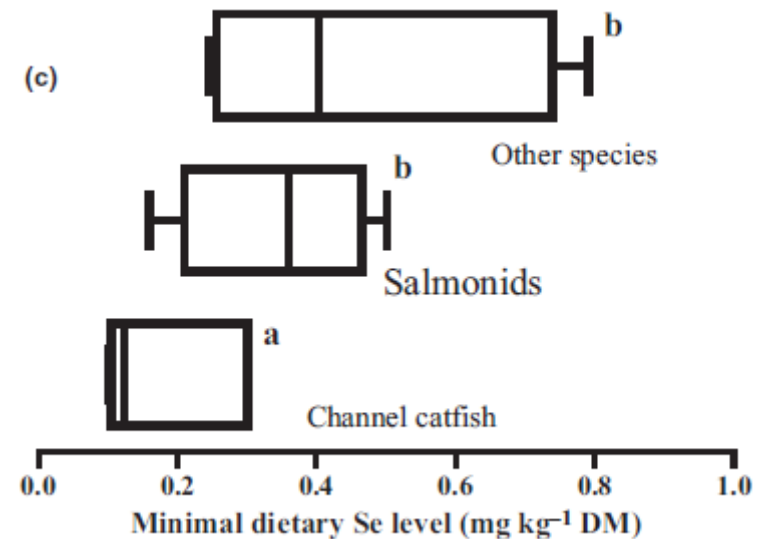
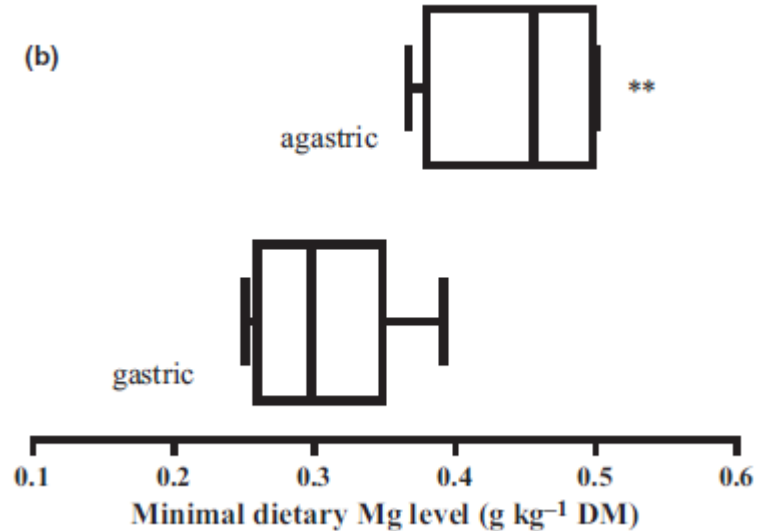
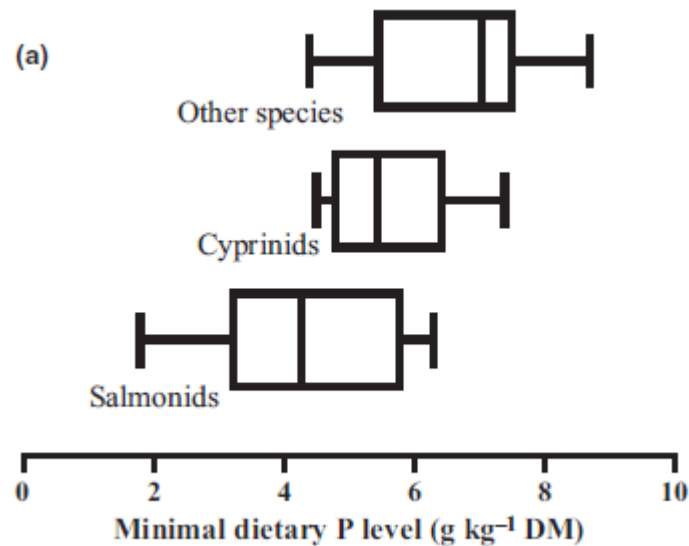
3 AgroParisTech, Paris, Cedex 5, France



WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY
WAGENINGEN UR

Mineral req. \leftrightarrow fishmeal replacement

Factors affecting requirements: Species differences



Reviews in Aquaculture (2014) 6, 1–48

Mineral requirements of fish: a systematic review

P. Antony Jesu Prabhu^{1,2,3}, Johan W. Schrama² and Sadasivam J. Kaushik¹

1 INRA, UR 1067, NuMeA, Aquapôle, Saint-Pée-sur-Nivelle, France

2 AFI, WIAS, Wageningen University, AH Wageningen, The Netherlands

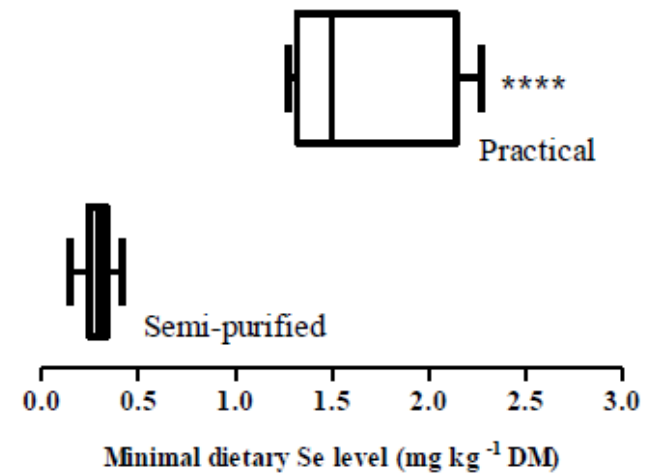
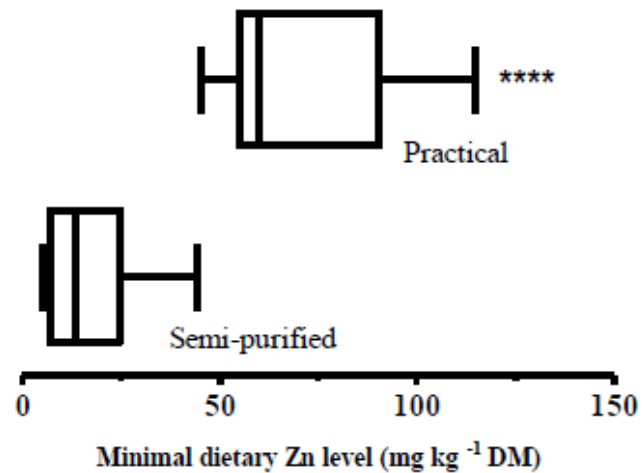
3 AgroParisTech, Paris, Cedex 5, France



WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY
WAGENINGEN UR

Mineral req. \leftrightarrow fishmeal replacement

Factors affecting requirements: Dietary factors



Reviews in Aquaculture (2014) 6, 1–48

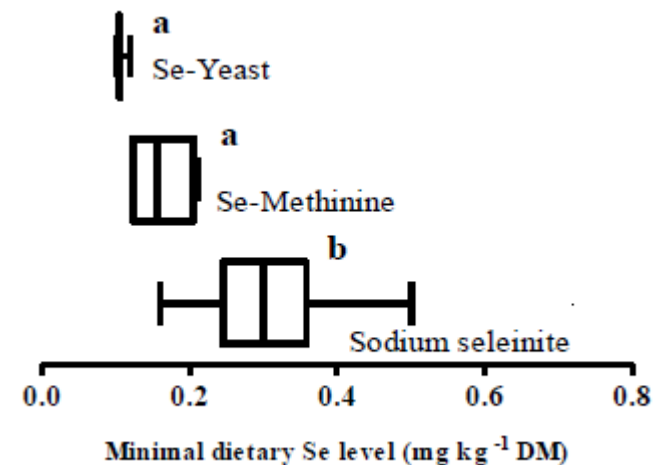
Mineral requirements of fish: a systematic review

P. Antony Jesu Prabhu^{1,2,3}, Johan W. Schrama² and Sadasivam J. Kaushik¹

1 INRA, UR 1067, NuMeA, Aquapôle, Saint-Pée-sur-Nivelle, France

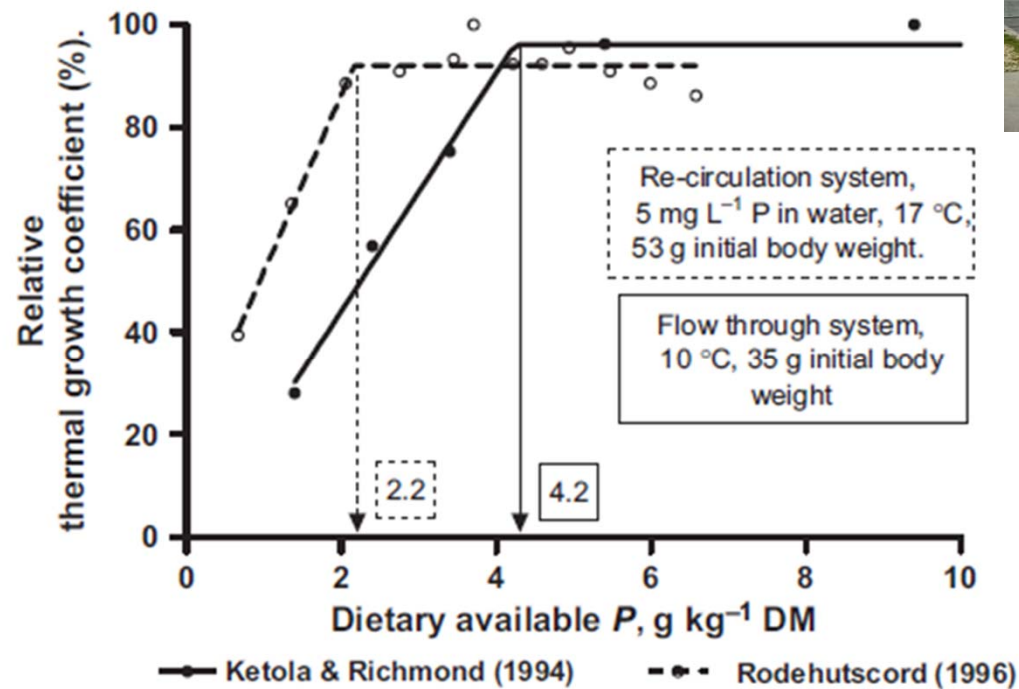
2 AFI, WIAS, Wageningen University, AH Wageningen, The Netherlands

3 AgroParisTech, Paris, Cedex 5, France



Mineral req. \leftrightarrow fishmeal replacement

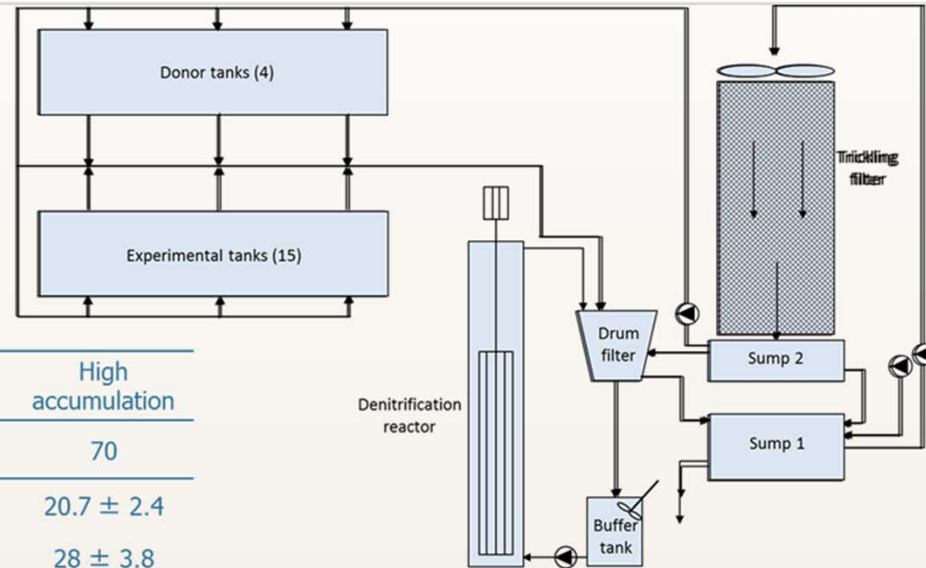
Factors affecting requirements: Culture conditions



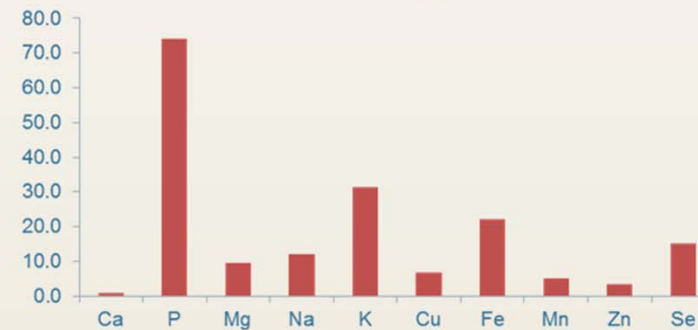
Mineral req. \leftrightarrow fishmeal replacement

System Design and realized contrast in water mineral content

	Low Accumulation	High accumulation
Water refreshment rate (L/kg feed)	1700	70
Calcium	26.5 ± 0.3	20.7 ± 2.4
Phosphorus	0.4 ± 0.1	28 ± 3.8
Magnesium	2.5 ± 0.1	23.8 ± 3.1
Sodium	6.8 ± 0.4	81.6 ± 10.3
Potassium	4.4 ± 0.6	137.7 ± 20.2
Copper	2.3 ± 0	15.7 ± 0
Iron	3.3 ± 0	73.3 ± 0
Manganese	0.3 ± 0	1.7 ± 0
Zinc	10.3 ± 0	36.3 ± 0
Selenium	0.1 ± 0	1.1 ± 0.2



Mineral concentration of high accumulation system as a relative proportion to low accumulation system



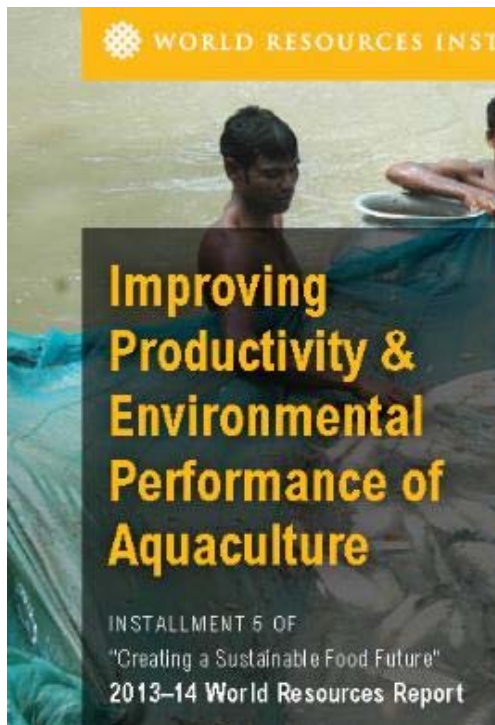
Content presentation

- Historical development of aquaculture
- Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds
- EU fish nutrition projects → ARRIANA
- Examples of issues in fish nutrition:
 - Mineral requirements ↔ fishmeal replacement
 - Minimizing waste production
 - Do fish drink? Chyme conditions and digestion
 - Enteritis in Salmonids and other fish



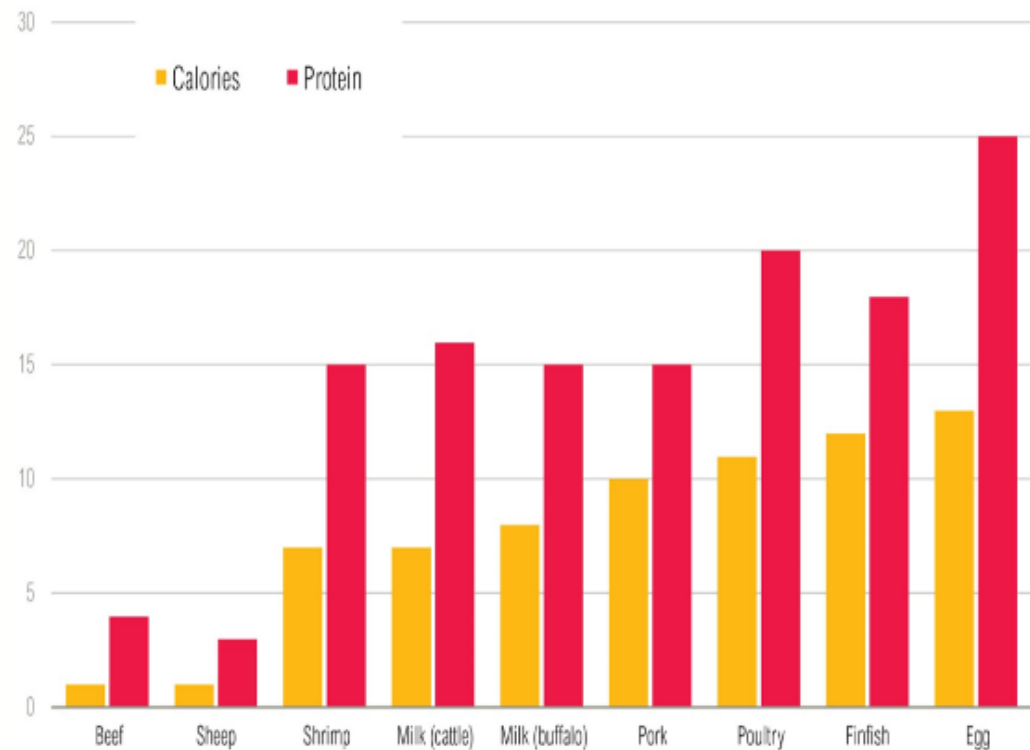
Minimizing waste production

Farmed fish → efficient convertors of feed protein/energy



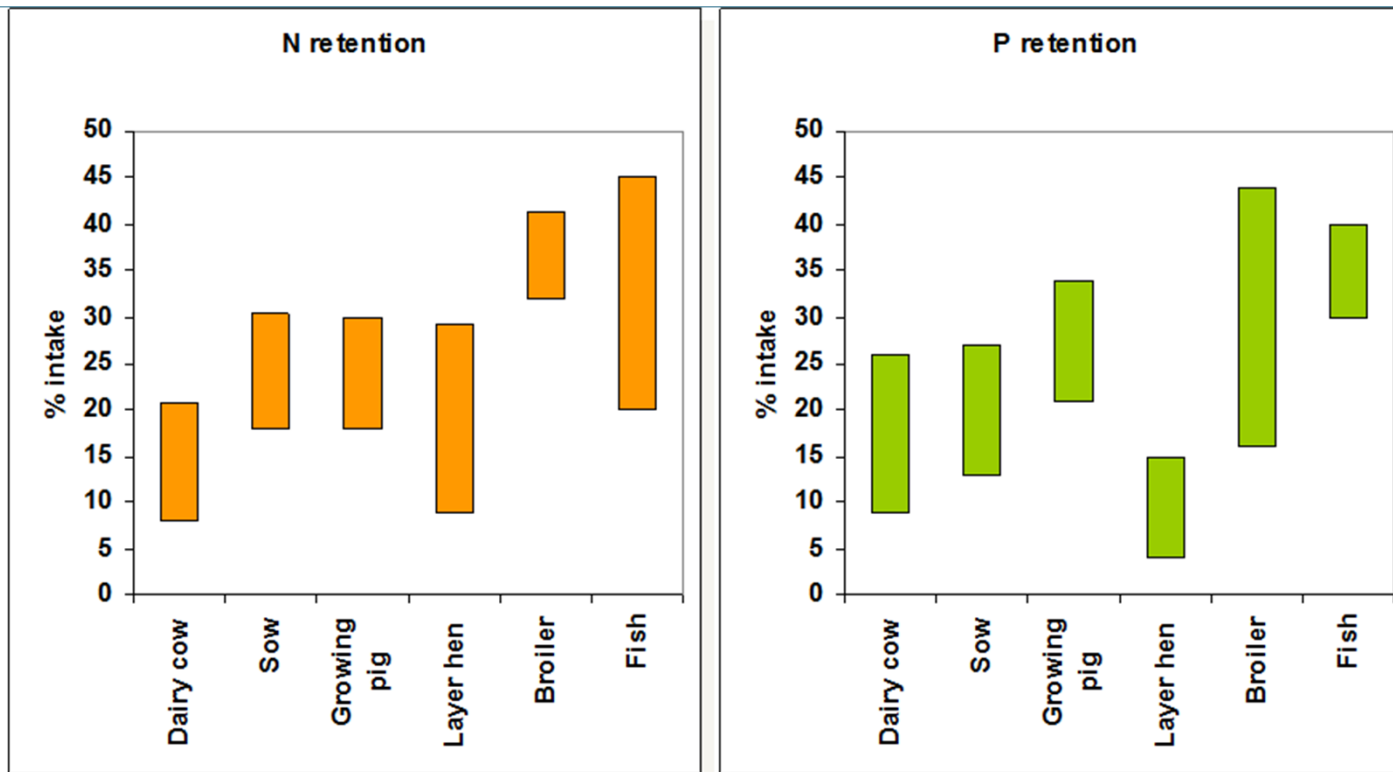
WRI, 2014

Percent or "units of edible output per 100 units of feed input"



Minimizing waste production

N & P retention in different farmed animals



WRI, 2014

For fish

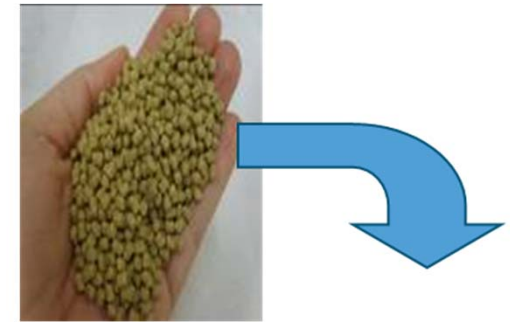
There is much room for improvement



Minimizing waste production

Fish nutrition ↔ faecal waste production (in RAS)

- Feeding level → amount of faeces (waste)
- Digestibility diet → amount of faeces (waste)
- Composition faeces → system performance
- Physical properties faeces (stability) →
removal efficiency



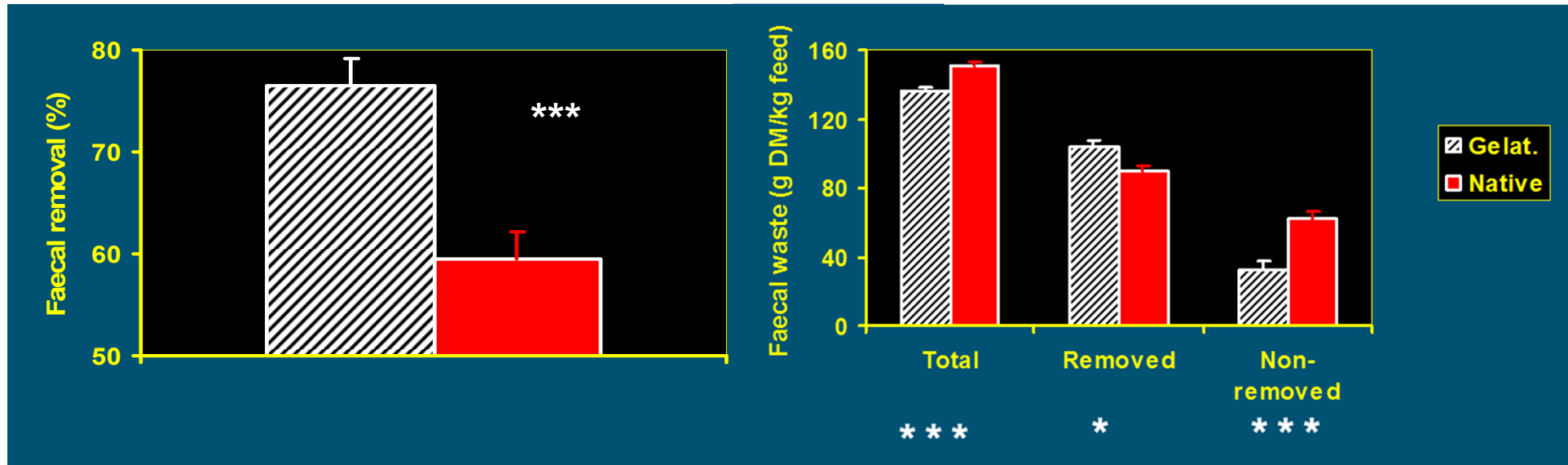
Minimizing waste production

Phd: Amirkolaie A.K. 2005. Dietary carbohydrate and faecal waste in the Nile Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus* L.)

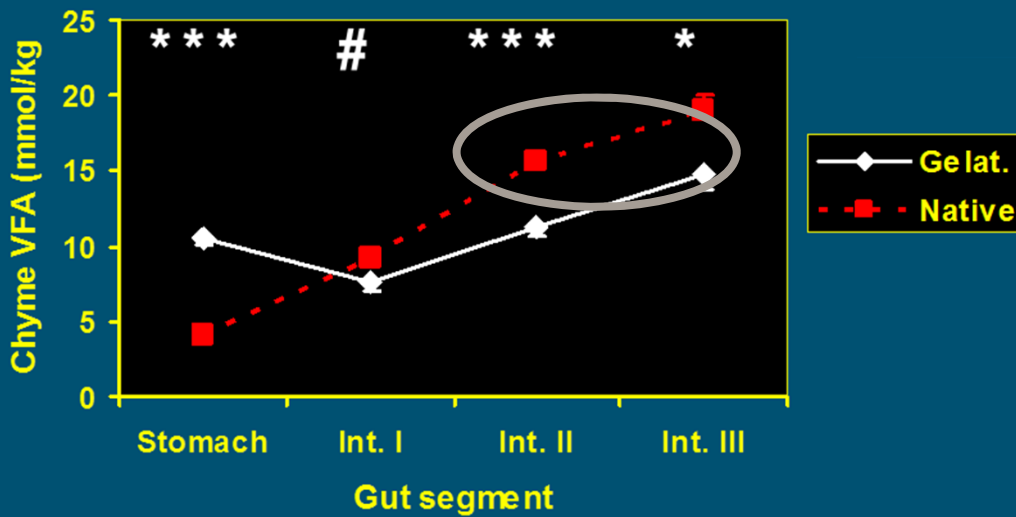
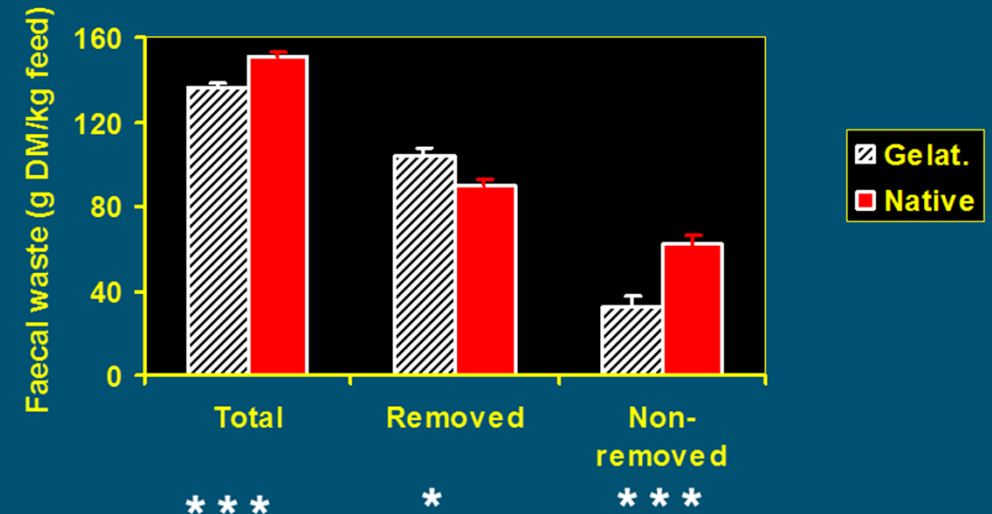
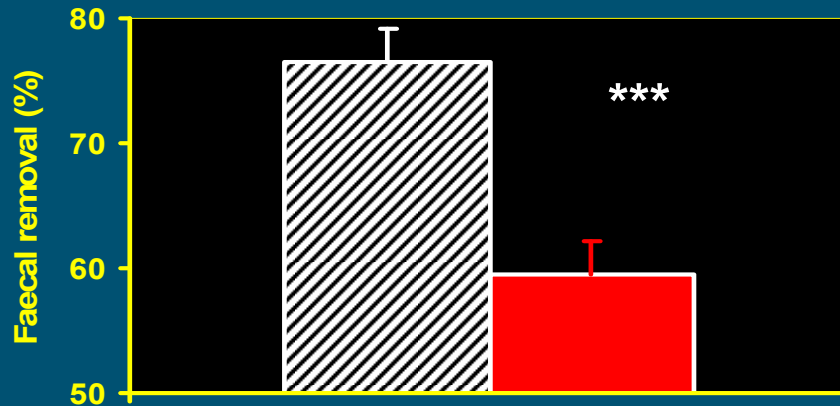
Aim thesis: Does feed composition affect faeces stability?



Minimizing waste production



Minimizing waste production



Chyme characteristics

Available online at www.sciencedirect.com

 ScienceDirect

 ELSEVIER

Aquaculture 260 (2006) 194–205

www.elsevier.com/locate/aqua-online

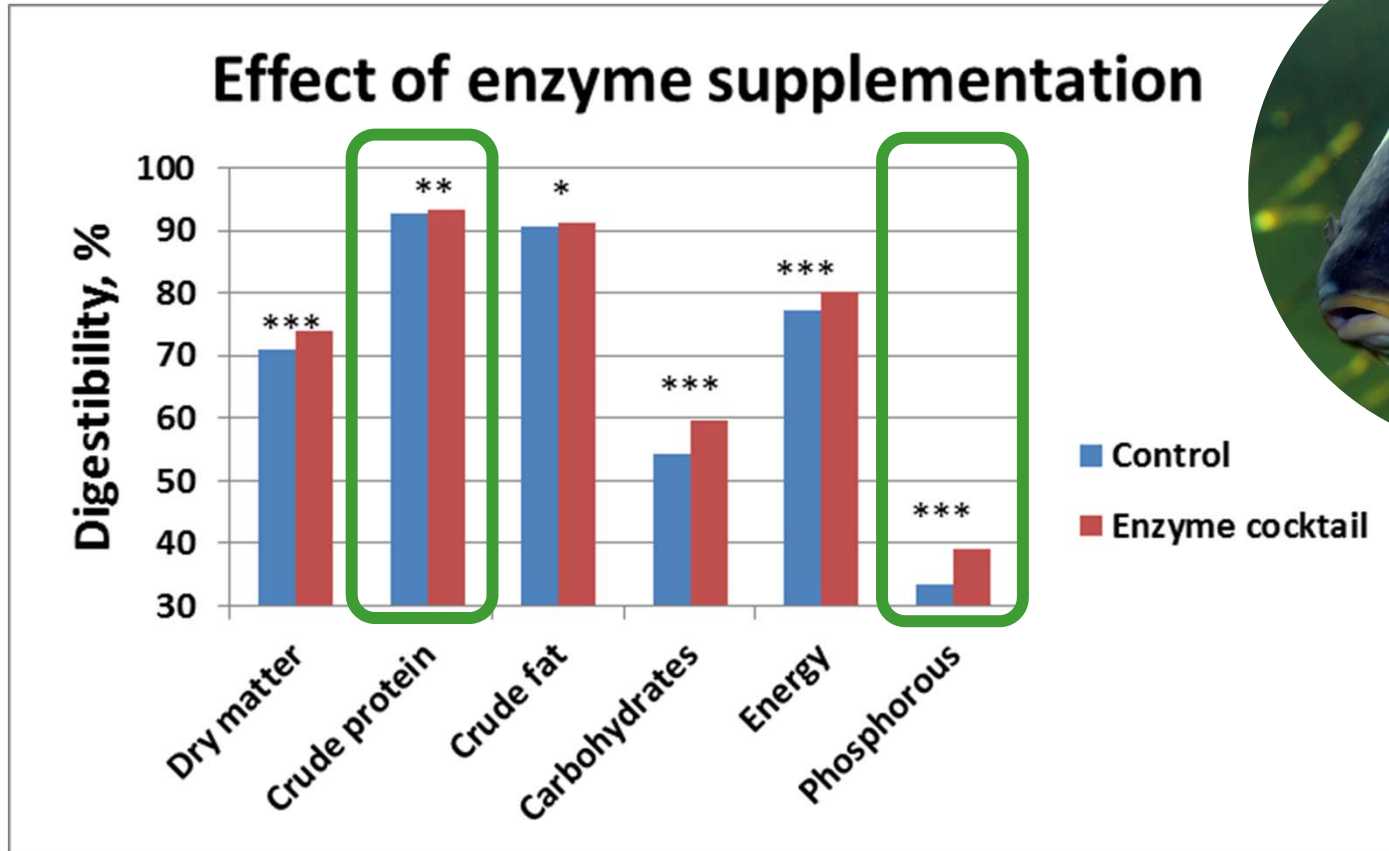
Aquaculture

Effect of gelatinization degree and inclusion level of dietary starch on the characteristics of digesta and faeces in Nile tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus* (L.))

Abdolsamad K. Amirkoalaie, Johan A.J. Verreth, Johan W. Schrama *



Minimizing waste production

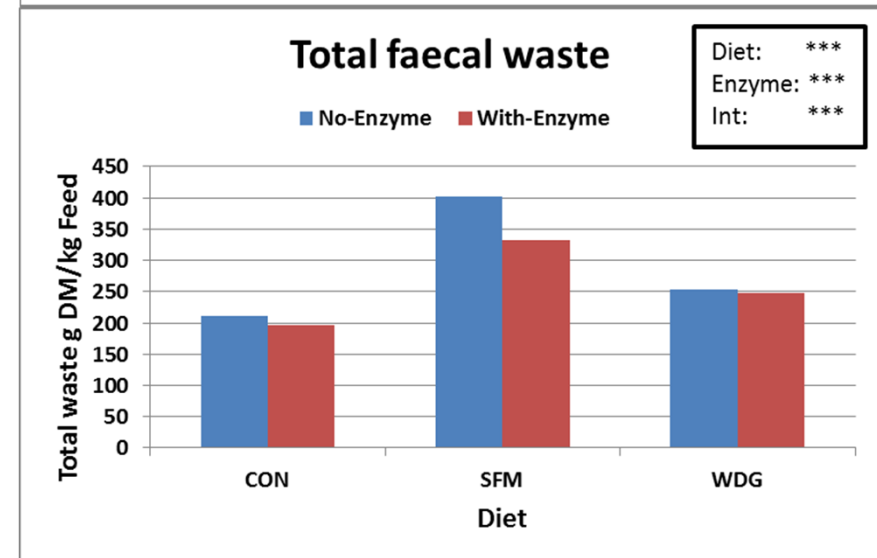
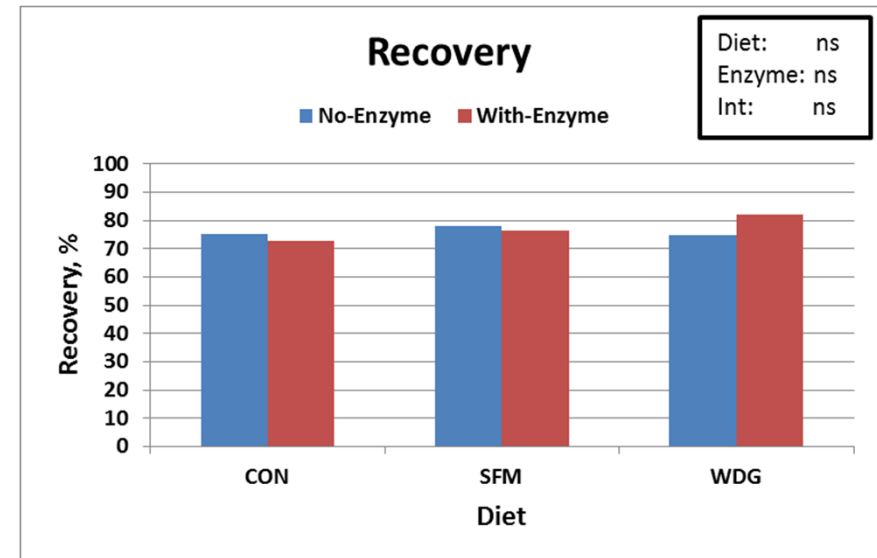


Minimizing waste production



- **Recovery (stability)**
not affected (73↔82%)

- **Total faecal waste amount:**
enzyme effect diet dependent
SFM diet 17% less faeces



Content presentation

- Historical development of aquaculture
- Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds
- EU fish nutrition projects → ARRIANA
- Examples of issues in fish nutrition:
 - Mineral requirements \leftrightarrow fishmeal replacement
 - Minimizing waste production
 - Do fish drink? Chyme conditions and digestion
 - Enteritis in Salmonids and other fish



Do fish drink? Chyme conditions & digestion

- Drinking...



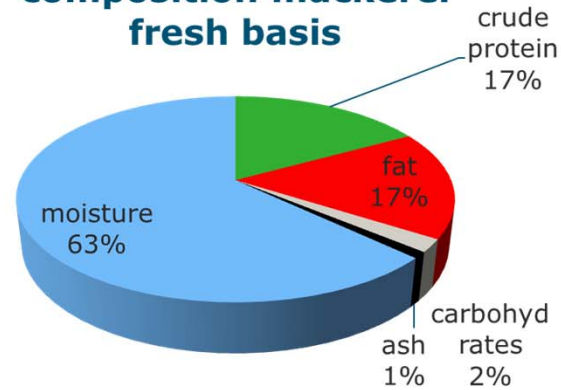
Do fish "drink" water?



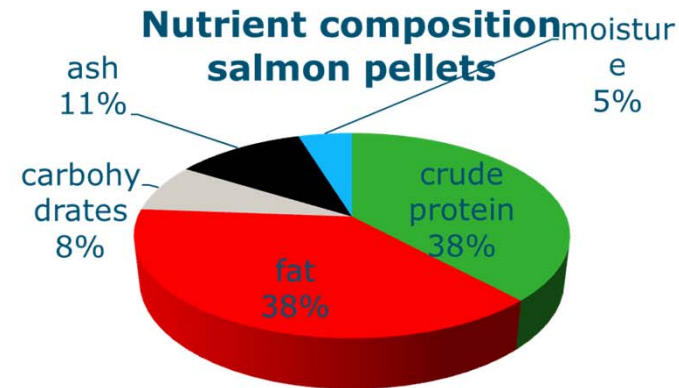
Do fish drink? Chyme conditions & digestion



**composition mackerel
fresh basis**



**Nutrient composition
salmon pellets**

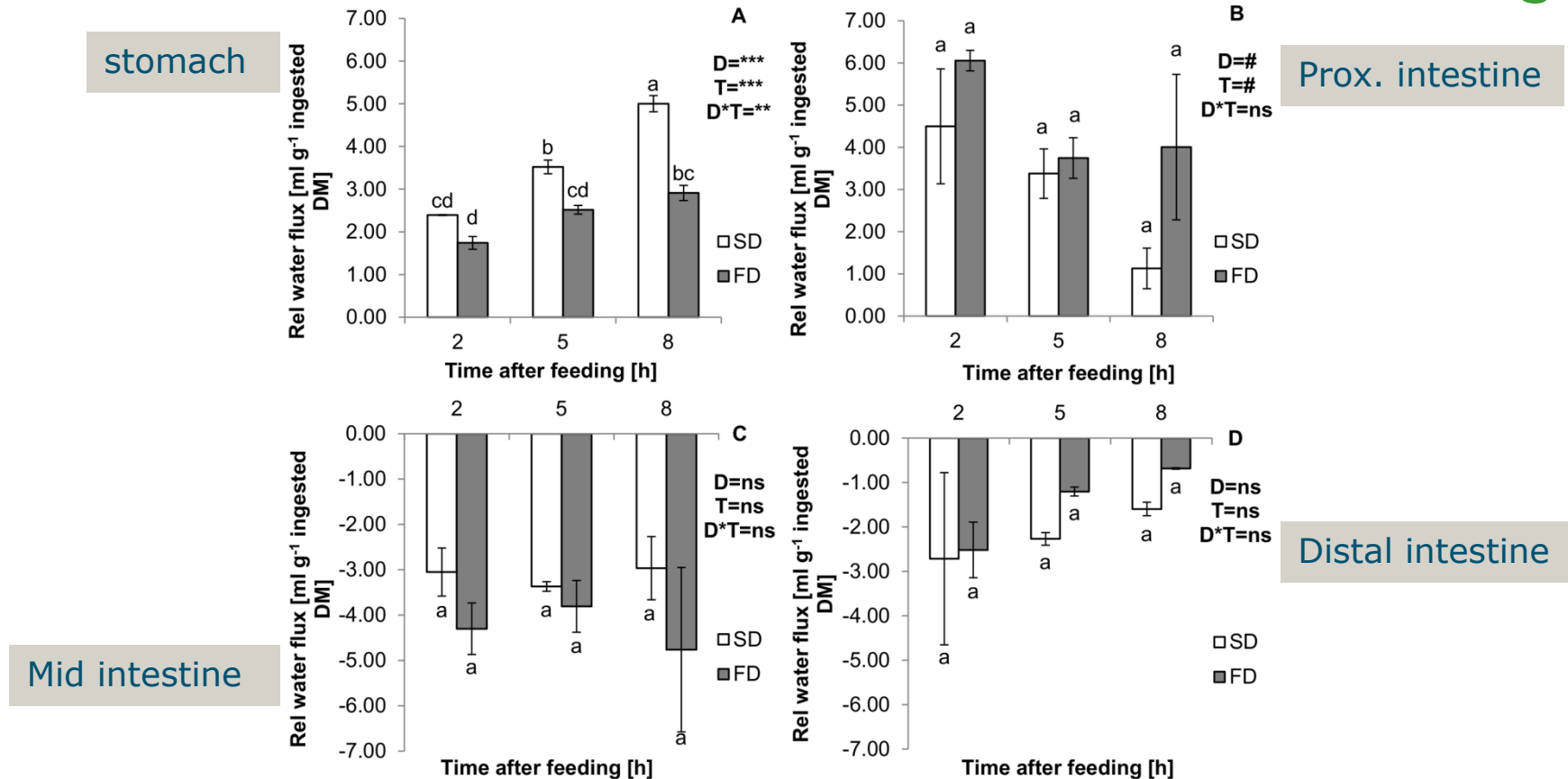


Moisture content



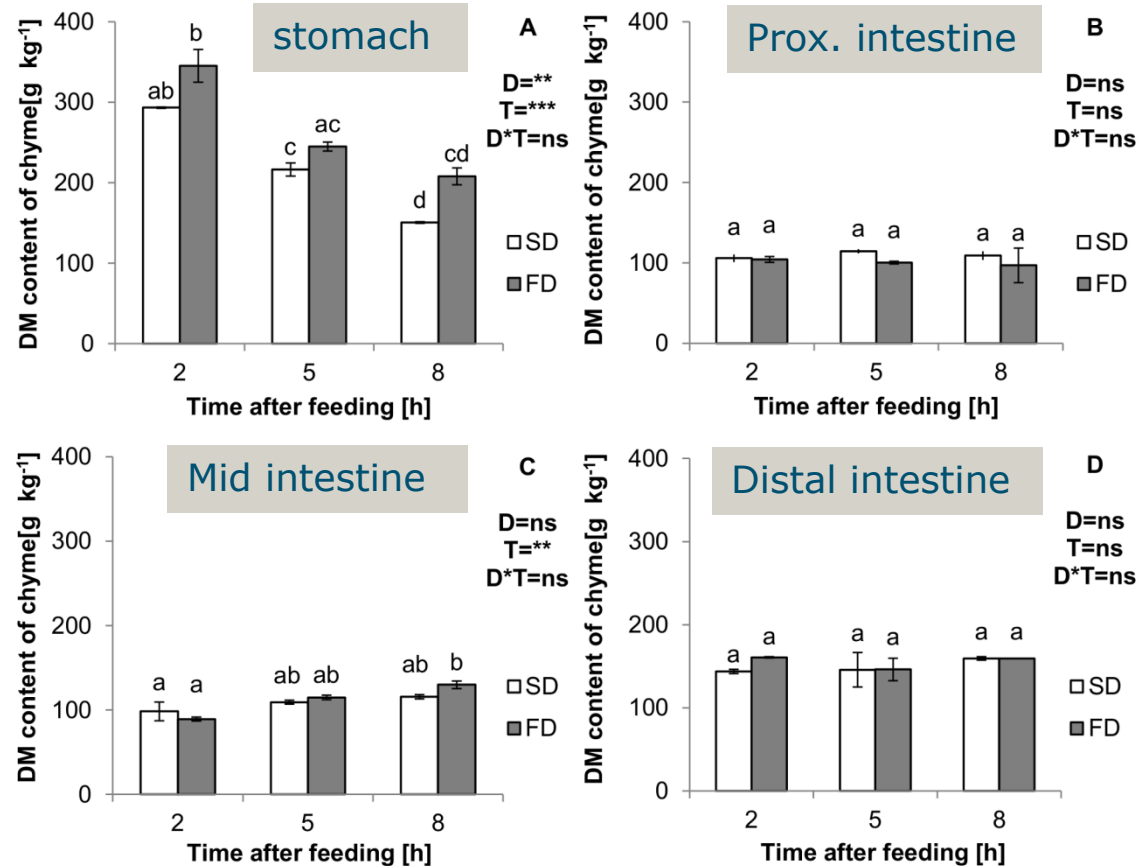
Do fish drink? Chyme conditions & digestion

Water flux in the intestine with time after feeding



Do fish drink? Chyme conditions & digestion

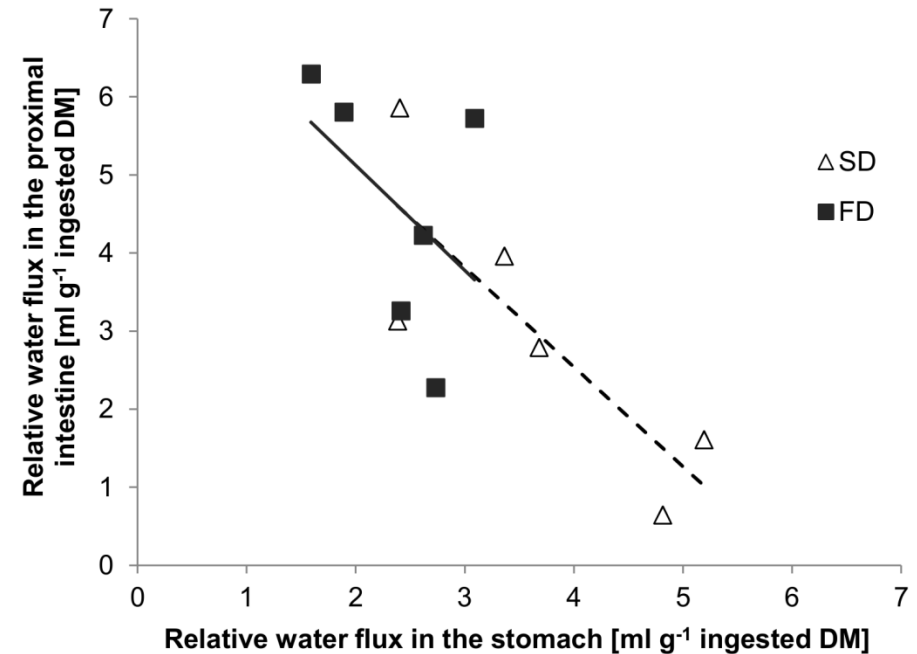
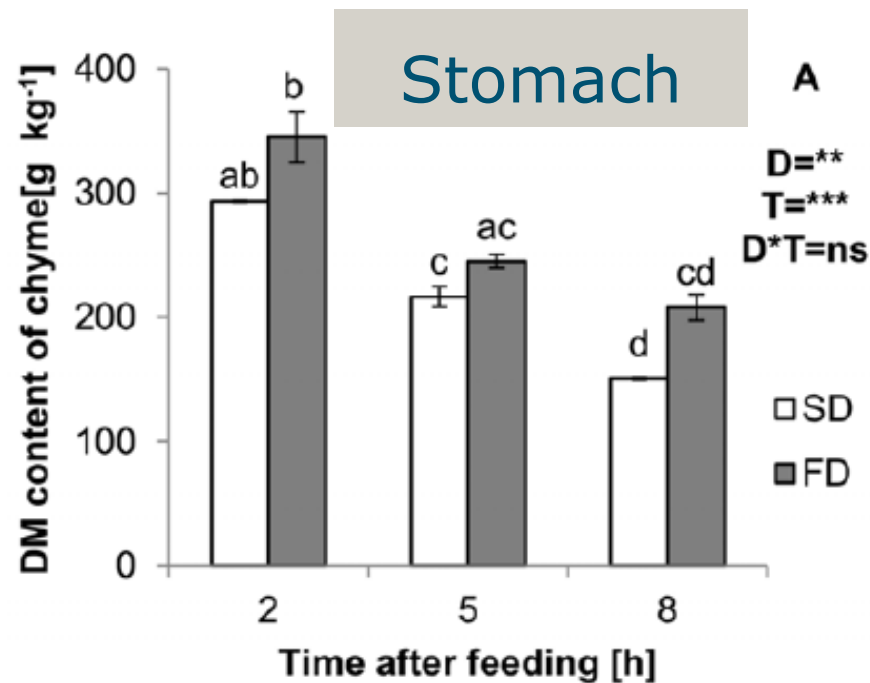
Dry matter content digesta with time after feeding



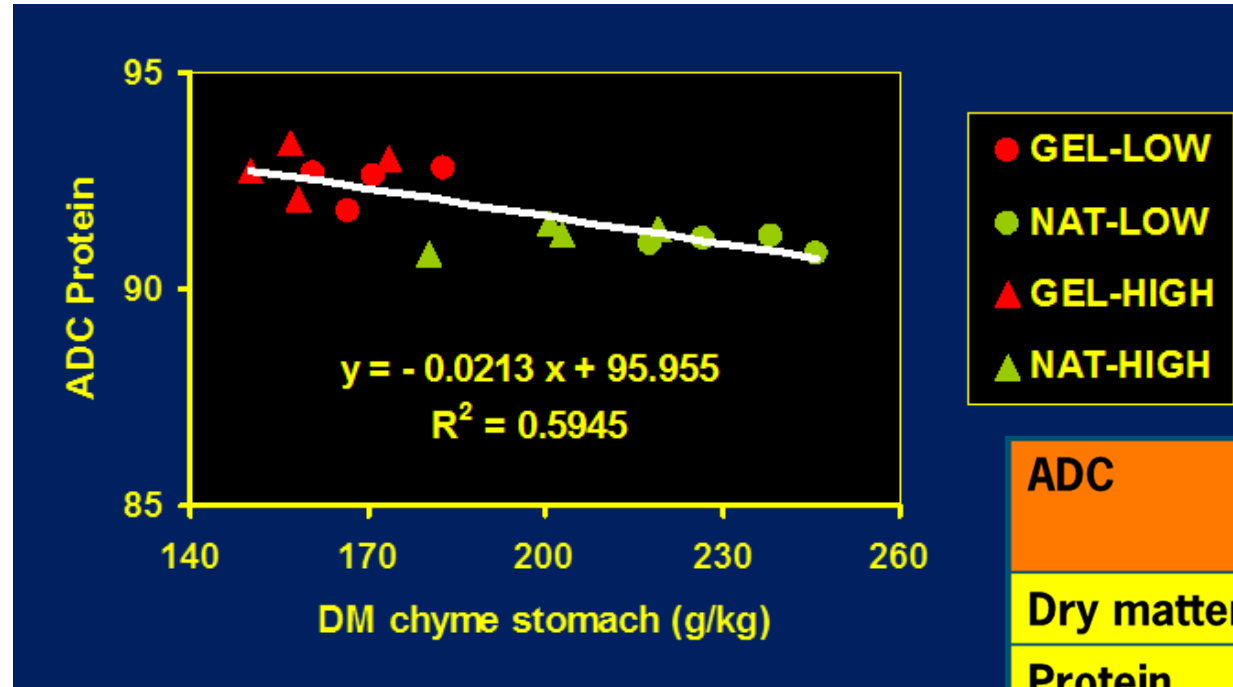
Do fish drink? Chyme conditions & digestion

Water balance, water flux :

If low in stomach → high in proximal part intestine



Do fish drink? Chyme conditions & digestion



- Correlations between ADC and chyme DM content
- Current research topic: nutrition ↔ gut physiology

ADC	Chyme DM Stomach	Chyme DM Intestine I
Dry matter	-0.74***	-0.79***
Protein	-0.77***	-0.64**
Fat	-0.80***	-0.88***
Starch	-0.86***	-0.61*
Ash	0.57*	0.42 ^{ns}

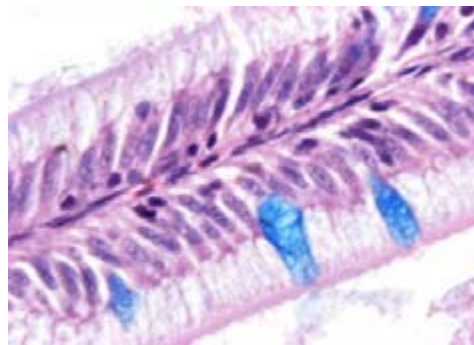
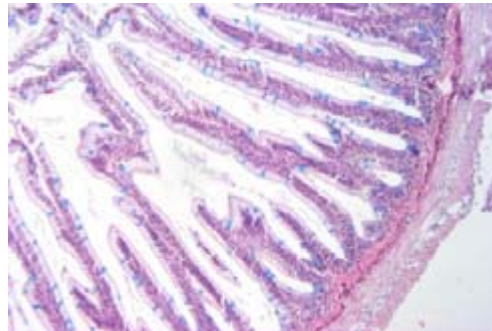
Content presentation

- Historical development of aquaculture
- Trends in fish nutrition/fish feeds
- EU fish nutrition projects → ARRIANA
- Examples of issues in fish nutrition:
 - Mineral requirements \leftrightarrow fishmeal replacement
 - Minimizing waste production
 - Do fish drink? Chyme conditions and digestion
 - Enteritis in Salmonids and other fish

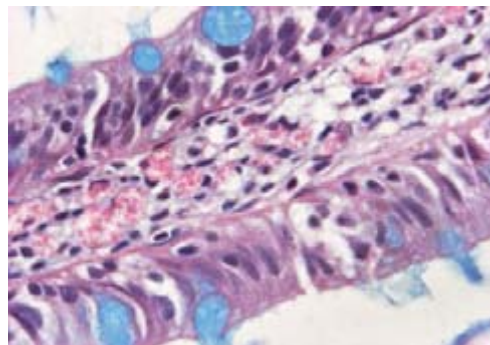
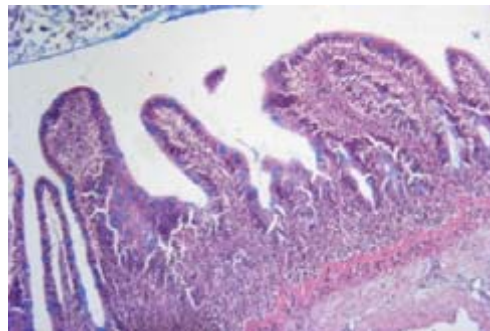


Enteritis in Salmonids and other fish

Soy bean meal induced enterites in salmonids



Fishmeal diet



20% Soybean meal diet

Location 2nd gut segment:

- Mucosal folds
- Sub-epithelial mucosa
- Lamina propria → wider
- Eosinophilic granulocytes
- Supranuclear vacuoles

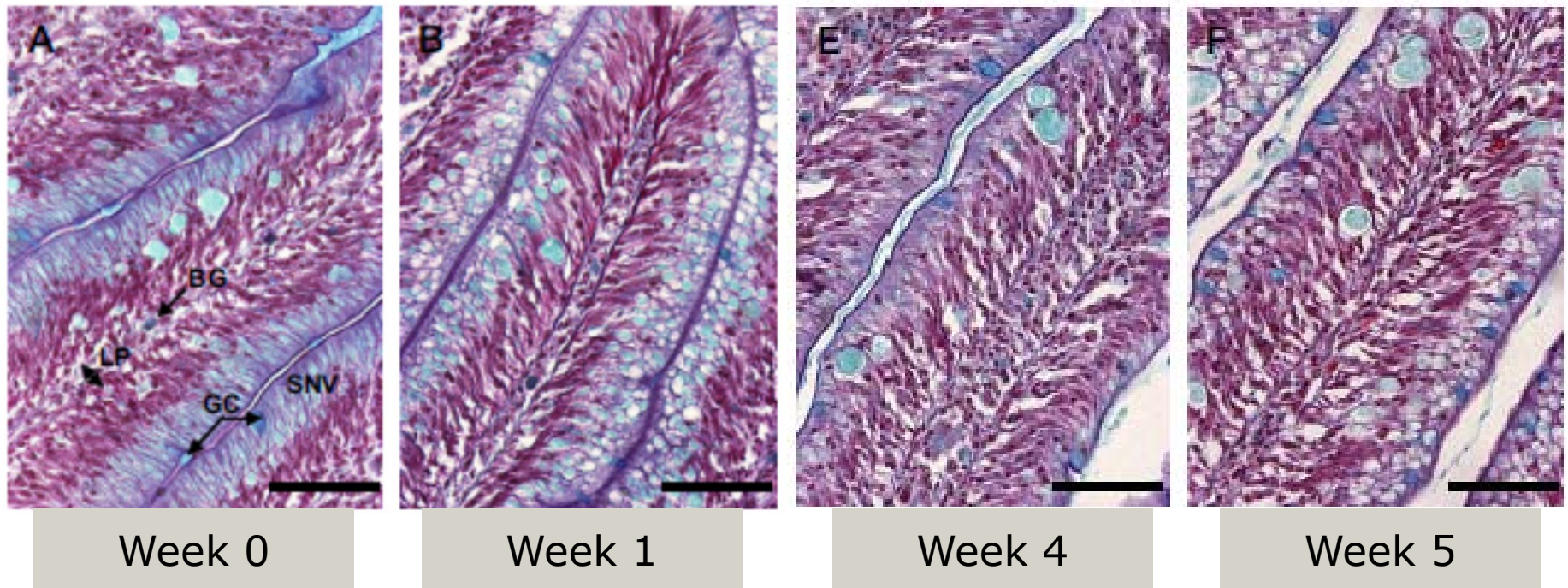
Cause → still not clear

- Saponine?
-

Uran, 2008

Enteritis in Salmonids and other fish

Soybean meal induced enterites in other fish?



Also in carp:

- Naive carp → fed SBM
→ enteritis distal intestine

But in carp:

- Disappears with time

Thank you



Aquaculture
An ocean of opportunities!!

Johan.Schrama@wur.nl