

# Integrated Multi-Trophic Co-cultivation of finfish filter & deposit feeders: a promising system for the Greek aquaculture sector

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# Background

## The Strategy for Sustainable Development of European Aquaculture (CEC, 2002)

### Aims of National fisheries policy for aquaculture sector :

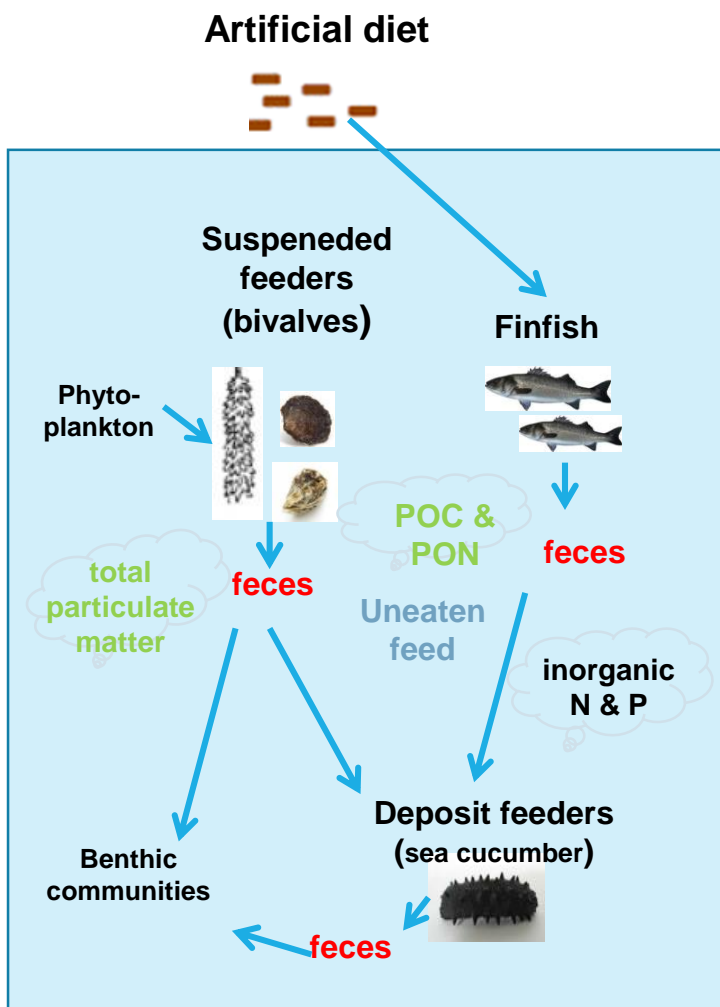
- to increase the production and the diversification
- to increase the product quality
- to improve the competitive position of the sector
- to promote environmental, economic and social sustainability.

Despite possessing a large finfish aquaculture network and important finfish production in the Mediterranean area and EU, Greece has not developed any IMTA system near/or at commercial scale yet.

The co-cultivation of the European sea bass, with filter- & deposit – feeders is a case study of the Integrated MultiTrophic Aquaculture for EFFiciency and Environmental ConservaTion (IMTA-EFFECT) project, in the framework of the ERA-NETs, COFASP 2<sup>nd</sup> call.



# Concept



# Selection of species

## Finfish



*Dicentrarchous labrax*

## Filter feeders



*Mytilus galloprovincialis*



*Ostrea edulis*



*Crassostrea gigas*

## Deposit feeders



*Holothuria poli*

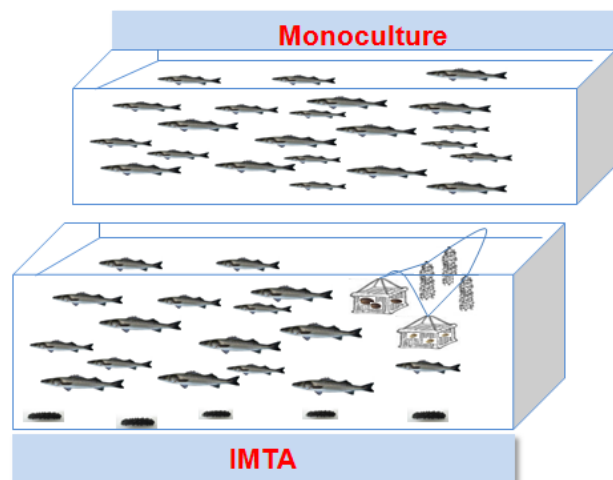


*Holothuria sanctori*



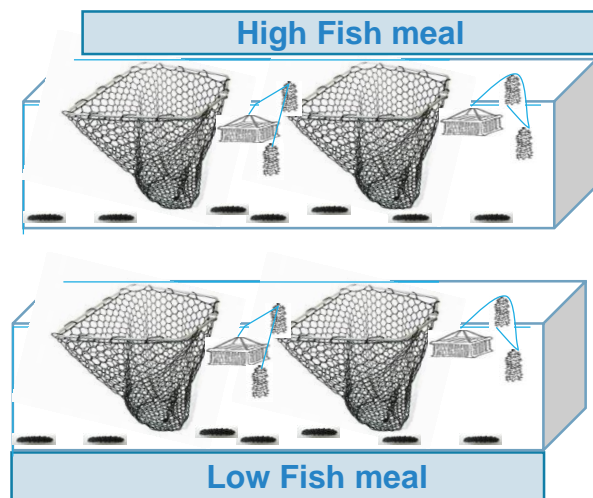
*Holothuria tubulosa*

# Experimental Design



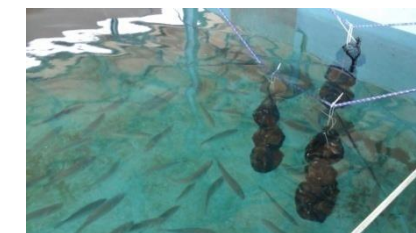
**Experiment 1**  
(spring 17)

**2 kg / m<sup>3</sup>**



**Experiment 2**  
(spring 18)

**0.5 kg / m<sup>3</sup>**



Duplicate concrete tanks of 15 m<sup>3</sup> each with a flow rate of 980-1200 l/h located at the coast

- *Dicentrarchus labrax*: 200 fish/tank (1) or 30 fish/net (2)
- *Mytilus galloprovincialis*: 300/tank (1), or 200/tank (2)
- *Crassostrea gigas*: 20/tank (1) or 20/tank (2)
- *Ostrea edulis*: 20/tank (1)
- *Holothuria tubulosa*: 10/tank (1) or 5/tank (2)
- *Holothuria sanctori* or *poli*: 10/tank (1) or 5/tank (2)

Commercial fish feeds

# Composition of fish feeds

**H-Fish meal (%)    L-Fish meal (%)**

**Fish meal**

30

20

**Fish oil**

12

11

**Plant meal**

45

48

**Plant oil**

0

6

**Gluten**

10

5

**Hemoglobin**

0

5

**Mineral/Vit**

3

5

100

100

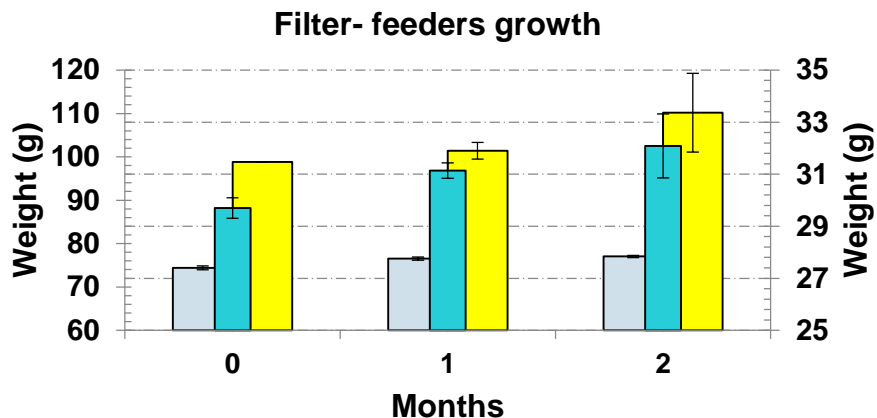


# Growth performance indicators of fish

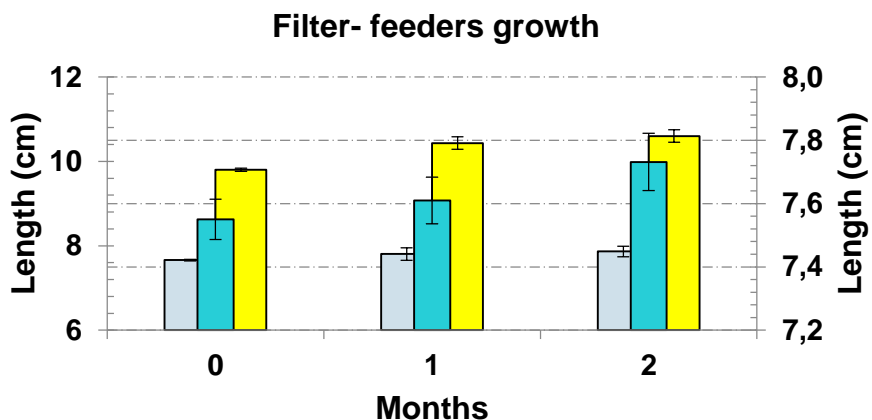
|                       | Survival (%) | WG (g)         | DWG (g/day)   | SGR (%/day)   | FCR (g/g)     |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Monoculture</b>    | 93,35 ± 0,95 | 54,48 ± 1,81   | 0,92 ± 0,03   | 0,53 ± 0,01   | 1,82 ± 0,10   |
| <b>IMTA</b>           | 92,65 ± 0,25 | 56,34 ± 0,42   | 0,95 ± 0,01   | 0,55 ± 0,003  | 1,49 ± 0,03 * |
| <b>High Fish meal</b> | 90,67 ± 0,00 | 52,66 ± 1,34   | 0,59 ± 0,01   | 0,41 ± 0,01   | 1,85 ± 0,08   |
| <b>Low Fish meal</b>  | 89,33 ± 8,33 | 46,34 ± 0,04 * | 0,51 ± 0,00 * | 0,36 ± 0,00 * | 2,33 ± 0,04 * |



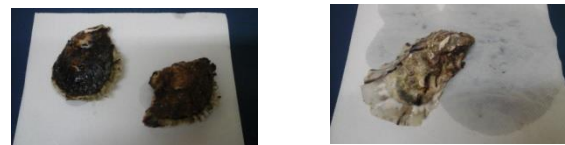
# Growth performance indicators of filter feeders



□ *Ostrea edulis*    ■ *Crassostrea gigas*    ■ *Mytilus galloprovincialis*



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## Oysters

### Shell length (cm)

### Weight (g)

### BCI (%)

## High Fish meal

### Initial

### Final ↑

## Low Fish meal

### Initial

### Final ↑

|            |            |            |            |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 9,9 ± 0,7  | 11,3 ± 0,9 | 9,9 ± 0,7  | 11,4 ± 0,8 |
| 95,3 ± 0,3 | 96,5 ± 0,2 | 96,1 ± 0,1 | 97,3 ± 0,3 |
| 5,9 ± 0,1  | 7,4 ± 0,2  | 5,7 ± 0,4  | 7,7 ± 0,4  |

## Mussels

### Shell length (cm)

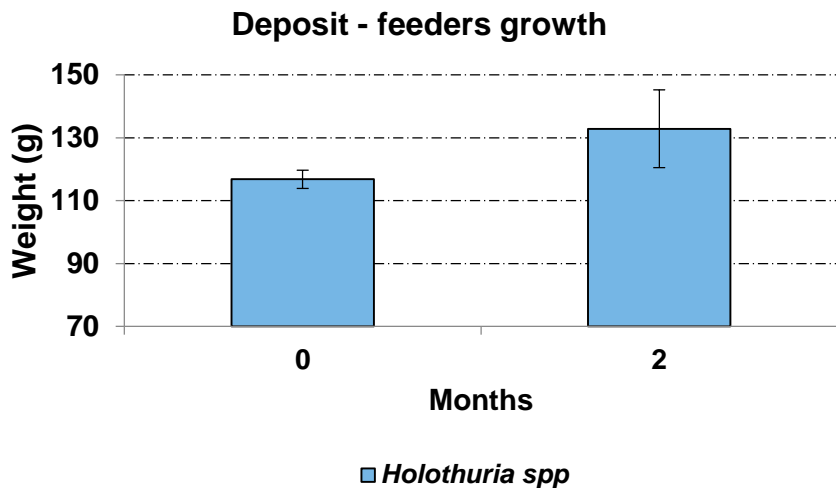
### Weight (g)

### BCI (%)

|            |            |            |            |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 7,6 ± 0,2  | 7,6 ± 0,4  | 7,4 ± 0,5  | 7,4 ± 0,5  |
| 30,9 ± 5,0 | 34,8 ± 5,1 | 29,2 ± 6,3 | 34,5 ± 6,0 |
| 19,2 ± 0,2 | 25,8 ± 0,4 | 19,5 ± 0,3 | 25,5 ± 0,4 |



# Growth performance indicators of deposit feeders



## *Holothuria tubulosa*

Initial weight (g)

Final weight (g)

WG (g)

| High Fish meal | Low Fish meal |
|----------------|---------------|
| 167,7 ± 13,7   | 154,0 ± 18,9  |
| 187,2 ± 45,2   | 166,75 ± 7,01 |
| 19,4           | 12,7          |

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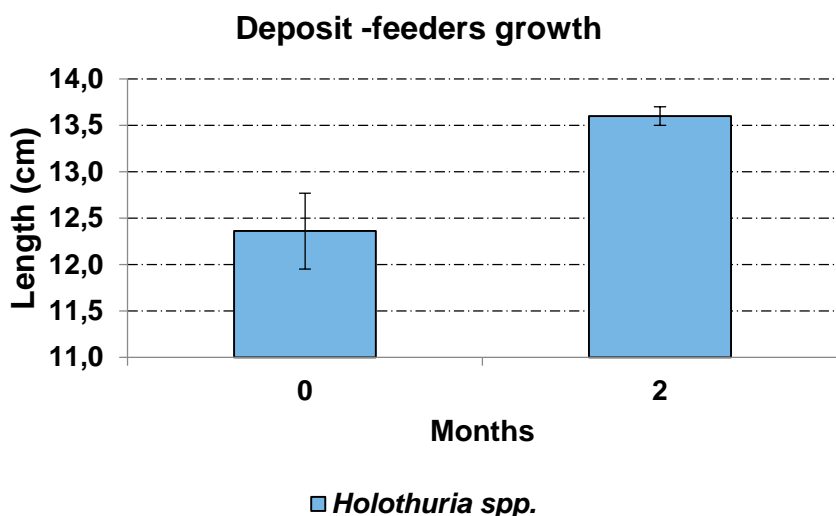
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166,75 ± 7,01

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12,7



## *Holothuria poli*

Initial weight (g)

Final weight (g)

WG (g)

93,05 ± 12,9

77,8 ± 24,2

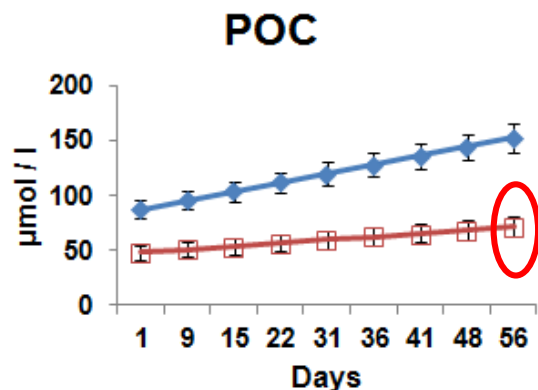
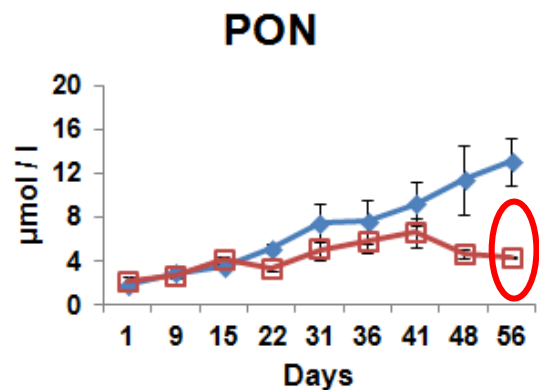
97,9 ± 10,0

80,9 ± 52,4

4,8

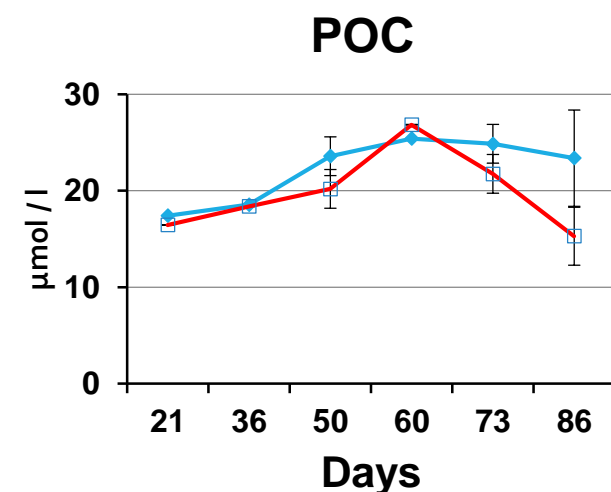
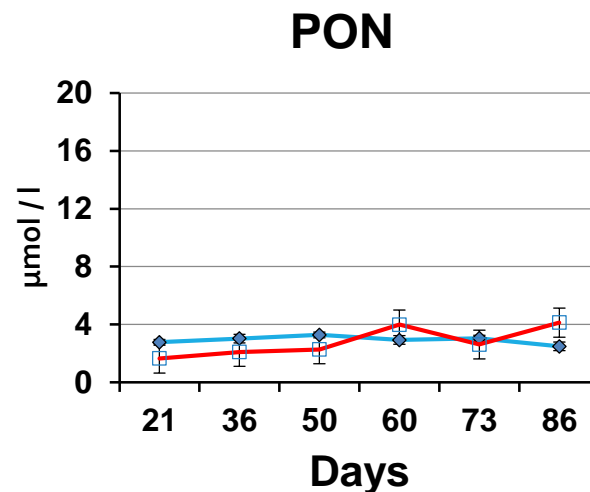
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# Environmental parameters



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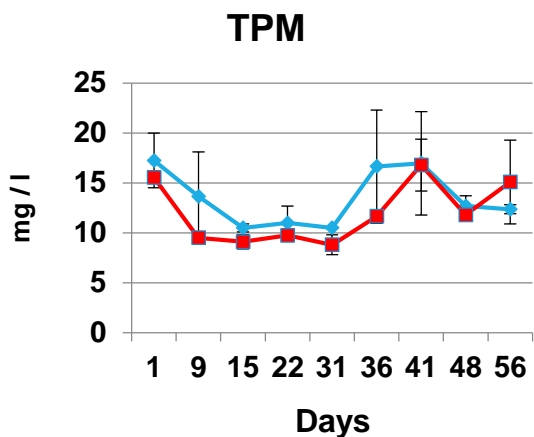


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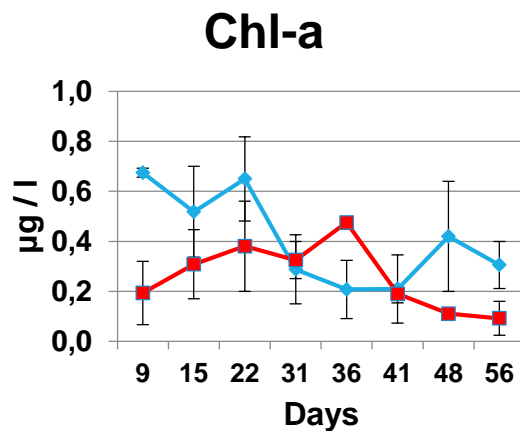
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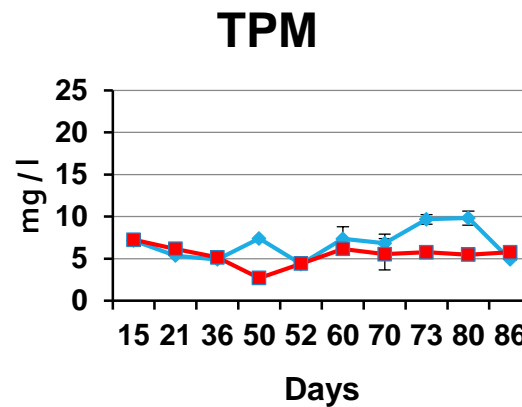
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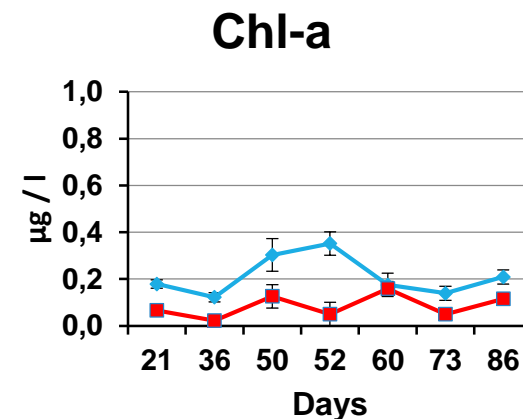
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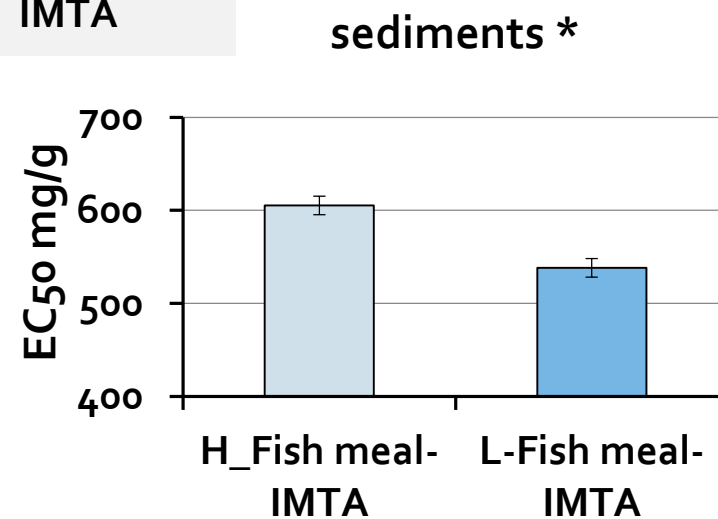
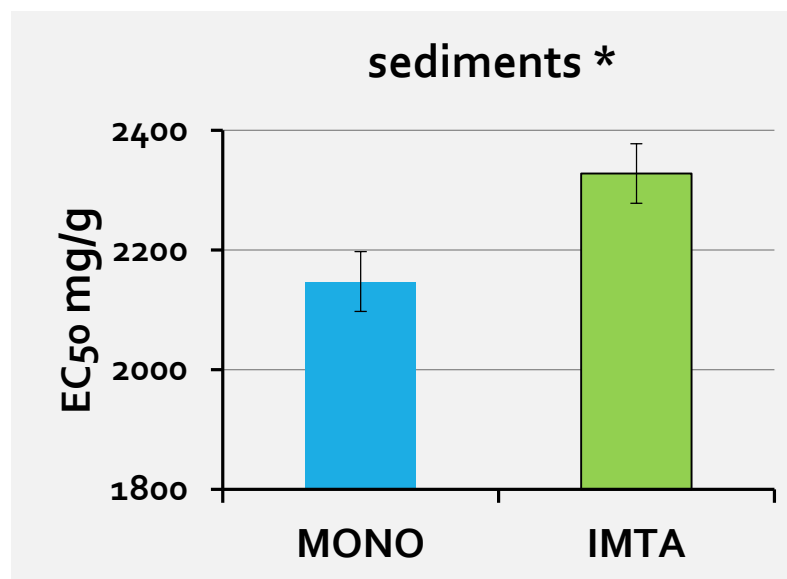
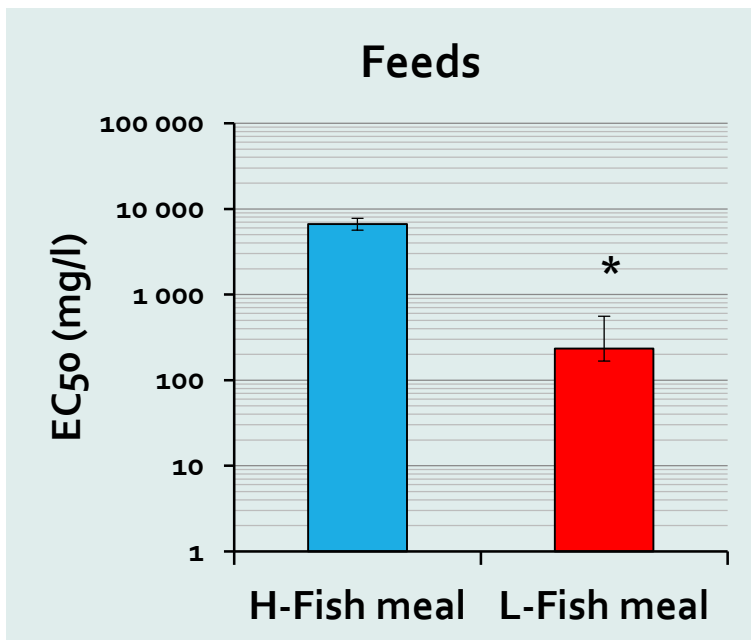
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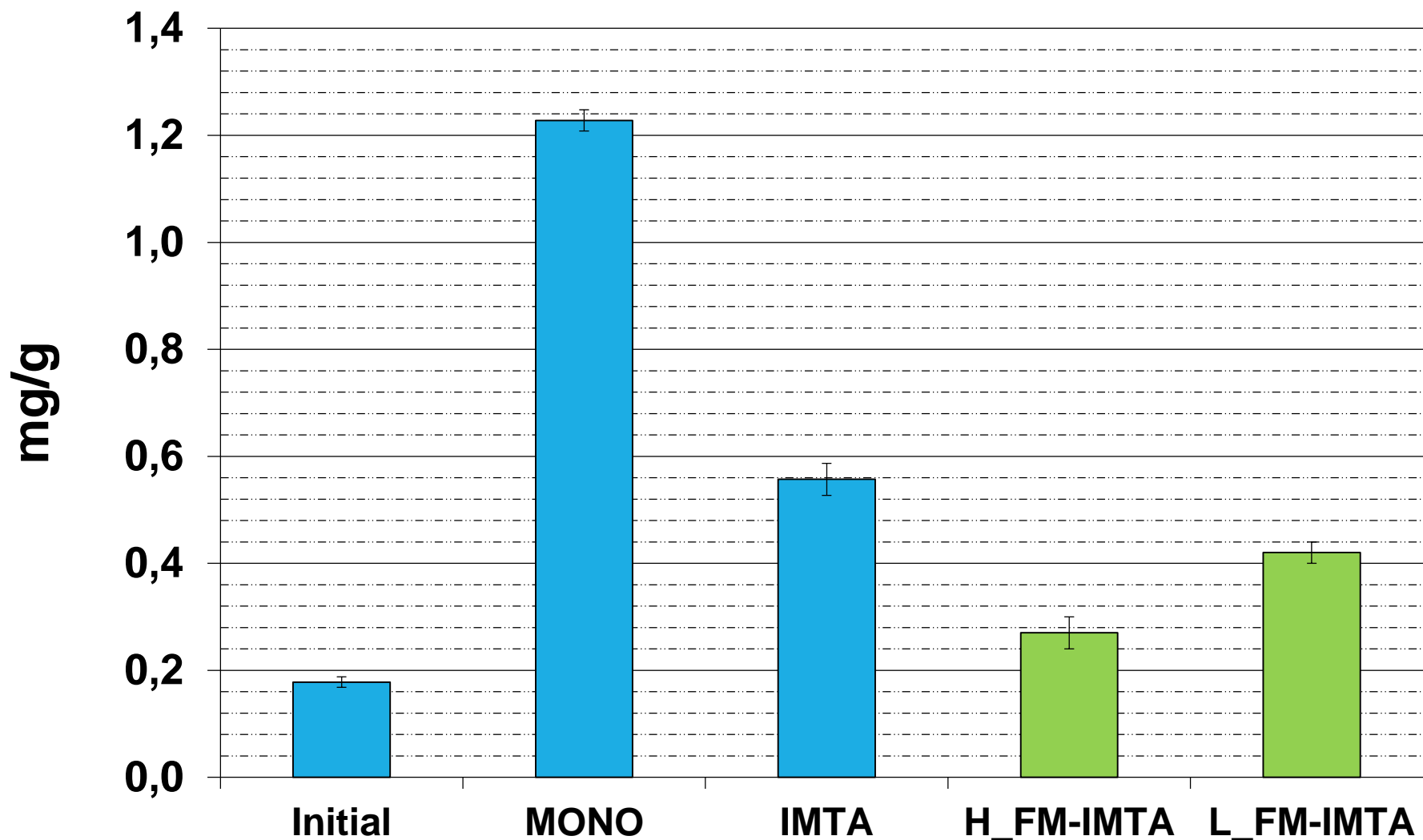
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# Toxicity in feeds & sediments \*

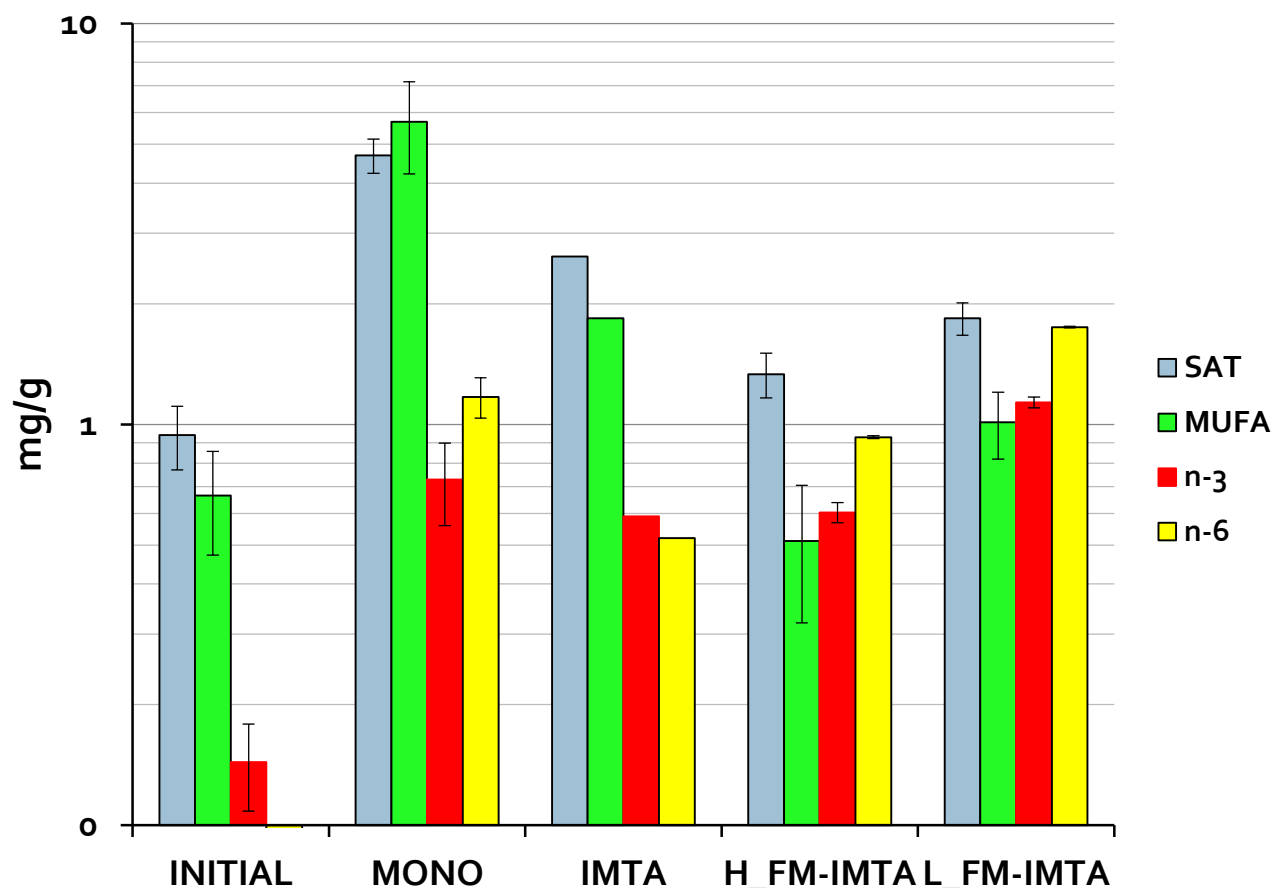


# Total lipids in sediments \*

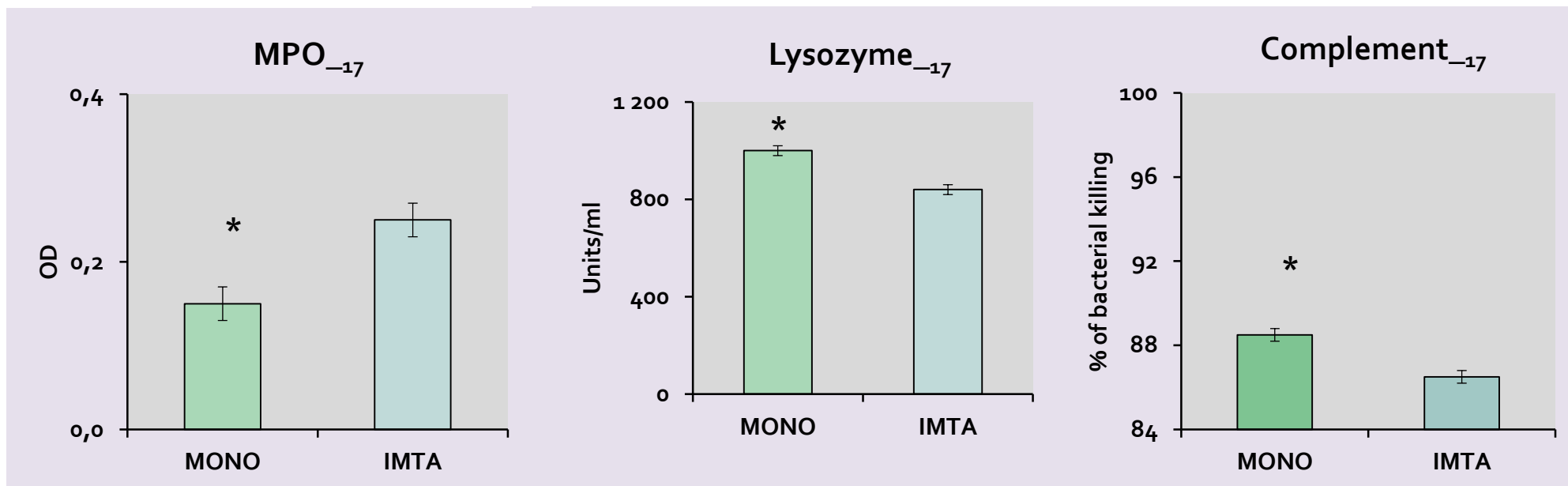


# Fatty acids profiles in sediments \*

| mg/g             | INITIAL                | MONO                   | IMTA                   |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>SATURATED</b> |                        |                        |                        |
| 14:0             | 0,19 ± 0,05            | 0,69 ± 0,05            | 0,37 ± 0,10            |
| 15:0             | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,09 ± 0,02            | 0,06 ± 0,01            |
| 16:0             | 0,60 ± 0,09            | 2,84 ± 0,31            | 1,55 ± 0,36            |
| 17:0             | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,05 ± 0,01            | 0,06 ± 0,03            |
| 18:0             | 0,11 ± 0,03            | 0,67 ± 0,02            | 0,36 ± 0,08            |
| 20:0             | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,10 ± 0,02            | 0,04 ± 0,01            |
| 22:0             | 0,04 ± 0,00            | 0,12 ± 0,02            | 0,07 ± 0,01            |
| 24:0             | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,13 ± 0,01            | 0,09 ± 0,02            |
| <b>Sum SAT</b>   | <b>0,94 ± 0,12 1,2</b> | <b>4,69 ± 0,46 1,2</b> | <b>2,62 ± 0,60</b>     |
| <b>MUFA</b>      |                        |                        |                        |
| 16:1n-9          | 0,07 ± 0,01            | 0,04 ± 0,02            | 0,02 ± 0,01            |
| 16:1n-7          | 0,35 ± 0,14            | 0,78 ± 0,04            | 0,41 ± 0,05            |
| 17:1n-9          | 0,04 ± 0,02            | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,00 ± 0,00            |
| 18:1n-9          | 0,10 ± 0,02            | 2,53 ± 0,58            | 0,63 ± 0,03            |
| 18:1n-7          | 0,11 ± 0,00            | 0,91 ± 0,27            | 0,49 ± 0,11            |
| 20:1n-11         | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,05 ± 0,03            | 0,04 ± 0,03            |
| 20:1n-9          | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,48 ± 0,17            | 0,10 ± 0,01            |
| 20:1n-7          | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,03 ± 0,01            | 0,02 ± 0,00            |
| 22:1n-11         | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,64 ± 0,27            | 0,10 ± 0,00            |
| 22:1n-9          | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,08 ± 0,05            | 0,01 ± 0,00            |
| 24:1n-9          | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,14 ± 0,04            | 0,03 ± 0,00            |
| <b>Sum MUFA</b>  | <b>0,66 ± 0,14 1,2</b> | <b>5,69 ± 1,47</b>     | <b>1,84 ± 0,15 1,3</b> |
| <b>n-3</b>       |                        |                        |                        |
| 18:3n-3          | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,22 ± 0,02            | 0,21 ± 0,14            |
| 18:4n-3          | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 0,08 ± 0,03            | 0,05 ± 0,03            |
| 20:5n-3 (EPA)    | 0,13 ± 0,03            | 0,27 ± 0,10            | 0,27 ± 0,17            |
| 22:6n-3 (DHA)    | 0,02 ± 0,00            | 0,16 ± 0,03            | 0,06 ± 0,03            |
| <b>Sum n-3</b>   | <b>0,14 ± 0,04 1,2</b> | <b>0,73 ± 0,17</b>     | <b>0,59 ± 0,37</b>     |
| <b>n-6</b>       |                        |                        |                        |
| 18:2n-6          | 0,00 ± 0,00            | 1,06 ± 0,10            | 0,35 ± 0,06            |
| 20:4n-6 (ARA)    | 0,04 ± 0,01            | 0,11 ± 0,04            | 0,17 ± 0,11            |
| <b>Sum n-6</b>   | <b>0,04 ± 0,01 1,2</b> | <b>1,17 ± 0,06 2,3</b> | <b>0,52 ± 0,17</b>     |



# Fish health status



# Conclusion

- 1) **Growth Performance Indicators of finfish such as SGR and FCR**
- 2) **Growth of filter & deposit feeders**
- 3) **Environmental variables including PON and POC, total lipids and fatty acids profile in sediment**

**are showed to be promising**

- **to manage culture system by-products,**
- **to increase feed efficiency that lower the production cost**

**and achieving economic viability and environmental quality through diversification of different trophic levels.**







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