

# **INNOVATIVE ALGAE BASED SOLUTIONS**

Danièle MARZIN Marketing & Innovation Director Olmix Group



### Agenda

- I. OLMIX Vision
- II. ALGAE Introduction
- III. MACROALGAE Innovative molecules
- IV. MACROALGAE in Brittany
- V. OLMIX ALGAE processing technology
- VI. Nutrition and health algae based solutions



#### Agenda

- I. OLMIX Vision
- II. ALGAE Introduction
- III. MACROALGAE Innovative molecules
- IV. MACROALGAE in Brittany
- V. OLMIX ALGAE processing technology

VI. Nutrition and health algae based solutions



# **OLMIX** Vision

The challenge for modern agriculture :

The world must produce BETTER and MORE with LESS

- to sustainably feed the planet
- to feed humans in a healthier way

#### A HEALTHY FOOD CHAIN THANKS TO ALGAE



Less pesticides

 Less antibiotics

• Less chemicals









#### Agenda

# I. OLMIX Vision

# II. ALGAE - Introduction

- III. MACROALGAE Innovative molecules
- IV. MACROALGAE in Brittany
- V. OLMIX ALGAE processing technology

VI. Nutrition and health algae based solutions



# Why algae?

# Algae, a natural & renewable resource



- 100% natural
- Traditional use
- Low risk for toxicity or ecotoxicity



- Growth rates of up to 30% per day !
- Algae are not dependent on arable land or fresh water
- Algae produce 70% of earth's oxygen
- Algae play a vital role in reducing CO<sub>2</sub>
- Huge application potential for plants, animals & humans with Still a lot to discover !



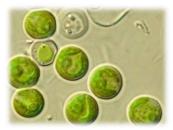


# Algae & Seaweed - Definitions Algae

- Living organisms with chlorophyll having oxygenic photosynthesis
- Their life cycle is generally realised in aquatic or humid environments (fresh or salt water)
- Do not have roots, flowers or seeds
- Sizes between 0,5 µm 70 m
- A polyphyletic group including both procaryotic and eucaryotic organisms
  - Procaryotes (no nucleus) (*ie : cyanobacteria blue green algae*)
  - Eucaryotes (with a nucleus)
    - Microalgae : unicellular : ex Chlorella
    - Macroalgae : multicellular : ex Ulva



Spirulina sp.



Chlorella vulgaris



Ulva sp.



# Algae & Seaweed - Definitions

# **Seaweed (marine macroalgae)**

Used to describe algae that are :

- Macroscopic
- Eucaryote
- Multicellular
- Marine

Divided in three groups:

- Green
- Red
- Brown





Red



Brown

#### OLMIX group is specialized in Marine macroalgae



## **Green seaweed**



Polysaccharides: Ulvans Colour due to: Chlorophyll a and b



Ancestors of terrestrial plants (1 200 million years) ~1500 species



Ulva

intestinalis

Codium



Caulerpa

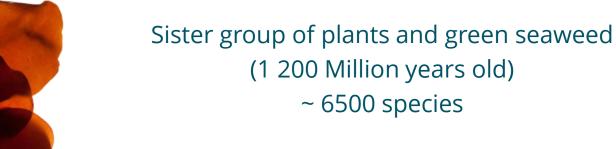
Health & Nutrition Poultry Seminar - Dubai - 19th January 2018

Cladophora



# **Red seaweed**

- Polysaccharides: Carrageenans and Agar
  - Colour due to: Phycoerythrin and Phycocyanin (Accesory pigments to chlorophyll a





Chondrus

Dilsea





# **Brown seaweed**



Fucus

Bifurcaria

Polysaccharides: Alginates, Fucoidans and Laminarins Colour due to: Fucoxanthin (Accesory pigments to chlorophyll c)



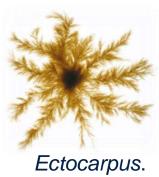




Ascophyllum



Laminaria



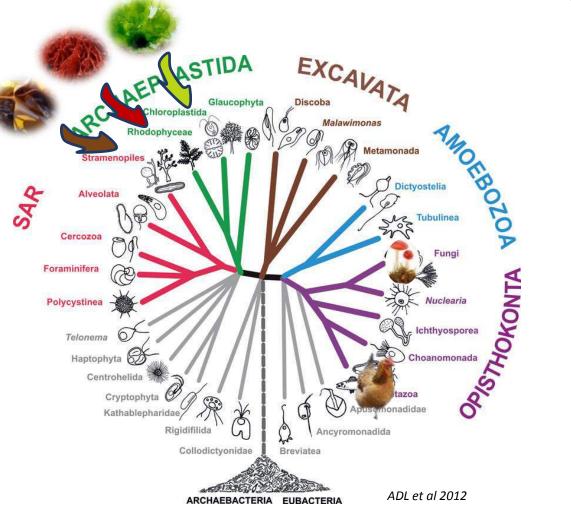


5.



# Seaweeds : large phylogenetic differences between groups

- Same origin
- But green, red and brown algae are as different as fungi and animals !
- → Sources of very variable compounds !





#### Main macroalgae components





- Carbohydrates (20-70% of dry weight) Poly-anionic and sulfated polysaccharides
  - > Alginates, fucoidans (Brown algae)
  - > Carraghenans and agars (Red algae)
  - Ulvans (Green algae)
  - Insoluble carbohydrates
- **Proteins** (1-35% of dry weight)
- Lipids (0,5-4% of dry weight)
- Minerals (10-30% of dry weight)
  - Iron, Iodine, Copper, Potassium, Sodium, Calcium,
     Sulfate, Magnesium, Phosphorous, Chlorine, Manganese
  - > Numerous trace-elements.
  - Pigments
    - > Phycobiliproteins (Red algae)
    - Carotenoids
- Vitamins
  - > A, B1, B2, B6, B12, C, D3, E, K
- Secondary metabolites
  - Polyphenols, phlorotannins
  - ➤ Steroids
  - ≻ ...

Health & Nutrition Poultry Seminar - Dubai - 19th January 2018



Biological

activities

Nutritional

b

ctivitie

Ŵ

# Macroalgae - Current uses

#### <u>Human food</u>

- As a vegetable or condiment, mainly in Asia : Nori, Wakame, seaweed salads
- **Texturizing agents** (gelling agent polysaccharides properties)
  - E400 E401 Alginate
  - E 406 Agar
  - E407 Carrageenan
  - E407a Semi-refined Eucheuma
- Nutritional supplement: proteins, minerals and vitamins
- **Functional food**

#### Agricultural uses

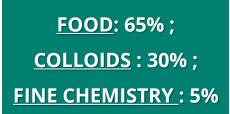
- Flour or meal
- Fertiliser and soil amendment

#### <u>Industry</u>

 Phycocolloids used as thickening, gelling or stabilizing agents, especially in the textile industry

#### **Fine Chemistry**

• Cosmetics: texturizing or active agents,













#### Agenda

- I. OLMIX Vision
- II. ALGAE Introduction
- III. MACROALGAE Innovative molecules
- IV. MACROALGAE in Brittany
- V. OLMIX ALGAE processing technology

VI. Nutrition and health algae based solutions



#### **Polysaccharides: introduction**



## The most abundant renewable materials found on land and in the ocean



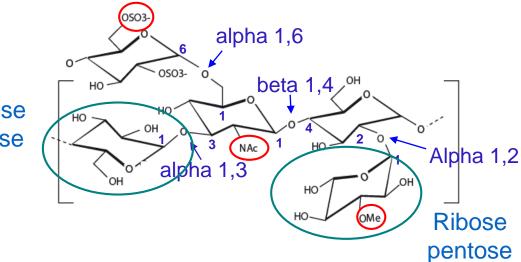


## Polysaccharides: High molecular weight polymers of sugars available in a variety of structures

Variable structure depending on:

- Sugar
- Glycosidic linkage
- Functional groups

Glucose hexose



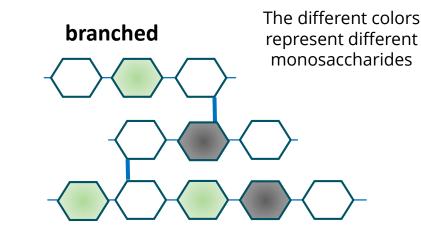


## **Polysaccharides: High potential of variable structures**

Homo-polysaccharides unbranched

branched

Hetero-polysaccharides unbranched

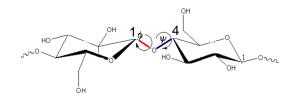


### One hexasaccharide →10<sup>12</sup> combinations (Laine, 1994)

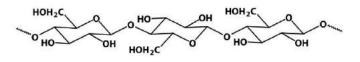


# Polysaccharides: Change of linkage in a regular chain change properties

Ex. of amylose, cellulose:



Cellulose (β 1,4-glucan)

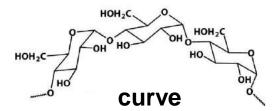


Linear



Sheet → fibrous

Amylose (α 1,4-glucan)





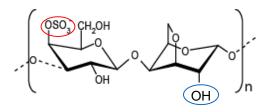
 $\mathsf{Helix} \rightarrow \mathsf{gel}$ 



## **Polysaccharides:**

Increase of substitution change properties

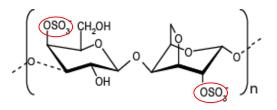
#### Ex. of carrageenans



Kappa-carrageenan



 $\mathsf{Helix} \to \mathsf{solid} \ \mathsf{gel}$ 



lota-carrageenan



 $\mathsf{Helix} \to \mathsf{soft} \ \mathsf{gel}$ 



#### **Polysaccharides:**

Change in functional groups change of biological activity

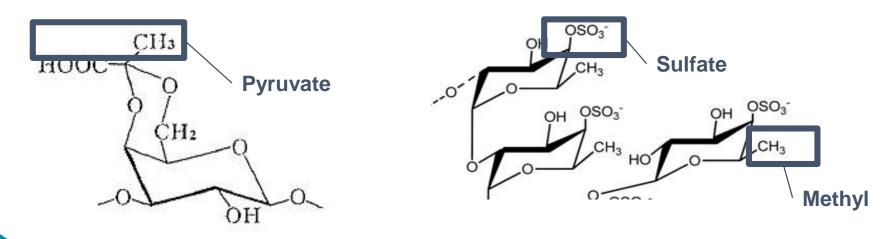
• Pyruvate: – CH<sub>3</sub>-CO-COO<sup>-</sup>

Examples:

Methyl: - CH<sub>3</sub>
Sulfate: - SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>

Pyruvate residues in λ Carrageenan

Permethylated and Sulfated Fucoidan



S Hirase et al, 1972 ; E McCandless, 1979 ; Q Zhang et al, 2005



# Macroalgae cell walls polysaccharides specificities

	Terrestrial plants	Green algae	Red algae	Brown algae				
	Neutral polysaccharides							
Structure	Cellulose	Cellulose	Cellulose	Cellulose				
Energy	Starch	Starch	Floridean starch	Laminarin				
Matrix	Polyanionic polysaccharides							
Carboxylated (COOH)	-Pectic acid -Pectins			Alginic acid				
Sulfated (SO <sub>3</sub> -)	X		Agars Carrageenanes	Fucoïdans				
Carboxy-sulfated	X	Ulvans						

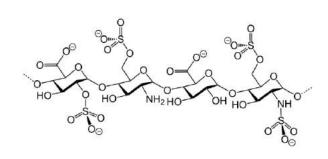
No sulfated polysaccharides in terrestrial plants / microalgae / yeast → Unique to marine algae



# Comparing biological activities with Animal sulfated polysaccharides

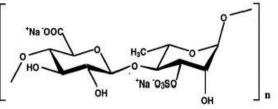
#### HEPARIN

- Anti-inflammatory
- Immunomodulation
- Antitumoral
- Anticoagulant and antitrombotic



#### ALGAL SULFATED POLYSACCHARIDES

- Anti-inflammatory (Kim et al. 2009; Hong et al. 2011)
- Immunomodulation (Kim et al. 2012; Berri et al. 2013)
- Mucin production stimulation (Barcelo et al. 2000)
- Antioxidant (Baky et al. 2009; Zhang et al. 2010; Souza et al. 2006)
- Antilipidemic (Hassan et al. 2011)
- Antiviral (Wang et al.2012)
- Antitumoral (Veeraperumal et al. 2012; Baky et al. 2009)
- Anticoagulant and antitrombotic





### **Polysaccharides – Biological activities** Algal cell wall polysaccharides **ulvan**, **fucoidans & carraghenans**: different compositions but similar biological activities



- 3D structure (branching)
- High variety of sugars

heparin)

- Rare sugars (rhamnose)
  - Sulfate content -Phylogenetic analogy with animal glycosaminoglycanes (ex :

- Anticoagulant & antithrombotic
- Anti-infectious
- Immune-modulating
- Antioxidant
- Lipid metabolism
- Wound healing

•



### Marine algal Polysaccharides Structure function relationship

	Antiviral activity	Immuno- modulation	Complement inhibition	Antioxidant activity	Metal chelating Free & hydroxy radicals scavenging	Anticoagulant properties
High Sulfate content						
Desulfatation						
High Sulfate/fucose ratio						
High Molecular weight						<b>&gt;</b>
Low Molecular weight						7
Position of sulfate groups						
High ramification						
		= increased activ	rity	= reduced acti	vity	



#### Seaweeds - Future uses

Based on knowledge on bioactive components

#### <u>Plant health</u>

- Elicitor effect on bacterial and fungal pathogens
- Biostimulant effects : Improvement of nutrient uptake
- Regulation of soil life

→ Reduction of pesticide use

#### Animal health

- Immunomodulating agent
- Anti-infectious agent
- Regulator of the intestinal flora
- Gut protection effect
- → Reduction of antibiotic use

#### <u>Human health</u>

- Antiviral properties
- Immuno-regulation properties
- Anti-tumor properties (cancer)
- Reduction of central nervous system disorders
- → Reduction of chemical products use

Extraction: key to reveal the full potential !





#### Agenda

- I. OLMIX Vision
- II. ALGAE Introduction
- III. MACROALGAE Innovative molecules
- IV. MACROALGAE in Brittany
- V. OLMIX ALGAE processing technology

VI. Nutrition and health algae based solutions

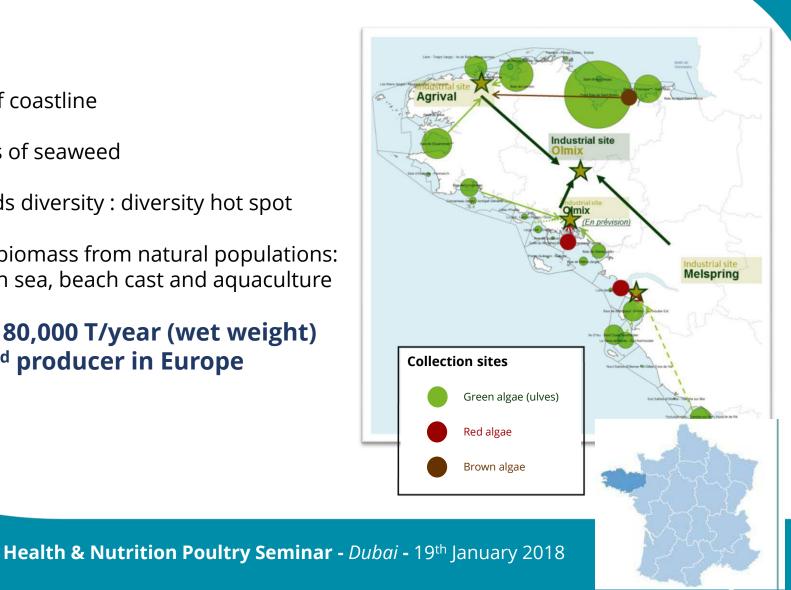


#### **BRITTANY - Olmix seaweed collection sites**

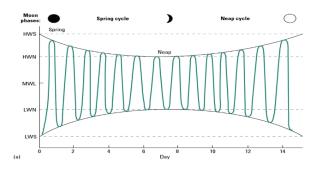
# **Brittany**

- 2,730 km of coastline
- 700 species of seaweed
- 7% of worlds diversity : diversity hot spot
- Harvest of biomass from natural populations:  $\checkmark$ on beach, in sea, beach cast and aquaculture

#### 75,000 – 80,000 T/year (wet weight) 2<sup>nd</sup> producer in Europe



#### **BRITTANY - Tides**

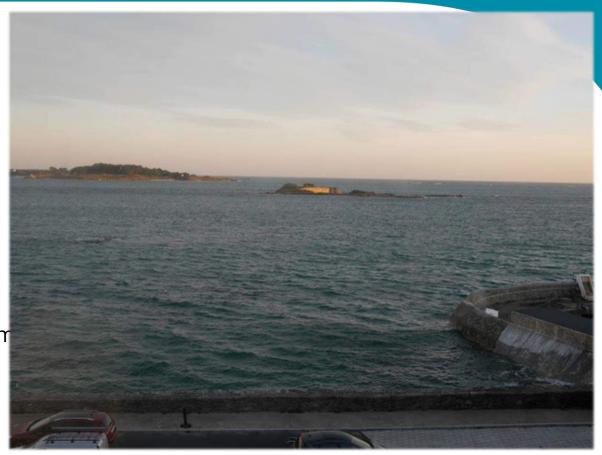


#### Tidal heights:

Average worldwide2 mPenmarc'h5.5 mSaint-Malo bay12 mMont-Saint-Michel bay15 mBay of Fundy (Canada)16 m

Strong tidal currents

- Thorough mixing
- Constant nutrient levels
- Less contaminants



Roscoff, tidal range 10 m



Health & Nutrition Poultry Seminar - Dubai - 19th January 2018

for a better life

### **BRITTANY - Heritage and present uses of seaweeds**

**18th century** Use of algae as

fertilisers

**19th century** Extraction of iodine from Kelps

#### **20th century** Extraction of hydrocolloids from algae

#### 21st century

Extraction of biocompounds for food, feed, plants and biotechs





E 400- E405 Alginate E 406 Agar-agar E 407 Carrageenans E 407a Semitransformed Euchema



- Several research centers specialised in seaweed
- ✓ 60 companies in the marine biotech sector



#### Agenda

- I. OLMIX Vision
- II. ALGAE Introduction
- III. MACROALGAE Innovative molecules
- IV. MACROALGAE in Brittany
- V. OLMIX ALGAE processing technology

VI. Nutrition and health algae based solutions



#### **OLMIX Macroalgae ressources**

- ✓ Natural stocks of green and red seaweed
- Non attached seaweed populations harvested fresh
- Annual species
- Low impact on seaweed biodiversity



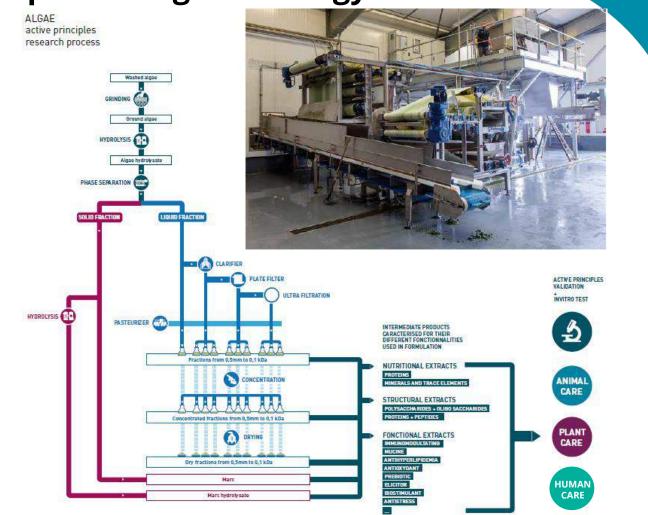
Ulva armoricana



#### **Olmix - Macroalgae processing technology**

OLMIX, expert in algae processing From harvest to final innovative products

UNIQUE & AHEAD ALGAE TECHNOLOGY



Merci esalques!

....

SOLUTIONS NATURELLES

Health & Nutrition Pou

#### **Olmix – Macroalgae processing technology**

#### **OLMIX, expert in algae processing** From harvest to final innovative products





#### Innovative harvesting material



# **Olmix – Macroalgae processing technology**

#### **OLMIX**, expert in algae processing From harvest to final innovative products





**Hydrolysis** 



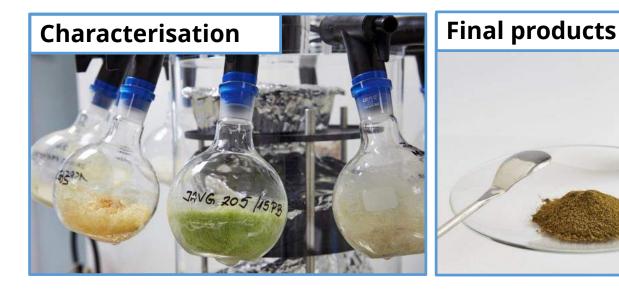


# A fully dedicated bioraffinery



### **Olmix - seaweed processing technology**

#### **OLMIX, expert in algae processing** From harvest to final innovative products



**Quality control** 

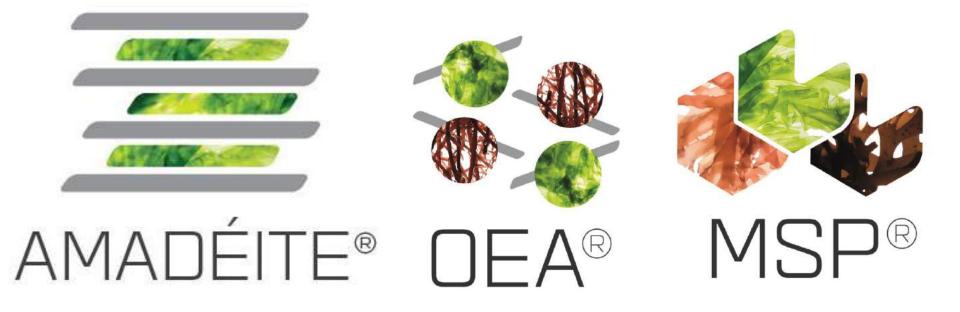
Full traceability from collection to final products



### **Olmix – Macroalgae processing plant**



### **Olmix - seaweed based technologies**

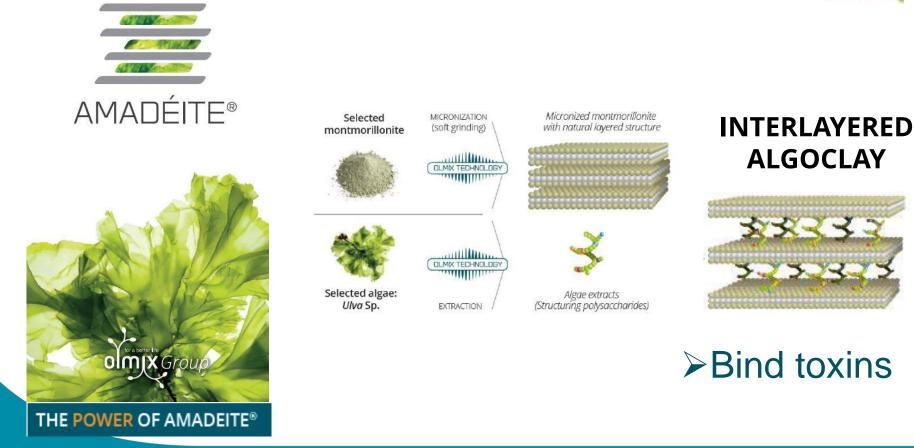


Health & Nutrition Poultry Seminar - Dubai - 19th January 2018



UNIQUE & AHEAD ALGAE TECHNOLOGY

### OLMIX'S ALGAE TECHNOLOGIES Algae polysaccharides as STRUCTURAL material

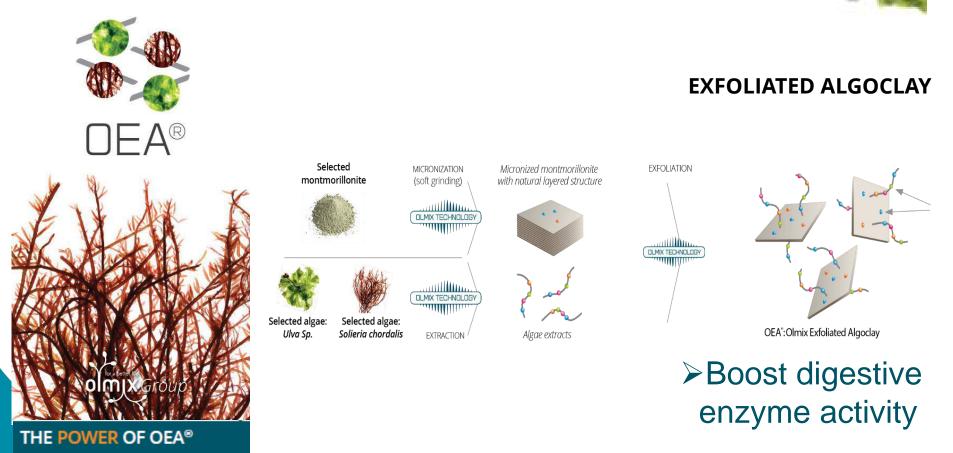


Health & Nutrition Poultry Seminar - Dubai - 19th January 2018



PATENTE

### OLMIX'S ALGAE TECHNOLOGIES Algae polysaccharides as STRUCTURAL material



Health & Nutrition Poultry Seminar - Dubai - 19th January 2018



PATENTE

#### PATENTE OLMIX'S ALGAE TECHNOLOGIES Algae polysaccharides with **BIOLOGICAL** properties









Caractérisation

Produits finis

➢ Biological activities Immunity Lipid metabolism Mucin secretion

Contrôle qualité

Health & Nutrition Poultry Seminar - Dubai - 19th January 2018

Séparation de phase

Hydrolyse

Lavage



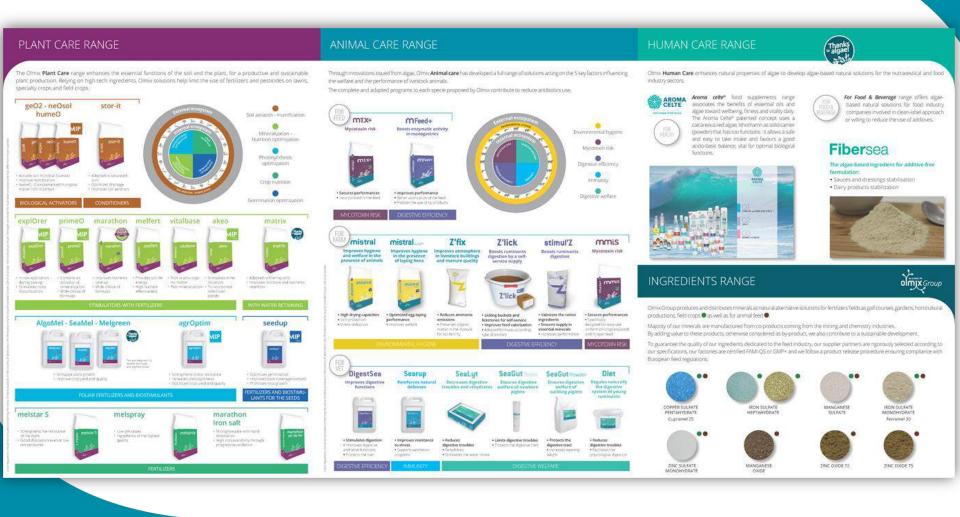
### Agenda

- I. OLMIX Vision
- II. ALGAE Introduction
- III. MACROALGAE Innovative molecules
- IV. MACROALGAE in Brittany
- V. OLMIX ALGAE processing technology

VI. Nutrition and health algae based solutions



#### **OLMIX group algae based product range**

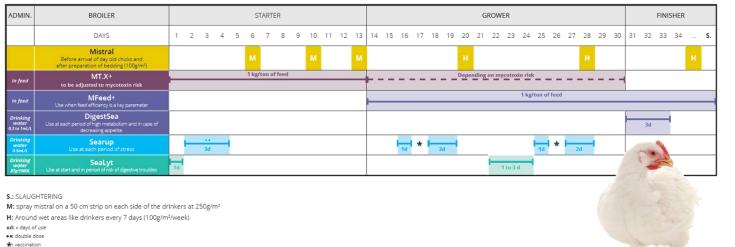








### **OLMIX** animal care Global Programs





## **Ex : Breizh Algae Chicken**

Raised without antibiotic With Olmix Animal care program





### **Driven by INNOVATION**

# **Transversal R&D**



OUR R&D PARTNERS

- Innovation for 3 activities
- Objectification of algae properties
- 12% people & 6% turnover
- Dedicated Biotech center & laboratory
- Ideally located in Britanny at the heart of marine research land
- International partnerships
- Ambitious collaborative projects
  - 20 patents (all activities)





Station Biologiqu

### **Driven by INNOVATION**

### **Transversal Process development**

- Turn R&D projects to reality
- Cost effective products
- 600 m<sup>2</sup> pilot plant
- 10 certified plants



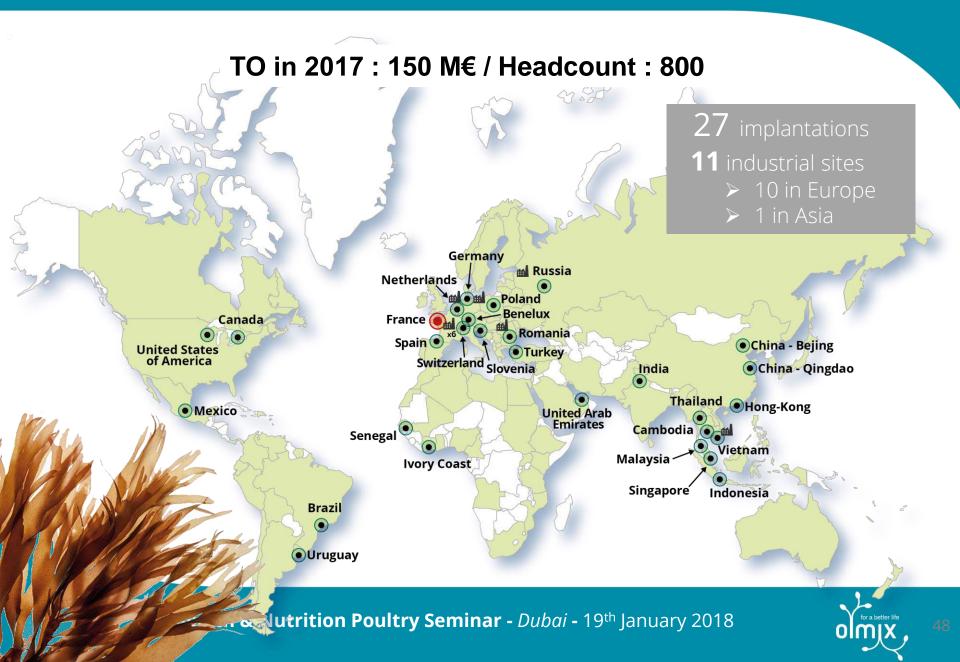






- Clay grinding & particle size selection
- Trace elements processing
- Algae bio-refinery Algae cracking
- Algae + clay complexation processes
- Granulation process

### **WORLDWIDE** presence



### **Driven by INNOVATION**

## Breizh Algae School : unique !

- What ? Training on :
  - New agriculture challenges
  - Algae to build a healthy food chain
  - In room training combined with practical situations (at school+on the field in Britanny agricultural land)
- From who ? Lecturers : Olmix teams + professional institutes... (IFIP, ISPAIA, INRA...)
- For who ? Students / Partners / Customers



