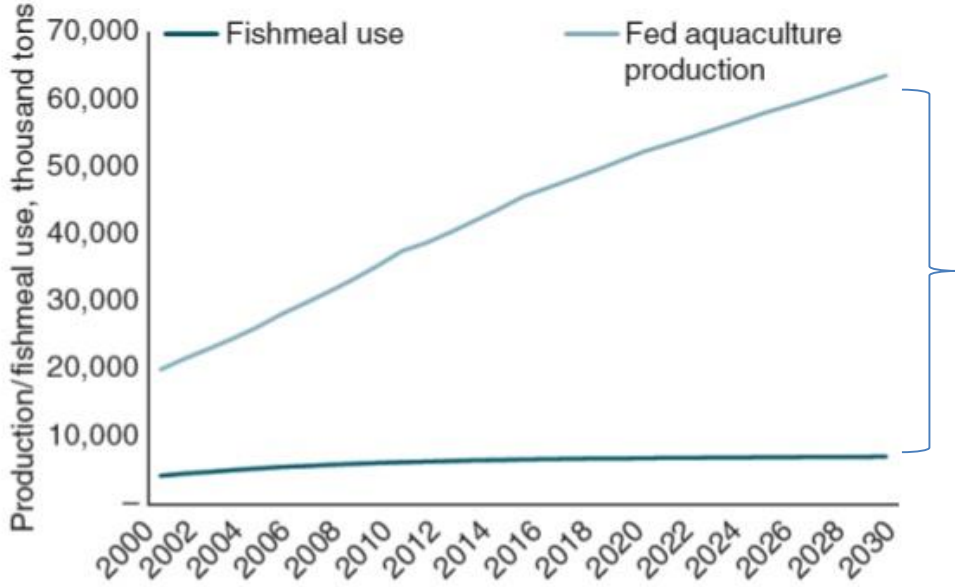


Mycotoxin challenge in aquaculture feed

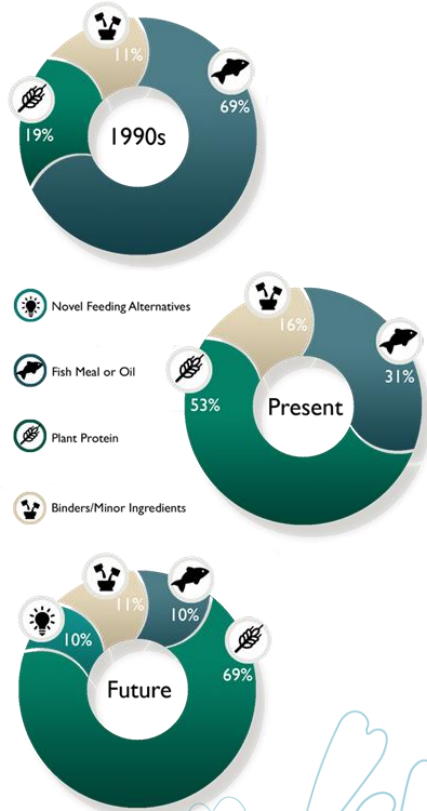
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FIGURE 3.7: Projected Production and Fishmeal Use in Global Fed Aquaculture



Source: IMPACT model projections.



Challenges of using plant ingredients

Proteins of plant origin:

- i. Nutritional imbalance (e.g. methionine)
- ii. Phosphorus availability (phytate)
- iii. Higher carbohydrate fraction
- iv. Palatability/attractability
- v. Anti Nutritional Factors
 - i. Mycotoxins



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EFFECT OF MYCOTOXINS IN AQUACULTURE



FIELD MYCOTOXINS

Fumonisin

Damage to hepatopancreas, immune depression, lower weight gain, lower blood hemoglobin value, lesions of liver, pancreas and kidney

Trichothecenes (DON, T2-HT2)

Feed refusal, lower weight gain, poor feed efficiency, increased FCR, decreased feed intake, lower blood hemoglobin value



STORAGE MYCOTOXINS

Aflatoxins

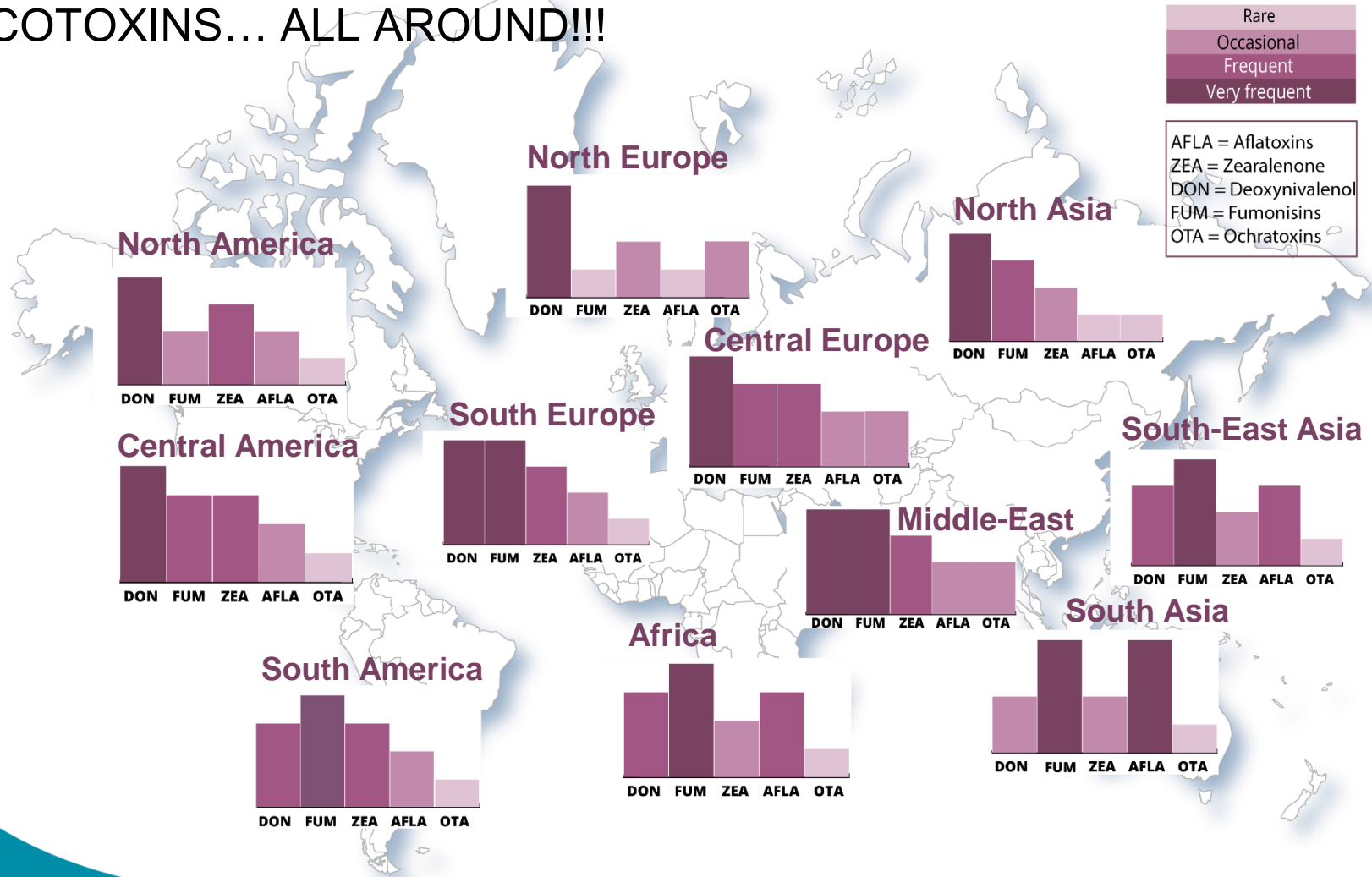
Liver carcinogenesis/necrosis, increased mortality, hepatopancreas damage, decreased growth, impaired blood clotting, anemia, pale to yellow kidney lesions

Ochratoxins

Poor feed efficiency, higher FCR, immune depression, lower survival, liver necrosis, lower growth rate and SGR

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MYCOTOXINS... ALL AROUND!!!



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MYCOTOXINS CONTAMINATION IN AQUAFEED INGREDIENTS

HPLC-MS/MS results from Olmix data base

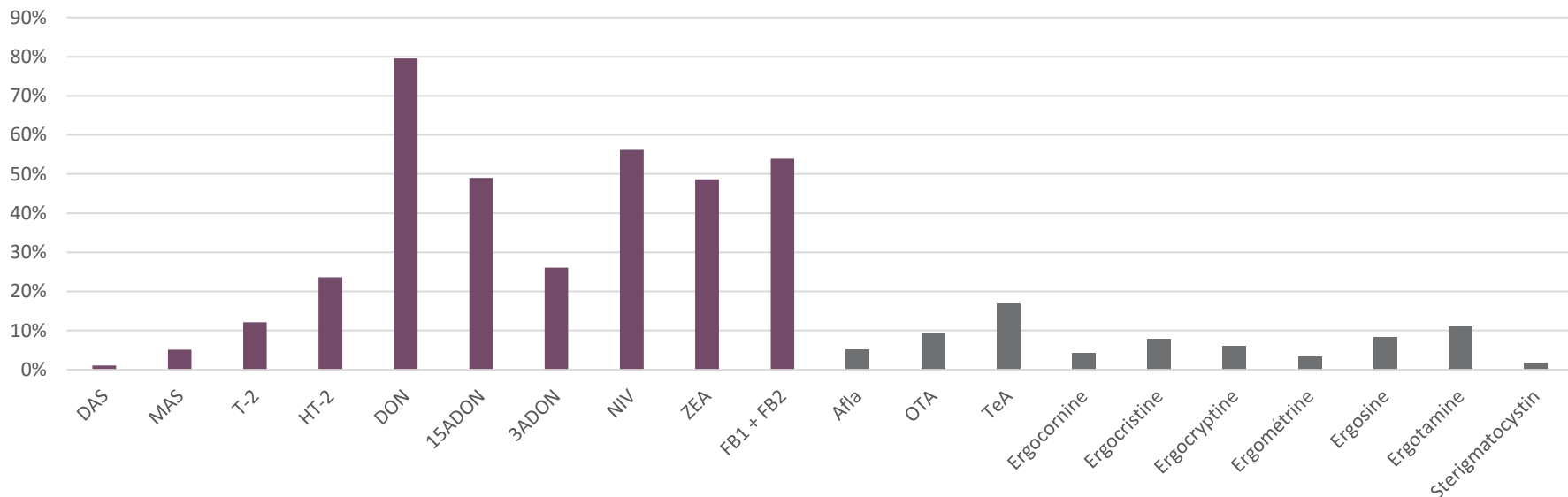
(between 01/2013 to 31/2016)

The ingredients were sampled in 42 countries

(China, Brazil, Ukraine, France, Spain, Turkey, etc.)

| | n |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Corn | 784 |
| Corn by-products | 46 |
| Wheat | 503 |
| Wheat by-products | 81 |
| Soya and SBM | 110 |
| Sunflower | 16 |
| Rapeseed | 10 |
| Cotton meal | 2 |
| Rice bran | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1553 |

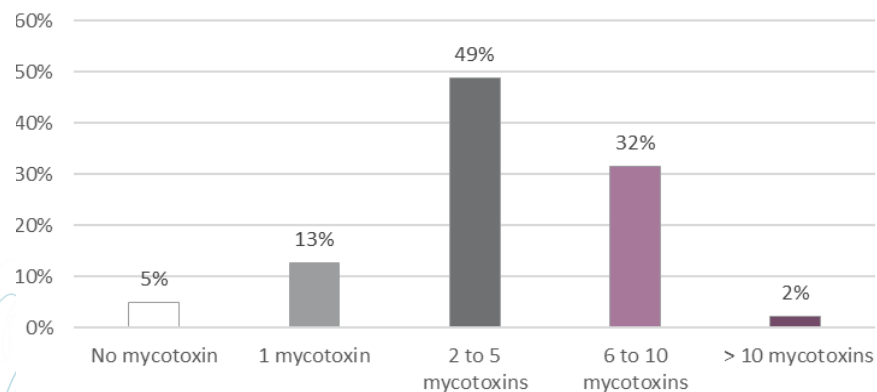
Positive samples (% > LOQ)



“Food processing affects mycotoxin distribution and concentration. Cereal processes concentrate mycotoxins into fractions that are commonly used as animal feed.”

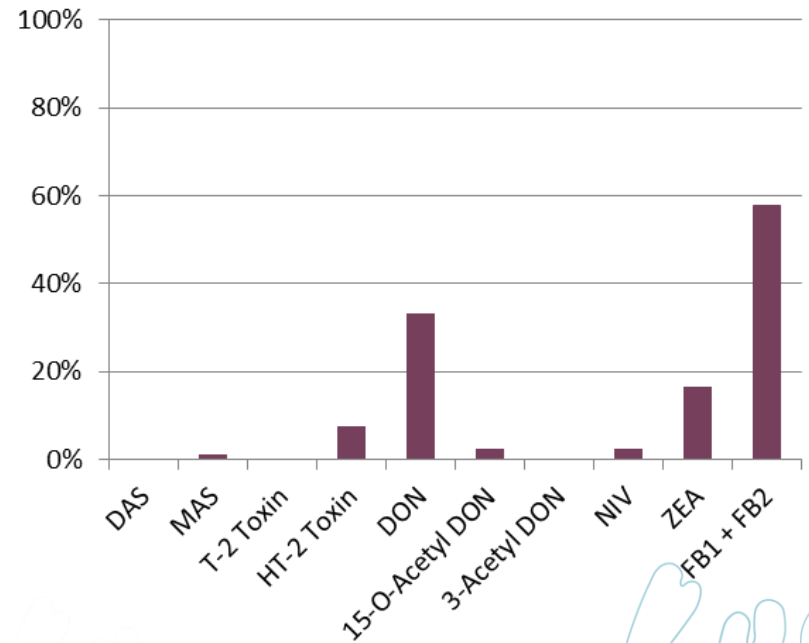
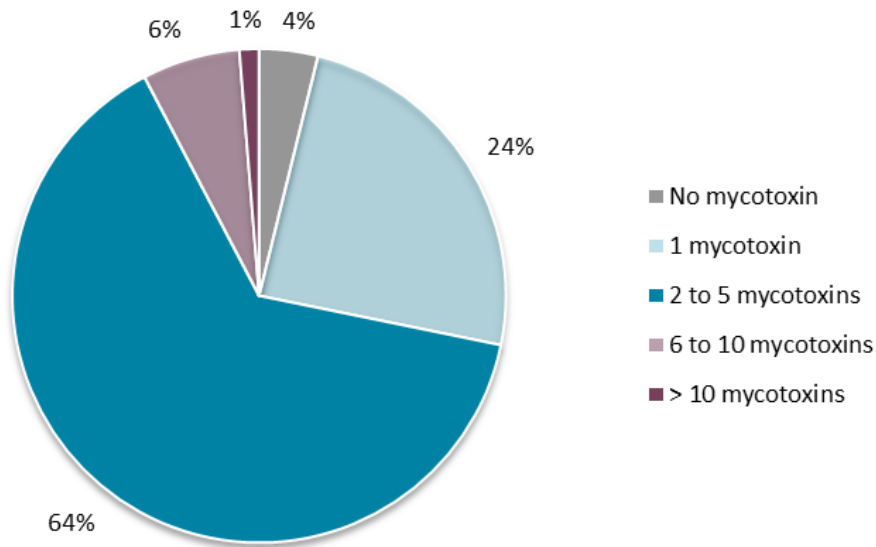
Pinotti et al. 2016

Level of polycontamination



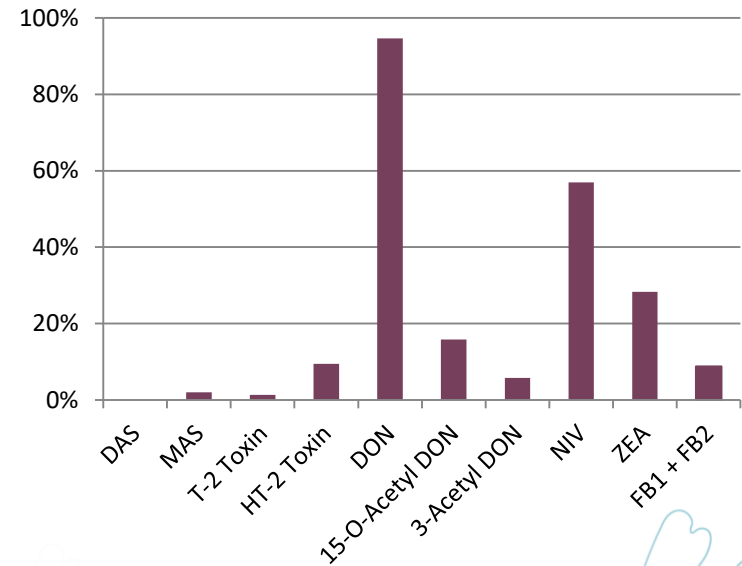
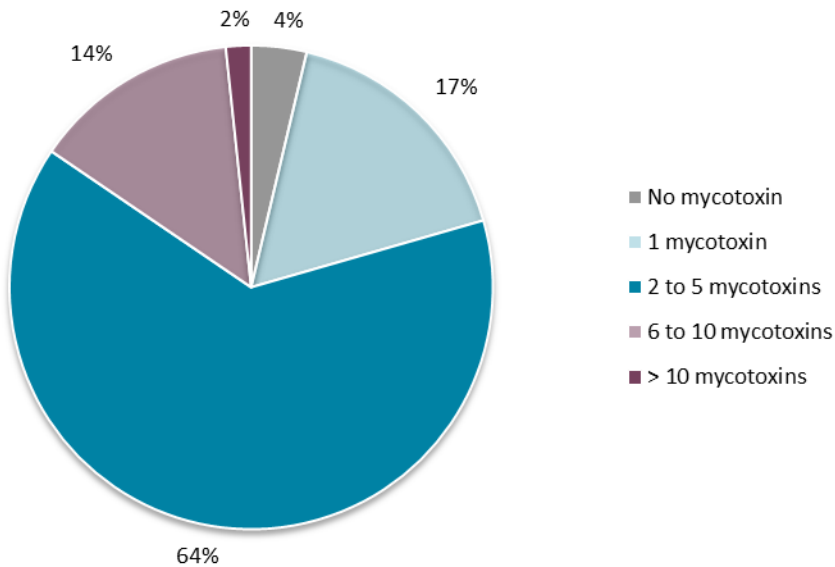
Plant ingredient mycotoxin contamination

Soybean



Plant ingredient mycotoxin contamination

Wheat



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 - Cannot extrapolate from one to another
 - Lab vs field
 - Fish size variation
 - Synthetic vs natural

Species diversification in global aquaculture (2014)



Source: Junning Cai, 2017. FAO

Subacute vs acute
mycotoxicosis!

Toxicity, biochemical effects and residue of aflatoxin B₁ in marine water-reared sea bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax* L.)

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D. labrax

0.18mg/kg of bwt



Danio rerio

0.51mg/kg of bwt



O. mykiss

0.5 - 1mg/kg of bwt



O. niloticus

1 – 1.3mg/kg of bwt



I. punctatus

11.5mg/kg of bwt

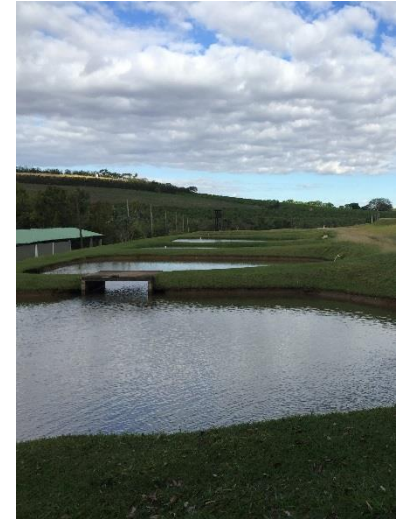


There is variety of sensitivity between fish species.

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Subacute vs acute
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Growth and hepatic lesions of Nile tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) fed diets containing aflatoxin B₁

Nguyen Anh Tuan^{a,1}, John M. Grizzle^{a,*}, Richard T. Lovell^a,
Bruce B. Manning^{a,2}, George E. Rottinghaus^b

Table 3

Final weight, aflatoxin B₁ (AFB) consumption, feed conversion ratio (FCR), hematocrit, and survival of Nile tilapia fed diets containing different concentrations of AFB for 8 weeks

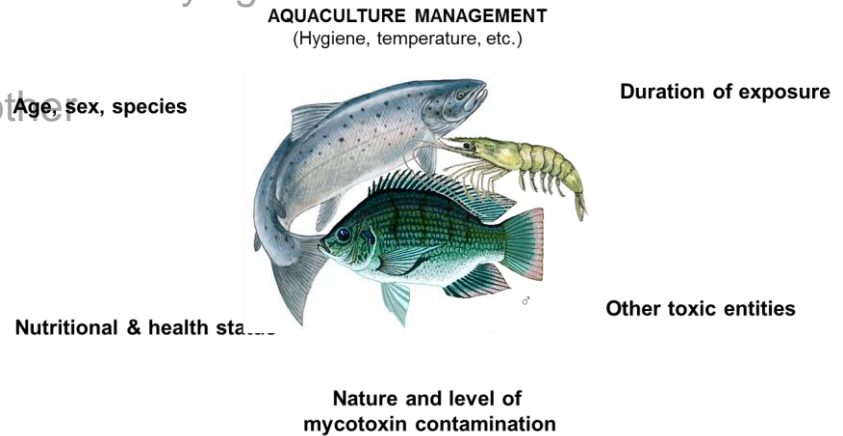
| AFB in diet (mg/kg) | Final weight (g) | AFB consumption (mg/kg body weight) | FCR | Hematocrit (%) | Survival (%) |
|------------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 0 | 41.0 ^a | 0 | 1.31 ^a | 38 ^a | 100 ^a |
| 0.25 | 40.3 ^a | 0.3 ^a | 1.34 ^a | 35 ^a | 100 ^a |
| 2.5 | 21.4 ^b | 5.3 ^b | 2.43 ^b | 26 ^b | 97 ^a |
| 10 | 5.9 ^c | 17.3 ^c | 3.24 ^c | 20 ^c | 97 ^a |
| 100 | 2.7 ^d | 59.4 ^d | | 12 ^d | 40 ^b |

Initial weight of fish averaged 2.7 g. Values in the same column with different letters are significantly different ($P < 0.05$).

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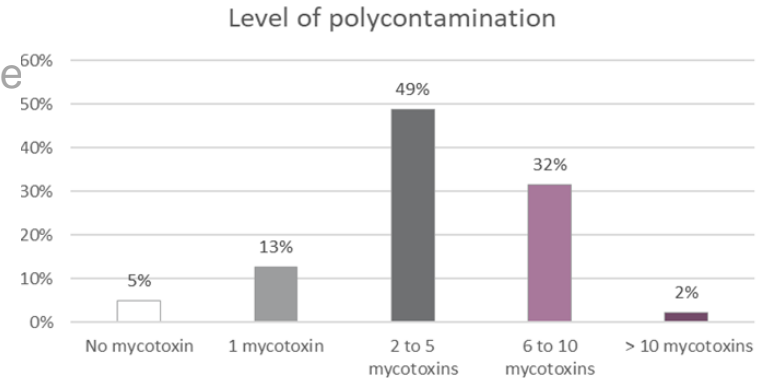


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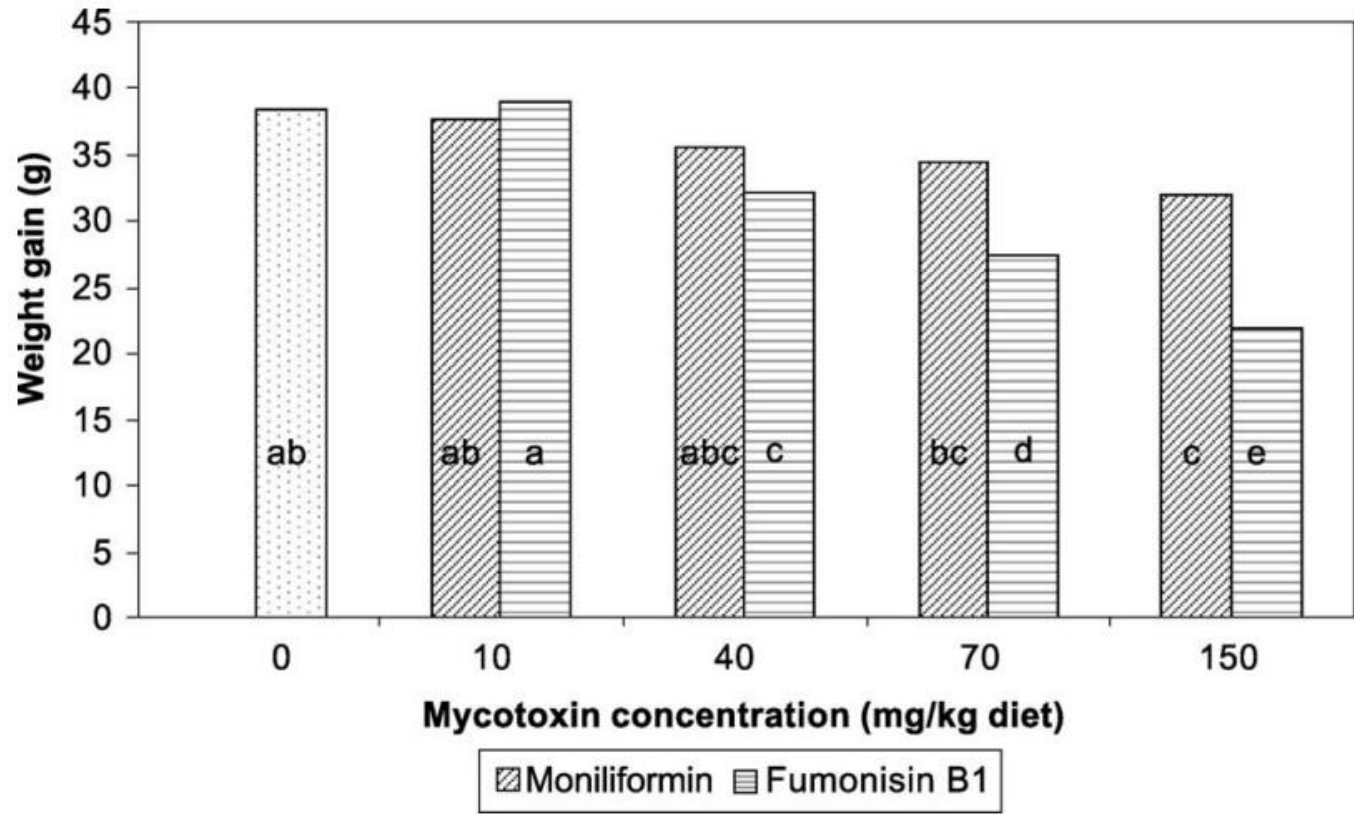
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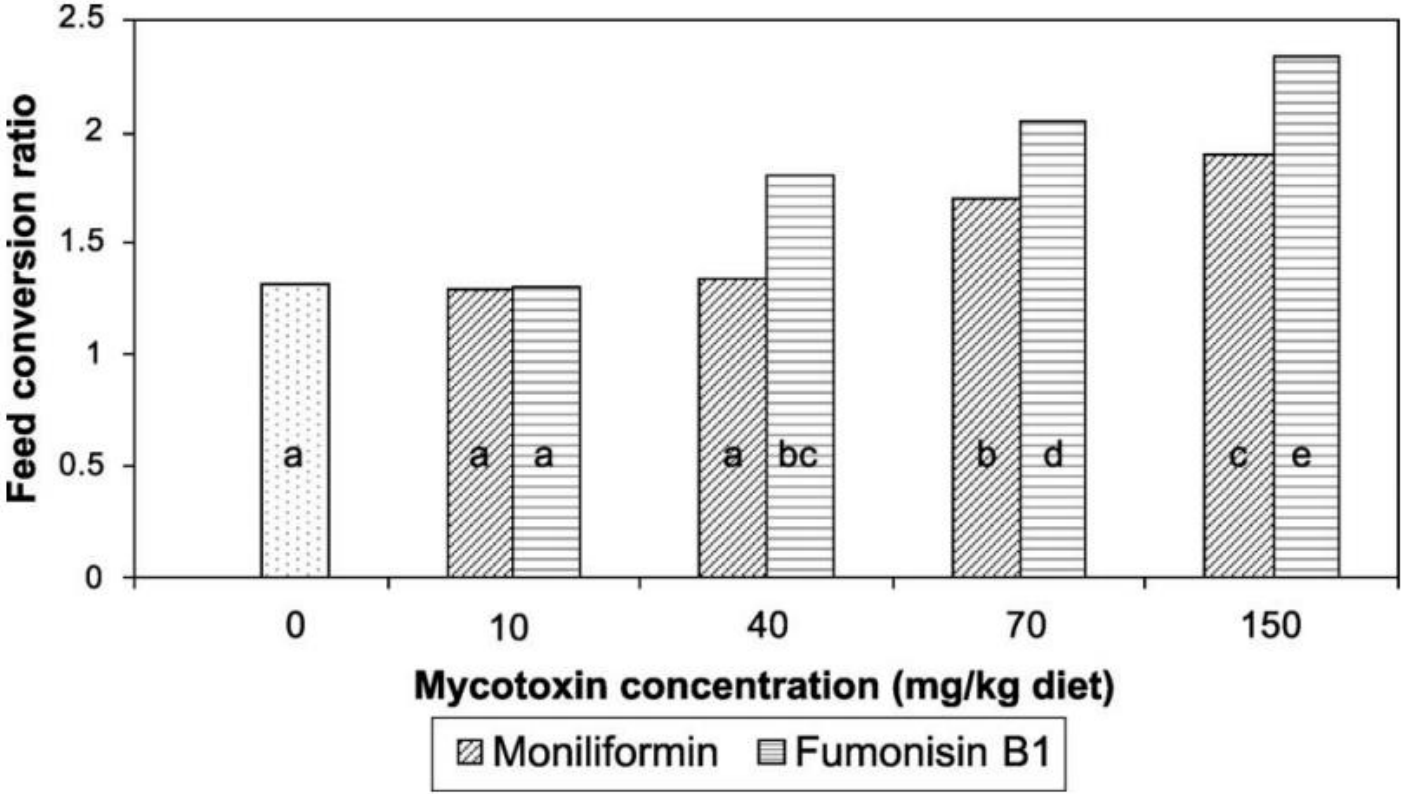
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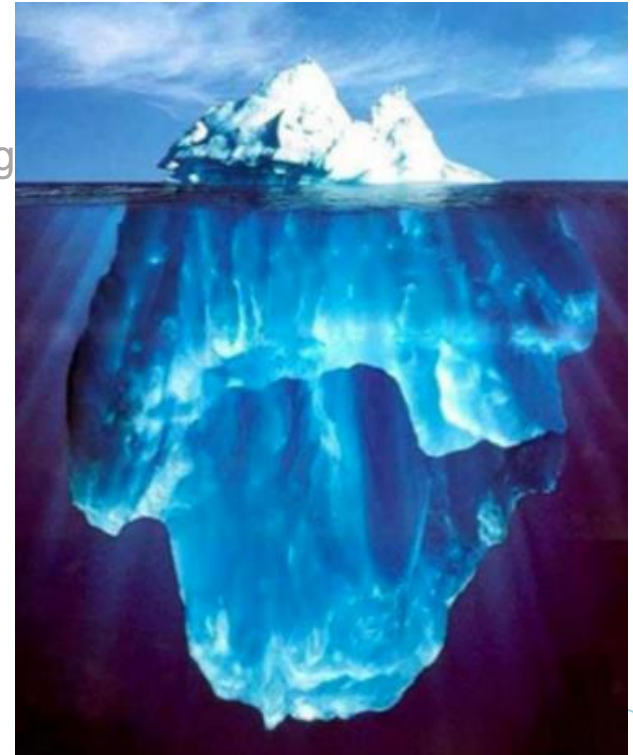
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Subacute mycotoxicosis is now widely considered to be the most important impact of mycotoxins, particularly in developing countries. (FAO, 2001)

Subacute vs acute mycotoxicosis!

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Acute toxicity of ochratoxin-A in marine water-reared sea bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax* L.)

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In this article, Dr El-Sayed shows this figure:

- The results indicate fast absorption and rapid onset of the toxic effect of OTA.
- Below 0.15ppm, behavioural changes and lesions were observed due to the potent acute neurotoxic and oxidative damaging effects of OTA.
- At a farm level where fish are exposed to the open sea, these symptoms, sluggish movements, fin erosions and internal lesions, are not specific to mycotoxins which can make mycotoxicosis difficult to diagnose.

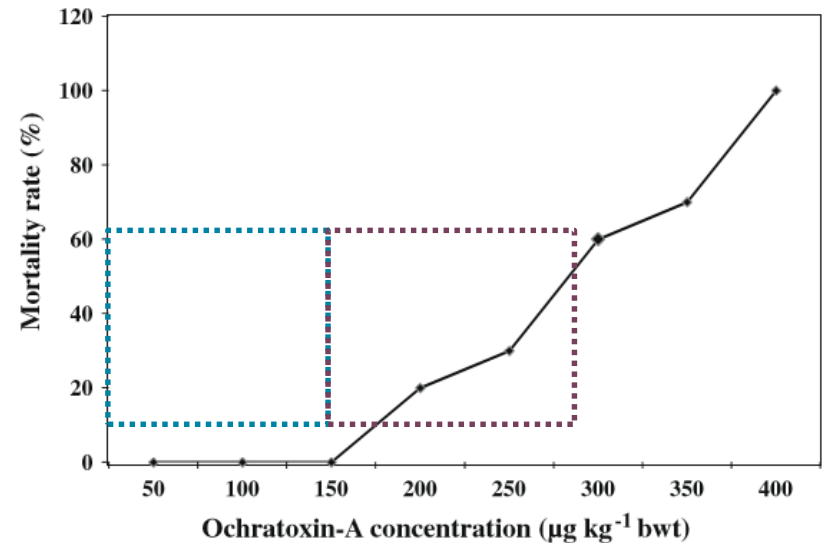
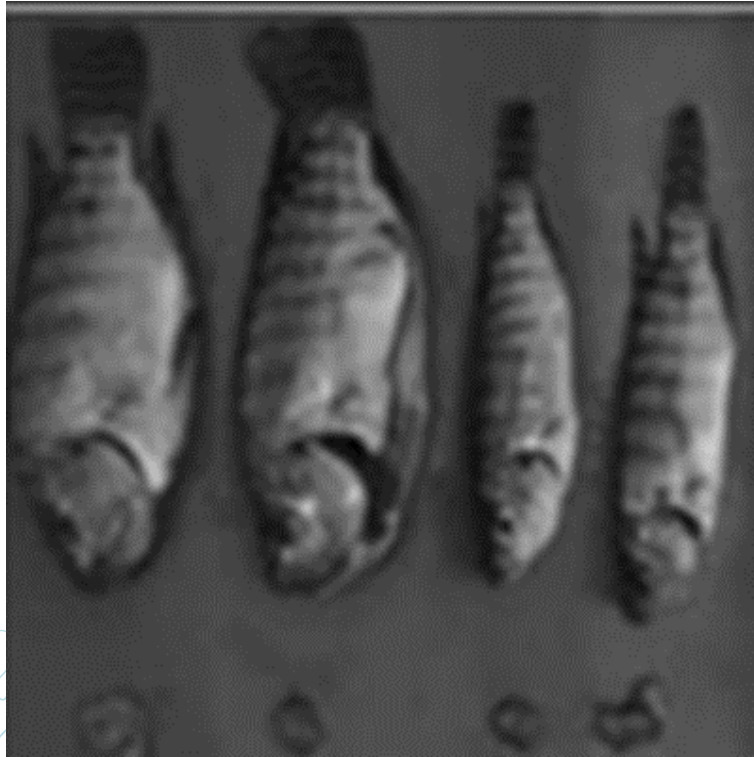


Fig. 2. The relation between the ochratoxin-A concentrations and the mortality rate of adult sea bass according to Finney's Probit Analysis (EPA, 1999). The axes are given in nearly a linear scale and not yield the sigmoid type relation.

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Control

5ppm FUM

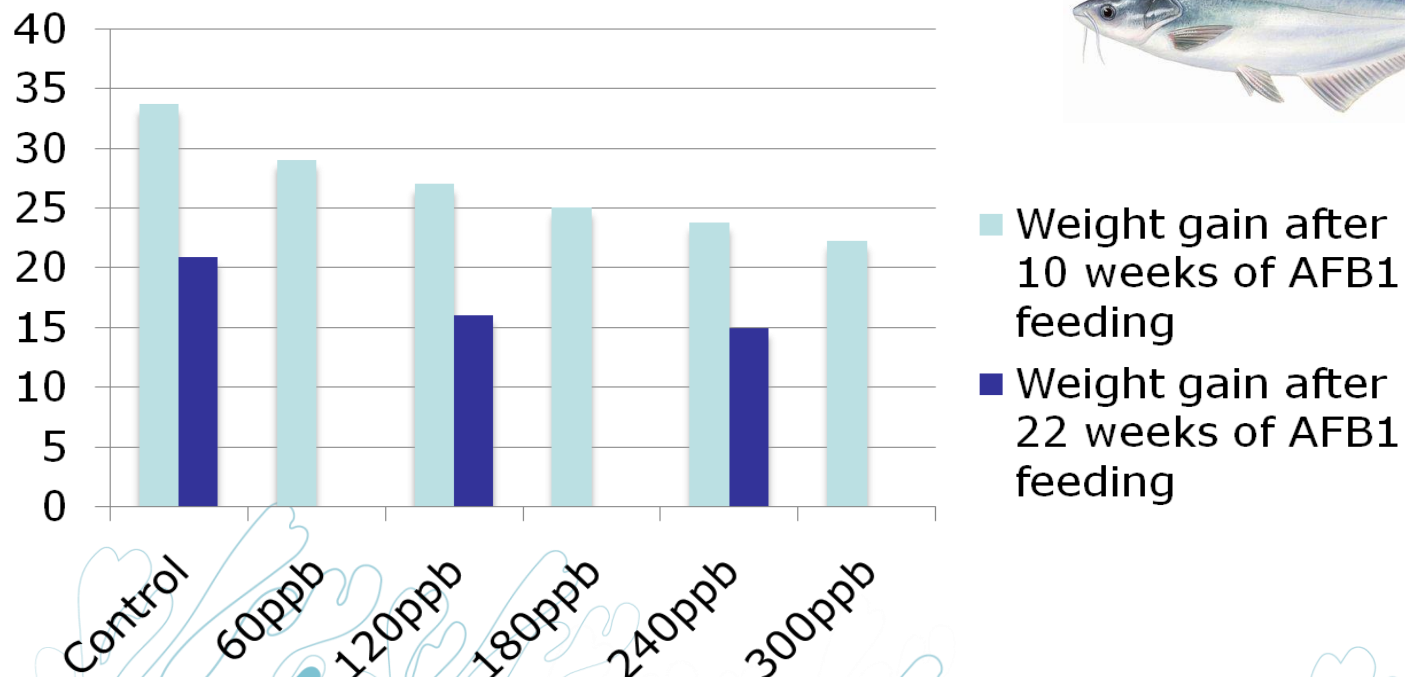
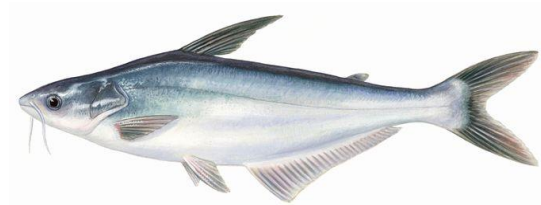
Conditions:

- 21 days
- 5ppm FUM

Samitec, Brasil

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SPECIES DURATION EXPOSURE SENSITIVITY TO SINGLE MYCOTOXIN



Nguyen Tan Phuoc, 2003

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SPECIES SENSITIVITY TO A DOSE DEPENDANT SINGLE MYCOTOXIN

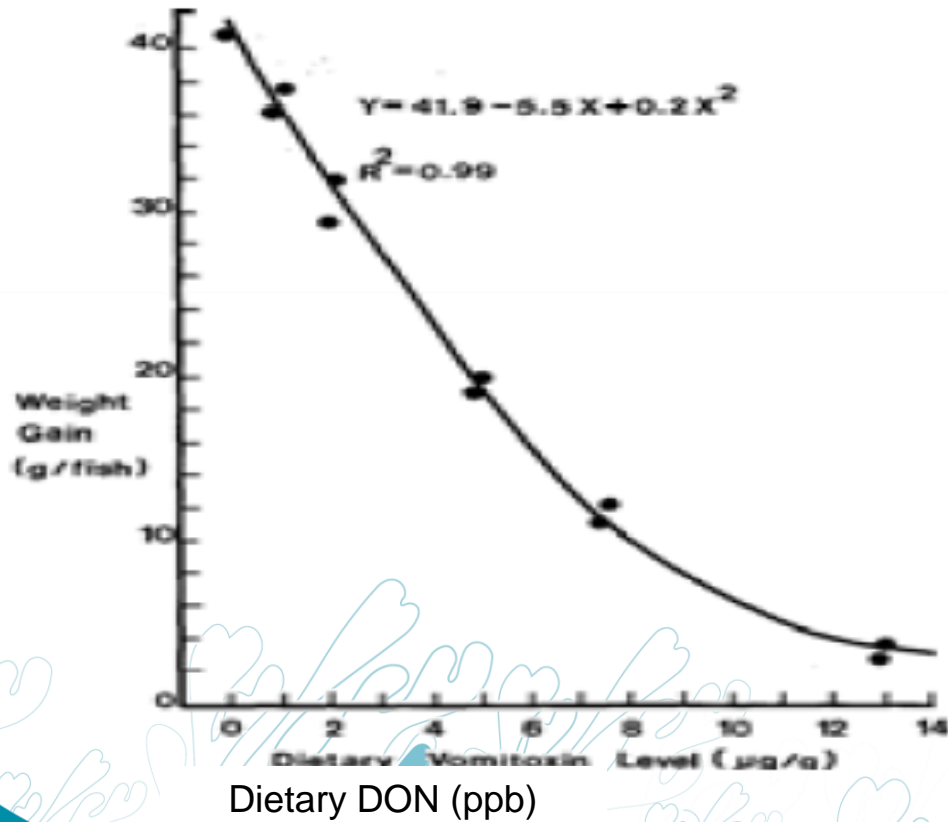


Figure 2. Trout fed 2.7 DON showing a slight hemorrhage in the abdominal cavity.

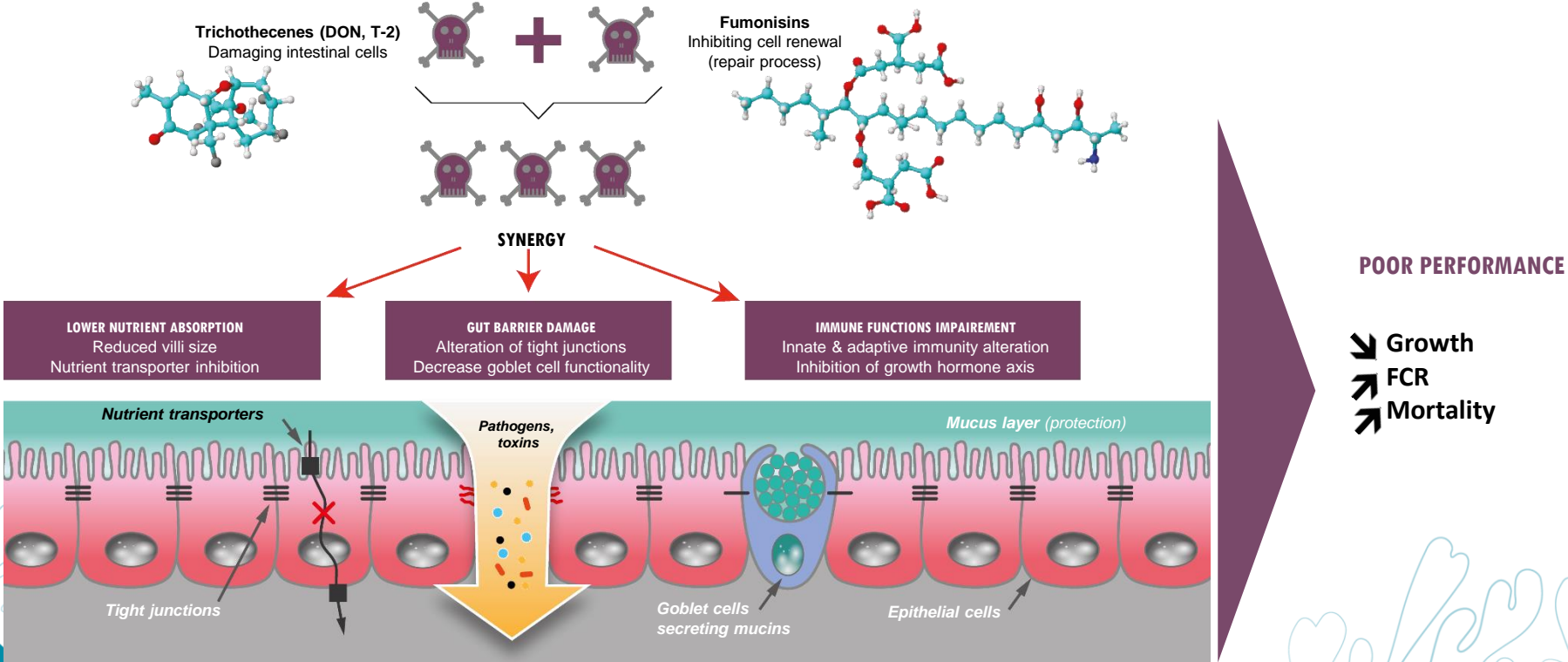


Figure 3. Trout fed 2.7 DON showing a rectal hemorrhage/irritation.



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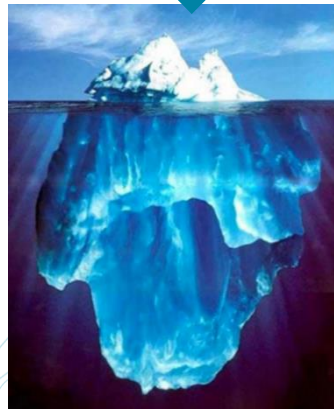
EFFECT OF SUBACUTE MYCOTOXICOSIS ON PERFORMANCE



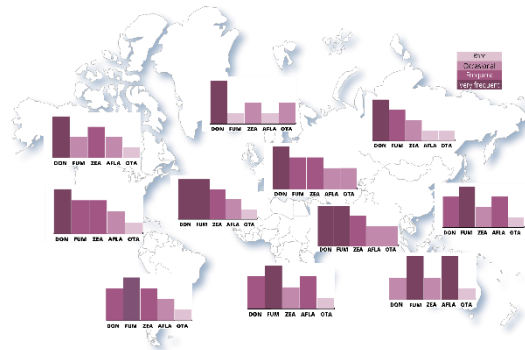
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SUMMARY

Plant origin raw materials and by-products are used to replace FM, but they are a high mycotoxin risk



Mycotoxins are everywhere



Sensitivity to mycotoxins

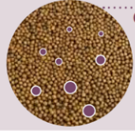





How to protect the animals?

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PREVENTION

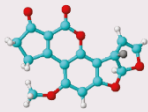
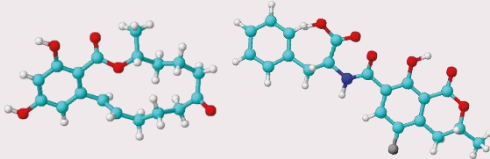
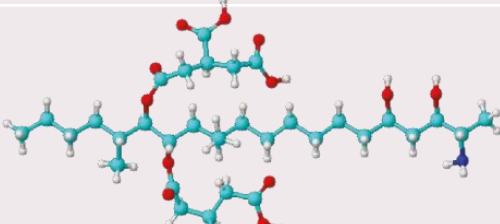

- 1) Implement good quality control, analyzing ingredients used for feed production

| Type of sample | Adapted type of analysis | Accuracy | Characteristics of analysis |
|---|---|-------------------|---|
|  Complete feed | Chromatography  | Quantitative | All mycotoxins including derivatives. Long delay and cost. |
|  Raw materials | ELISA (immunoaffinity)  | Semi-quantitative | One mycotoxin per test. Quick and cheap test. |

- 2) Use mold inhibitors
- 3) Use a broad spectrum mycotoxin binder

TOXIN BINDERS EFFICACY

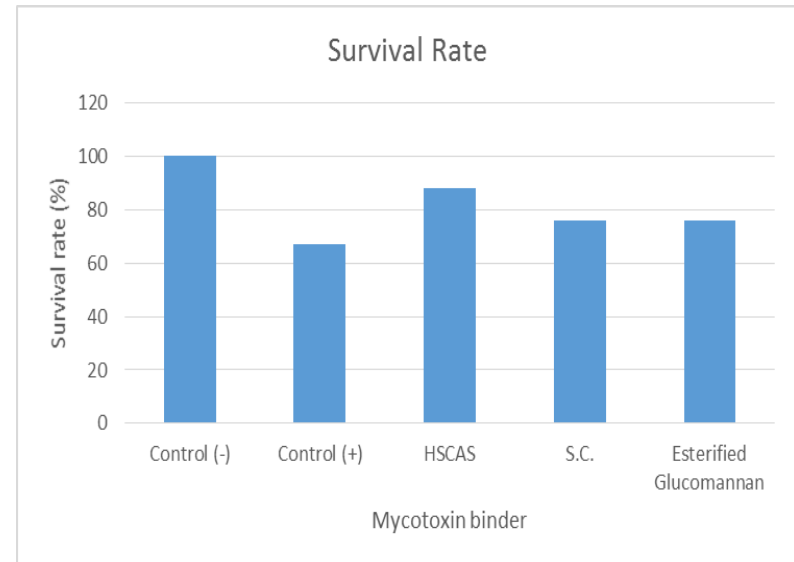
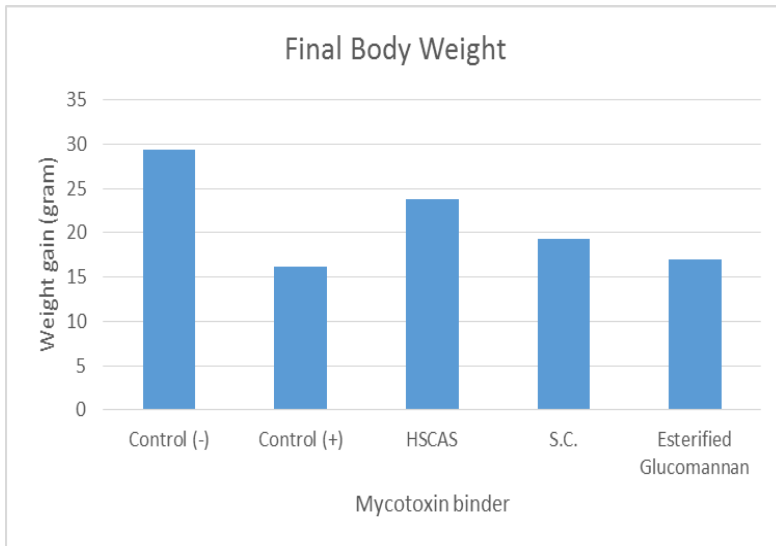
MYCOTOXIN VARIABILITY

| | | |
|--|---|--|
|  | <p>Aflatoxins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planar molecules, rigid - Medium polarity | <p>Easily adsorbed by aluminosilicates (clays), especially the Montmorillonite type.</p> |
|  | <p>Zearalenone and ochratoxins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Larger molecules and very flexible - Medium polarity | <p>Not adsorbed by unmodified clays. Adsorbed by specific polysaccharides.</p> |
|  | <p>Fumonisin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Much larger molecules, very flexible - More polar | <p>Due to their size and structural configuration, they are the most difficult mycotoxins to adsorb.</p> |
|  | <p>Trichothecenes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Larger volume, globular shape, epoxy ring = VERY rigid - Medium polarity | |

Toxin binders must have the capacity to bind mycotoxins with different properties

The efficacy of three mycotoxin adsorbents to alleviate aflatoxin B₁-induced toxicity in *Oreochromis niloticus*

Khaled M. Selim · Hana El-hofy · Riad H. Khalil 2014



MTx+ - testing binding capacity

Dynamic
in vitro test

TIM-1 of TNO

| Avantaggiato <i>et al.</i> , 2004 | Binder level | % Reduction of the bioaccessibility of DON |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| TIM-1 TNO (Dynamic <i>in vitro</i>) | 0,5% | 29% |
| | 2% | 45% |



- Important differences of results between type of tests, **84-95%** *in vitro* classical vs. **29-45%** *in vitro* dynamic
- Active Carbon was the best solution in 2004 **BUT**, the use of active carbon **must be limited to 0,5%** in order to avoid nutrients adsorption (NOSB, 2002; Ramos *et al.*, 1996).

Is it possible to have the efficacy of activated carbon in dynamic *in vitro* test, at a lower rate of inclusion with no nutritional components capture?

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Test in TNO *in vitro* dynamic gastrointestinal model (TIM-1).

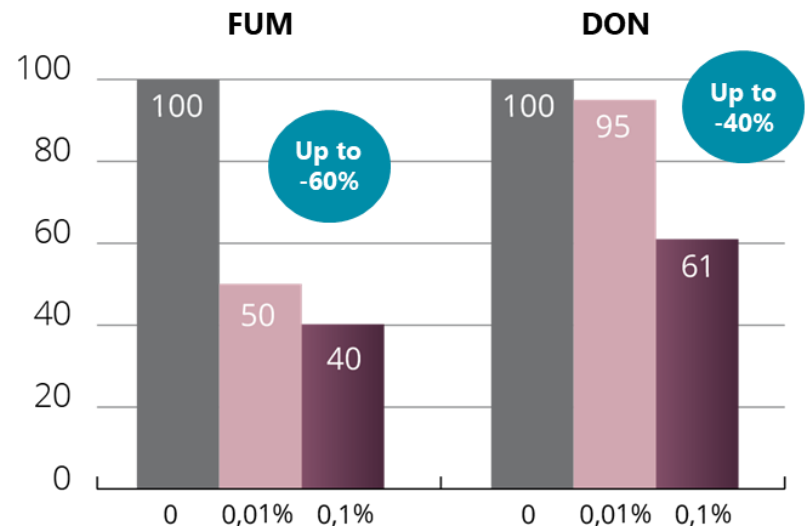
Use of complete feed contaminated with both:

- Deoxynivalenol (DON) at 1 ppm and,
- Fumonisin B1 (FB1) at 2 ppm.

Level of Interspaced MMT in feed: 0%; 0.01% and 0.1%.

→ Promising alternative based on algo-clay to bind DON and fumonisins

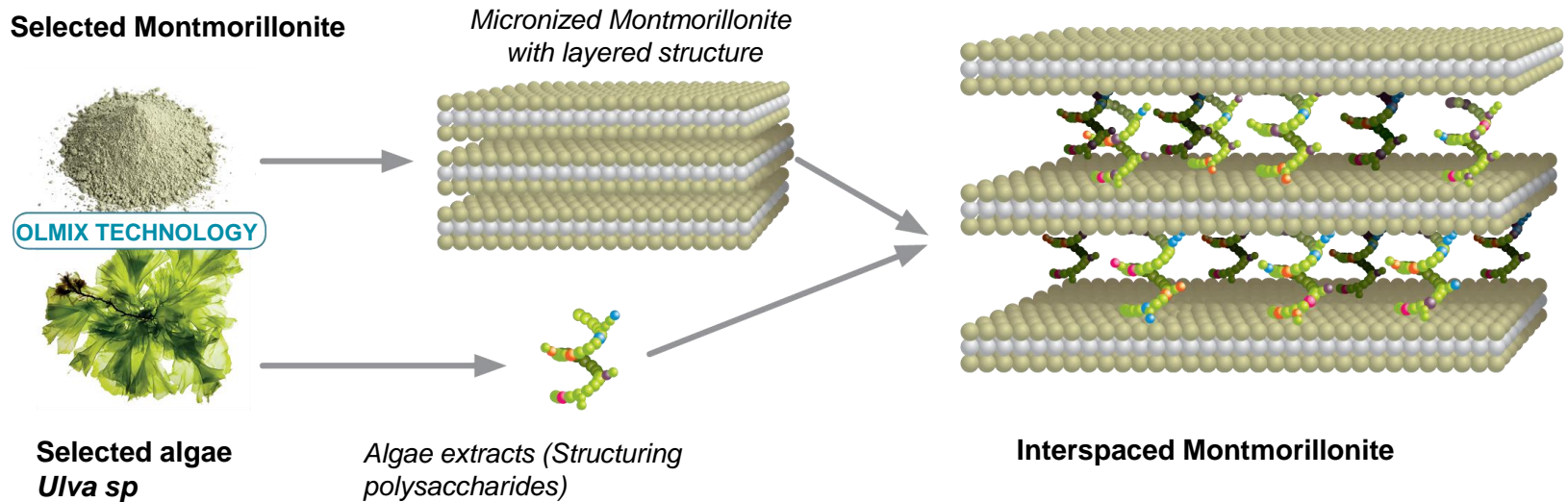
Reduction of the intestinal absorption of mycotoxins relative to control.



Extracted from Demais and Havenaar, 2006

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INTERSPACED MONTMORILLONITE TECHNOLOGY



Interspacing Montmorillonite with algae extracts allows:

- Accessible adsorptive surface
- Available adsorption sites
- Types of adsorption sites
- Complexity of structure decreasing desorption

➔ **Wide adsorption spectrum**

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A SINGULAR COMBINATION OF NATURAL ADSORBENTS

Interspaced Montmorillonite

Bentonite

Diatomaceous earth

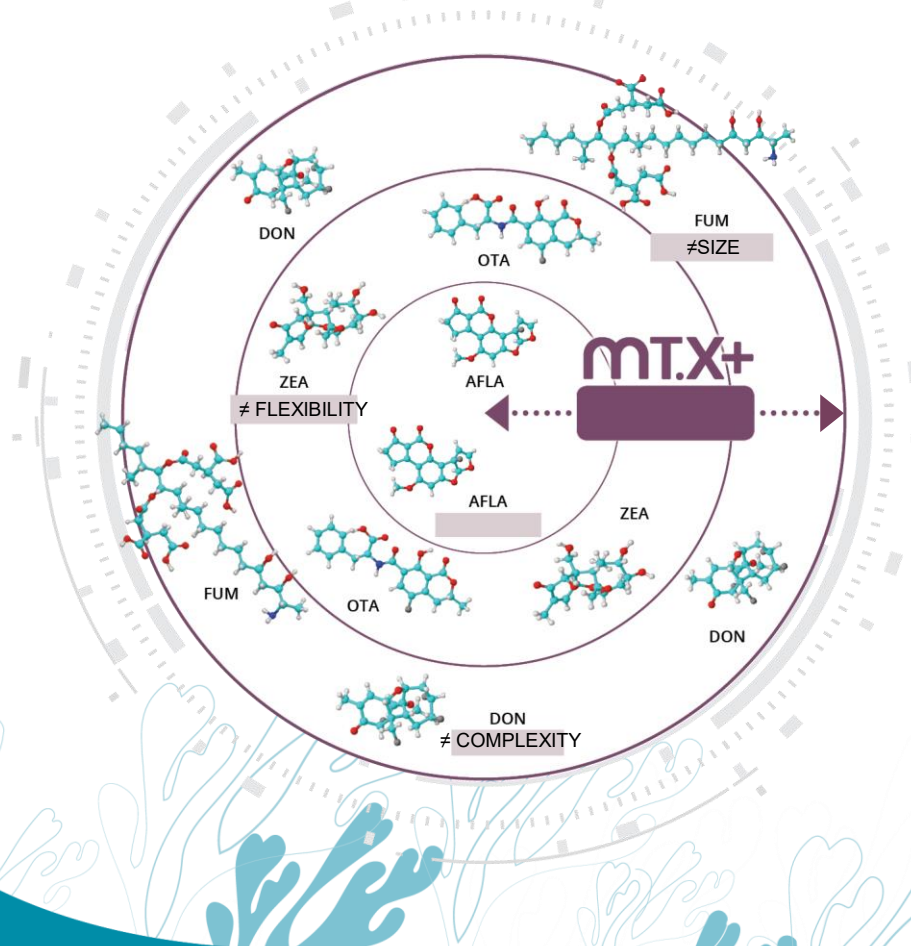
Yeast cell walls

Seaweed extracts (Marine Polysaccharides)



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WIDE SPECTRUM TOXIN BINDER



Summary:

- Montmorillonite/bentonite
 - Aflatoxin
- Polysaccharides
 - Zearalenone and Ocratoxin
- Intercalated montmorillonite
 - Fumonisin and Trichotecene
- Diatomaceous earth
 - Endotoxins
- Seaweed extracts
 - Health improvement

Trials with MTx+



Tilapia

MTx+ - mycotoxin binder trial on juvenile red tilapia

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

Trial implemented in Mekong delta 2,400 Red-Tilapia, average weight 5,5g.

Diets:

Control group: Commercial Feed

Treated group: Commercial Feed+ 0,1% MT.X+

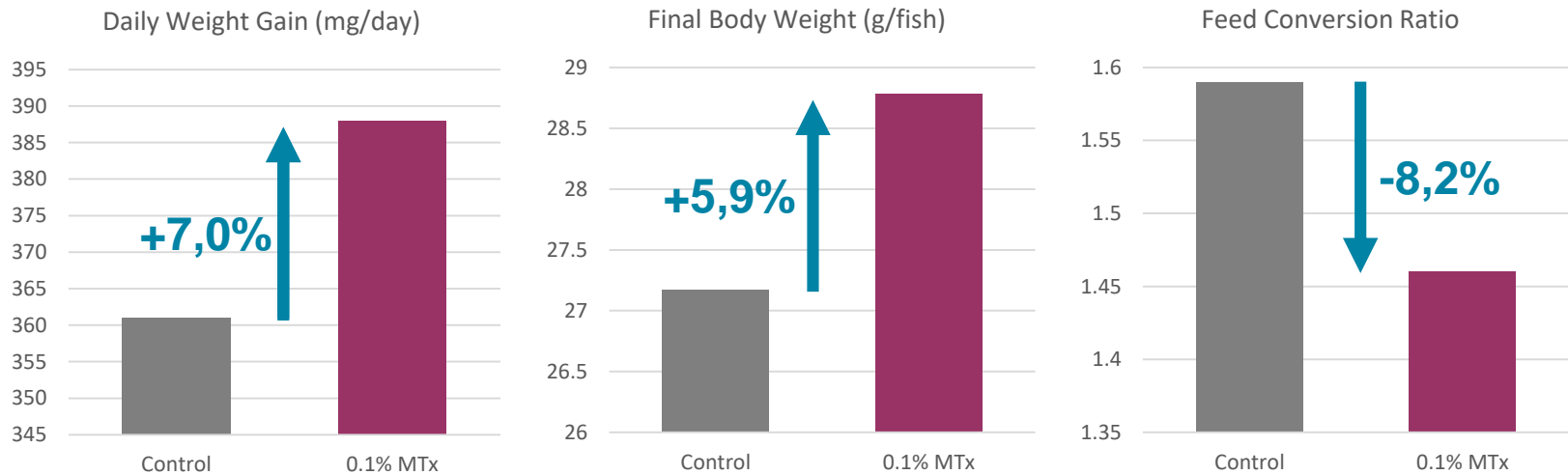
3 replicates/ treatment
Duration 2 months



Mycotoxin contamination

- 13 different mycotoxin found in the feed by using LC-MS/MS method

MTx+ - mycotoxin binder trial on juvenile red tilapia



MTx+, the efficient and natural to for mycotoxin risk management in fish feeds

Trials with MTx+



Atlantic Salmon

MTx+ - mycotoxin binder trial on Atlantic pre-smolts Salmon

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

- 97,000 atlantic salmon pre-smolts
- 6 outdoor tanks (3 control, 3 treatment)
- Fed with commercial salmon feed
- 0.2% MTx+ inclusion at feed mill
- Duration from November-April
- ⇒ **winter period**



Contamination with Ergot Alkaloids

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CLAVICEPS sp. Mycotoxins      (moisissures de champ et de stockage)
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ERGOT ALKALOIDS                .
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Ergocornin ..... :           0,070
Ergocristin ..... :           0,085
Ergocryptin ..... :           0,070
Ergométrin ..... :           0,030
Ergosin ..... :             0,140
Ergotamin ..... :           0,160
    
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MTx+ - mycotoxin binder trial on Atlantic pre-smolts Salmon

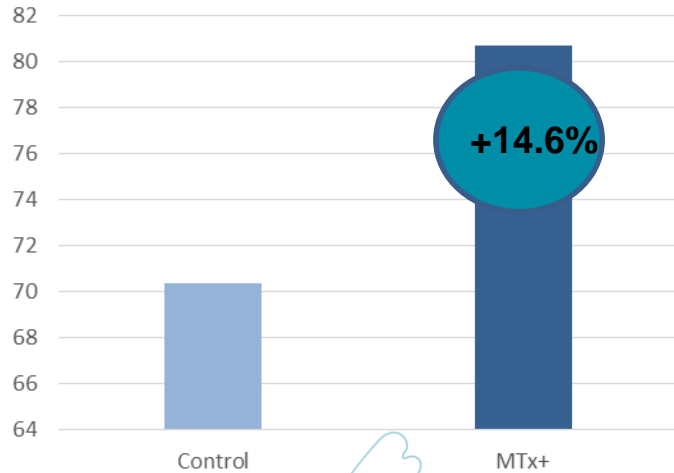
| Parameter | Control | Mtx+ | Variation ¹ |
|------------------------|---------|------|------------------------|
| Initial mean weight, g | 45.2 | 45.1 | -0.1g |
| Final mean weight, g | 70.4 | 80.7 | +10.3g |
| Feed per fish, g | 37.5 | 44.2 | +6.7g |
| SGR | 0.29 | 0.38 | +31%* |
| GF3 ² | 0.71 | 0.95 | +33.8%† |
| FCR | 1.48 | 1.26 | -14.9% |

¹Analysis of variance: *P<0.05, †P<0.10

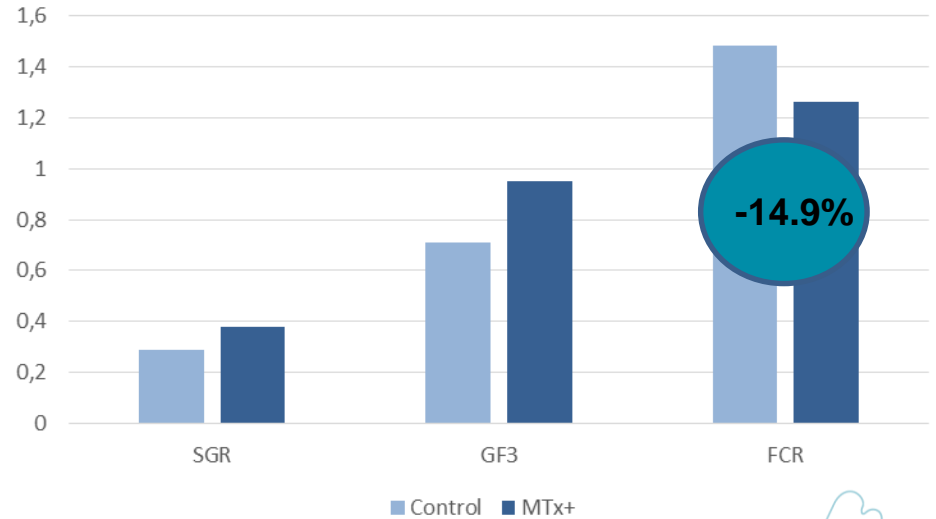
²GF3, or thermal growth coefficient, is an assessment of growth performance which accounts for the effect of temperature.

MTx+ - mycotoxin binder trial on Atlantic pre-smolts Salmon

Final mean weight (g)



Growth performance



Thank you



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