

Successful RAS shrimp farming: Combining Health and Genetics With Systems Design and Best Operations

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Should these be considered Competition

Country	Reported Cost (\$/kg)	Seed (\$/1,000)	Feed (\$/kg)	Calculated Cost (\$/kg) Average performance
Vietnam	3.70-4.40	3.70	1.70	4.80
Thailand	3.00-4.20	4.00	1.50	4.00
India	2.80-3.50	3.70	1.20	3.00
Ecuador	2.30-2.50	2.00	1.10	2.90
Colombia	2.40-2.60	3.50	1.20	2.60

Capital Costs vs Productivity USD/1,000 tons

Capital costs of Shrimp farming:

Build intensive farm in Central America: 4 million

Thailand 7 million

Purchase an extensive farm in Ecuador: 15 million

Typical Indoor RAS system for shrimp: USD /1,000 tons

Clear Water > 40 million USD

Floc > 20 million USD

Requiring More Emphasis:

Engineering:

Design, Automation, Robotics



Systems are complex;
with innovation required

Marketing:

Differentiation, Fresh Markets, Recognition



Need dedicated efforts to educate
the Consumer

CLEAR WATER OR FLOC RAS

	Bio-Floc	Clear Water
Density (#/m3)	250	650
Growth (ADG)	0.30	0.35
Survival	80	80
FCR	1.3	1.3
Yield (kg/m3)	5.0	10.0
CAPITAL COST	LOWER	HIGHER



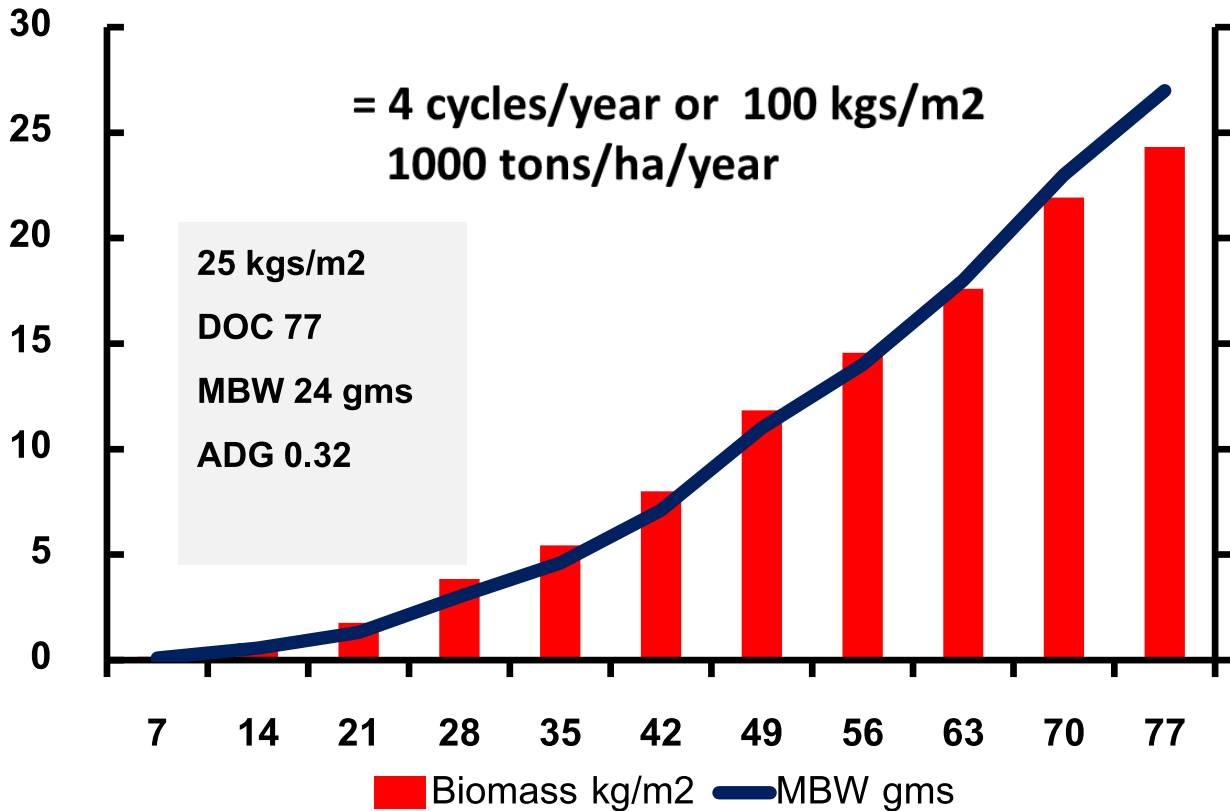
Productivity of Clear Water vs Biofloc RAS

Clear Water

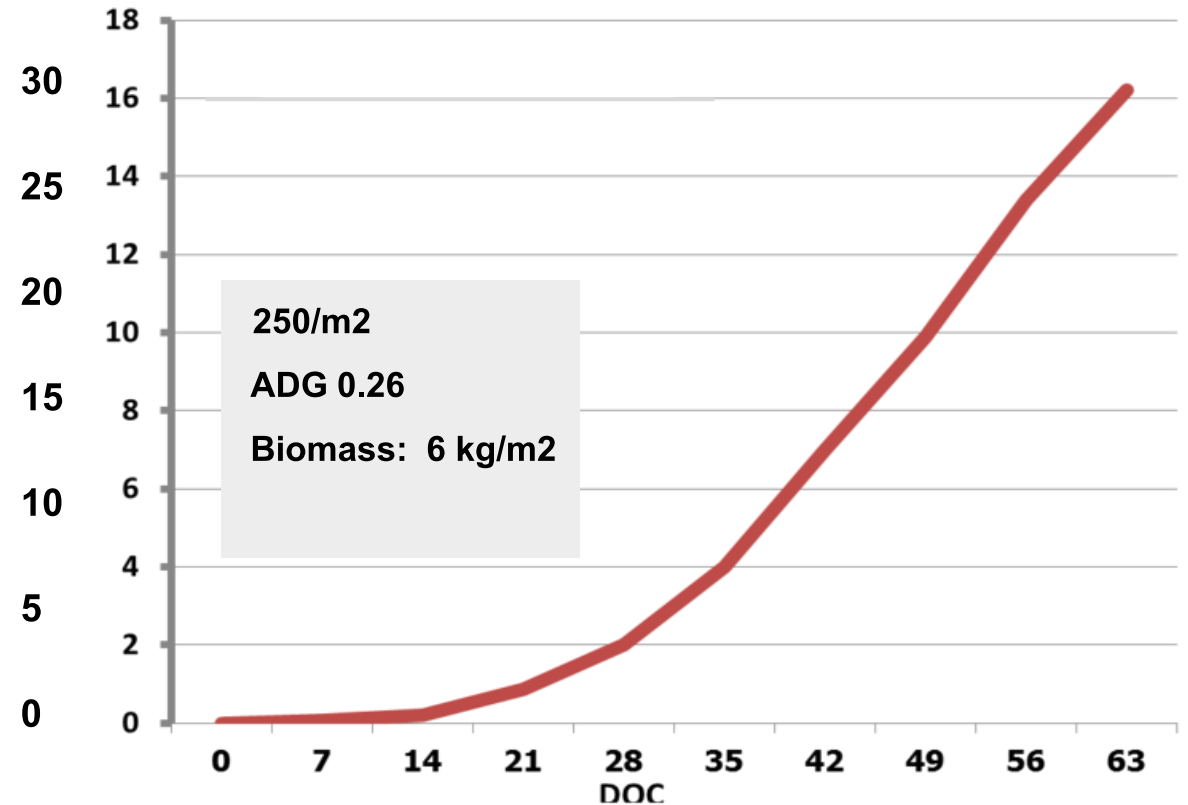
Pilot RAS System operated by CPF Thailand (2019)

= 4 cycles/year or 100 kg/m²
1000 tons/ha/year

25 kg/m²
DOC 77
MBW 24 gms
ADG 0.32



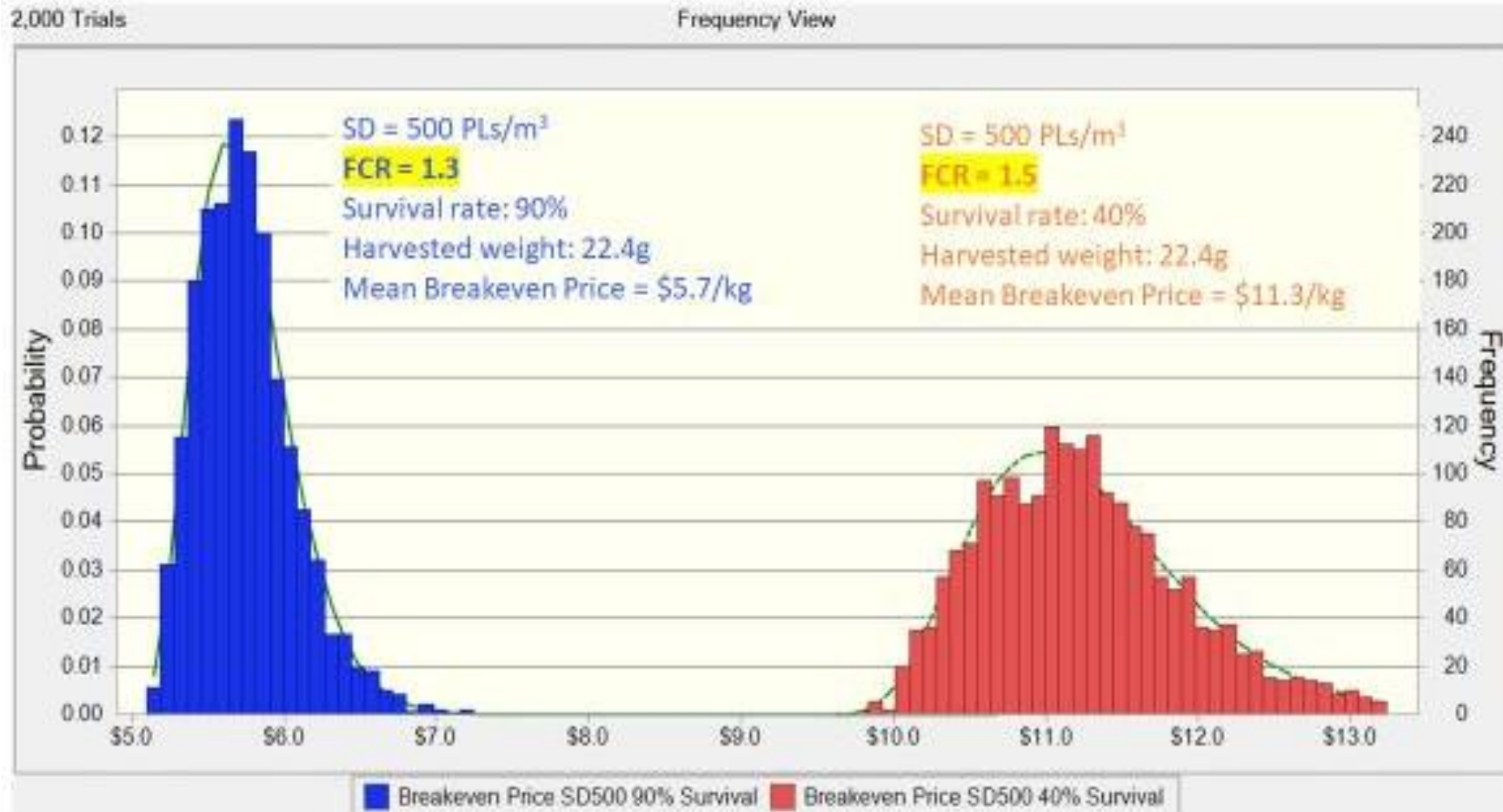
Bio Floc



COSTS MUST BE REDUCED

Requirements to Reduce the Costs of RAS shrimp

Breakeven Price for the Large-Scale RAS Shrimp Production in the US





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Genetics

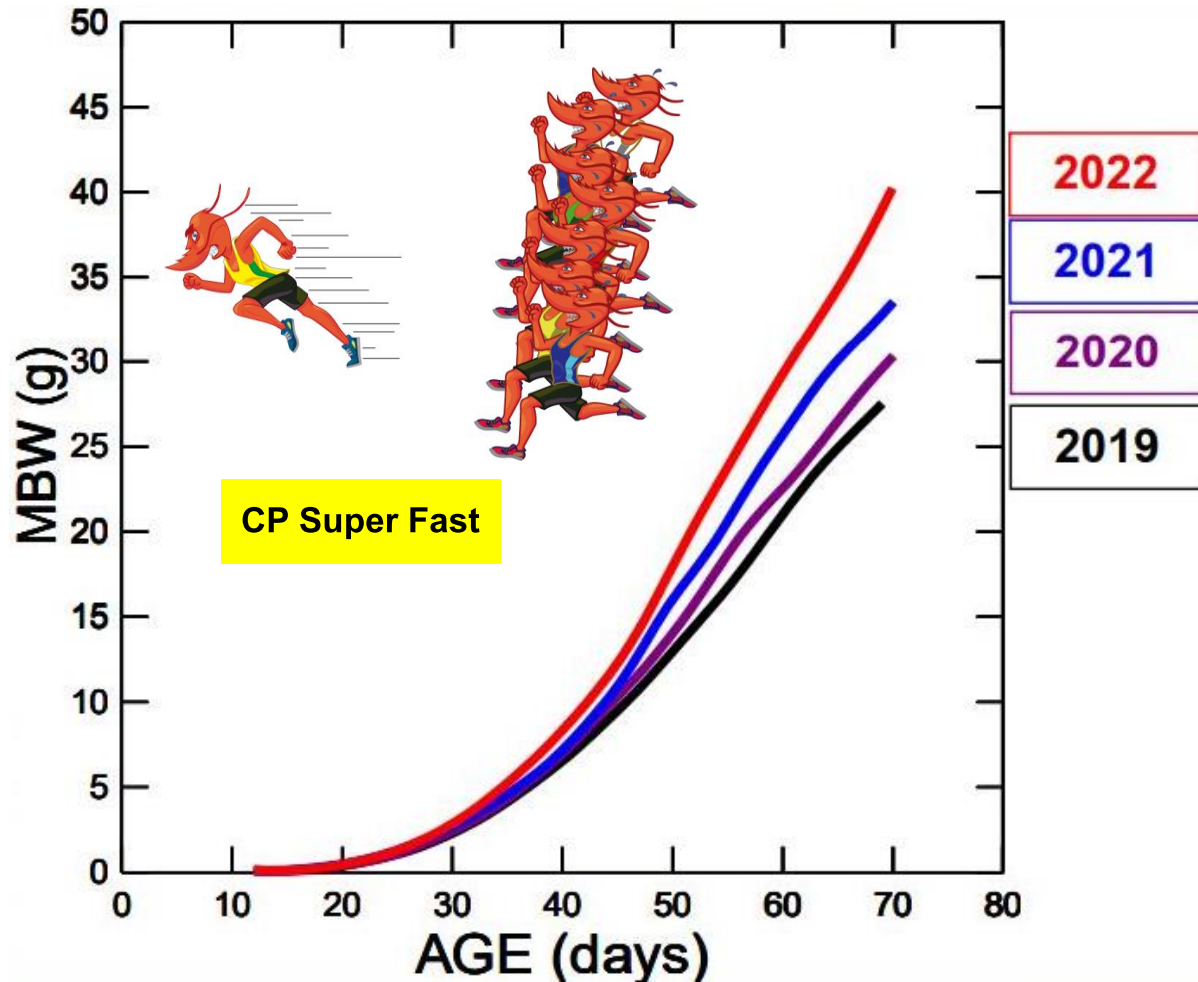
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Environment

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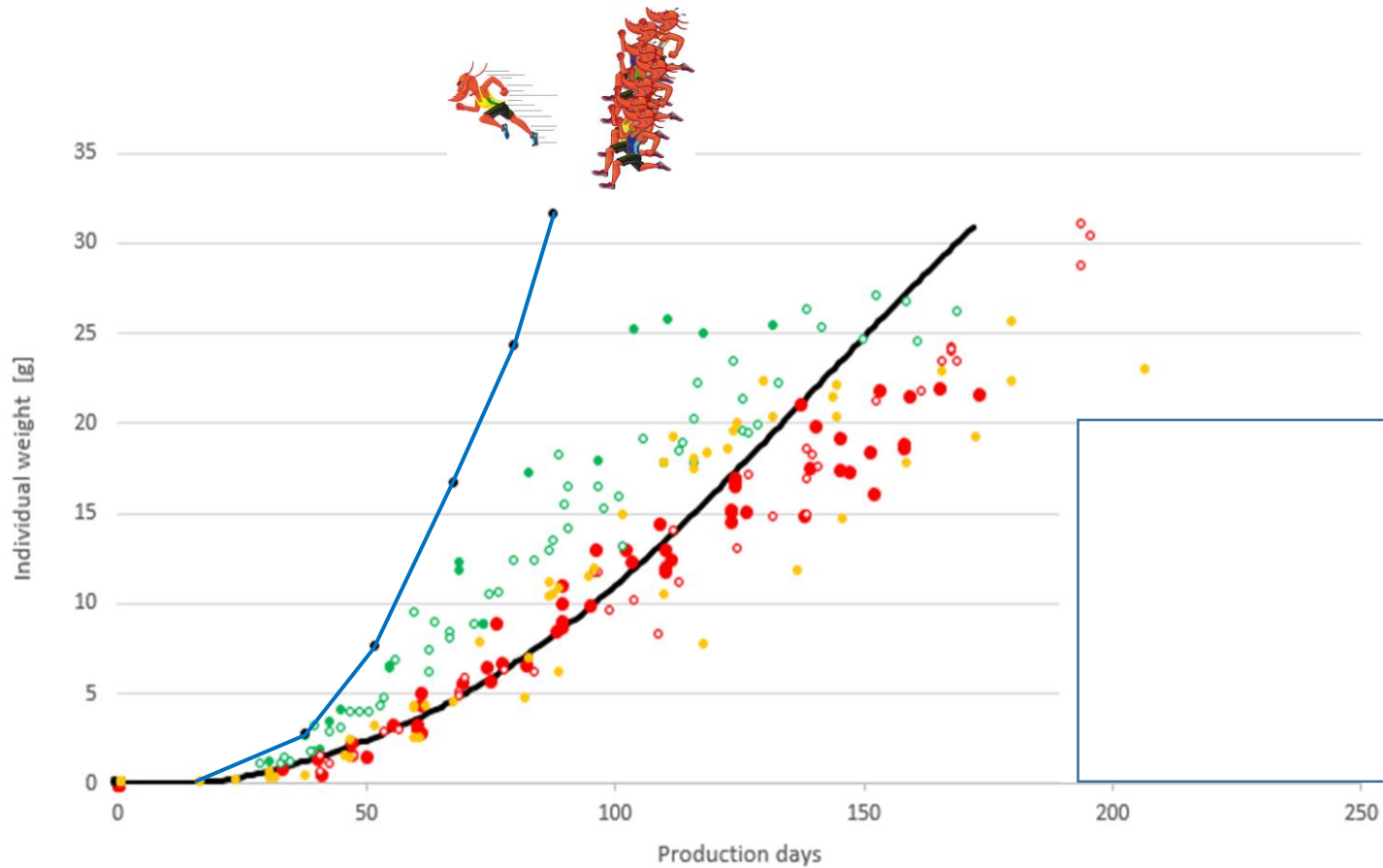
Management

Development of the Homegrown Bolt Line: Indoor Super Bio-secure systems



Culture system; Bio floc, Temp 30-31 °C, Feed 48%
high protein

Homegrown Bolt Line has increased success in Europe and USA RAS Culture



Genetic Potential vs Genetic Realization

Maximize Expression of Genetic Potential

Maintain constant optimum environment:

Temperature: 29-31C minimum fluctuation

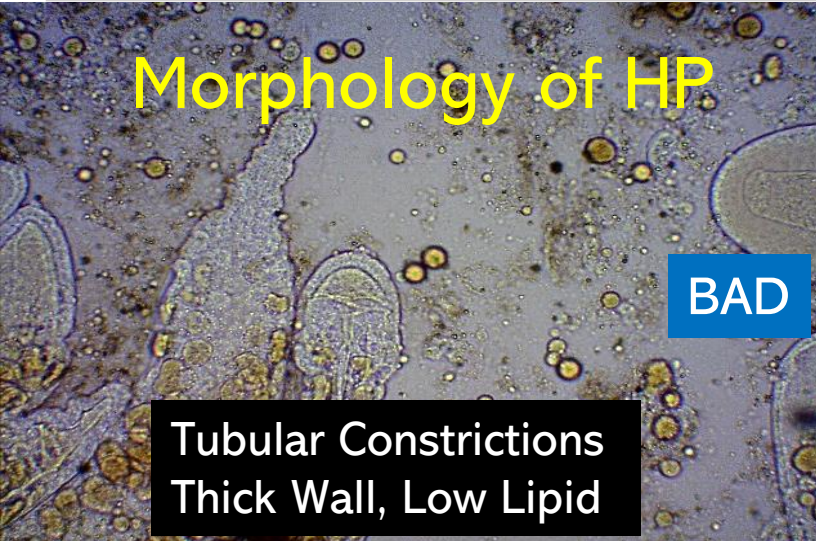
Water quality: pH, nitrogen, CO₂, dissolved organic load

Protein and nutrient balance: More is not always best

Healthy Post Larvae

How do I evaluate the quality of a post larvae I do not know hatchery tank history

Morphology of HP



BAD

Tubular Constrictions
Thick Wall, Low Lipid



Size of Pls: number per gram :
minimum (250 for pl 10)

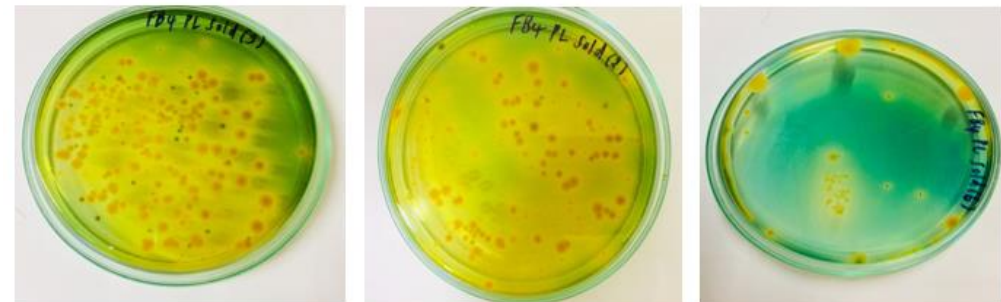
Coefficient of Variation: <10-12%



Good

Rounded, thin wall,
Full of Lipid

TCBS plate counts of
“post larvae tissue”
tells a lot about
probability of early
pond failure

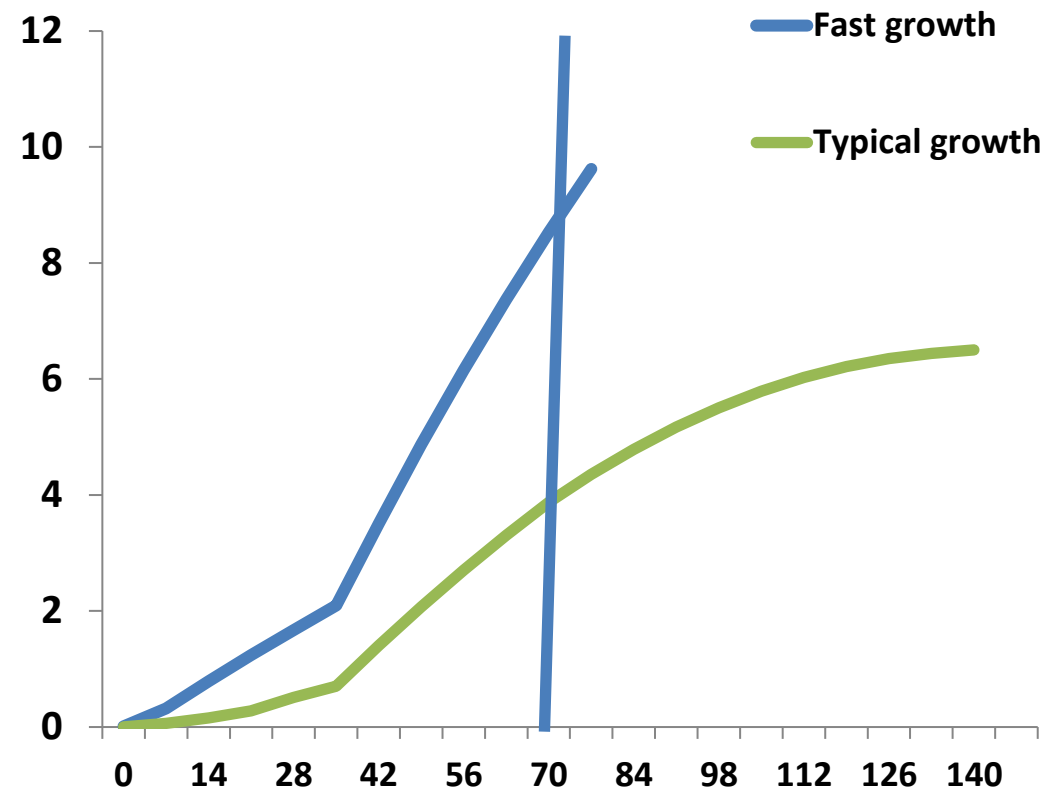


Yellow: 10^4/gram of pl
Green: 10^3/gram of pl

Big Issue: Why do they Die? RAS syndrome



Chronic Vibriosis from 'Stresses'



Shrimp most often start to die at 60-70 days

Increase fcr, lower biomass yield--

Maintaining Health!!!

Appropriate system for stocking and feed rates reduces stress;



Low Stress results in healthy shrimp

No Chronic Vibriosis

Minimize STRESSES:

Low oxygen

Nitrites

pH fluctuation

Temperature fluctuation

Sulfides

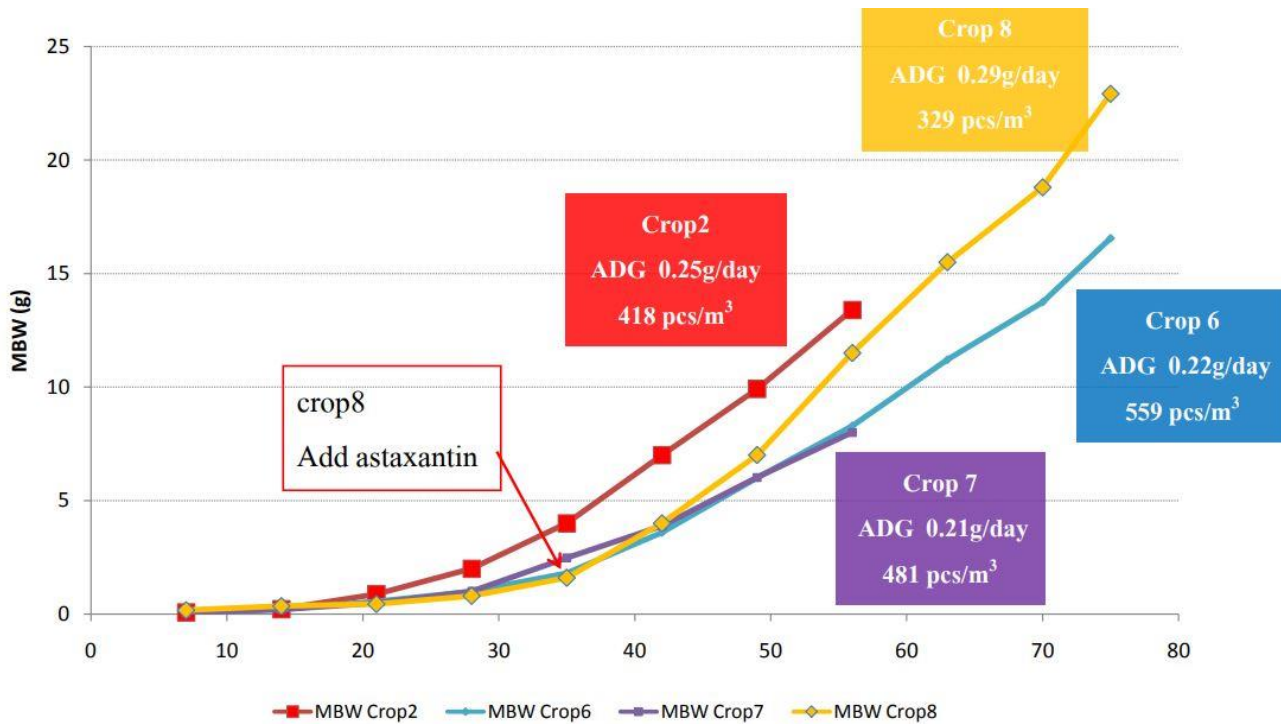
High CO₂

Toxicity

High Organics/bacteria loads

Stressful Indoor RAS Culture results in Blue Shrimp

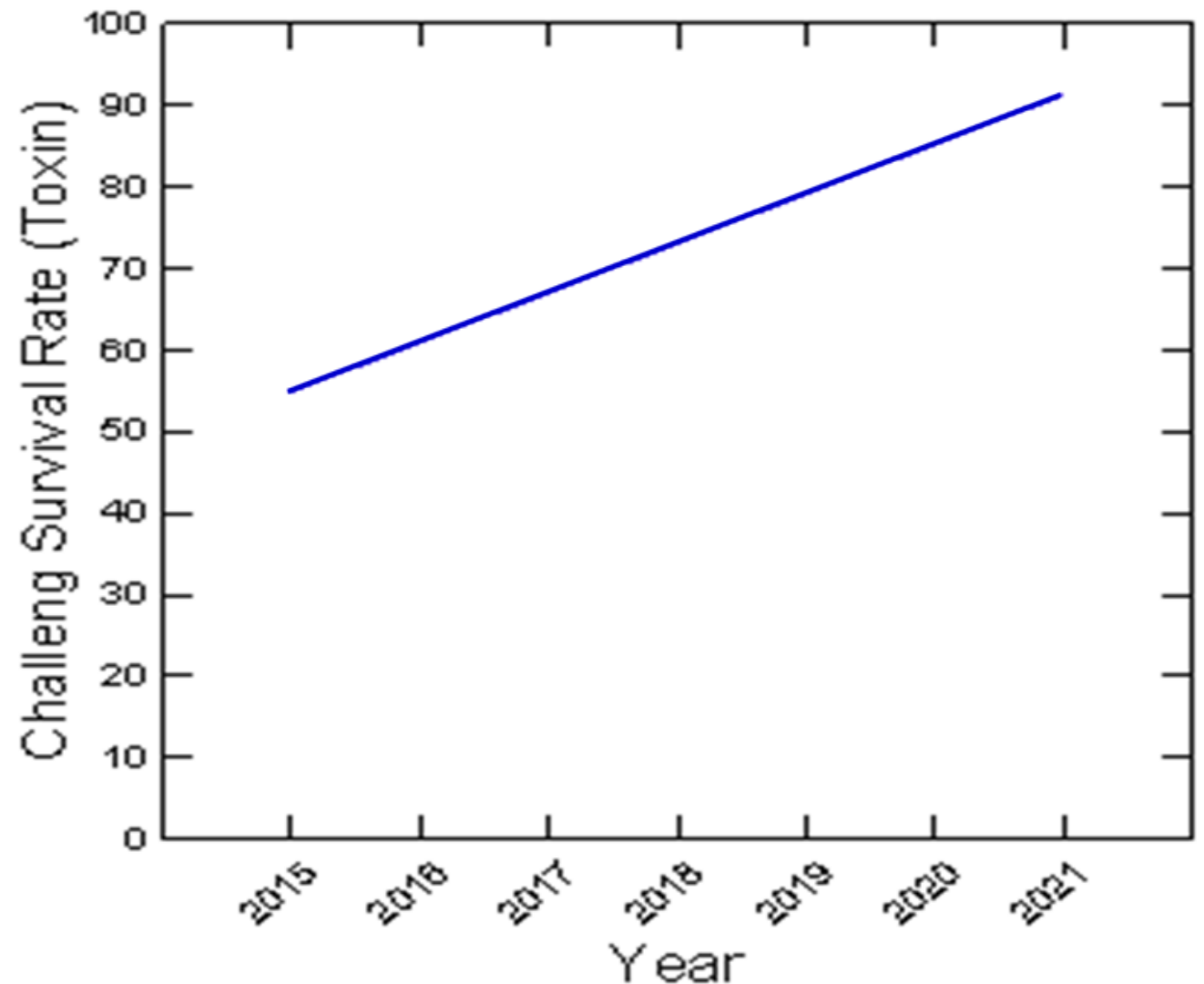
Is this a good Look?



Astaxanthin addition results in increase in growth and Survival

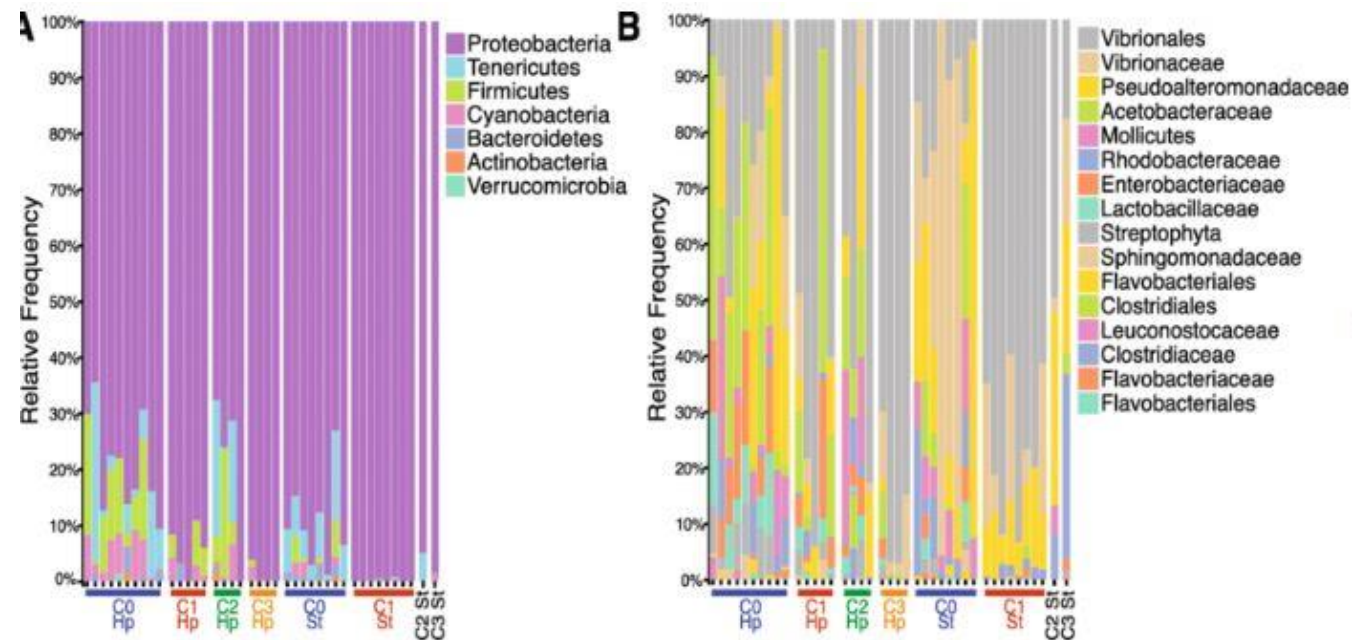
Epigenetic selection can increase survival (robustness) of shrimp under stress

Increased tolerance
to APHNS toxins
over generation of
selective breeding
in the presence of
NO₂ stress



Future Technologies that will impact- but will not solve “Inappropriate Management”

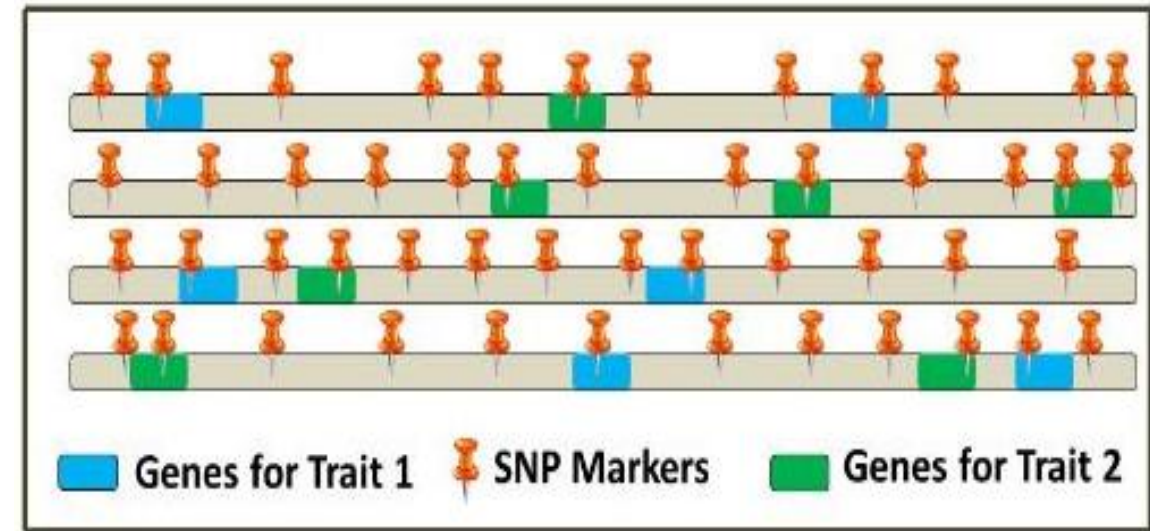
Metagenomics



Define microbial community interactions:

Cause and Effect

Genomics



Individual selection instead of family selection

Select for growth and robustness

The future of aquatic animal health and sustainability



Genomics

RNA Sequencing

Epigenetics

Autophagy

Metagenomics

Quorum Sensing

Vaccines

Artificial Intelligence/Analytics

Probiotics/Prebiotics

Gene Editing

The Microbial Community: Diverse, stable Microbial communities: Less Disease

Poly- β -Hydroxybutyrate (PHB) Improves Nursery-Phase Pacific White Shrimp *Litopenaeus vannamei* Defense against Vibriosis

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