



## **Growth, body composition and nutrient loadings of olive flounder**

EP, MP and SMP,  
Which type of feed should be applied to  
marine fish farming ?

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# History of Seawater Fish Farming in Korea

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**Early 1970**  
natural seed capture

Temporary  
stocking

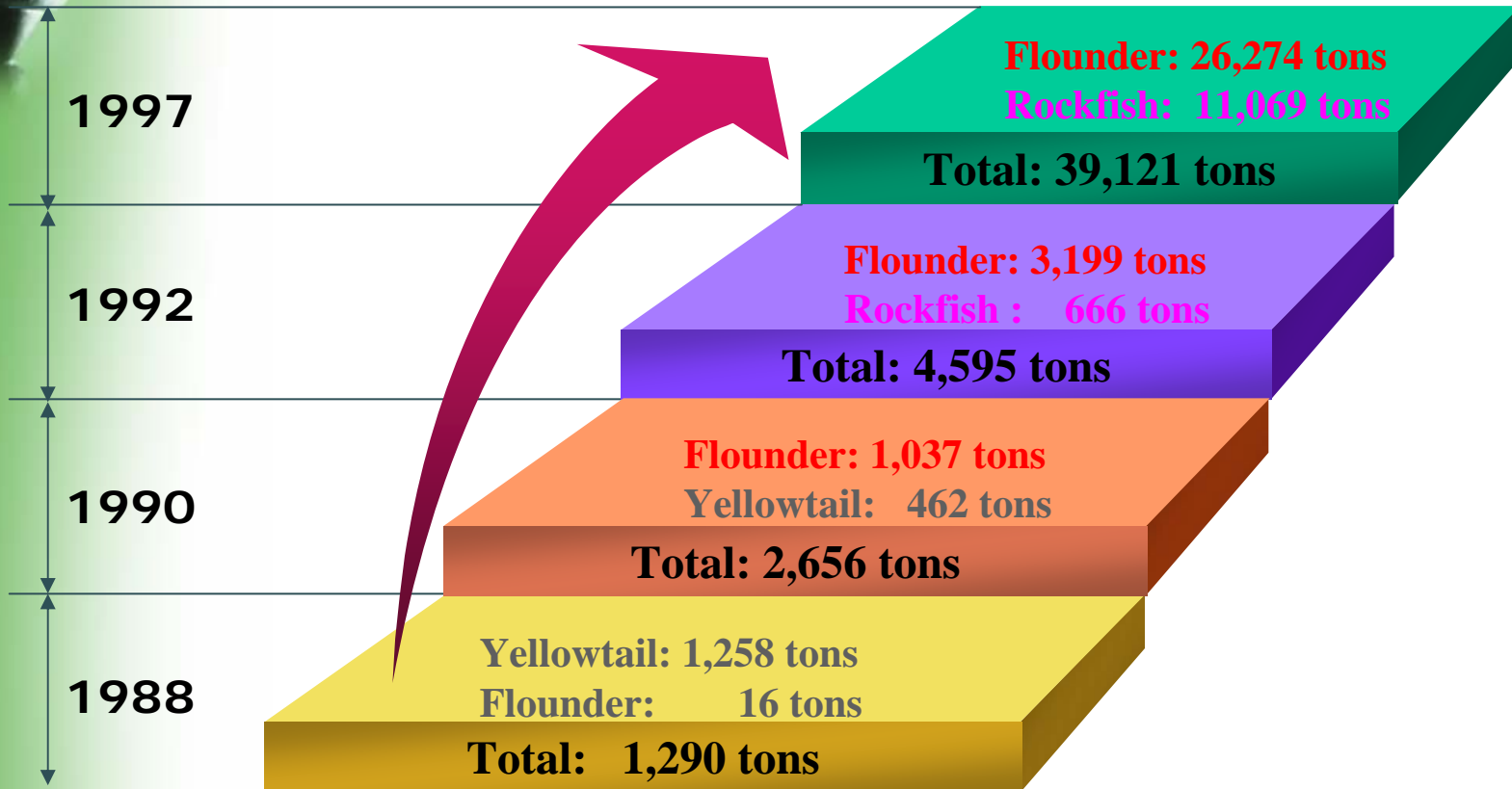
**Mid-1980's**  
yellowtail stocking using a net-cage

Practical  
farming

**- year 1990**  
flounder seed  
production technique  
**-year 1992**  
rockfish farming

# Seawater fish farming

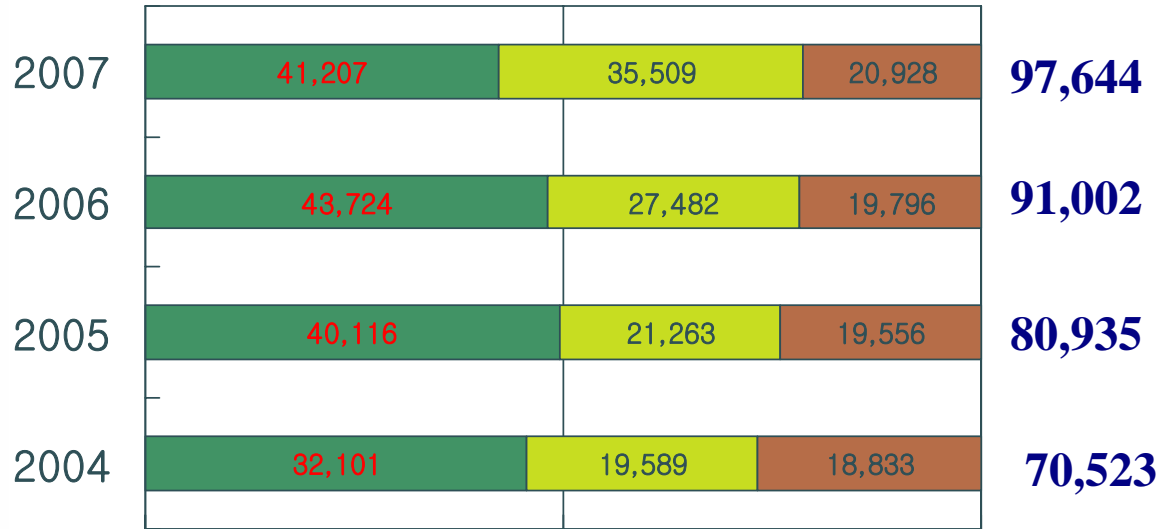
## Production History



Korean Fisheries Yearbook  
1989, 1991, 1998-1999



# Marine culture fish production (MT) from 2004 to 2007

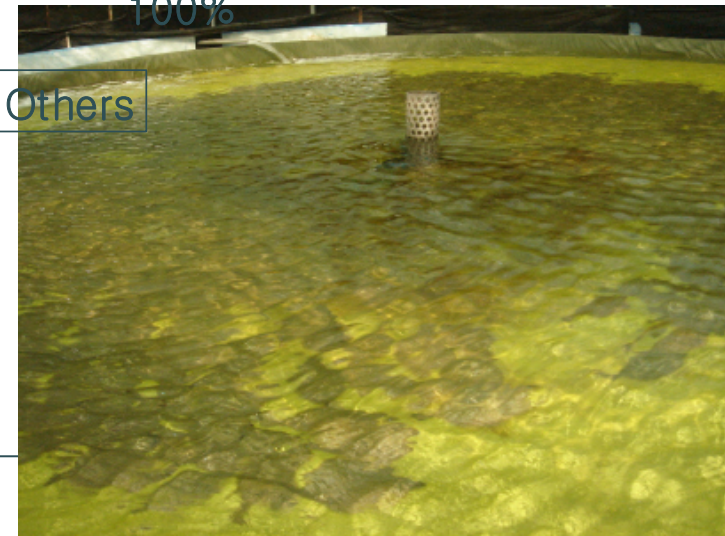


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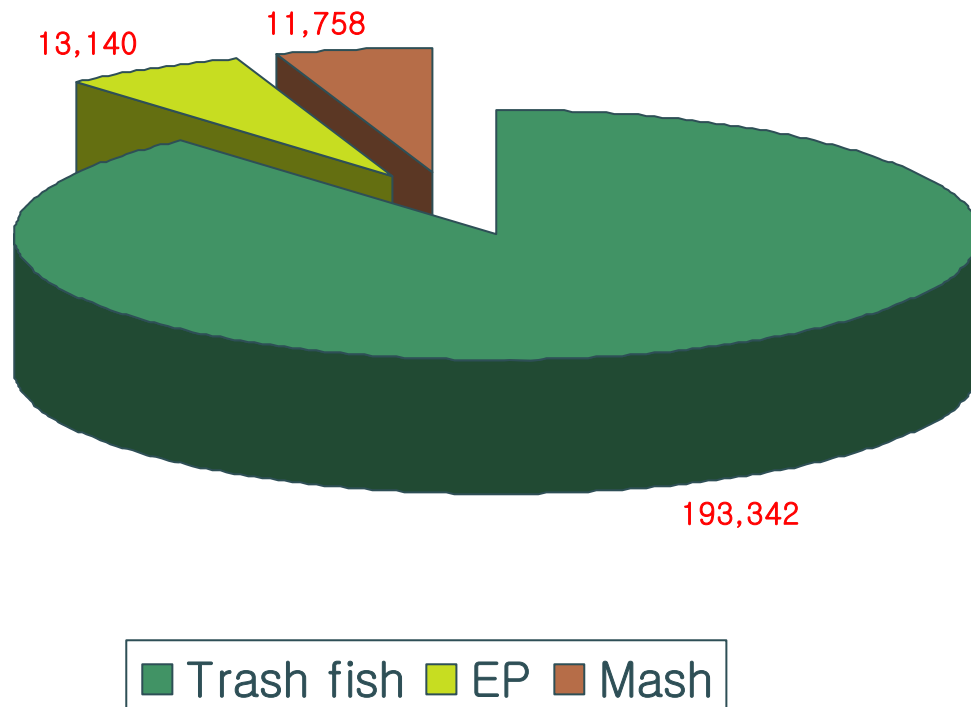
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■ Flounder ■ Rockfish ■ Others



# Types of Feed and their amounts used for marine fish farming in Korea (1996 to 2007)

Ton





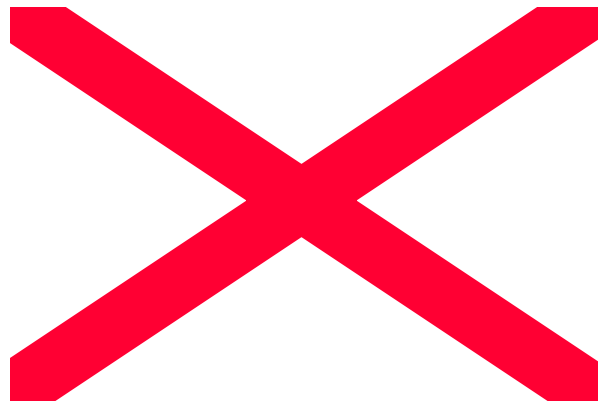
# Flounder farming in Korea

696 farms (235 ha)



## Feeds used

for flounder production of 41,207 tons  
(2007)







## MP manufacturing

### Conventional MP feeding

**Nutrient Loadings  
g/kg wt gain**

**N < 60 g**

**P < 10 g**





## Backgrounds to develop a new type diet for flounder

- Kim and Lee (2000) compared a conventional MP and two commercial extruded feed (EP) with semi-moist pellet (SMP) made by adding water to formulated feed mixture. It was found that weight gain of flounder fed MP and SMP was not significantly different each other and superior ( $P < 0.05$ ) to that of fish fed the EP.
- Similar results were also reported in bigger flounder fed SMP (Kim, 2000).
- In such studies, fish fed commercial EP showed a growth rate much lower than fish fed MP or SMP, suggesting **a necessity of diet development meeting fast growth and low water pollution.**



## **Objective :**

- **To compare a newly developed EP with conventional MP and SMP in terms of growth, whole body and muscle composition, and nutrient loadings**

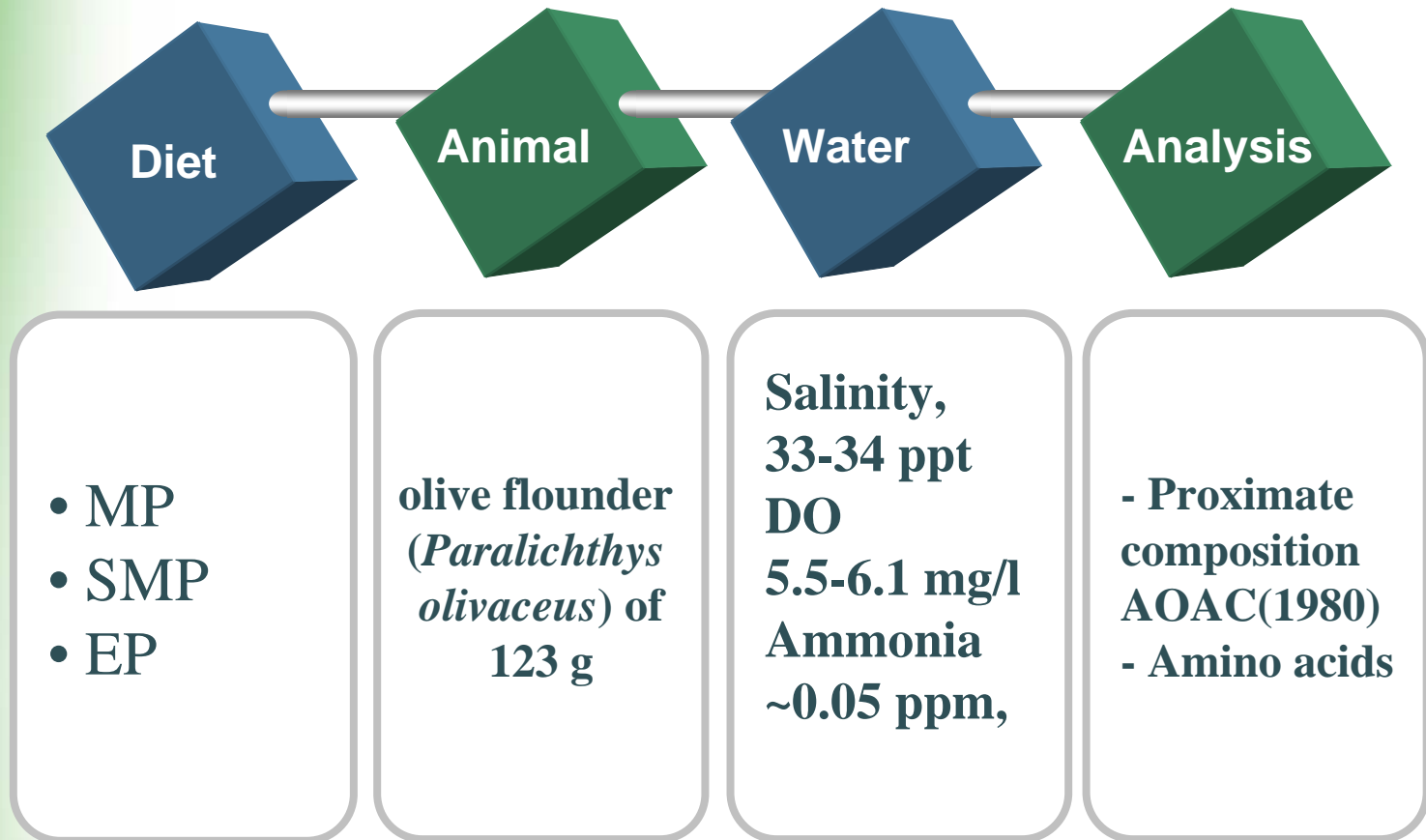


## Items of investigation

- **Weight gain**
- **Feed consumption**
- **Nutrient intake**
- **Feed conversion ratio**
- **Protein efficiency ratio**
- **Specific growth rate**
- **Body and muscle composition**
- **Retention efficiency of N and P**
- **Loadings of N and P**



# Materials & Methods



# Design of the experimental diets

- Based on protein (55%) and lipid (18%) levels of MP on dry matter basis, EP was designed to maintain the same level of protein (55%) and a half level of lipid (9%) as MP, while SMP a half level of lipid (9%) with concomitant increase in protein (64%).
- **MP** was composed of 90.1% raw fish, 4.7% powdered and other additives.
- **EP** was composed of fish meal of 55.0%, wheat flour of 16.0%, soybean meal of 11.5%, squid liver powder of 5.0%, corn gluten meal of 5.0%, fish oil of 5.0% and others of 2.5%.
- **SMP** was composed of fish meal of 72.0%, wheat gluten of 11.5%, corn gluten meal of 5.0%, squid liver powder of 4.0%, wheat flour of 3.5%, fish oil of 2.0% and others of 2.0%.



## Rearing tank (3.8m x 3.7m x 0.5m, 7 tons/water in tank)



- Flow rate: 150 L/min
- Water temperature: 16~18 °C
- Water pumped from the sea (50%)  
+ seawater from the hydroelectric  
power plant (50%)



# Particle size of MP and EP





## Daily feed allowances

- Based on the level of 1% of total fish weight, diets were divided into two meals in plastic containers and fed at 9 am and 3 pm.
- Each meal was fed by hand on the water surface until apparent satiation was achieved.
- The weight of MP and SMP left after every feeding were recorded and discarded.
- All diets fed were considered consumed. Daily feed allowances were weekly increased following an estimated weight gains based on feed conversion of 2.
- The number and weight of dead fish were recorded to correct weight gain and feed intakes of the fish group affected.



# Analytical methods

- AOAC (1990) procedures: dry matter by drying for 24h at 110 °C; crude protein (N x 6.25) by the Kjeldahl method after an acid digestion; crude lipid after ether extraction following acid (4N HCl) hydrolysis (Tecator Soxtec System, Hoeganaes, Sweden); crude ash by incineration in a muffle furnace at 550°C for 24 hours; Ca by a wet ash method and titration with KMnO<sub>4</sub> and phosphorus by a spectrophotometric method using molybdovandate reagent; crude fiber by digestion with 1.25% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 1.25% NaOH solutions.
- Gross energy was determined using an adiabatic bomb calorimeter (Parr Instrument Company, Moline, IL, USA).
- Amino acid in diets were analyzed after acid hydrolysis as previously described by Kim and Lall (2000). Tryptophan was determined by the calorimetric method of Basha and Roberts (1977) after alkaline hydrolysis of each sample.
- The results were subjected to analysis of variance; where appropriate, differences between treatment means were determined at the 5% probability level using Duncan's new multiple range test, as described by Steel and Torrie (1960).



## **Results & Discussion**



**Table 1. Chemical composition of the experimental diets**

Composition	EP	SMP	MP
<i>Proximate composition (g or kJ/100 g DM)</i>			
C. protein	55.7	63.2	54.3
C.lipid	10.0	9.5	17.7
C.ash	11.1	9.6	11.3
C.fiber	1.1	0.5	1.0
Ca	3.0	4.2	4.5
P	1.4	1.5	1.1
Gross energy	2,143	2,212	2,194
<i>Essential amino acid composition (% protein)</i>			
Lysine	6.64	6.32	6.21
Arginine	5.77	5.59	5.36
Histidine	3.02	2.91	2.39
Isoleucine	4.39	4.54	4.35
Leucine	7.93	8.26	7.10
Methionine+cystine	3.46	3.19	3.34
Phenylalanine+tyrosine	7.30	7.46	6.72
Threonine	4.02	3.97	4.17
Valine	5.47	5.40	5.46
Tryptophan	1.03	1.18	1.26



**Table 2. Growth and feed utilization of olive flounder fed the experimental diets for 8 weeks<sup>1</sup>**

Diet	EP	MP	SMP
Initial wt. (g/fish)	124.4±9.29 <sup>ns</sup>	124.1±5.65	122.3±0.3
<b>Wt. gain (g/fish)</b>	103.9±3.73 <sup>b</sup>	68.9±0.48 <sup>c</sup>	111.1±0.45 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Total feed intake (g/fish)</b>			
As-fed	82.0±0.34 <sup>c</sup>	219.6±7.86 <sup>a</sup>	157.2±3.09 <sup>b</sup>
DM	77.4±0.33 <sup>b</sup>	65.0±2.33 <sup>c</sup>	90.9±1.79 <sup>a</sup>
<b>FCR<sup>2</sup></b>			
As-fed	0.79±0.03 <sup>c</sup>	3.19±0.09 <sup>a</sup>	1.41±0.03 <sup>b</sup>
DM	0.75±0.02 <sup>c</sup>	0.94±0.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.82±0.02 <sup>b</sup>
<b>PER<sup>3</sup></b>	2.41±0.08 <sup>a</sup>	1.95±0.06 <sup>b</sup>	1.93±0.05 <sup>b</sup>
<b>SGR(%/day)<sup>4</sup></b>	1.10±0.08 <sup>a</sup>	0.78±0.03 <sup>b</sup>	1.14±0.01 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Mortality<sup>5</sup></b>	1.10±0.50 <sup>b</sup>	3.20±0.80 <sup>a</sup>	1.10±0.10 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Values (means±SE of two replicates) in the same row sharing a common superscript were not significantly different (P>0.05); ns= nonsignificant.

<sup>2</sup>Feed conversion ratio = feed intake (as-fed or DM)/wet weight gain.

<sup>3</sup>Protein efficiency ratio = wet weight gain/protein intake.

<sup>4</sup>Specific growth rate = (ln(final wt.)-ln(initial wt.))/duration(56 days) x 100.

<sup>5</sup>Mortality (%) = (No. of dead fish/ No. of initial fish) x 100.



**Table 3. Whole body composition (g or kJ/100 g) of olive flounder fed the experimental diets**

Diet	Moisture	Protein	Lipid	Ash	Ca	P	GE
EP	74.0±0.38 <sup>ns</sup>	18.0±0.33 <sup>a</sup>	3.4±0.14 <sup>b</sup>	3.1±0.16 <sup>b</sup>	1.23±0.04 <sup>b</sup>	0.50±0.02 <sup>a</sup>	729±21.0 <sup>ns</sup>
MP	74.0±0.01	17.5±0.11 <sup>b</sup>	3.8±0.19 <sup>a</sup>	3.7±0.16 <sup>a</sup>	1.50±0.09 <sup>a</sup>	0.48±0.00 <sup>ab</sup>	725±16.5
SMP	74.5±0.63	17.9±0.24 <sup>a</sup>	3.2±0.13 <sup>b</sup>	3.6±0.22 <sup>a</sup>	1.33±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.47±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	708±19.3
Initial	75.1±0.10	18.1±0.01	1.9±0.11	4.5±0.08	1.24±0.10	0.63±0.02	605±1.5



**Table 4. Utilization of nitrogen and phosphorus by olive flounder fed the experimental diets for 8 weeks<sup>1</sup>**

Diet	EP	MP	SMP
<b>Nitrogen</b>			
Intake, g/fish	6.91±0.03 <sup>b</sup>	5.65±0.20 <sup>c</sup>	9.20±0.18 <sup>a</sup>
Gain, g/fish	2.96±0.12 <sup>a</sup>	1.80±0.05 <sup>b</sup>	3.11±0.07 <sup>a</sup>
NRE, % <sup>2</sup>	42.9±1.56 <sup>a</sup>	32.0±0.18 <sup>c</sup>	33.8±0.15 <sup>b</sup>
Excretion, g/kg wt. gain	38.1±2.24 <sup>b</sup>	55.8±1.75 <sup>a</sup>	54.8±1.18 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Phosphorus</b>			
Intake, g/fish	1.05±0.00 <sup>b</sup>	0.72±0.03 <sup>c</sup>	1.38±0.03 <sup>a</sup>
Gain, g/fish	0.36±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.14±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.33±0.02 <sup>a</sup>
PRE, % <sup>3</sup>	34.2±1.57 <sup>a</sup>	19.9±0.77 <sup>c</sup>	23.6±1.10 <sup>b</sup>
Excretion, g/kg wt. gain	6.65±0.05 <sup>c</sup>	8.42±0.16 <sup>b</sup>	9.51±0.09 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Values (means±SE of two replicates) in the same row sharing a common superscript were not significantly different (P>0.05).

<sup>2</sup>Nitrogen retention efficiency= N gain/N intake x 100.

<sup>3</sup>Phosphorus retention efficiency= P gain/P intake x 100.





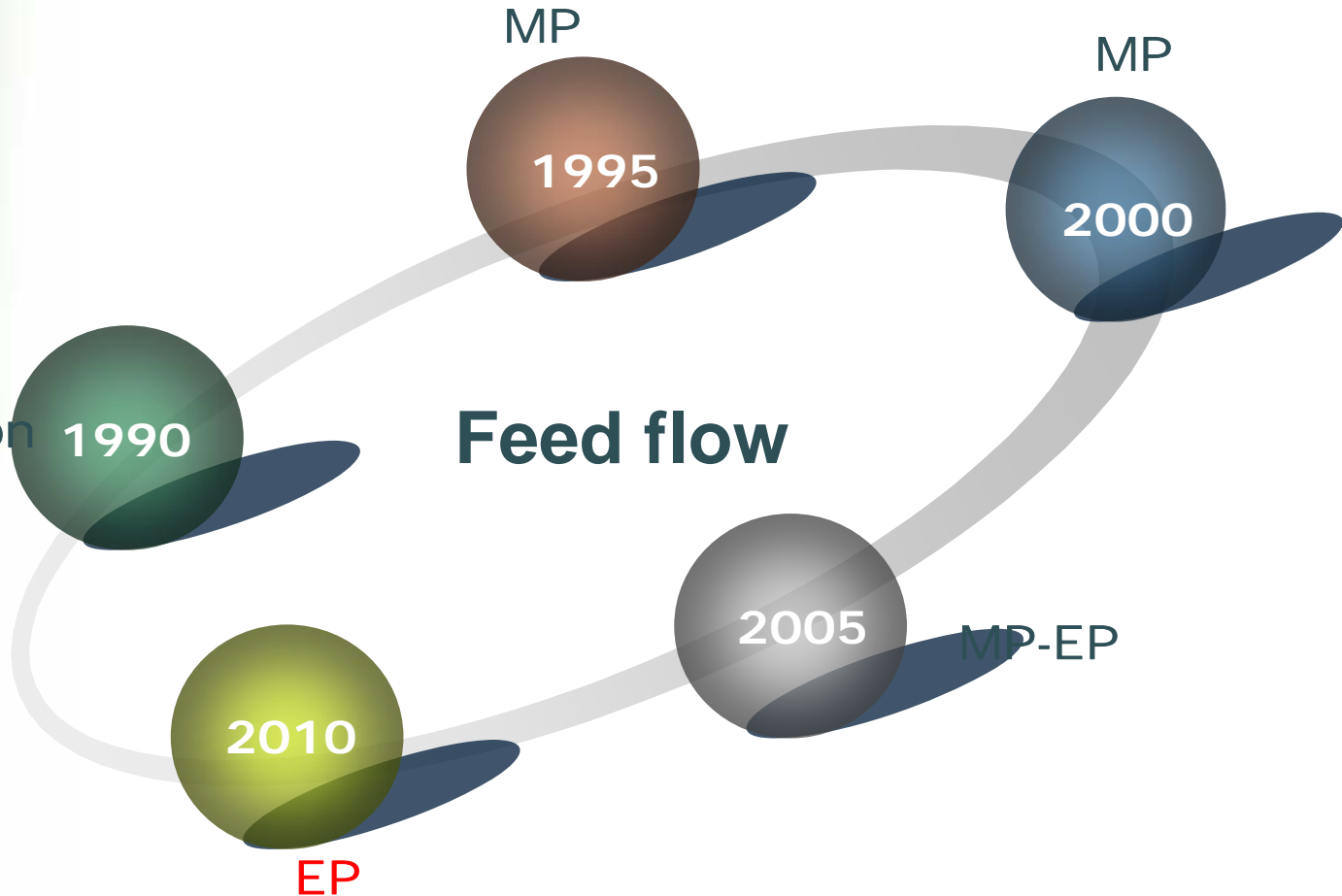
**Table 5. Eye-side muscle composition (g/100 g) of olive flounder at the end of the experiment<sup>1</sup>**

Diet	Moisture	Protein	Lipid	Ash	Ca	P	Ca : P
<b><i>Dorsal muscle</i></b>							
EP	76.3±0.12 <sup>ab</sup>	20.9±0.16 <sup>b</sup>	0.48±0.06 <sup>ns</sup>	1.34±0.01 <sup>ns</sup>	0.39±0.02 <sup>a</sup>	0.35±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	1 : 0.9
MP	77.0±0.35 <sup>a</sup>	20.5±0.29 <sup>b</sup>	0.57±0.17	1.35±0.04	0.40±0.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.25±0.01 <sup>c</sup>	1 : 0.6
SMP	75.7±0.62 <sup>b</sup>	21.4±0.28 <sup>a</sup>	0.42±0.04	1.37±0.02	0.33±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.29±0.03 <sup>b</sup>	1 : 0.9
<b><i>Ventral muscle</i></b>							
EP	75.6±0.25 <sup>ns</sup>	21.5±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.60±0.03 <sup>ns</sup>	1.33±0.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.38±0.01 <sup>ab</sup>	0.30±0.01 <sup>ns</sup>	1 : 0.8
MP	76.7±0.91	20.9±0.08 <sup>b</sup>	0.66±0.25	1.33±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.39±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.30±0.01	1 : 0.8
SMP	75.5±0.05	21.5±0.31 <sup>a</sup>	0.43±0.02	1.28±0.02 <sup>b</sup>	0.35±0.03 <sup>b</sup>	0.31±0.00	1 : 0.9

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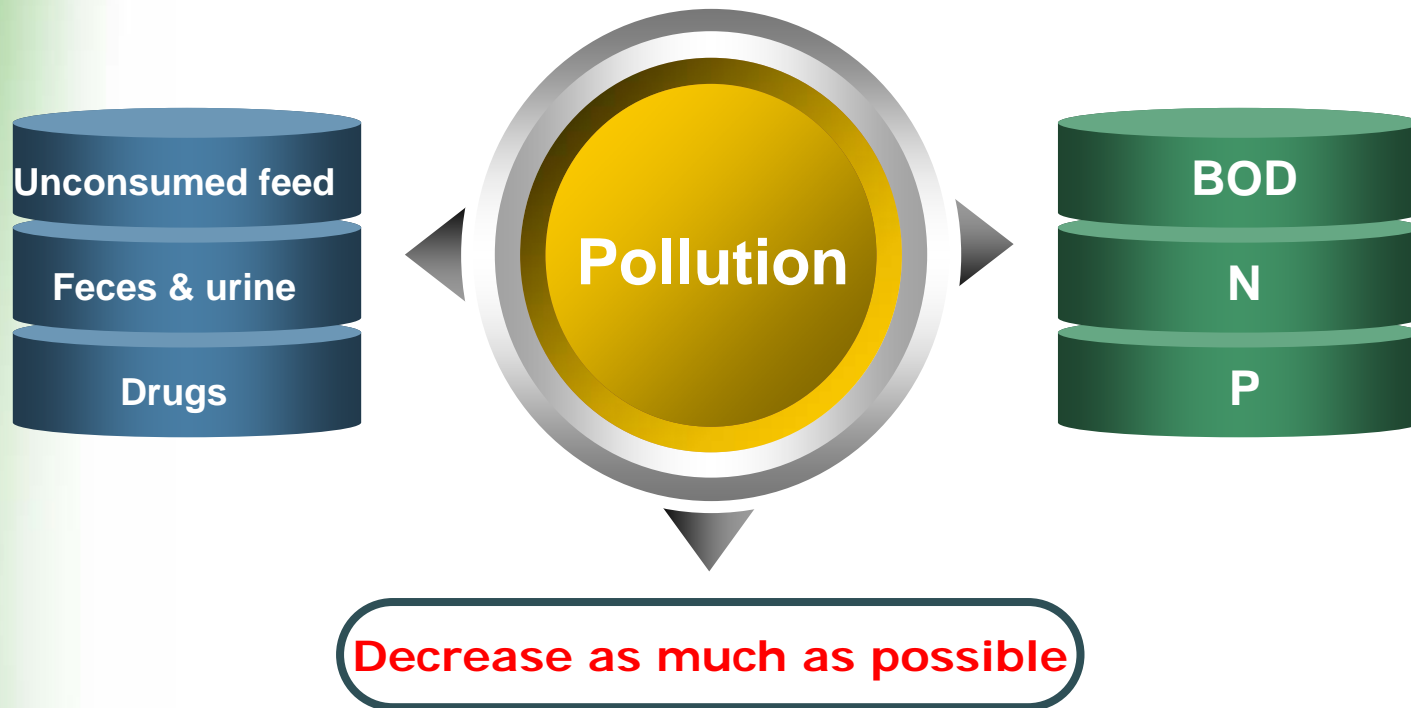
# Diet should be switched !!!

Artificial  
Seed  
Production





## Pollution factors from fish farms





# Beyond Carbon: Scientists Worry About **Nitrogen**'s Effects



**algae in Qingdao, China**  
*KNU-Aquafeed Design Lab.*



# Conclusion

Use of the EP

Legally established

Protection  
natural seed  
stocks

Disease  
control

Sustainable  
industry

Safety



**We can't support the growth  
of the aquaculture business  
using fish to feed fish**

**Thank You !**

**Clean sea for next generation !**