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Fish Waste Management :

Turning fish waste into healthy feed

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Fish Silage and AMR

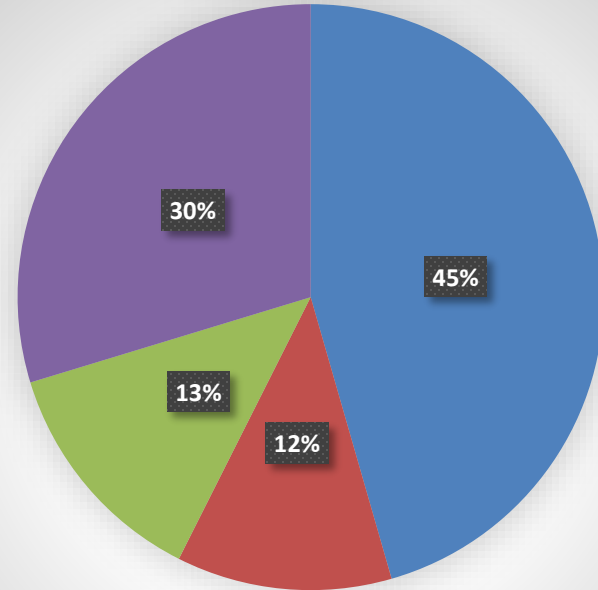
- Use of fish silage in treating dead fish to prevent spreading of disease
- Fish silage as antimicrobial product to reduce use of antibiotic and to promote healthy immune system of fish



FISH PROCESSING

- 🐟 55% is processed
- 🐟 Most common in industrial fisheries and with larger species
- 🐟 Less processing in small scale fisheries or with smaller species 20 – 80% waste generated

World Fish Utilization 2014



- Direct Human Consumption
- Dried, salted, smoked or cured forms
- Prepared and preserved form
- Frozen form

Fish Processing Byproducts



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- Contains:
 - Proteins
 - Ether extract or fat
 - Minerals
 - palmitic acid, stearic acid, oleic acid and DHA

Fish Waste Byproducts Utilization



2025, fish meal produced from fish waste will represent 38% of world fish meal production, compared with 29% for the 2013 to 2015 average level

Fish Oil : 0.856 million tonnes produced on 2015

Raw materials used for production of fishmeal and fish oil in 2015

- Whole fish 13.9Mt
- By-product from wild capture 3.75Mt
- By-product from aquaculture 1.94Mt

Source: Institute of Aquaculture, University of Sterling and IFFO, July 2016.



Fish Waste Byproducts Utilization

Fish Protein Hydrolysate



Fish Sauce



Fish Collagen/Gelatin



Fish Leather



Fish Silage

What is fish silage?

- minced fish or parts of fish, added a preservative stabilizing the mixture
- a liquid solution where proteins are pre-digested, but with a nutrient composition similar to fishmeal

Why make fish silage?

- simple
- does not require huge investments
- product can be preserved for longer periods, even years
- waste problem can be converted into profit



Production of Silage

Raw Material

What can be used for fish silage production

- whole fish
- parts of fish
- important to include viscera

Condition of raw material

- Fresh
- Raw



Use of acid

- organic or inorganic
- organic: formic acid, ensure a stable and storable product
- inorganic: lower cost, but will require a lower pH
- lactic acid bacteria fermentation: complicated and requires a closer follow up



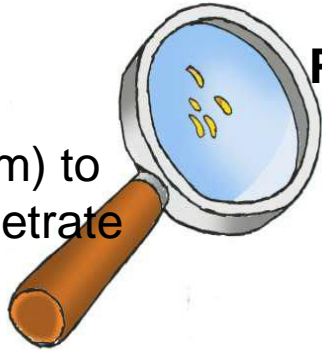
Principles

Enzymatic degradation

- digestive system
- breaks down the proteins to peptides and amino acids
- pH of 3.5 to 4.0
- temperature 5 to 40°

Particle size

- small enough (max 1mm) to ensure the acid can penetrate all cells



Quality Control

- raw material
- pH
- effect of fish bones
- storage



Potential Problems

- variations in the raw material
- high levels of bones
- undissolved bones



Safety

- handling of any acid
- protective glasses/safety face shield
- acid resistant gloves
- rubber boots
- protective clothing



Equipment

Grinder

- small enough to enable the preservative (acid) to enter into the heart of the particle

Pump

- move silage
- for circulating the product
- ✓ to ensure all fish particles are exposed to acid and enzymes which transforms the fish into silage

Mixing Tank

- made of an acid resistant material: plastic, fiberglass or stainless steel

Storage Tank

- stable the pH of the product
- resistant to corrosion
- **galvanized materials should not be used**: lead to the development of some toxic components.



Storage of Silage

Shelf life

- can be stored for years

Quality Assurance

- regular control, maintenance and cleaning of the equipment
- regular stirring of silage
- pH control

Separation of oil

- warmer climates, the fat/oil will float on top of the silage
- decantation
- antioxidant

Separation of bones

- high levels of bones = higher consumption of acid
- removed from the tank on a regular basis



Silage Production Process

Processing

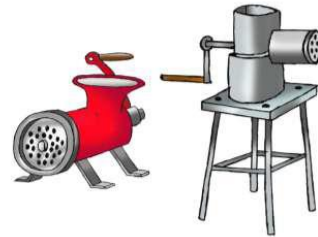
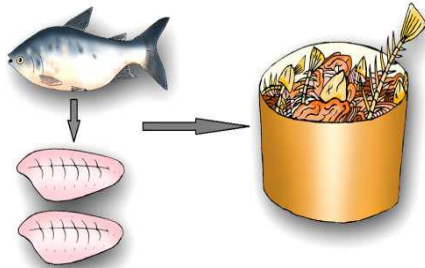
Waste segregation

Grinding

Stir

Addition of
acid

Storage



Utilization of Silage

Directly as feed

- relatively low acidity
- pigs: resulting in higher growth rates, improved health and reduced mortality

Mixed with other feed ingredients

- will not require any further processing
- retain all the nutritional and health benefits



Utilization of Silage

Use in pellet production and extruded feeds

- partially replaces fish meal in feeds (typically 5-15%)
- high level of free amino acids and peptides: improve the growth performance
- stronger and more resistant



Fertilizer

- if it **does not meet the quality** requirements for feed purposes
- good source of Nitrogen (from the protein)
- source of Phosphorus, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium (particularly from the bone structure)
- most trace element needed for plants
- part of the irrigation process (adding 5-10 % liquid silage)

Antimicrobial Product

- During storage, endogenous, proteolytic enzymes break down the tissue protein to low molecular weight peptides and amino acids
- Peptides have antimicrobial properties



Table 2: Overview of antimicrobial peptides from fish known to date

Fish	Name	Length	Activity
<i>Anguilla japonica</i>	Ajl-2	142	Antibacterial
<i>Ctenopharyngodon idella</i>	LEAP	78	Antimicrobial
<i>Danio rerio</i>	hepcidin 1	20	Antimicrobial
<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>	Dicentracin	22	Antimicrobial
<i>Epinephelus coioides</i>	Epinecidin	25	Antimicrobial
	Hepcidin		
<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>	Pleurocidin-like peptides	26	Antimicrobial
<i>Grammistes sexlineatus</i>	Grammistins	26	Antibacterial
<i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i>	Pleurocidin-like peptides	26	Antimicrobial
	Hipposin	51	Antibacterial
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	histone-like protein	20	Antimicrobial
	LEAP	73	Antimicrobial
<i>Lateolabrax japonicus</i>	Hepcidin-like peptide	21	Antimicrobial
<i>Limanda ferruginea</i>	Pleurocidin-like peptides	25	Antimicrobial
<i>Misgurnus anguillicaudatus</i>	Misgurin	21	Antimicrobial
<i>Morone chrysops</i>	Moronecidins	23	Antimicrobial
<i>Morone chrysops x Morone saxatilis</i>	Hepcidin	21	Antibacterial
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<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	Moronecidins	23	Antibacterial
<i>Myxine glutinosa</i>	HAP	38	Antimicrobial
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	Salmocidins	13	Antibacterial
	Oncorhyncins	69	Antibacterial
	Histone H2A	12	Antimicrobial
	β -defensin 1	60	Antibacterial
	Hepcidin	25	Antibacterial
	LEAP2B	77	Antimicrobial
<i>Pagrus major</i>	Chrysopsins		
	hepcidin	85	Antimicrobial
<i>Pardachirus marmoratus</i>	Pardaxin P	33	Antimicrobial
<i>Pelteobagrus fulvidraco</i>	LEAP	78	Antimicrobial
<i>Petromyzon marinus</i>	CRP	19	Antimicrobial
	Pleurocidin-like peptides	21	Antimicrobial
<i>Salmo salar</i>	SAMPH1	30	Antibacterial
<i>Silurus asotus</i>	Parasin I	19	Antibacterial
<i>Siniperca chuatsi</i>	Moronecidin	22	Antibacterial

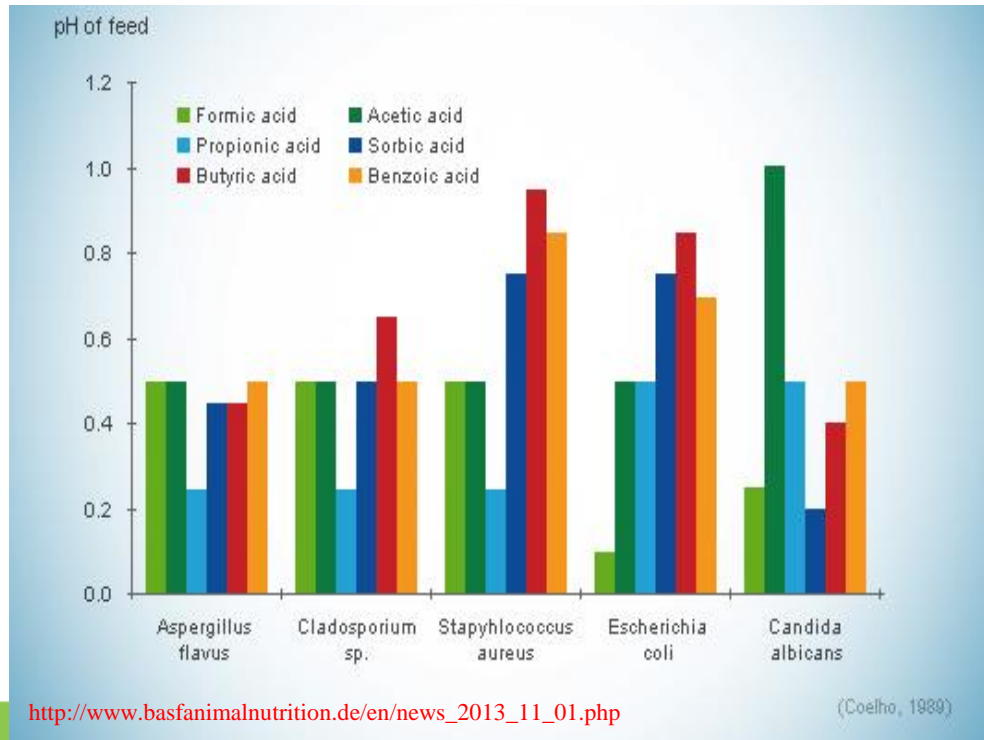
Desriac F, Jégou C, Brillet B, Le Chevalier P, Fleury Y. Antimicrobial Peptides from Fish. Boca Raton: CRC Press; 2013:106–41

Abbreviations: LEAP: liver-expressed antimicrobial peptide, HAP: hematopoietic antimicrobial peptide, CRP: Corticostatin-related peptide. Antimicrobial differs from Antibacterial by fungal activity.

Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC values) of selected organic acids for various microorganisms

Organic acid

- Use in animal nutrition due to their strong antimicrobial effect
- Antibacterial effects = pathogenic Gram-negative bacteria



Fish Silage Processing Method (FSPM)

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Ensilation :

- pH \leq 4.0
- Formic acid
- Incubation : \geq 24 hours
- \leq 10mm

- Processed into fish oil, protein water and protein concentrate
- Agricultural fertilizers
- Biofuels
- Feed for fur, zoo, pet, circus animals

Heat treatment :

- \geq 85°C
- \geq 25 minutes



Fish Silage Processing Method (FSPM)

Prevent spreading of disease

Effective against:

- Non-spore forming bacteria
- Clostridium perfringens
- Moulds
- Saprolegnia (cotton moulds)
- Parasites
- Viruses



Non-spore forming bacteria

Salmonella

- 85°C for 1 minute
- Formic acid, pH 4.0-4.1, 24 hours = 4 log reduction

Enterobacteriaceae

- 80-85°C for 30 minutes

- *Listeria monocytogenes*
- *Mycobacterium*
- *Vibrio*
- *Lactococcus garvieae*
- *Aeromonas*
- *Francisella*



Spore forming bacteria

- *Clostridium botulinum*
 - Inactivation of toxin:
 - heat treatment at 79°C for 20minutes
 - 85°C at 5 minutes
- *Clostridium perfringens*
 - 85°C, pH ≤ 4.0, 25 minutes

Viruses

- Infectious pancreatic necrosis – a viral disease usually associated with salmonids
- IPNV - among the most resistance virus
- **99.999% inactivation after 30 minutes at 60°C, pH 3.0**



Moulds

- Saprophyte or pathogen
- Fish fungal pathogens:
 - *Aphanomyces invadans*
 - *Aphanomyces astaci*
 - *Ichthyophonus hoferi*

Aphanomyces invadans



Ichthyophonus hoferi “spores” in hearts



soft abdominal
cuticle caused by
*Aphanomyces
astaci* infection



Moulds

- Fungi affecting fish are strictly aquatic
- Cannot survive outside an aqueous environment
- Negligible levels at $> 40^{\circ}\text{C}$

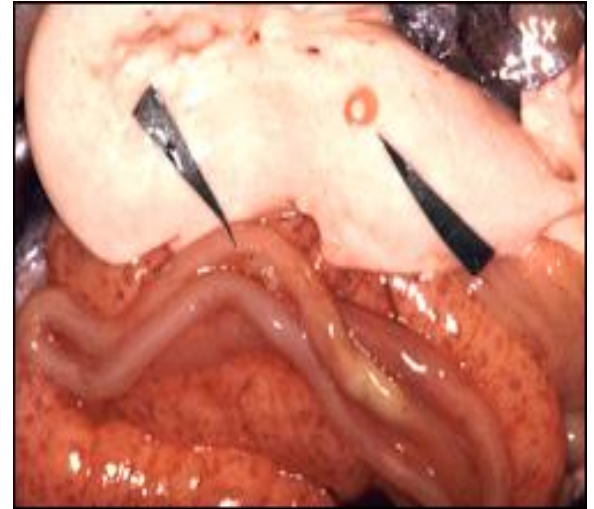


FSPM method will **inactivate** fungi and Saprolegna



Parasites

- 85°C will kill any parasites possibly found in farmed or wild living fish
- 60 to 77°C – sufficient to destroy any known parasites



Anisakis larvae

FSPM method will **inactivate** all known types of parasites



Mycotoxins

- Heat stable
- **Knowledge** on toxicokinetics of mycotoxins in fish is **scarce**
- **No knowledge** of potential effect of mycotoxins from fish on animal or human health
- **No evidence** that mycotoxins are more associated with waste of fish origin than healthy fish slaughtered for human consumption

FSPM method **will not inactivate** mycotoxins, however it has not been shown that mycotoxins from fish may pose a hazard to animal or human health



Prions

- Transmissible Spongiform encephalopathy (TSE)
- Proteinous particles able to give infection in mammals, including human.
- Maintain infectivity after heat treatment, irradiation and exposure towards disincentive agents

FSPM method will **not inactivate** potential prions in by products from fish, however it is **not likely that prions from fish may pose a hazard** to animal or human health



Antibiotic Resistance Genes

- DNA fragments degradation in acidified and heat treated foods
- Experiment (Bauer et al., 2003) pH 4.3, 65C = 99% degradation observed within 90 minutes
 - Main factor = low pH

Free DNA will most probably not retain its functionality after FSPM method, such DNA would not be able to transfer antibiotic resistance



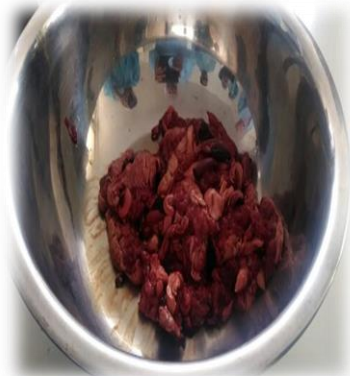
AMR and Fish Silage Management

- Workshop and Training on Fish Silage Production (July 2017 in Manila Philippines)
- On-going feasibility study on the potential production and utilization of fish silage
- Fish Silage Manual (for publication)

Prospect and Future Actions

- Creation of web-based platform for exchange of ideas and information on fish waste utilization
- More capacity building and training on fish silage technology
- Scaling up and commercialization/ potential markets



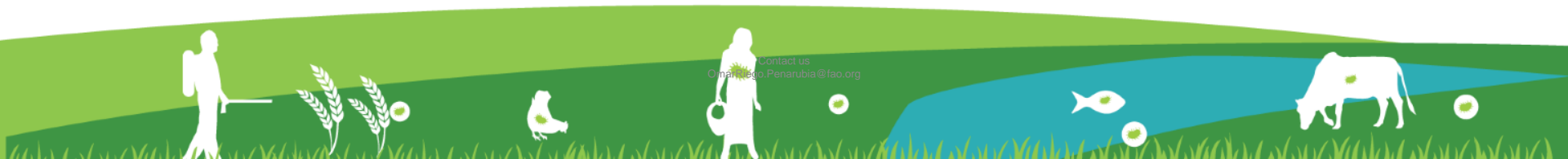


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