



Sistema Multitrófico de Producción Acuícola: Eficiencia e Sustentabilidade

Multitrophic Aquaculture Production System: Efficiency and Sustainability

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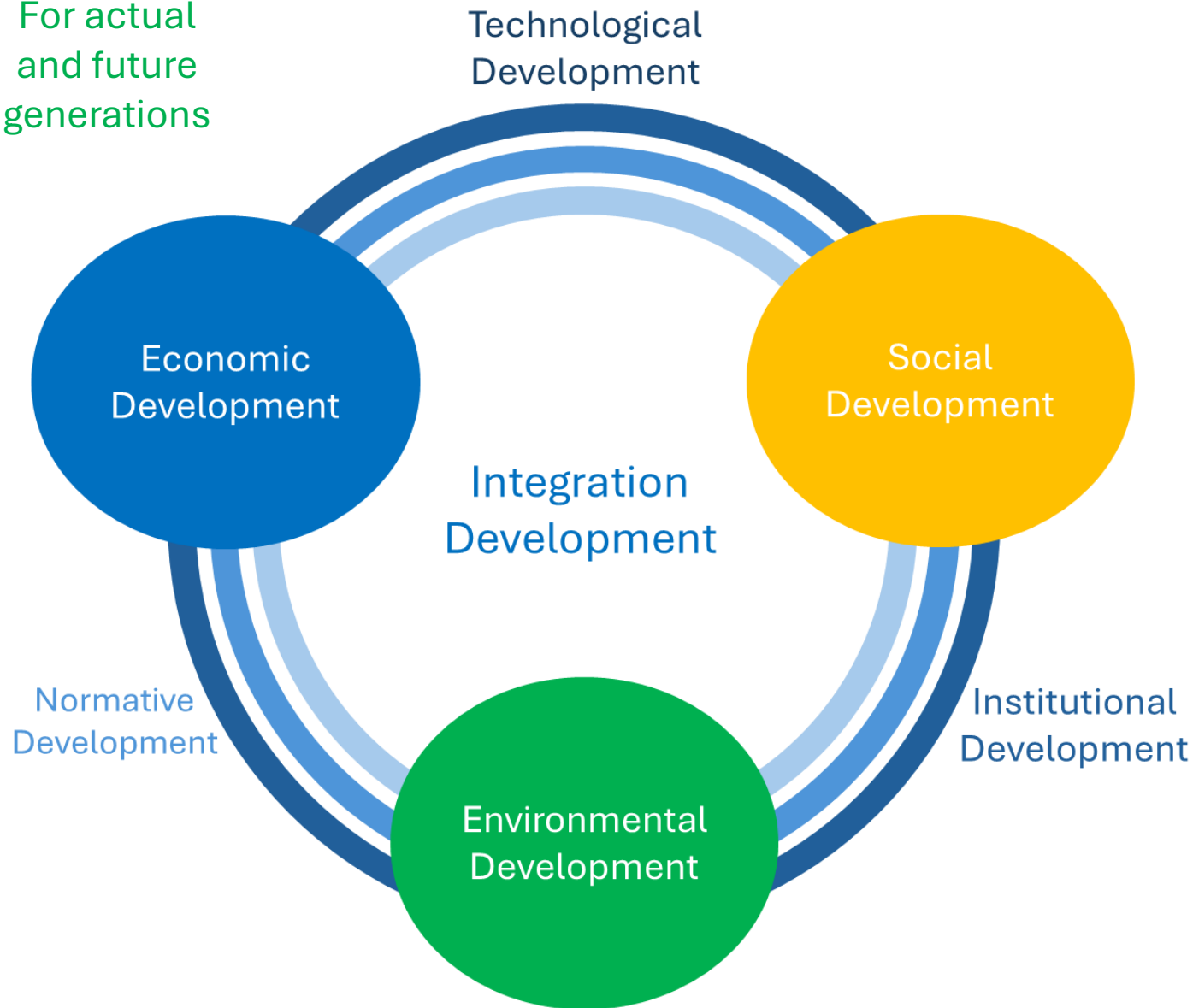
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Sustainable development harmony

For actual
and future
generations



(SDG: Sustainable Development Goals)



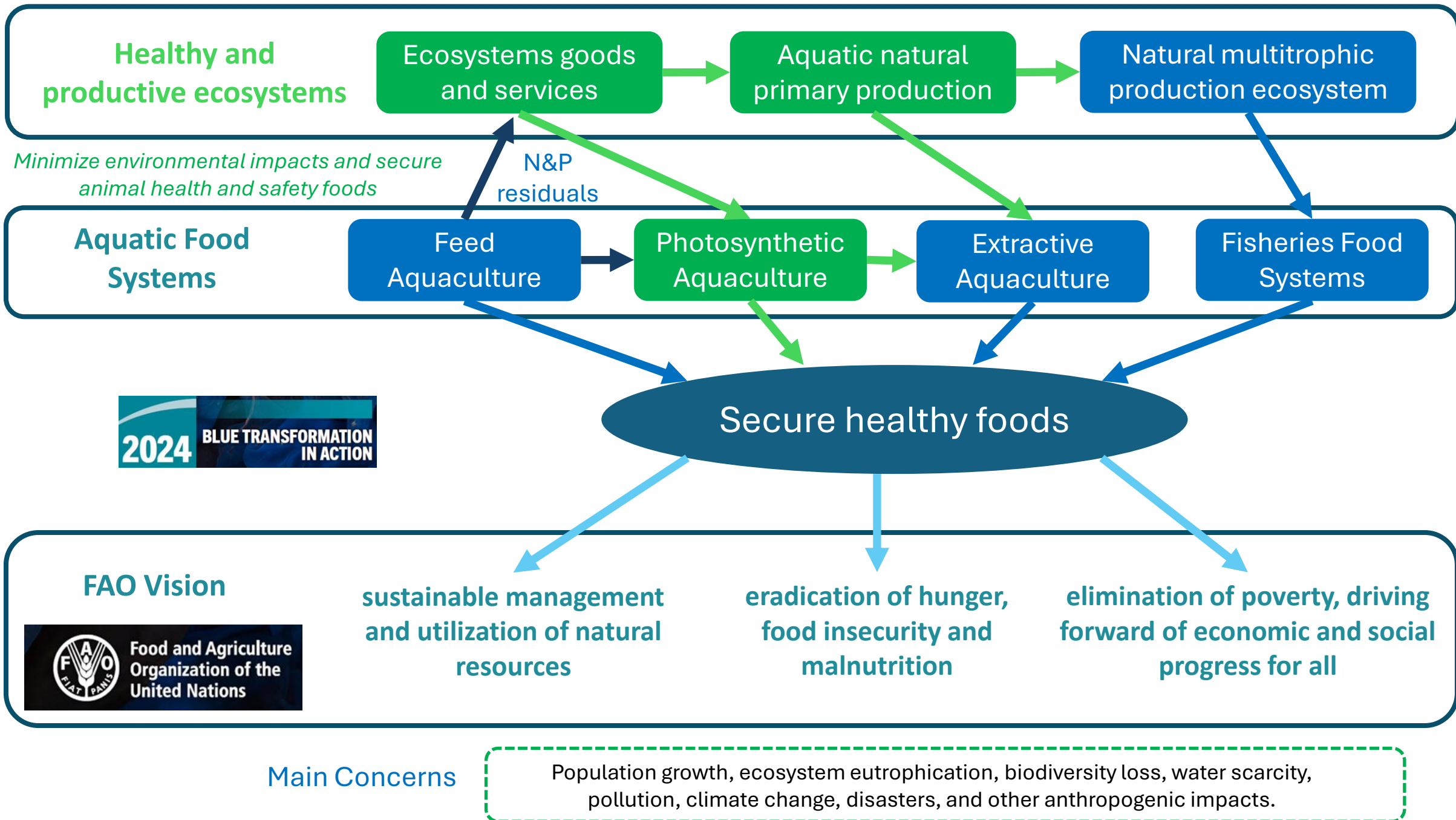
Sustainable aquaculture goals (SDG)

“at the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda, the progress on most of the SDGs is either moving much too slowly or has regressed below the 2015 baseline”
(FAO 2024).

Blue transformation roadmap

“There is an urgent call to accelerate the transformational change required to address the many challenges of the 2030 Agenda (UN, 2020)”
(FAO 2024).







Transformation of nutrient residuals

World Inland Fisheries
World Inland Aquaculture

11.32
59.07

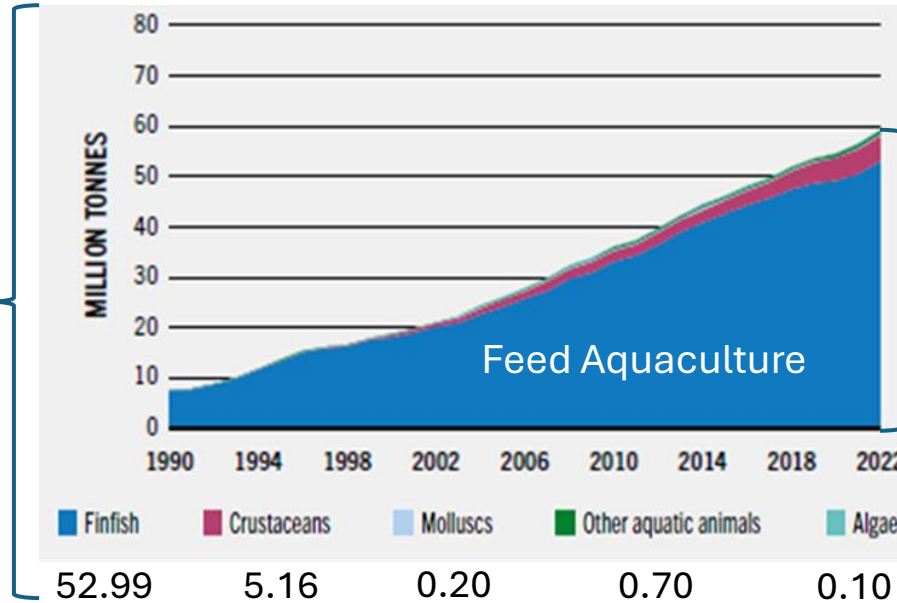


91.12 Total
130.93



World Marine and Coastal Fisheries
World Marine and Coastal Aquaculture
(Total (Million Tonnes))

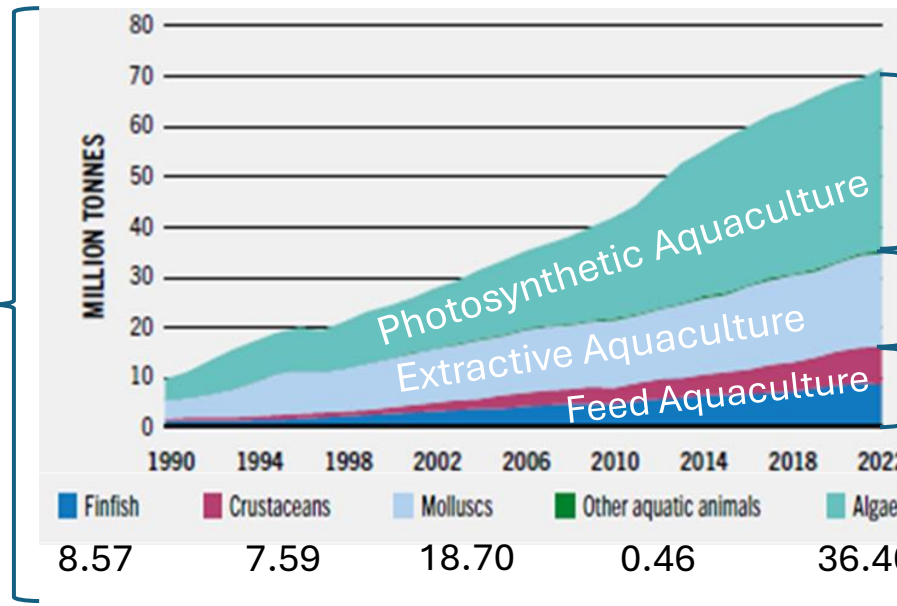
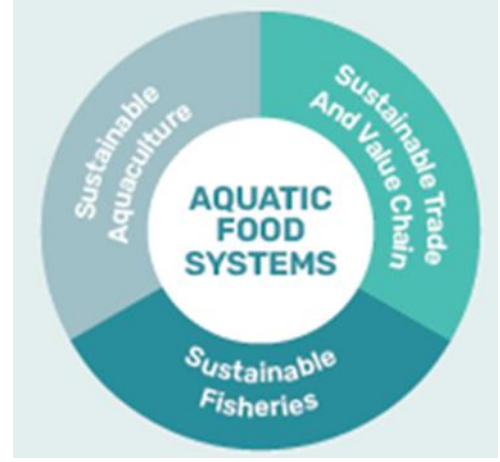
79.7
71.74



Nutrient Residuals

N = 3.570
Agriculture
P = 0.687
(Million Tonnes)

Integrated Aquaculture with Agriculture



Primary Production

N = 0.992
P = 0.191
(Million Tonnes)

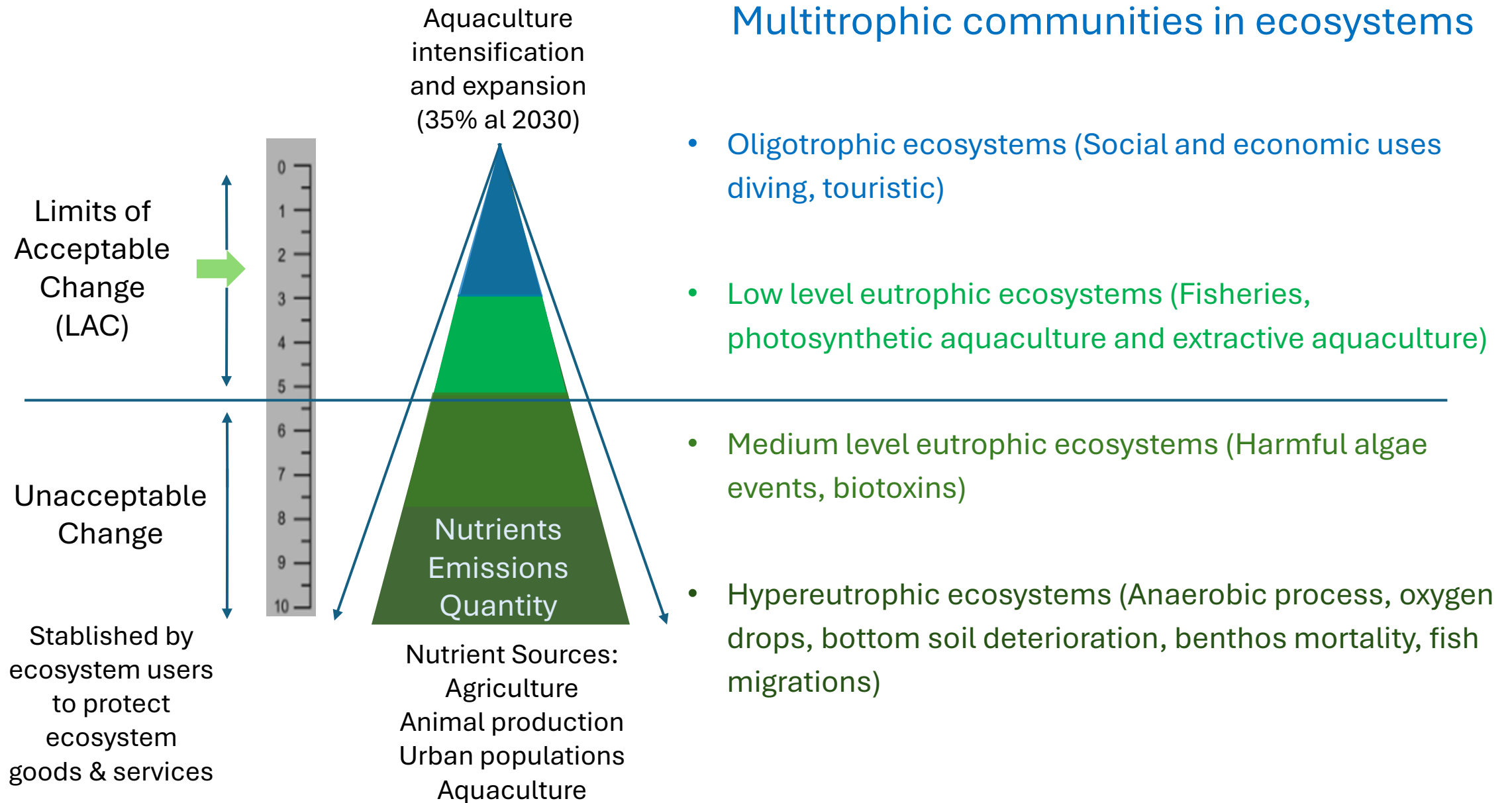
Nutrient Residuals

Integrated Multitrophic Aquaculture

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Multitrophic communities in ecosystems



Multitrophic Aquaculture and Sustainable Development

The development of Multitrophic Aquaculture Production Systems is one of the best visions to achieve sustainability, ecoefficiency and blue transformation at same time.

Blue Transformation

The integration of feed aquaculture with the environment through the adjacent ecosystems like final depository of aquaculture nutrient residuals can naturally follow fourth steps;

Ecosystem Approach



Ecoefficiency

Environmental Capacity

Carry Capacity

Multitrophic Aquaculture

1. Integration of aquaculture with adjacent ecosystem through **Environmental Capacity** and **Carry Capacity** models.
2. Integration of aquaculture with adjacent ecosystem through **innovation in aquaculture systems** oriented to process nutrient residuals to reduce emissions.
3. Integrated multitrophic aquaculture at ecosystem level through **Environmental Capacity development**.
4. Development of **compartmentalized Integrated Multitrophic aquaculture** through land based experimental models to achieve ecoefficiency and sustainability.



1. Integration of aquaculture with adjacent ecosystem through **environmental capacity** and carry capacity models.

Nutrient quantity residuals control
To
to avoid unacceptable effects on
aquatic environment trophic status
like hyper eutrophication

Healthy
Fisheries Food
Systems

Harmony between aquaculture development and the natural multitrophic process in adjacent ecosystems:

- a) Adjusting the production levels according with **Carry Capacity (CC)**
- b) Evaluate **CC** according with **Environmental Capacity (EC)**
- c) Define **EC** according to **Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC)**
- d) Define **LAC** to avoid unacceptable effects on aquatic environment trophic status
- e) Establish trophic status by social and economic usuaries in the adjacent ecosystem
- f) Stablish the inclusive institutions responsible to evaluate the trophic status, aquatic food systems and social perception from other usuaries.
- g) Promote **Ecoefficiency programs** to reduce nutrient emissions in Aquaculture
- h) Realize **negotiations with other activities** to reduce their nutrient emissions.

Carry Capacity is an attribute assigned to Human Activities

Carry Capacity Shrimp Aquaculture (Biomass Tons)

Quote assigned to Shrimp Aquaculture for nitrogen emissions (Nitrogen tons)

Environmental Capacity is an Ecosystem attribute to assimilate nutrients without unacceptable impacts

Environmental Capacity to process Nitrogen (N tons)

Other nutrient sources

Quotes assigned to Agriculture, Industrial and Urban Activities for Nitrogen emissions (N tons)

$$CC_{FAA} = \frac{Q_{AA}}{NE/CCU_{AA}} = \frac{EC_{Env} - Q_{AgriA} - Q_{AInd} - Q_{Aurb}}{NE/CCU_{AA}}$$

Ecoefficiency



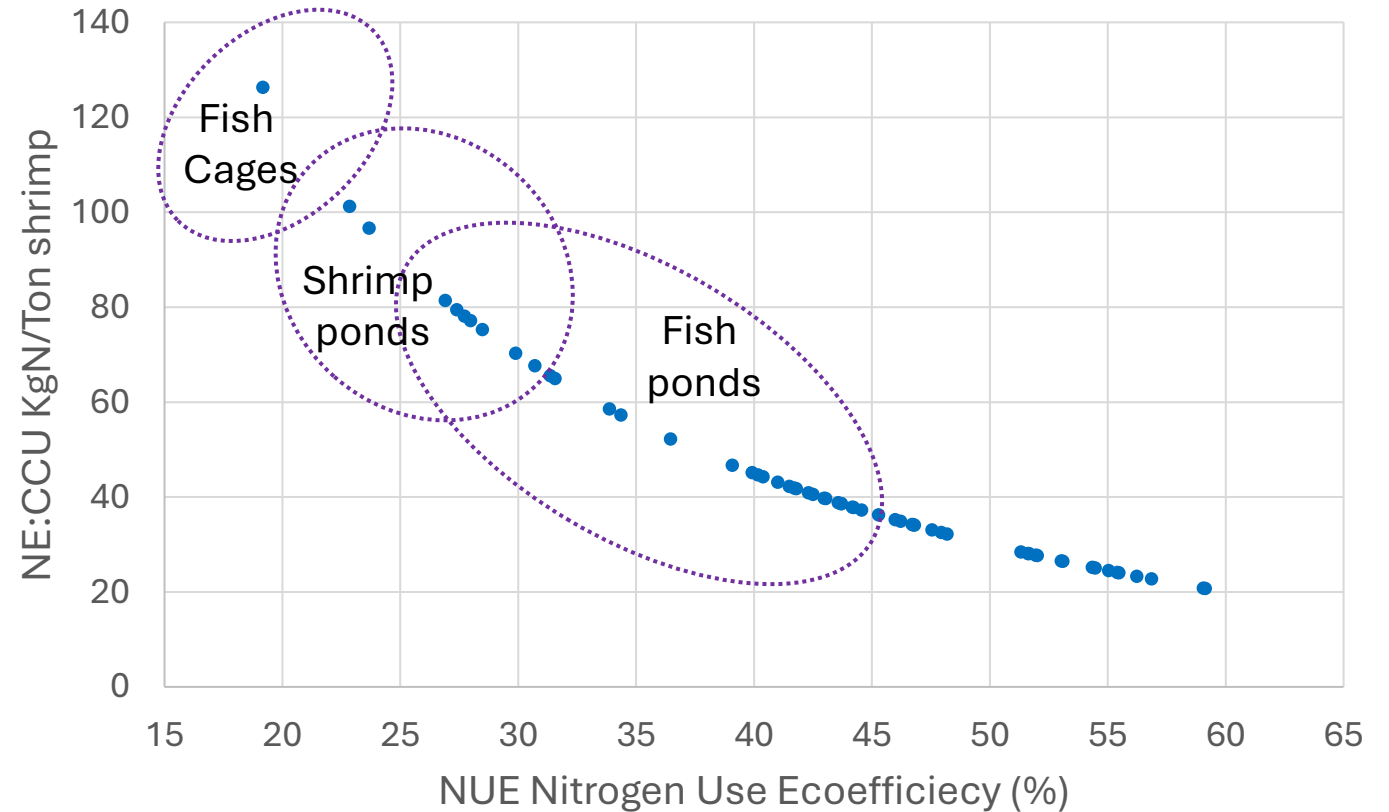
Nitrogen emissions / Carry Capacity Unit from Shrimp Aquaculture (Nitrogen Tons/ Biomass Tons)

Ecoefficiency programs to reduce nutrient emissions

Challenge

Increase the Nitrogen Use Efficiency
20-30% to > 50%

Diminish Nitrogen emissions from
65-115 to < 25 kgN/ton shrimp



Nitrogen and Phosphorous input and output in feed aquaculture residual waters

Nutrient use efficiency (NUE)

Shrimp ponds aquaculture

Retention 20-31% N, 11% P

Release 69-80% N, 89% P

(Muthuwan, 1991; Briggs and Fvnge-Smith, 1994; Jackson et al., 2003; Thakur and Lin, 2003 Casillas-Hernandez et al., 2006; Magallon 2006; Zhang et al 2015, Chen et al 2018)

Fish ponds aquaculture

Retention 25-46% N, 21.2% P

Release 73.1% N, 78.8% P

(Wang et al., 2007; Ai et al., 2007; Peres and Oliva-Teles, 2006; Zhang et al 2015; Chen et al., 2018)

Fish cages aquaculture

Retention 13.5% N, 8.7% P

Release 86.5% N, 93.3% P

Zhang et al 2015

Negotiations with other activities to reduce their nutrient emissions

	Aquaculture	Agriculture	Industry	Urban communities
China study case (TgN.year ⁻¹) <i>Lou et al., 2018</i>	1.22 Nitrogen	10.92 Nitrogen	2.34 Nitrogen	1.84 Nitrogen
México study case %) (Several ecosystems) <i>(Páez-Osuna et al., 1999)</i>	1.7% Nitrogen 3.1% Phosphorous	54.9% Nitrogen 57.7% Phosphorous		3.6% Nitrogen 4.1% Phosphorous
México study case % (Northwest) <i>(Magallón, 2006)</i>	2-22% Nitrogen 2-7% Phosphorous	78-98% Nitrogen 93-98% Phosphorous		
	Ecoefficiency Integrated Multitrophic Systems	Integrated Nutrient Management Pesticides control	Contaminants control	Upgrade Urban Residual Waters plans



2. Integration of aquaculture with adjacent ecosystem through innovation in aquaculture systems oriented to reduce emissions and increase nutrient quality residuals.

Nutrient quantity residuals control
and improve nutrient quality
to
Avoid Hyper eutrophication
by innovations in intensive
aquaculture

Healthy
Fisheries Food
Systems

Process nutrient residuals, control of solids, oxidation of nitrogen compounds and solubilization of phosphates like Aquaculture Recirculation Systems models to release friendly residuals to adjacent ecosystems.

Nutrients
Emissions
Quality

Organic nitrogen residuals (ON) → Inorganic residuals (NID),

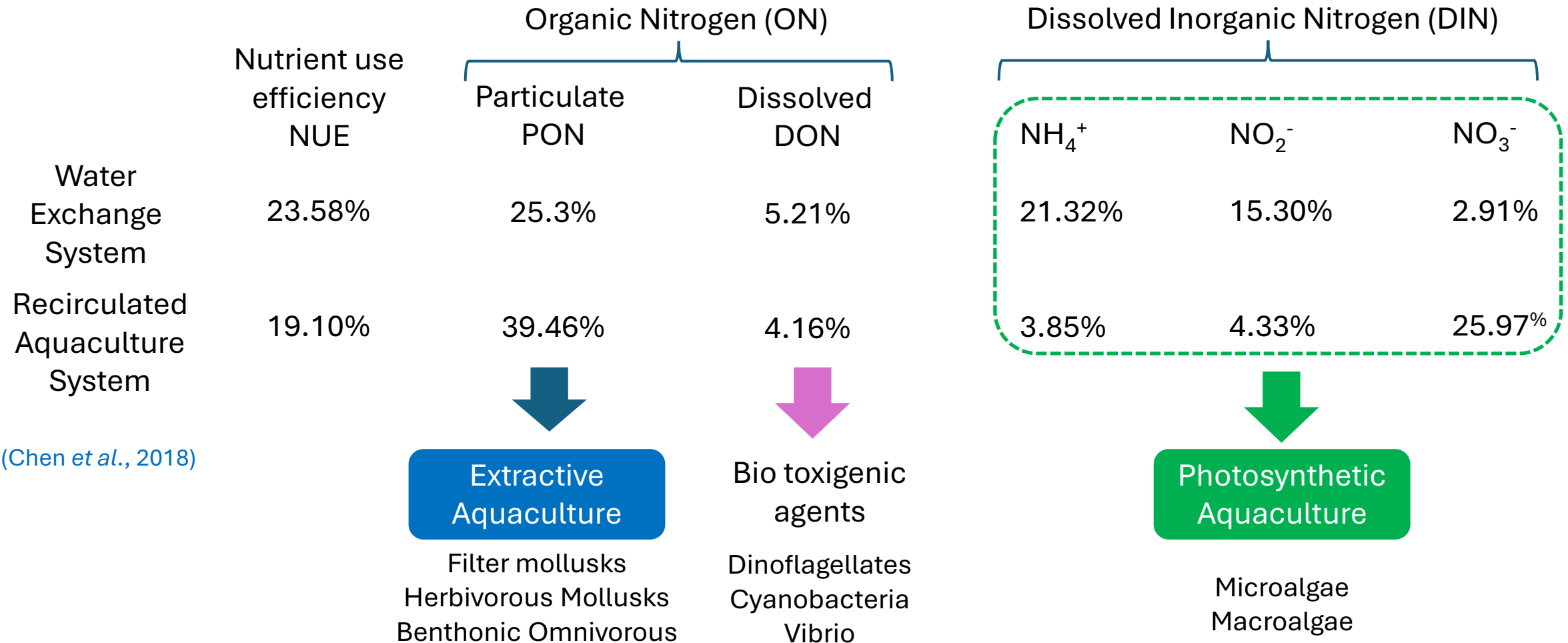
Reduced Nitrogen residuals (NH_4^+) → Oxidizing Nitrogen Residuals residuals (NO_3)

Precipitated phosphates residuals → Soluble phosphates residuals (PO_4)

Carbon compounds residuals; Organic Carbon → Inorganic carbon (CO_2)

Residual nutrient quality in feed aquaculture residual waters

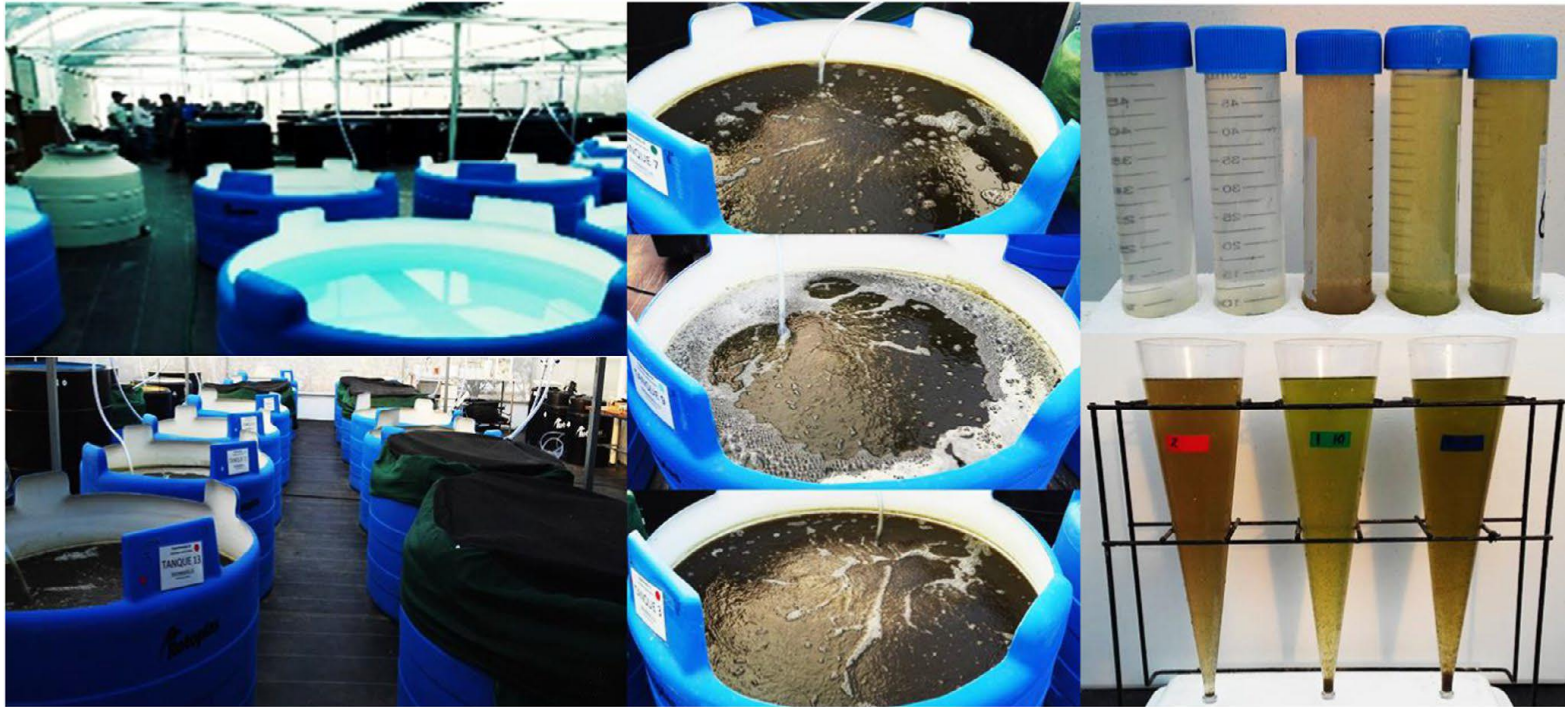
Shrimp Feed aquaculture



(Chen *et al.*, 2018)

Biofloc Technology

Transformation of ammonia and Organic Nitrogen to Nitrates (NO_3^-)



Yield 19-23 kg/m³, Average size 445-520 g, 5 months

(Fimbres Acedo *et al.*, 2020)

Final organic nutrient residuals

100 mL/L biofloc (Imhoff cone)
Biofloc content

25-42% Protein

31-42% NFE

17.8-25.2% Ash

2-12.5% Crude fiber

1-1.1% Lipids

Most micronutrients were
incorporated to biofloc biomass

Final soluble nutrients
concentration

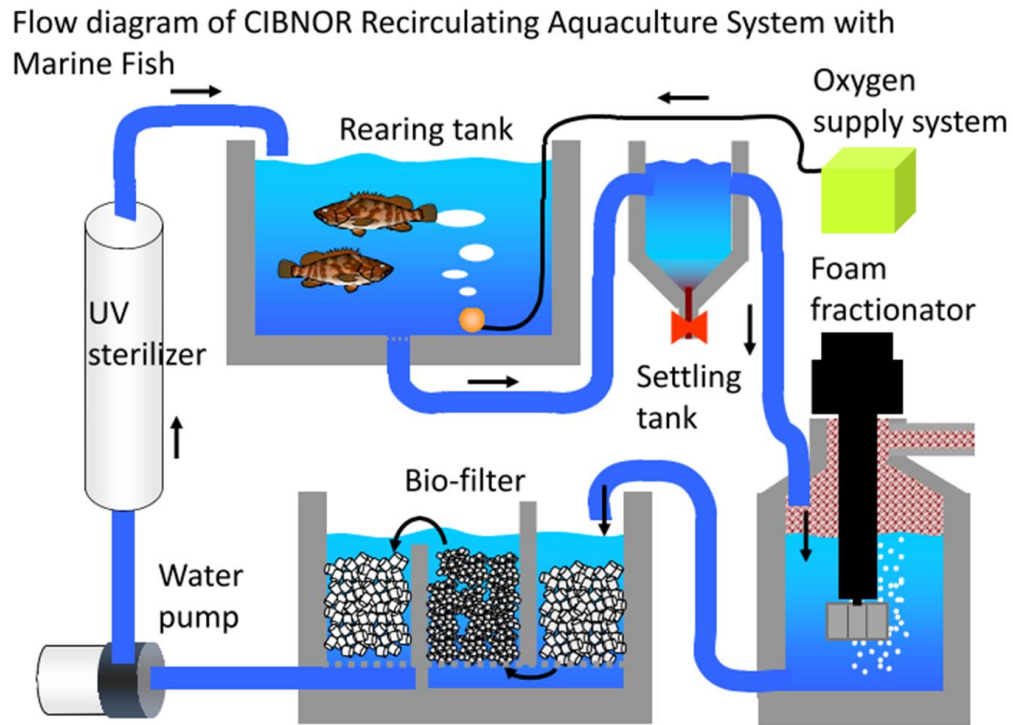
150 mg/L NO_3^- , 20 mg/L PO_4 , <2
mg/L NO_2^- , 100 mg/L NH_3^+

Very low content of micronutrients
in residual water

Recirculated Aquaculture Systems (RAS)

Retention of particulate organic nutrients in settling tanks

Transformation of ammonia and nitrites to Nitrates (NO_3^-) in Biofilters



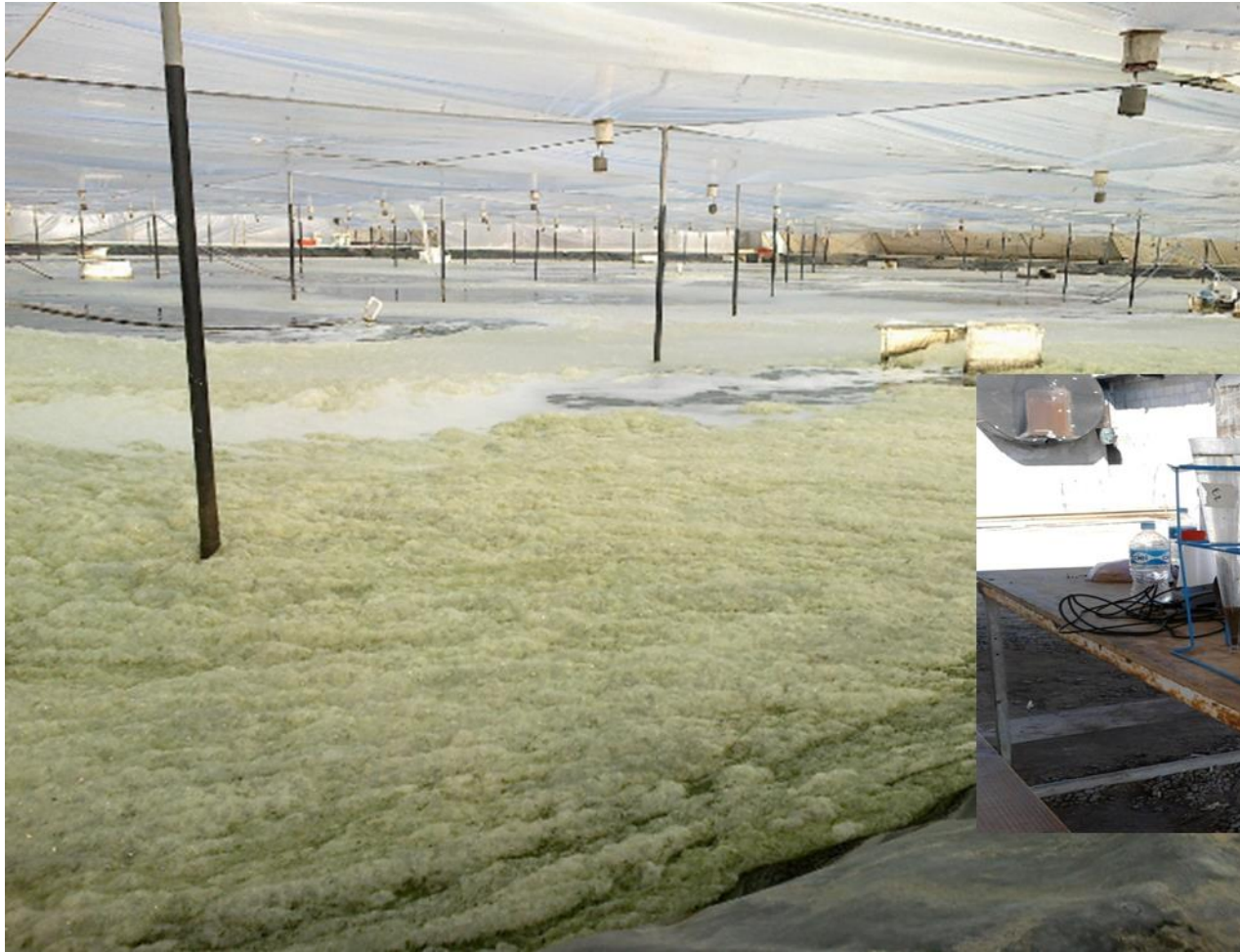
Final residual nutrients concentration
 125 mg/L NO_3^- , 20 mg/L PO_4 , $<1 \text{ mg/L NO}_2^-$, 20 mg/L NH_3^+



Yield $56\text{-}74 \text{ kg/m}^3$, Average size $627\text{-}829 \text{ g}$, 5 months

Oreochromis niloticus gift

Shrimp hyper intensive system

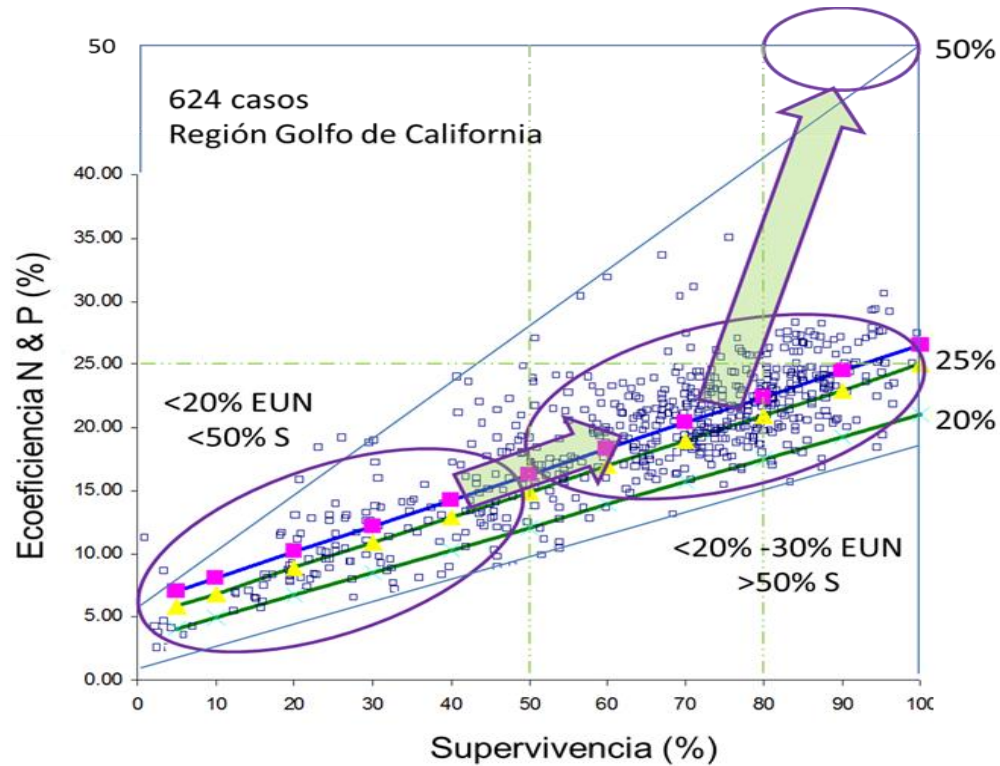


31 Tons/ha
15g
90 days



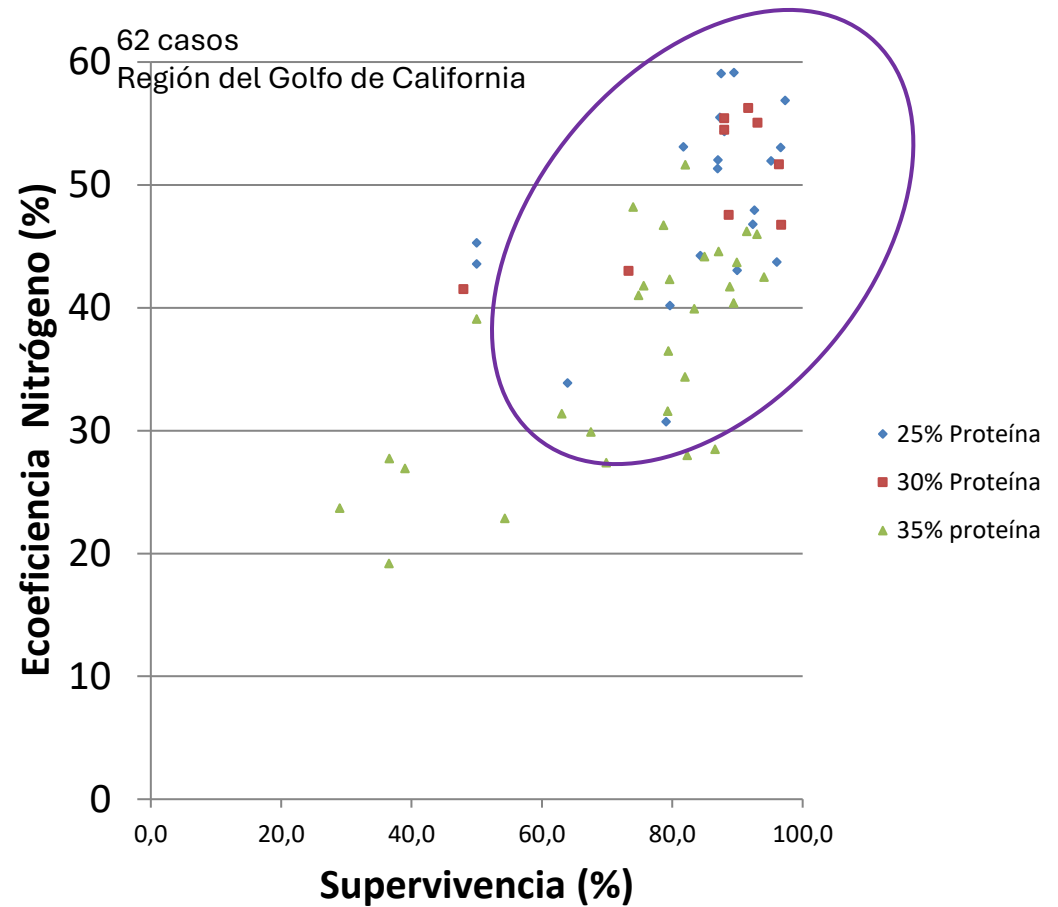
Organic carbon and nutrient residual transformation in biofloc biomass, nitrates and phosphates

Shrimp hyper intensive systems improve ecoefficiency



Semi intensive Shrimp Aquaculture

Average Yields 0.08Kg/m² = 0.8 Ton/ha



Hyper Intensive Shrimp Aquaculture

Average Yields 3.1 Kg/m² = 31 Ton/ha



3. Integrated multitrophic aquaculture at ecosystem level through environmental capacity development.

Photosynthetic Aquaculture and Extractive Aquaculture development in ecosystems



Integrated multitrophic aquaculture (IMTA) involves farming two or more aquatic species from different trophic levels together to improve efficiency, to reduce wastes and to provide ecosystem services, such as bioremediation.

Herbivorous and omnivorous which extract organic matter by filter feeding

Extractive
Aquaculture

Bivalve Mollusks

Photosynthetic species, which extract inorganic nutrients

Photosynthetic
Aquaculture

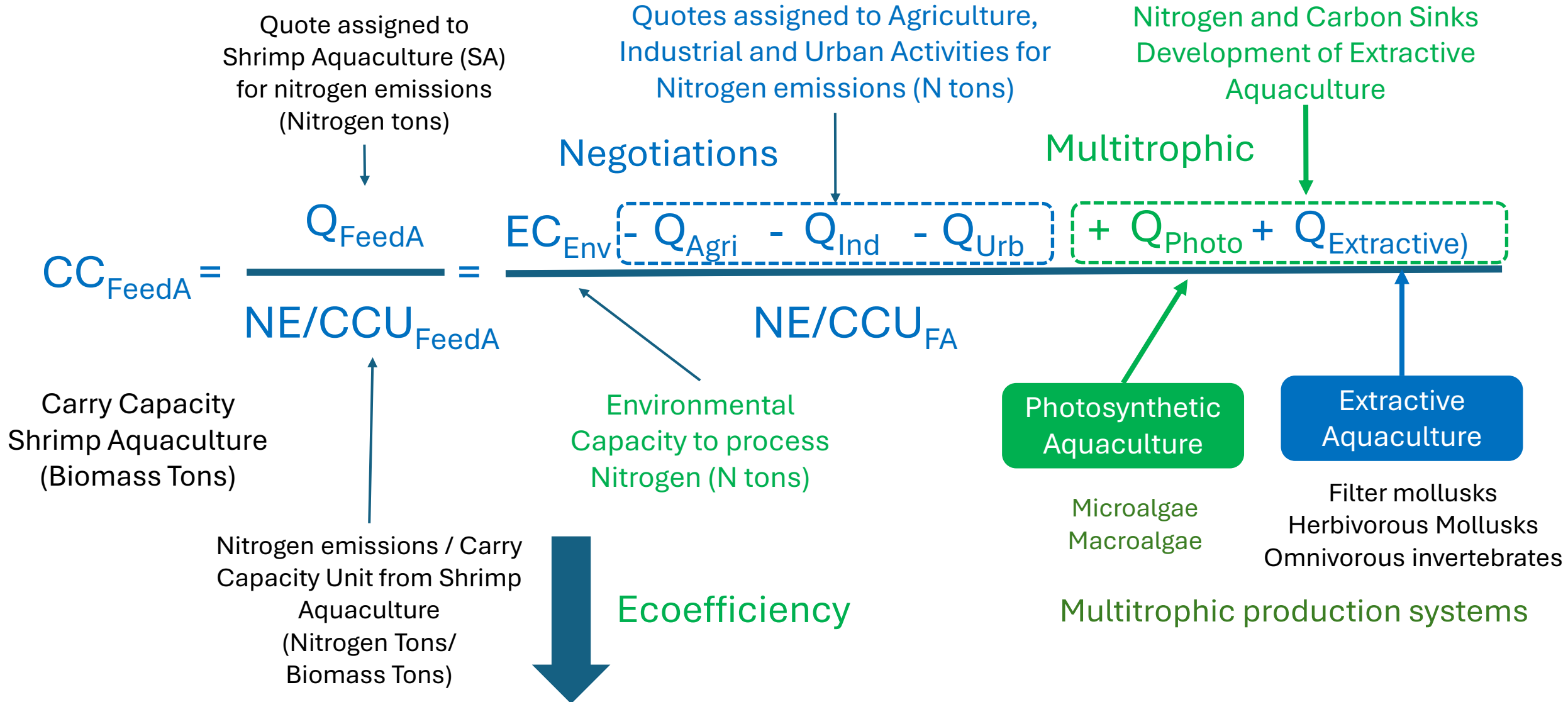
Microalgae
Macroalgae

Seabed-dwelling detritivores which extract organic matter

Extractive
Aquaculture

Cucumbers
Sea urchins
Sea worms

Development of Environmental Capacity by Photosynthetic and Extractive Aquaculture at Ecosystem level



The development of **Integrated Multitrophic Systems** in China is mainly located on **ecosystems in inshore coastal regions** along the entire coastline of China.

The bioremediation capacity of **Integrated Multitrophic Systems** in China contribute to reduce the impacts of land-based nutrient runoff into coastal waters.

Large-scale Photosynthetic Aquaculture based on seaweeds, reduced nitrogen levels, controlled phytoplankton blooms and limited the frequency of toxic algal blooms (Xiao *et al.*, 2017).

The development of **Extractive Aquaculture** is needed to mitigate coastal eutrophication (Wilberg *et al.*, 2011)

It is estimated that 7 kg to 13 kg of seaweed would be needed to remove the wastes for each 1 kg of salmon produced, which would require large-scale seaweed production and refining (Schuitemaker, 2017).



3. Integrated multitrophic aquaculture at ecosystem level through environmental capacity development.



FAO. 2022. *Integrated multitrophic aquaculture: lessons from China*. Bangkok.

Photosynthetic
Aquaculture

Nitrogen
Phosphorous
Carbon
Recovery

Farmers produce 1 500 tons of seaweed per square kilometer which remove an estimated: 40 tons of nitrogen, 5 tons of phosphorus and 500 ton of carbon respectively from the coastal ecosystem (Fang et al., 2015).



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Different IMTA systems practiced in China

1. Kelp, abalone, (*Gracilaria* spp), sea cucumbers
2. Kelp, abalone, (*Gracilaria* spp), sea cucumbers and clams
3. Kelp, abalone (*Haliotis* spp.), sea cucumber (*Holothuria* spp.)
4. Kelp, abalone and sea cucumber in lantern nets alongside the kelp longlines.
5. Kelp and oysters in a polyculture approach

(Dong *et al.* (2013))

Sea cucumbers clean sediment and benthic matter reducing the environmental impact of aquaculture (Fletcher, 2021).

6. Seaweeds and fish cages

Farming of kelp (*Saccharina japonica*), *Gracilaria lemaneiformis* fish cages (*Lateolabrax japonicus*), *Gracilaria* spp. on longlines and Pacific oysters in lantern nets.

Multitrophic Aquaculture systems must be combined with the control of nutrient emissions from other sources like; agriculture, industrial and urban areas.





4. Development of compartmentalized integrated multitrophic aquaculture through experimental models to achieve ecoefficiency and sustainability.

Land based of Integrated Multitrophic Aquaculture Systems and
Integrated Aquaculture and Agriculture Systems

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Feed
Aquaculture

Fishes
Shrimps

Photosynthetic
Aquaculture

Microalgae
Macroalgae

Extractive
Aquaculture

Filter mollusks
Herbivorous Mollusks
Omnivorous

Photosynthetic Aquaculture

Effects of stocking density on the performance of brown shrimp *Farfantepenaeus californiensis* co-cultured with the green seaweed *Ulva clathrata*

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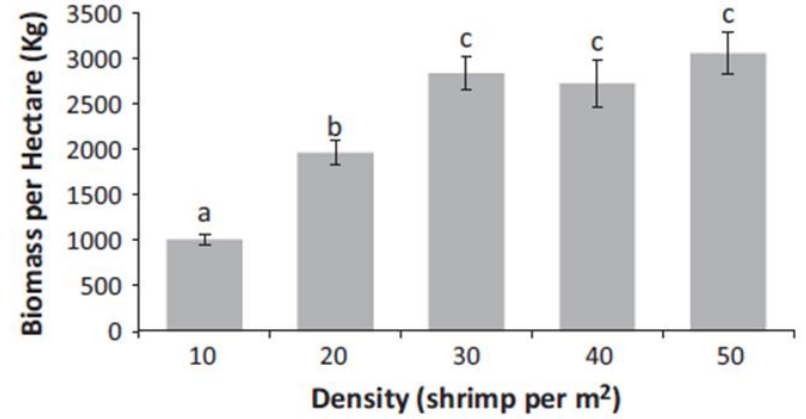
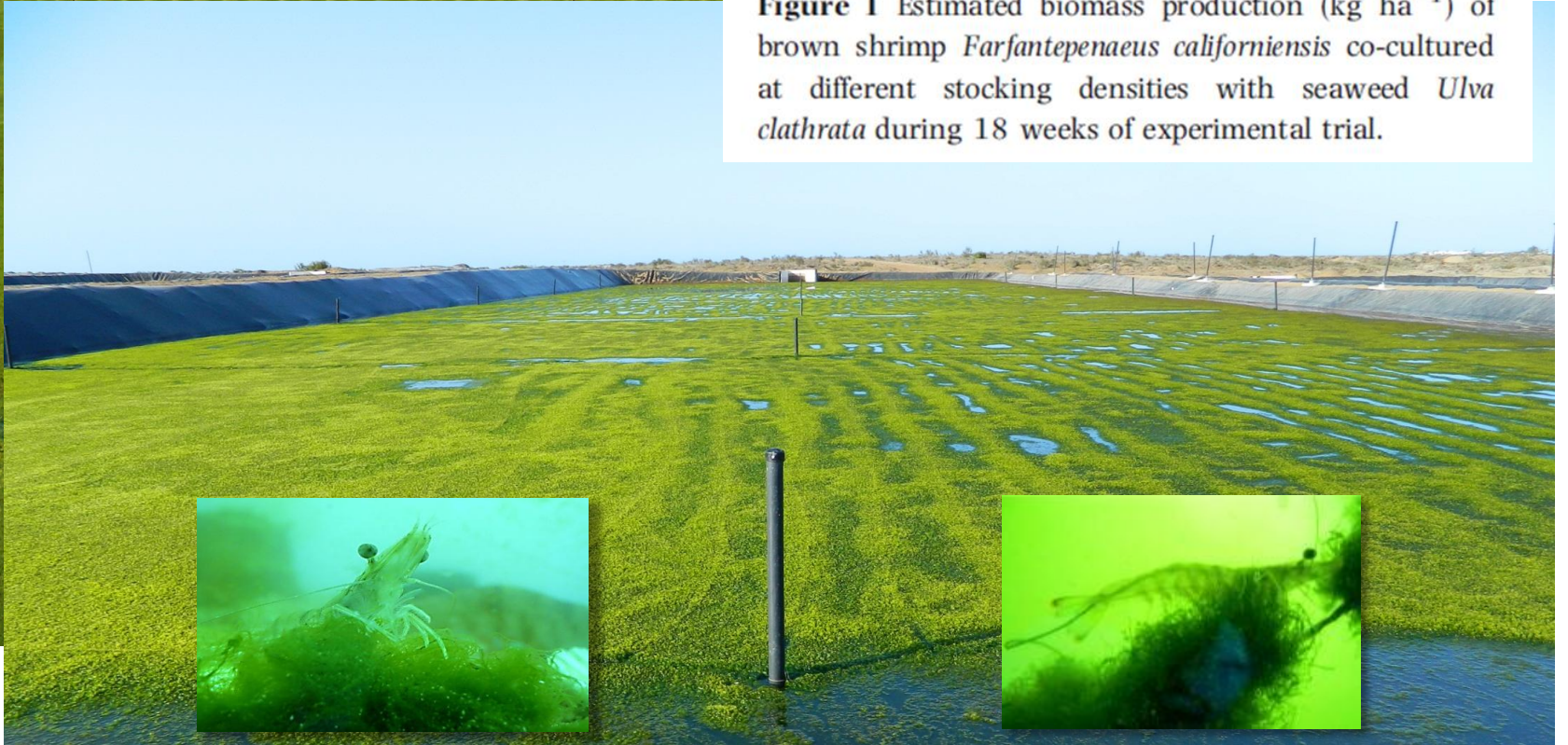
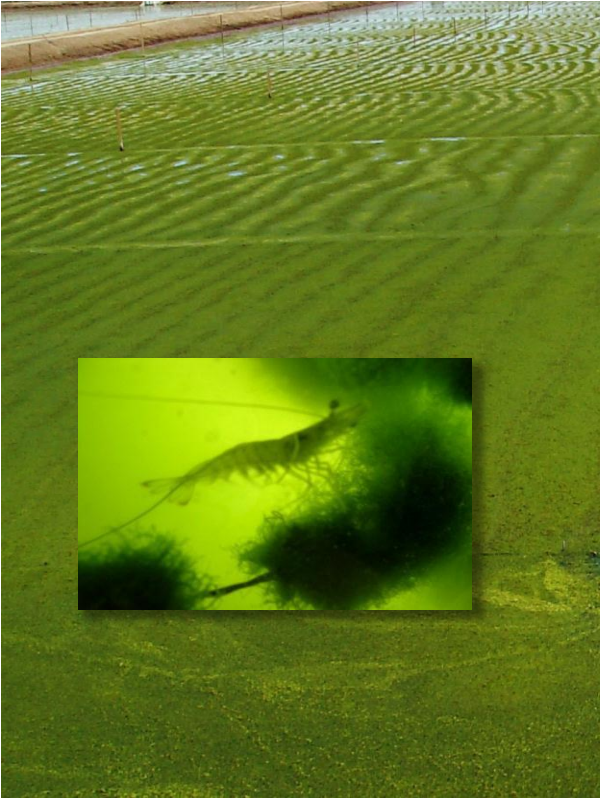


Figure 1 Estimated biomass production (kg ha⁻¹) of brown shrimp *Farfantepenaeus californiensis* co-cultured at different stocking densities with seaweed *Ulva clathrata* during 18 weeks of experimental trial.



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Y DESARROLLO RURAL

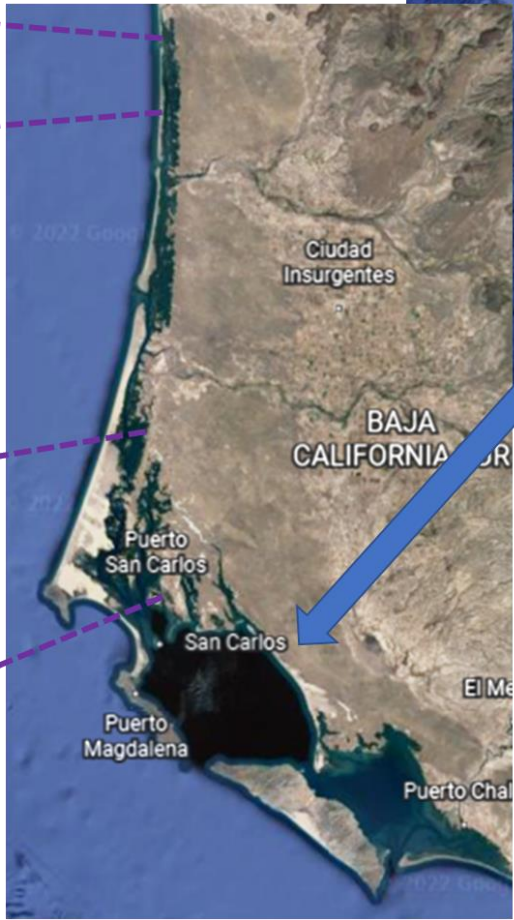
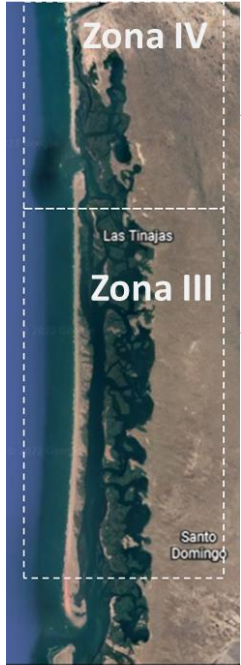
Programa Social Sembrando Vida en el Mar *Proyecto piloto*



Extractive
Aquaculture



Zonificación de granjas Acuícolas de Municipio de Comondú, Baja California Sur A. C.



Zonificación

Objetivos

- 1) Transformar el modelo de monocultivo al modelo de granjas familiares de policultivos de moluscos bivalvos.
- 2) Transformar el modelo actual de producción de semillas de moluscos bivalvos para desarrollar la capacidad de abastecer las granjas familiares.
- 3) Ofrecer a la sociedad alimentos de alta calidad para mejorar la nutrición humana.
- 4) Cosechar productividad primaria para mitigar la eutrofización cultural de la zona costera.
- 5) Desarrollar sumideros de carbón con retención a largo plazo en las conchas de los moluscos.

Land based Integrated Aquaculture and Agriculture Systems

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



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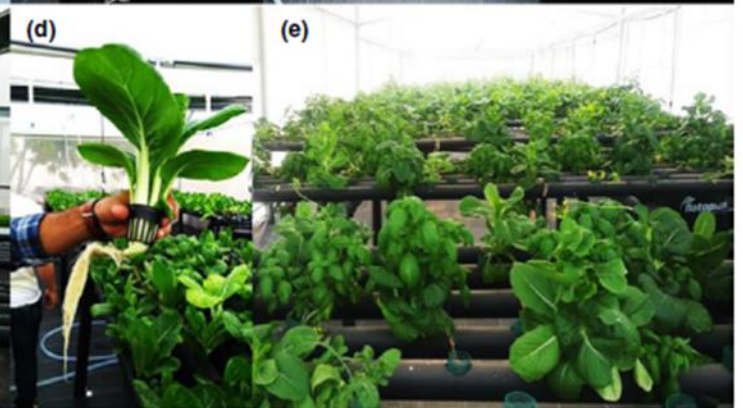
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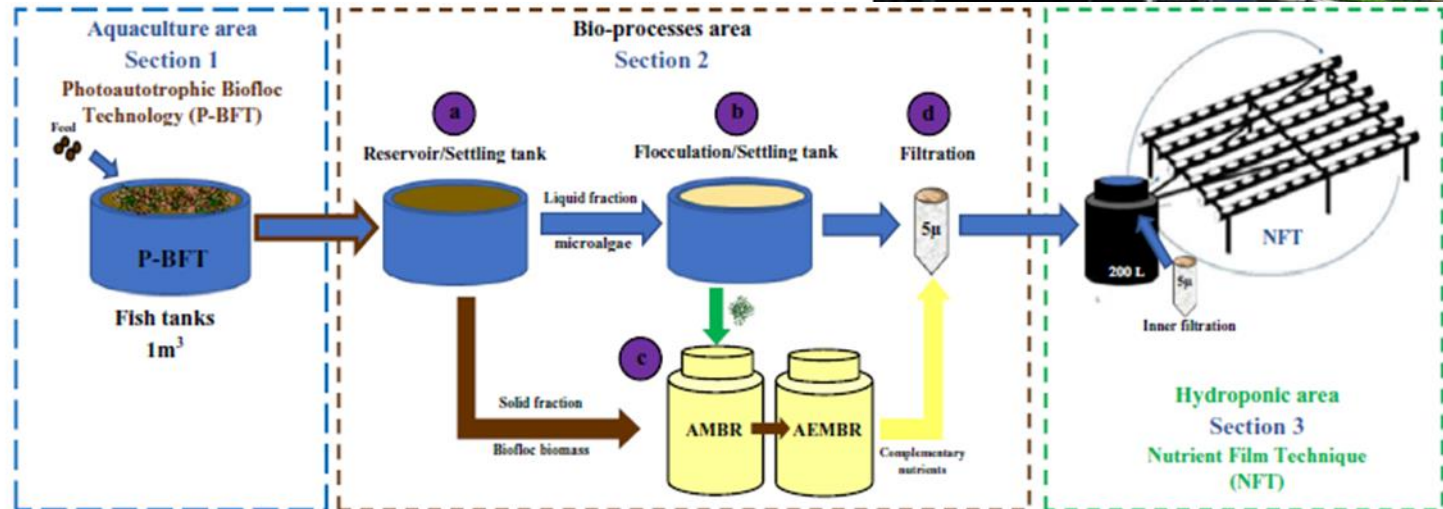
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Sistemas Acuícolas de recirculación (SAR)



Sistemas Acuícolas de biofloculación (TBF)

Sistemas de bioprocesamiento de residuales



Sistemas hidropónicos de flujo en película de nutrientes (THFN) para crecimiento de hortalizas de hoja



Sistemas hidropónicos de flujo en película de nutrientes (THFN) para crecimiento de hortalizas de flores y frutos

Collaborative relationship between aquaculture sector and academy, at national and international levels to develop Integrated Multitrophic Aquaculture

Scientific research

Relevant species for Photosynthetic Aquaculture

Native Macroalgae
Microalgae

Nutrition value

Bioactive compounds

Technological development

Feed RAS & Biofloc Aquaculture

Photosynthetic Aquaculture Technology

Extractive Aquaculture Technology

Product extraction and process Technology

Innovation

RAS & Biofloc improvement

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