

Heterotrophic growth of *Galdieria sulphuraria* on residues from aquaculture and fish processing industries



Establishing an innovative and transnational feed production approach for reduced climate impact of the aquaculture sector and future food supply

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Project thoughts



Fig. 1. Transnational Collaboration in CLIMAQUA.



Goals

Technological aspects lead to solutions with a low CO2 footprint

1. Production of aquaculture feed that is efficient Feed utilization and a beneficial reduction in environmental pollution are ensured,

2. Utilization of aquaculture side streams (e.g. mud, fish carcasses) as raw materials for the production of *Galdieria sulphuraria* and finally to feed production,

3. Utilization of aquaculture plant wastewater rich in nitrogen and phosphorus as nutrient sources for *Galdieria biomass production sulphuraria* and finally for feed production,

4. Designing environmentally friendly feed production instead of using resources as well

5. Implement decentralized fish feed production, including on-site processing and minimal transportation.

Non-technological aspects leading to changes in supply chains and food system resilience

6. Assessment of the socio-economic impacts and consequences of climate change on aquaculture in Africa and Europe,

7. Minimizing the interactions of climate change on food systems through climate-adapted production of feed and fish,

8. Development of resilient food systems taking into account changing food needs through needs-oriented aquaculture,

9. Decoupling agriculture from aquaculture by replacing agricultural feed with *Galdieria sulphuraria* and possibly residue-based feed and finally the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture as well

10. Exchange and knowledge transfer to other regions worldwide.



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Wastewater from fish processing







Solids after hydrolysis of fish residues

Mud



Table 1. Composition of the substrates used.

Substrate	Protein (%)	Carbohydrates (%)	Fat (%)	Ash (%)
Solid after hydrolysis	65.5	-	11.6	2.1
Mud	29.2	19.9	9.1	21.8

Table 2. Composition of the wastewater (FAN = free amino nitrogen).

Nitrate	NH₃ / NH ⁴⁺	FAN
(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)
12.5	0.8	0.1



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Summary

- The utilization of by-products from the aquaculture sector must be kept in mind.

- And there are some interesting materials available for production of heterotrophic microalgae.

- The topic of feed production from by-products and that, so to speak constant recycling of nutrients must also be viewed critically.

- But is everything really more climate-friendly now?





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