



# EFFECT OF DIETARY FATTY ACIDS ON SPAWN QUALITY IN GREATER AMBERJACK (*Seriola dumerili*) BROODSTOCK



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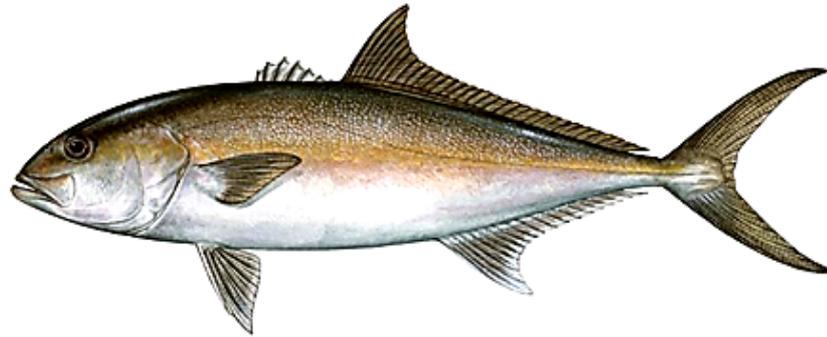
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# Greater amberjack *Seriola dumerili* (RISSO, 1810)



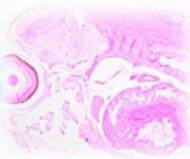
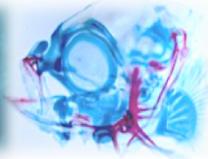
## Excellent candidate to aquaculture

**Excellent flesh quality** (Nakada, 2000)

**Rapid growth** (Thompson et al., 1999; Harris et al., 2007)

**High market price** (García y Díaz, 1995; Thompson et al., 1999)

**Adaptation to captivity** (Jerez et al., 2006; Fernández-Palacios et al., 2015; Sarih et al., 2018)



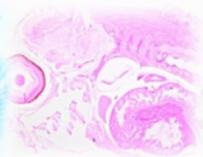
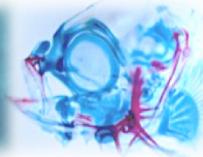
# Bottlenecks

Reliable reproduction



Production of adequate numbers of juveniles





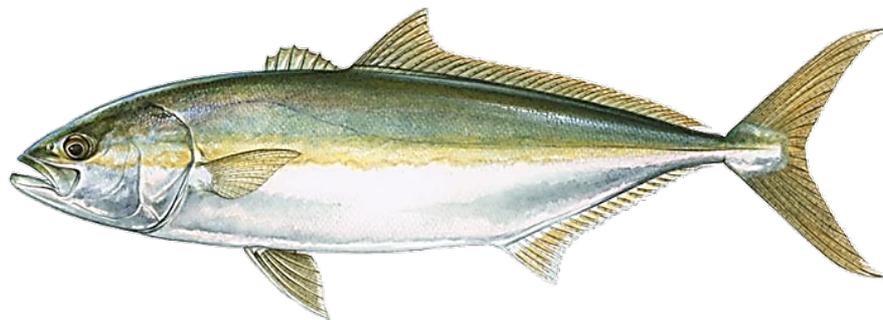
# Bottlenecks

**Production of adequate numbers of juveniles**

**Egg quality is variable and generally low** (Lazzari *et al.*, 2000; Mylonas *et al.*, 2004, Jerez *et al.*, 2006; Fernández-Palacios *et al.*, 2015).

**Low larval survival** (Papandroulakis *et al.*, 2005)





***Seriola lalandi***  
(Tachihara *et al.*, 1997)



***Seriola quinqueradiata***  
(Matsunari *et al.*, 2006)

**Nutritional deficiency in broodstock diet**



**Low egg quality and larval survival**

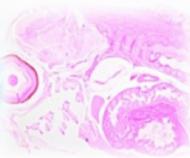
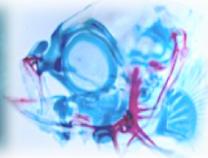


## WP 9. Nutrition – greater amberjack

### Task 9.3. Design adequate feeding regimes for broodstock to optimize reproduction.

**Sub-Task 9.3.1 (FCTP).** The optimum DHA and EPA levels as essential fatty acids for reproductive success of greater amberjack (*Seriola dumerili*) has been studied.





## Experimental fish



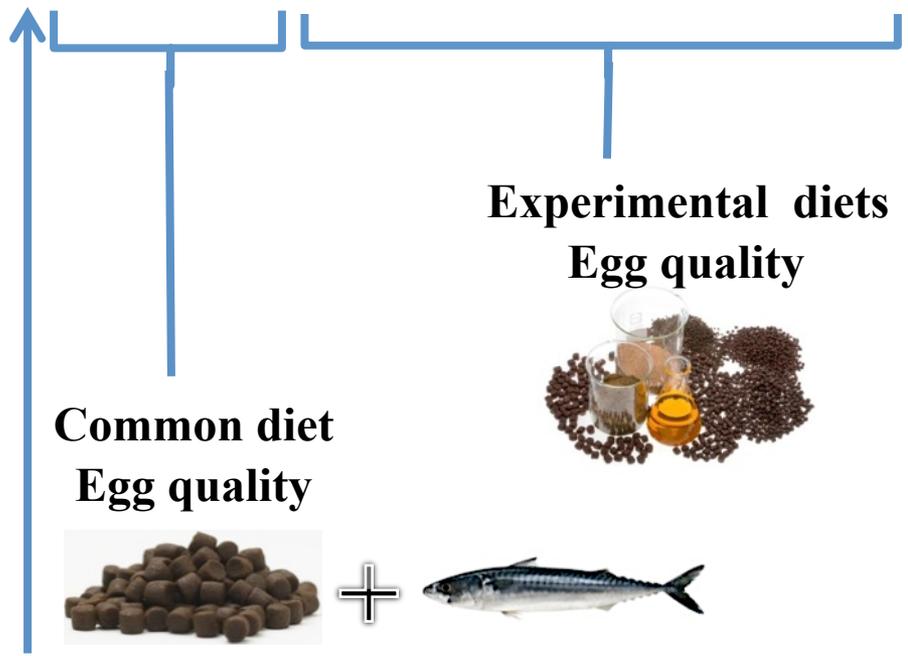


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**Weigh & Size**



**Intramuscular injection**





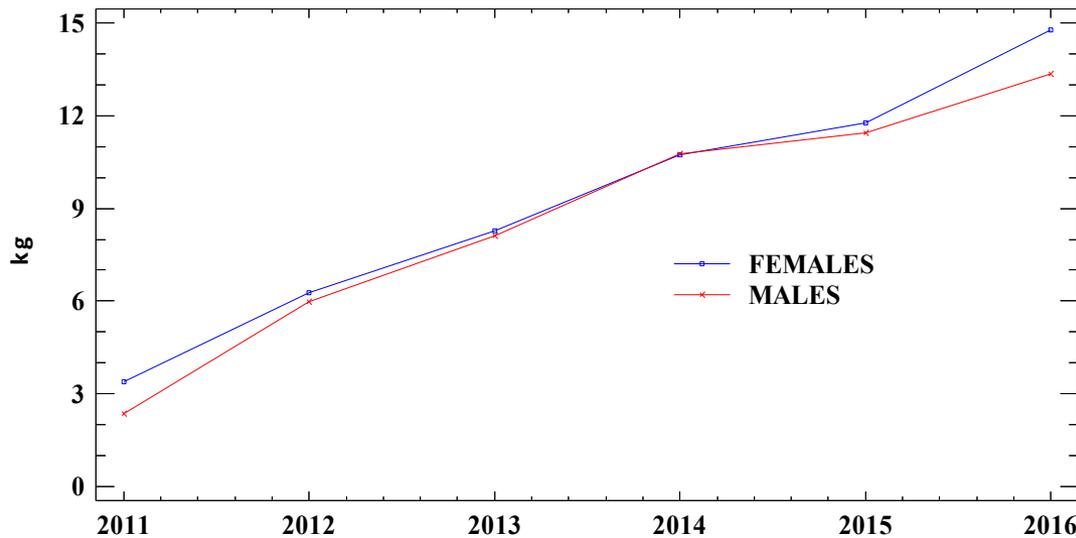
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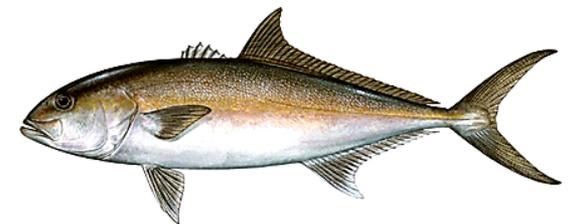


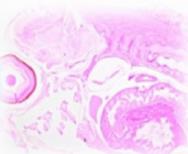
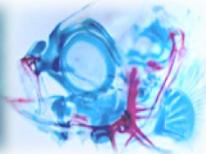
All fish were weighted and sized.

Weight evolution of broodstock lot from 2011 to 2016.



**16 Broodstock selected**  
8 ♀:  $14.62 \pm 2.06$  kg  
8 ♂:  $12.98 \pm 3.45$  kg





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All females were not cannulated, neither the abdominal massage was performed on males.

The selected fish were distributed (sex ratio 1:1) in 4 circular tanks of 40 m<sup>3</sup> (2♀ and 2♂ in each one).



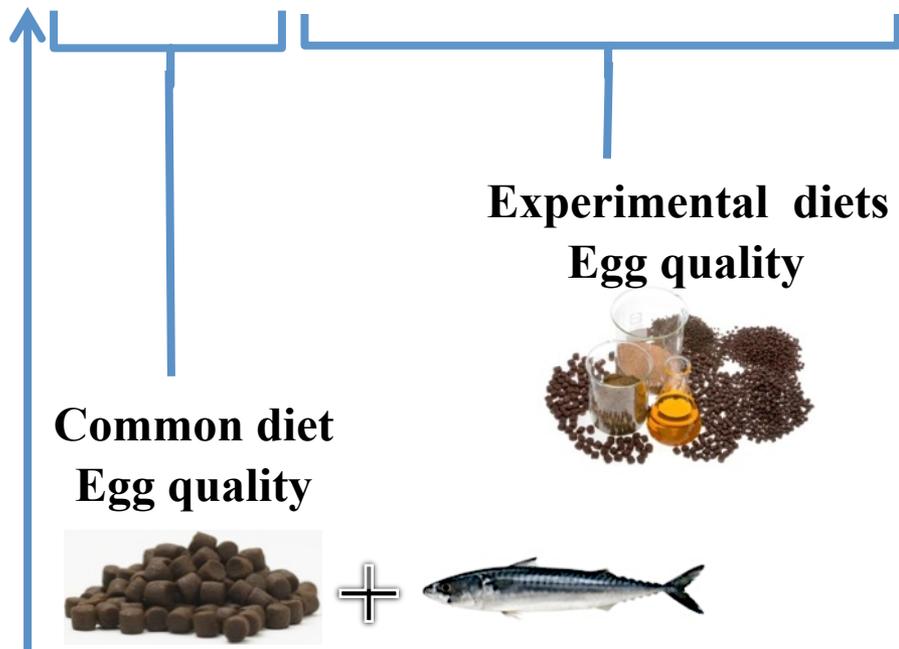
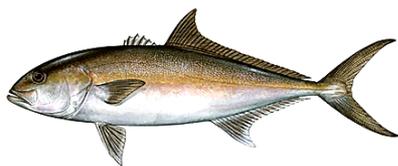


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**Weigh & Size**



**Common diet  
Egg quality**



**Experimental diets  
Egg quality**



**Intramuscular injection**





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**Intramuscular injection**

**GnRH $\alpha$ : 20  $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$  ♀ & ♂ (Fernández-Palacios *et al.*, 2015)**

**Twice a week alternating the broodstock**



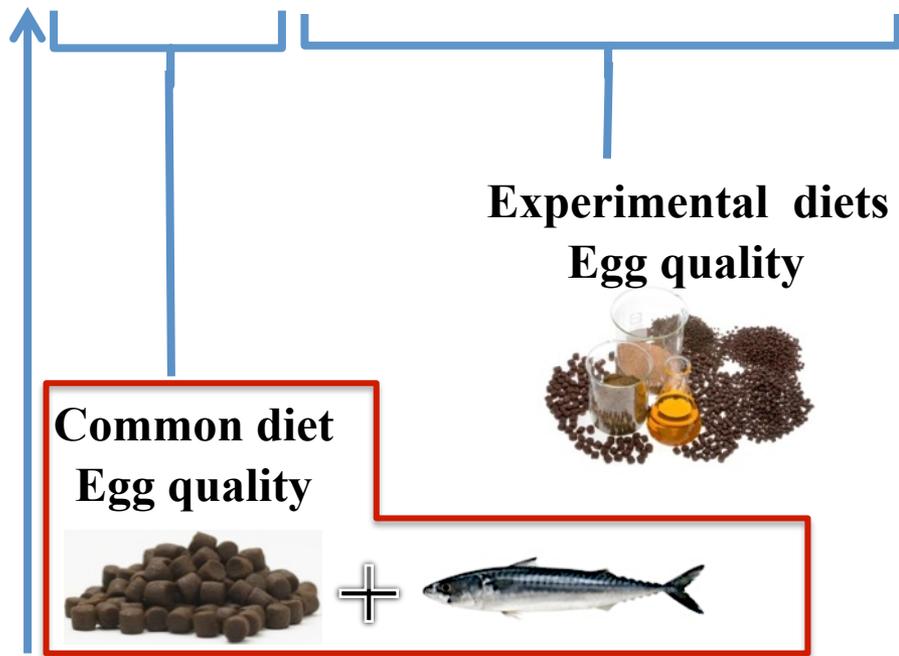
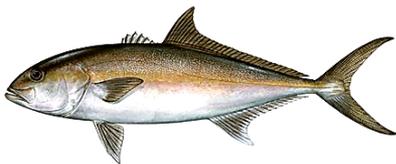


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## 1. Common diet

Twice a week: commercial diet at 1% (13 mm, Vitalis CAL, Skretting)  
Once a week: Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) at 2%



## 2. Egg quality



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Common diet

Results

Tank	% Females with spawns	Number inductions	Number spawns	Number of eggs
1	100	12	9	2 366 100
2	100	12	7	3 080 000
3	100	12	7	2 682 000
4	100	12	8	3 008 800



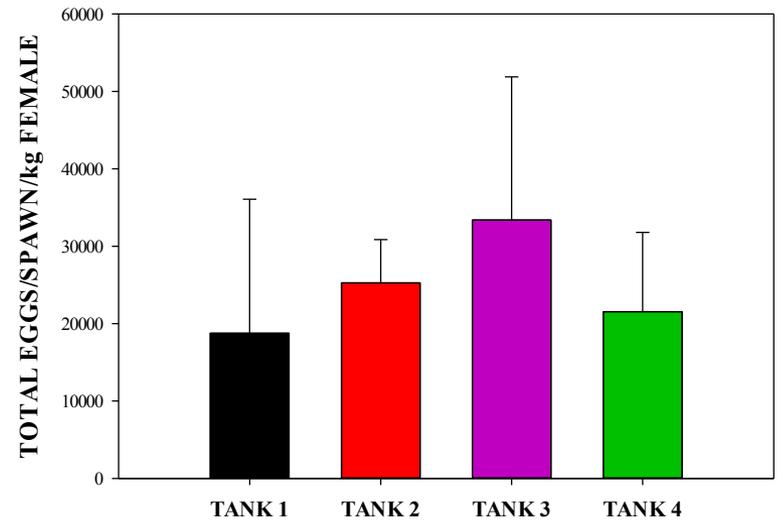
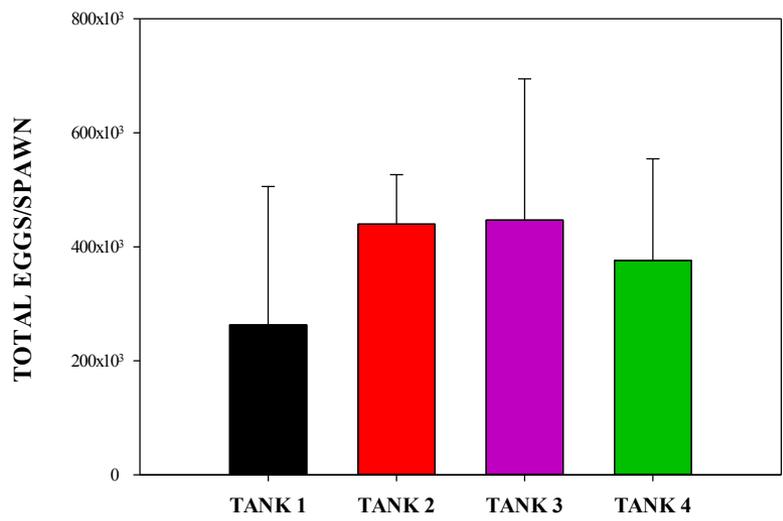
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Common diet

Number of eggs per spawn

Number of eggs per spawn and kg female

Results





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Common diet

Quality of egg and larvae obtained during the feeding period with the common diet

Tank	% Fertilization	% Viable 24h	% Hatching
1	55.66±26.22	83.43±7.50	81.04±8.03
2	61.65±15.94	88.71±0.76	86.90±0.96
3	41.93±29.61	89.58±4.55	86.67±6.01
4	64.92±14.86	86.67±7.21	82.29±8.05
Tank	% 1 dph survival	% 3 dph survival	% 5 dph survival
1	63.68±14.93	39.81±14.13	2.84±1.63
2	74.34±9.70	28.32±7.35	4.27±1.66
3	70.45±9.33	29.78±8.25	3.17±2.27
4	72.04±11.08	37.39±12.95	3.21±2.27

## Selected fatty acid composition (% total fatty acids) of eggs obtained during the feeding period with the common diet

Fatty acid	Tank 1	Tank 2	Tank 3	Tank 4
<b>14:0</b>	1.48 ± 0.21	1.59 ± 0.08	1.81 ± 0.34	1.74 ± 0.22
<b>16:0</b>	15.09 ± 0.65	15.87 ± 0.53	16.44 ± 0.56	16.33 ± 1.55
<b>18:0</b>	5.26 ± 0.57	5.31 ± 0.67	4.51 ± 0.26	5.98 ± 1.38
<b>18:1n-9</b>	23.00 ± 0.53	23.31 ± 1.57	24.27 ± 1.03	23.99 ± 0.68
<b>18:1n-7</b>	4.04 ± 0.06	3.94 ± 0.16	4.05 ± 0.08	4.10 ± 0.04
<b>18:2n-6</b>	10.15 ± 0.19	10.21 ± 0.45	9.77 ± 0.51	9.51 ± 0.32
<b>18:3n-6</b>	0.24 ± 0.01	0.36 ± 0.04	0.31 ± 0.07	0.25 ± 0.02
<b>18:3n-3</b>	1.31 ± 0.07	1.29 ± 0.11	1.21 ± 0.08	1.29 ± 0.13
<b>20:4n-6 (ARA)</b>	1.45 ± 0.07	1.34 ± 0.04	1.21 ± 0.10	1.56 ± 0.07
<b>20:5n-3 (EPA)</b>	5.99 ± 0.37	5.99 ± 0.28	5.65 ± 0.50	5.16 ± 0.45
<b>22:6n-3 (DHA)</b>	18.63 ± 0.53	17.84 ± 0.80	17.09 ± 0.44	16.62 ± 1.66
<b>Total n-3</b>	33.10 ± 0.58	33.21 ± 1.53	34.81 ± 0.47	34.47 ± 0.50
<b>Total n-6</b>	29.91 ± 0.53	28.73 ± 1.25	27.78 ± 0.53	26.66 ± 2.11
<b>Total n-9</b>	12.93 ± 0.22	12.88 ± 0.41	12.24 ± 0.72	12.44 ± 0.28
<b>Total n-3 HUFA</b>	23.52 ± 0.50	24.00 ± 1.67	24.93 ± 1.08	24.67 ± 0.65
<b>DHA/EPA</b>	3.12 ± 0.24	2.98 ± 0.04	3.04 ± 0.33	3.23 ± 0.35
<b>DHA/ARA</b>	12.82 ± 0.35	13.36 ± 0.34	14.20 ± 1.20	10.67 ± 1.10
<b>EPA/ARA</b>	4.12 ± 0.32	4.48 ± 0.08	4.70 ± 0.69	3.32 ± 0.43
<b>EPA+DHA</b>	24.62 ± 0.49	23.83 ± 1.07	22.74 ± 0.35	21.77 ± 1.85
<b>n-3/n-6</b>	2.31 ± 0.05	2.23 ± 0.07	2.27 ± 0.18	2.14 ± 0.18



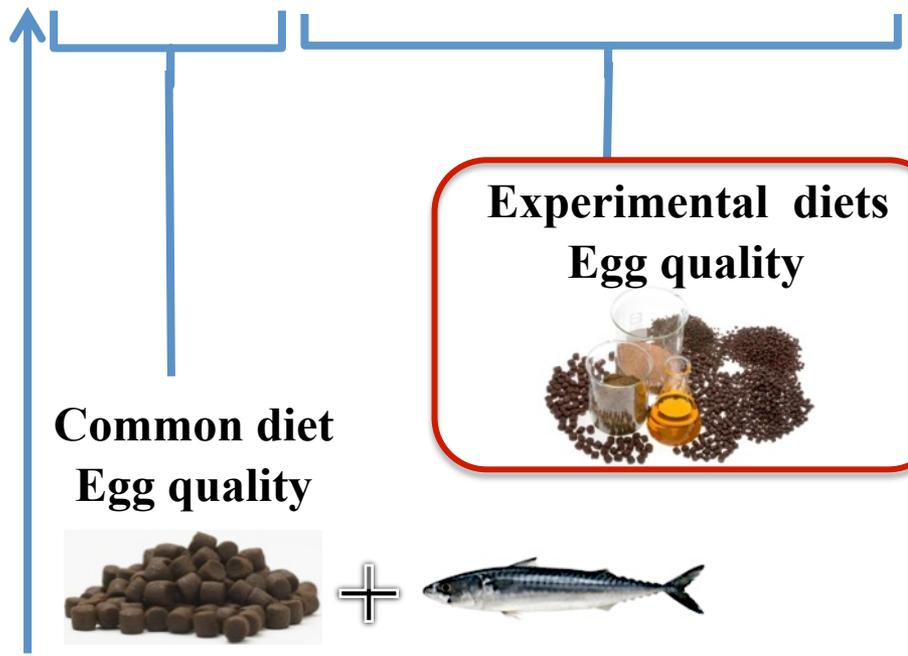
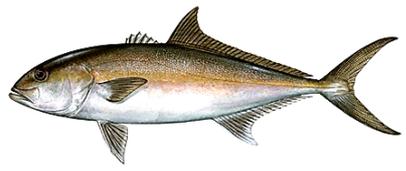


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**Proportion of ingredients and proximate of the experimental diets  
(Skretting Aquaculture Research Center, Stavanger, Norway).**

<b>Diet</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Linseed oil	0.00	1.52	3.01	4.50
Wheat	19.09	19.13	19.13	19.13
Wheat gluten	13.62	14.99	14.99	14.99
Fish meal	44.97	43.46	43.46	43.46
Squid meal	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Fish oil	10.93	7.48	4.04	0.61
Palm oil	0.00	2.03	3.98	5.93
Premix vit. Min.	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64
<b>EPA+DHA (% total fatty acids)</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>0.96</b>
<b>Proximate composition (%)</b>				
Crude protein	58.50	58.91	58.91	59.06
Crude fat	24.25	24.89	24.35	25.61
Moisture	7.27	5.41	7.22	8.30
Ash	7.46	7.19	7.25	7.30





## Experimental design



**Egg quality**



**Experimental diets**

Twice a day and 5 days a week (2% of biomass day<sup>-1</sup>)



**After three weeks of feeding with experimental diets**  
(Fernández-Palacios *et al.*, 1995; Tandler *et al.*, 1995).

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**Experimental diets**

<b>Diet</b>	<b>% Females with spawns</b>	<b>Number inductions</b>	<b>Number spawns</b>	<b>Number of eggs</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9 021 880</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10 465 000</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14 360 250</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9 946 500</b>



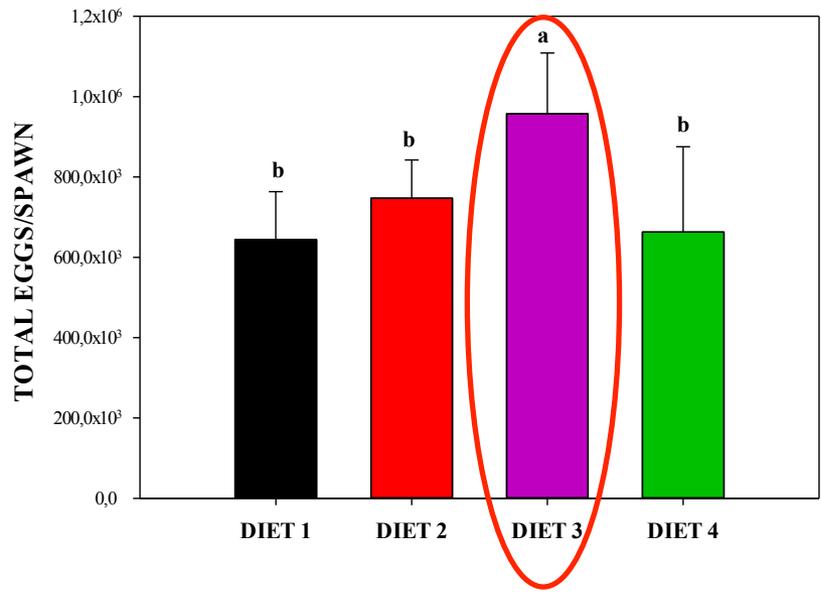
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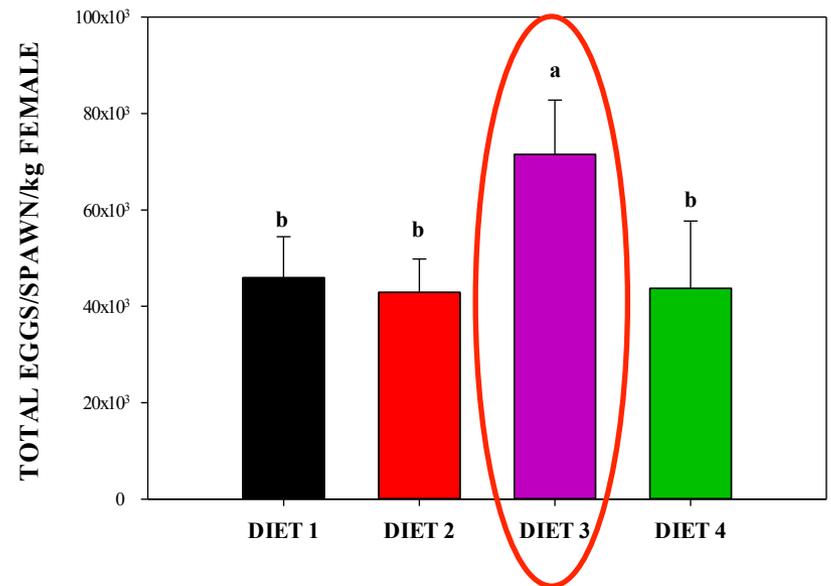
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Number of eggs per spawn



Number of eggs per spawn and kg female



\*Bars, of the same shade, with the same letter were not significantly different (P < 0.05).



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**Experimental diets**

**Quality of egg and larvae obtained after feeding period with the experimental diets**

Diet	% Fertilization	% Viable 24h	% Hatching
1	52.42±10.64 <sup>c</sup>	90.28±3.28 <sup>b</sup>	76.99±8.94 <sup>b</sup>
2	69.02±7.38 <sup>b</sup>	85.07±1.73 <sup>c</sup>	79.68±3.74 <sup>b</sup>
3	91.76±3.12 <sup>a</sup>	95.99±2.81 <sup>a</sup>	94.22±3.62 <sup>a</sup>
4	86.32±1.67 <sup>a</sup>	93.88±2.48 <sup>a</sup>	92.51±2.27 <sup>a</sup>
Diet	% 1 dph survival	% 3 dph survival	% 5 dph survival
1	57.44±3.08 <sup>b</sup>	16.15±4.96 <sup>b</sup>	1.56±1.04 <sup>b</sup>
2	59.85±2.94 <sup>b</sup>	11.59±2.22 <sup>c</sup>	2.95±1.98 <sup>a</sup>
3	85.25±9.97 <sup>a</sup>	28.33±8.01 <sup>a</sup>	3.98±1.52 <sup>a</sup>
4	87.04±2.92 <sup>a</sup>	28.12±2.05 <sup>a</sup>	3.73±1.08 <sup>a</sup>

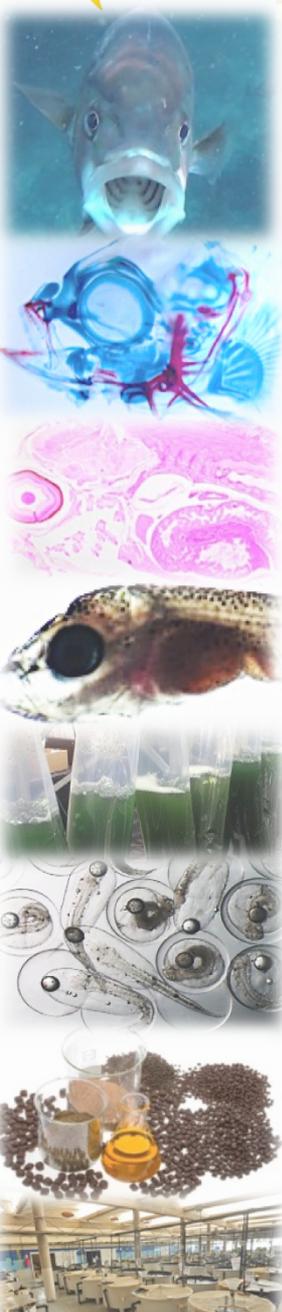
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<b>14:0</b>	2.61 ± 0.33	2.30 ± 0.12	2.05 ± 0.04	1.81 ± 0.37
<b>16:0</b>	18.73 ± 0.86	18.18 ± 0.62	18.52 ± 0.23	18.50 ± 0.45
<b>18:0</b>	5.78 ± 0.48	6.16 ± 0.22	4.90 ± 0.15	5.48 ± 0.66
<b>18:1n-9</b>	20.88 ± 2.43 <sup>b</sup>	20.85 ± 0.12 <sup>b</sup>	24.05 ± 0.57 <sup>a</sup>	24.43 ± 2.21 <sup>a</sup>
<b>18:1n-7</b>	4.09 ± 0.29	3.26 ± 0.17	3.04 ± 0.07	3.41 ± 0.48
<b>18:2n-6</b>	6.82 ± 0.45 <sup>c</sup>	9.02 ± 0.56 <sup>ab</sup>	10.39 ± 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	8.66 ± 0.21 <sup>b</sup>
<b>18:3n-6</b>	0.21 ± 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.17 ± 0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.16 ± 0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.19 ± 0.01 <sup>ab</sup>
<b>18:3n-3</b>	1.02 ± 0.06 <sup>c</sup>	4.67 ± 0.21 <sup>b</sup>	6.54 ± 0.40 <sup>a</sup>	4.07 ± 0.44 <sup>b</sup>
<b>20:4n-6 (ARA)</b>	1.33 ± 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	1.16 ± 0.08 <sup>ab</sup>	0.93 ± 0.01 <sup>c</sup>	1.07 ± 0.07 <sup>bc</sup>
<b>20:5n-3 (EPA)</b>	6.35 ± 1.10 <sup>a</sup>	6.22 ± 0.07 <sup>a</sup>	4.86 ± 0.11 <sup>b</sup>	4.98 ± 0.97 <sup>b</sup>
<b>22:6n-3 (DHA)</b>	16.88 ± 0.84 <sup>a</sup>	14.47 ± 0.35 <sup>b</sup>	12.43 ± 0.04 <sup>c</sup>	15.05 ± 0.28 <sup>ab</sup>
<b>Total n-3</b>	28.40 ± 2.36	28.80 ± 0.14	26.98 ± 0.54	27.46 ± 1.80
<b>Total n-6</b>	8.94 ± 0.40 <sup>b</sup>	10.84 ± 0.61 <sup>a</sup>	11.97 ± 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	10.48 ± 0.36 <sup>ab</sup>
<b>Total n-9</b>	21.50 ± 2.40	21.38 ± 0.13	24.56 ± 0.58	24.99 ± 2.16
<b>Total n-3 HUFA</b>	26.24 ± 2.01 <sup>a</sup>	22.97 ± 0.37 <sup>ab</sup>	19.63 ± 0.07 <sup>b</sup>	22.57 ± 1.06 <sup>ab</sup>
<b>DHA/EPA</b>	2.69 ± 0.34	2.33 ± 0.08	2.56 ± 0.06	3.08 ± 0.54
<b>DHA/ARA</b>	12.79 ± 0.71	12.57 ± 1.12	13.38 ± 0.13	14.08 ± 1.20
<b>EPA/ARA</b>	4.81 ± 0.86	5.39 ± 0.28	5.23 ± 0.08	4.68 ± 1.22
<b>EPA+DHA</b>	23.22 ± 1.94 <sup>a</sup>	20.69 ± 0.29 <sup>b</sup>	17.29 ± 0.09 <sup>c</sup>	20.02 ± 1.24 <sup>b</sup>
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Total n-9	21.50 ± 2.40	21.38 ± 0.13	24.56 ± 0.58	24.99 ± 2.16
Total n-3 HUFA	26.24 ± 2.01 <sup>a</sup>	22.97 ± 0.37 <sup>ab</sup>	19.63 ± 0.07 <sup>b</sup>	22.57 ± 1.06 <sup>ab</sup>
DHA/EPA	2.69 ± 0.34	2.33 ± 0.08	2.56 ± 0.06	3.08 ± 0.54
DHA/ARA	12.79 ± 0.71	12.57 ± 1.12	13.38 ± 0.13	14.08 ± 1.20
EPA/ARA	4.81 ± 0.86	5.39 ± 0.28	5.23 ± 0.08	4.68 ± 1.22
EPA+DHA	23.22 ± 1.94 <sup>a</sup>	20.69 ± 0.29 <sup>b</sup>	17.29 ± 0.09 <sup>c</sup>	20.02 ± 1.24 <sup>b</sup>
n-3/n-6	3.19 ± 0.41	2.66 ± 0.16	2.26 ± 0.05	2.63 ± 0.26







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