

# AQUAFORM<sup>®</sup> - A dietary organic acid salt as additive for aquaculture

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- Fish meal, plant-protein meals as well as grain prices are rising, or on a high level
- Economy and sustainability of "feeding fish" gets crucially important
- Fish growth and FCR are therefore keyfactors



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- Growing awareness from consumers and producers
- Use of antibiotic growth promoters (AGP) increases the risk of cross-resistances
- EU does not allow the import of aquaculture species which contain residues of AGP → chance for sustainable aquaculture



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- creates unfavourable conditions for pathogenic bacteria
- reduces acid binding capacity
- helps digestion, mainly protein and minerals
- supports health
- increases performance



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Organic acids inhibit bacteria growth – thereby preventing degradation of feed; healthy intestine





- "booming" fish in the last 10 years, due to its easy culture and the acceptance of Western markets
- Ca. 2.6 Mio t produced in 2008 (GROWfish), up from 500.000 t in 1995 (40% growth each year!)
- FAO forecast 2010: ca. 3.5 Mio t tilapia



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- At a production of 2-3 Mio t tilapia, mainly in Asia, each year a significant amount of feed will be used
- Common culture practice: 120 days grow-out, with the first month on natural food (algae etc.), followed by supplemental feed
- So 75% of the fish growth is due to feed, with an FCR of 1.25 (250 g) to 1.75 (1 kg) the need for feed is at 3.4 Mio t every year!



#### **Back-up for AQUAFORM**

- Long term toxicology studies
- No residues
- Efficacy trials in fish and shrimp
- Sensory examinations of meat
- No influence on environment
- Worker safety



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## No toxicological risk







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#### *Fish* - general growth increase (DWG, FI, FCR)

- improved digestibility

*Fish* - anti-bacterial effects (Vibrio, Streptococci, Aeromonas...)

*Shrimp* - increased survival rates

- optimized feed efficiency



- tilapia grow-out with bacterial challenge for 85 days (Vibrio anguillarum at day 10)
- initial fingerling weight: 16.7 g
- 0.2%, 0.3% and 0.5% KDF (AQUAFORM<sup>®</sup>) vs. negative control
- feeding 6 times a day (32% CP)



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### **Performance of AQUAFORM in tilapia**



#### AQUAFORM trial with tilapia grow-out in Indonesia

	Control	2 kg/t KDF	3 kg/t KDF	5 kg/t KDF
Final weight (g)	218	258	246	252
FCR	1.34	1.23	1.25	1.22
Mortality (%) – post infection	33.0	20.8	18.4	11.0



### **Characteristics of AQUAFORM**

- High efficiency  $\rightarrow$  independently proven
- No residues
- Easy and safe to handle
  - Non-corrosive



Safe for humans and animals Efficient growth of fish & shrimp Profitable for farmers



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## The use of AQUAFORM – aiming towards sustainable aquaculture!



Thank you!





increasing growth

saving feed costs

strong antimicrobial effects

high survival rates