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Burbot, *Lota lota* (Linnaeus, 1758),

an opportunity for diversification of European Inland Aquaculture

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In contrast to marine aquaculture, the European inland aquaculture production is stagnating and even declining for some species. One of the possible strategies to enhance inland production could be the diversification of the selected species, trying to aim for high value species, which would make bigger investments possible with an increased production as outcome. Because of its potential fast growth rate and market value, the burbot was selected by AQUA-ERF to investigate its aquaculture potential. Trials concerning the weaning, optimal temperature and nutritional requirements of the burbot were run at the Aquaculture Education and Research Facilities, that was launched in the context of the European Interreg project "AQUAVLAN".



BURBOT

- Only fresh water fish of the Cod family
- Cold water species/ local species Europe

CONSUMPTION

- Tasty white fillet
- Liver and eggs considered delicacy
- Origin of famous Flemish dish
- Eastern Europe, Scandinavia, Russia
- Most production out of fisheries

AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION

- Limited production based on pond culture
- Angling and restocking programs
- Little known on optimal culture conditions
- Same or better performance in Recirculation System (RAS)?
- Weaning is a bottleneck

OBTAINED RESULTS AT AQUA-ERF

- GROW-OUT TRIAL:

- Better growth at 18°C
- Higher density could improve growth

- WEANING TRIALS:

- Larvae weaned directly on dry feed on DAH 50 with 26% survival
- No differences in SGR, survival and cannibalism between Co-fed with artemia and directly dry fed
- 1-summer old Fingerlings can be weaned with 55% success



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