



# Nutrición en paralarvas de pulpo



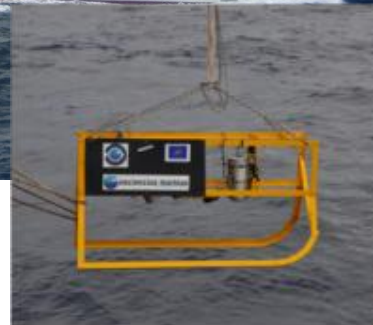
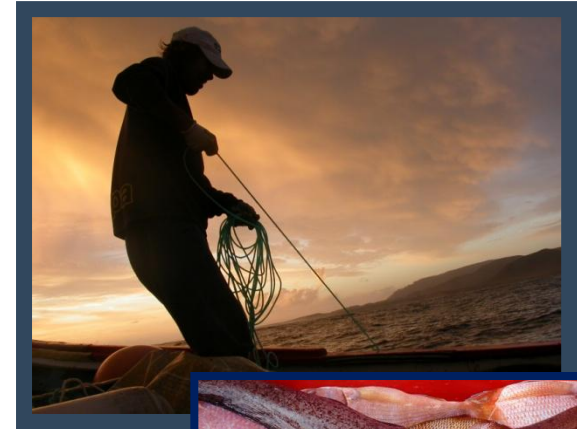
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***Fisiología de la nutrición  
y bienestar en especies  
marinas***



# *Pulpo común (Octopus vulgaris)*

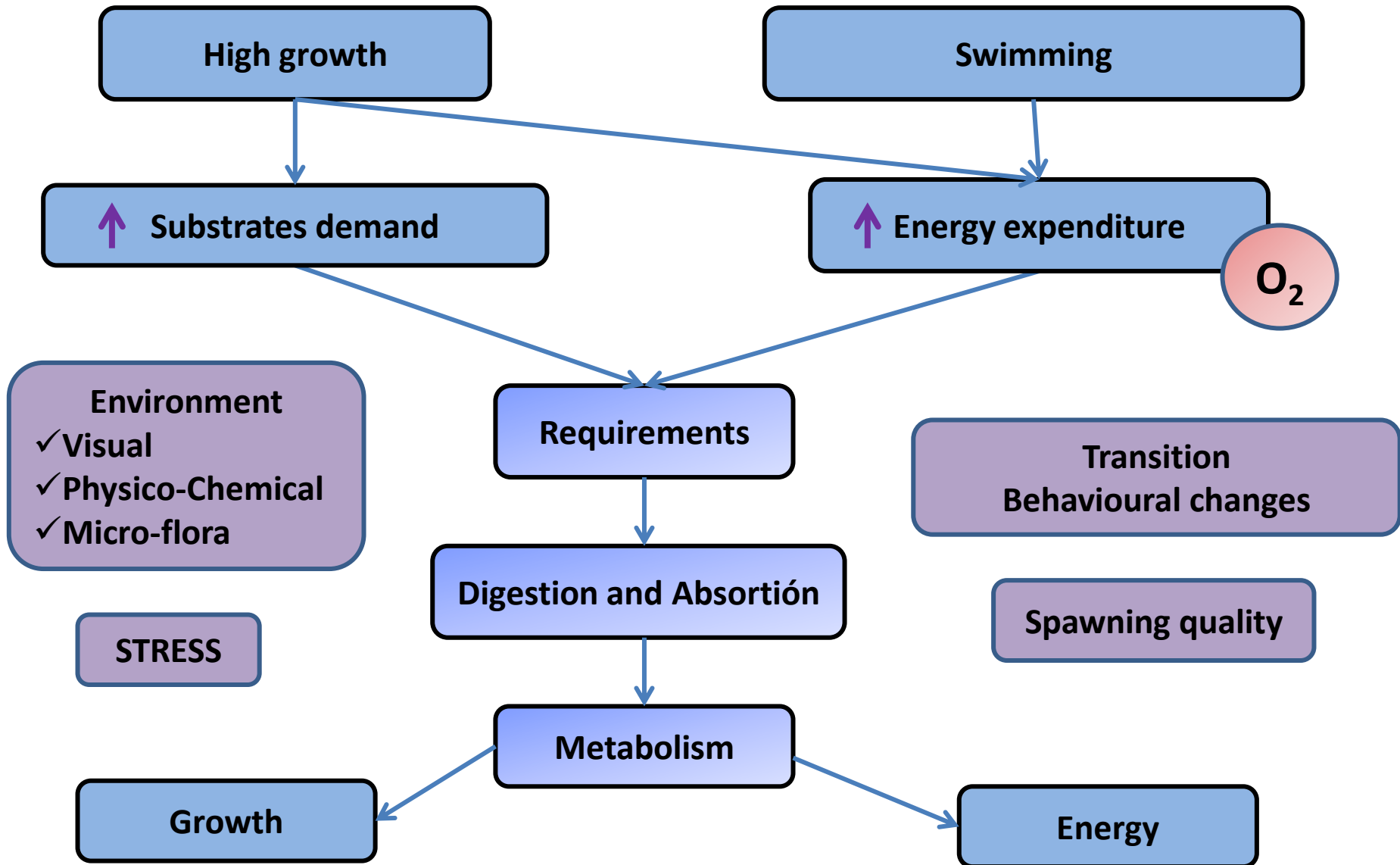
## **Objetivo:**

*Avanzar en el conocimiento de la biología del pulpo común a través de estudios multidisciplinarios de nutrición y fisiología*

### *Areas de aplicación*

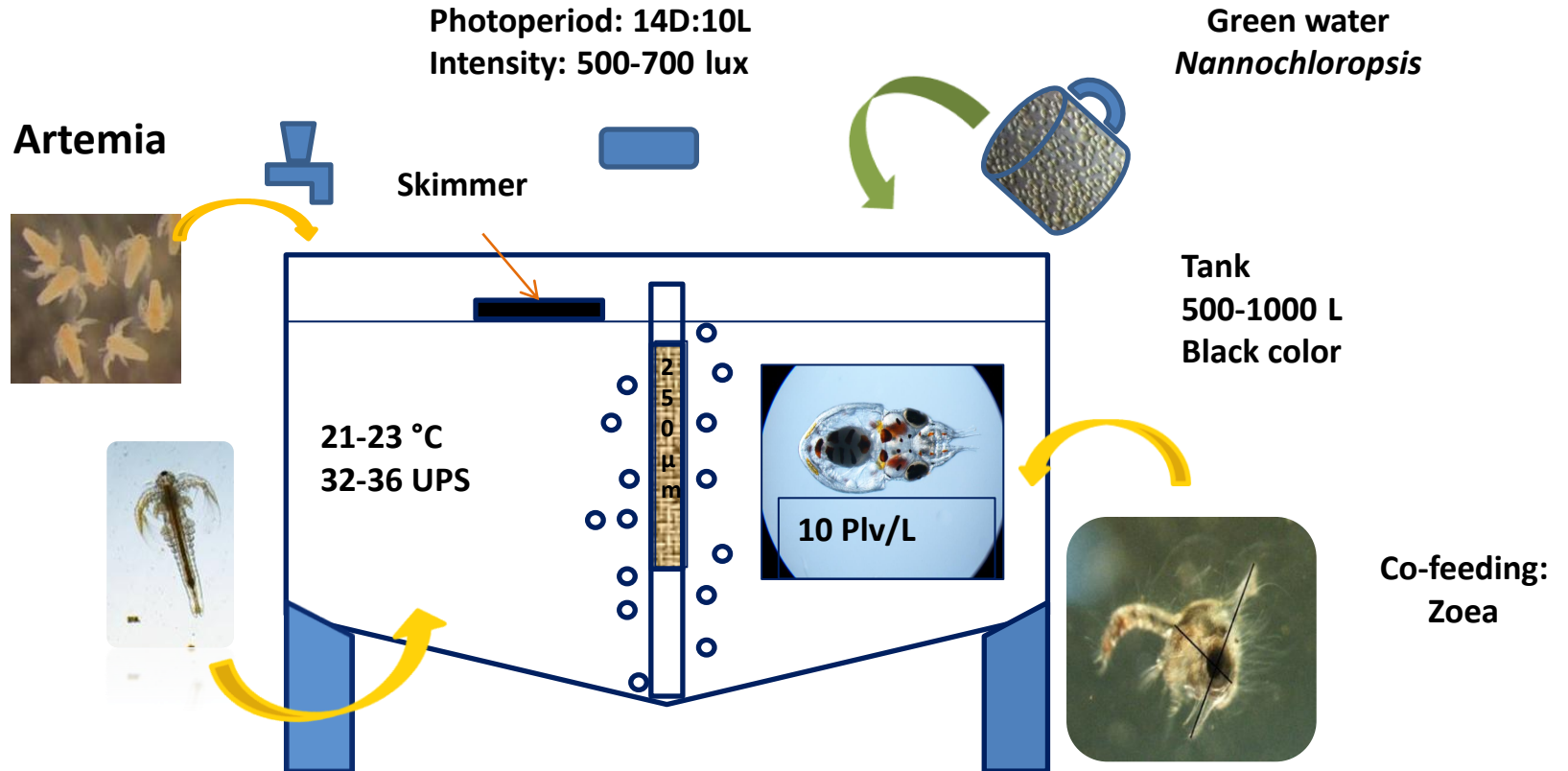
- ✓ *Cría en cautividad*
- ✓ *Gestión de pesquerías*
- ✓ *Estudios de evolución y desarrollo*
- ✓ *Bienestar y salud animal*
- ✓ *etc.*

# *Paralarval development*

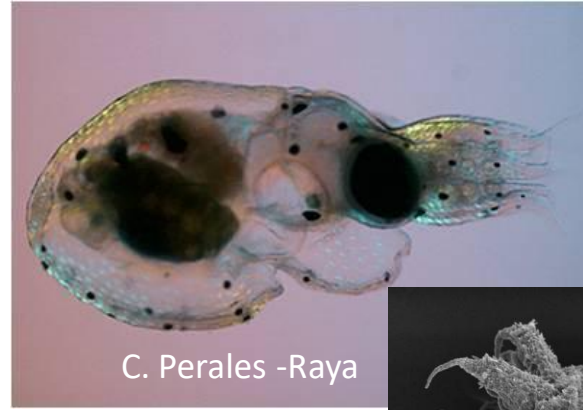
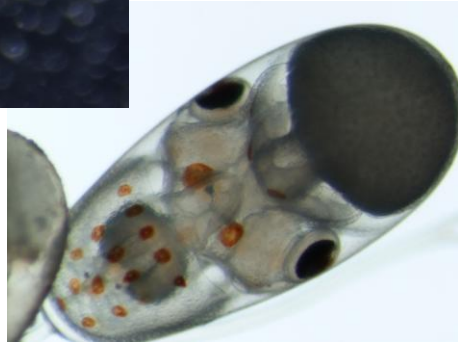
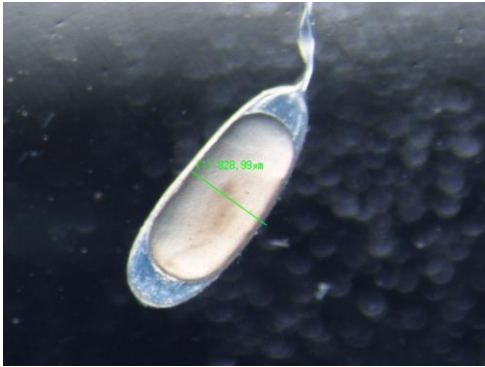




# Environmental conditions



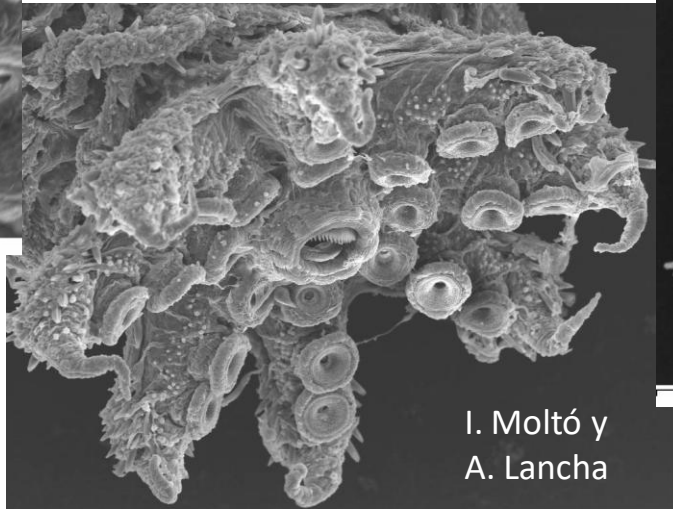
# Eggs and paralarvae



C. Perales -Raya

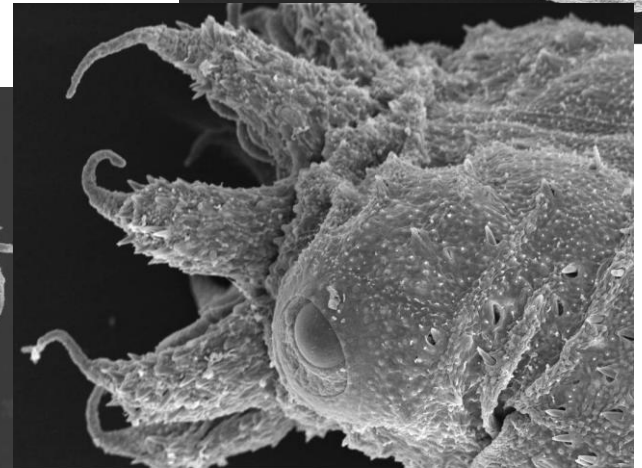


70μm



400μm

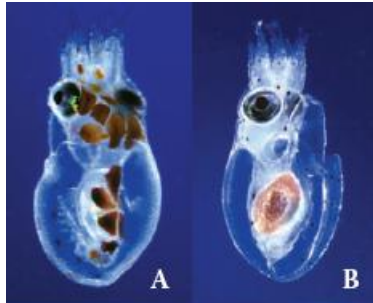
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# Development and feeding

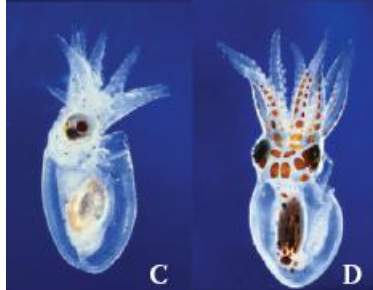
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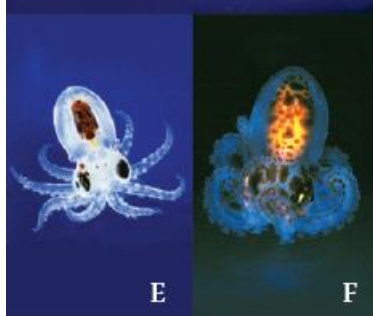
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42d  
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50d  
6,6 mm



60d  
8,5 mm

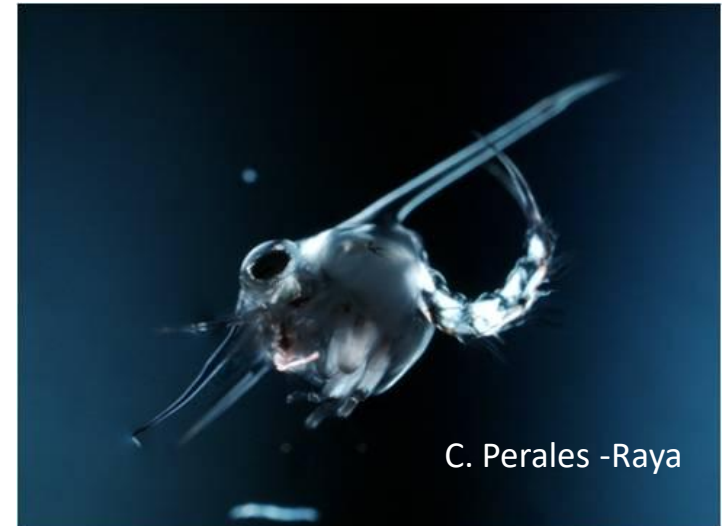
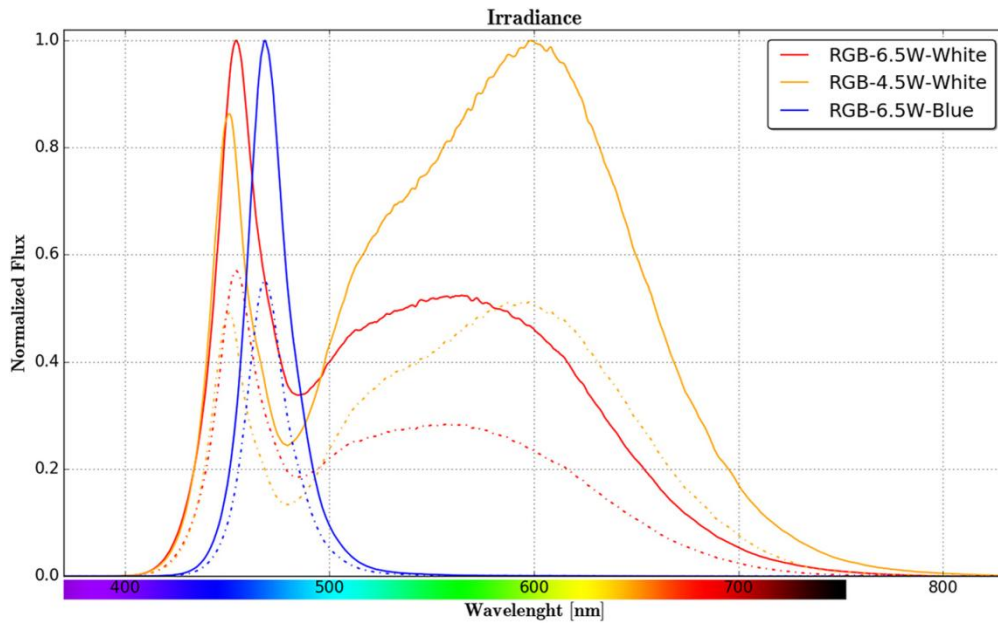
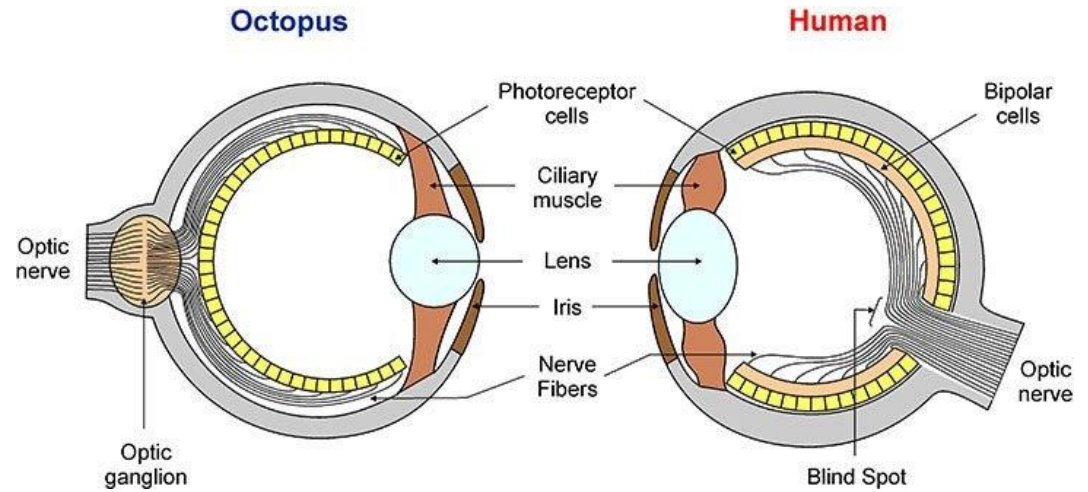
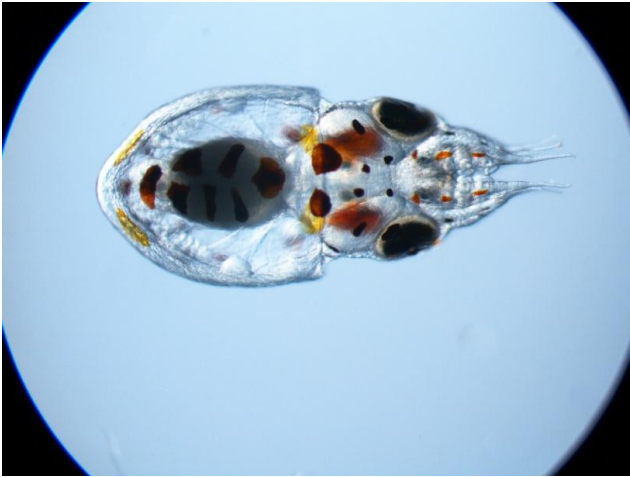


Edad (días) /LM (mm)

Fuente: Villanueva y Norman (2008)



# Vision



# Parlarval nutrition

## Characterization of nutritional requirements and biomarkers

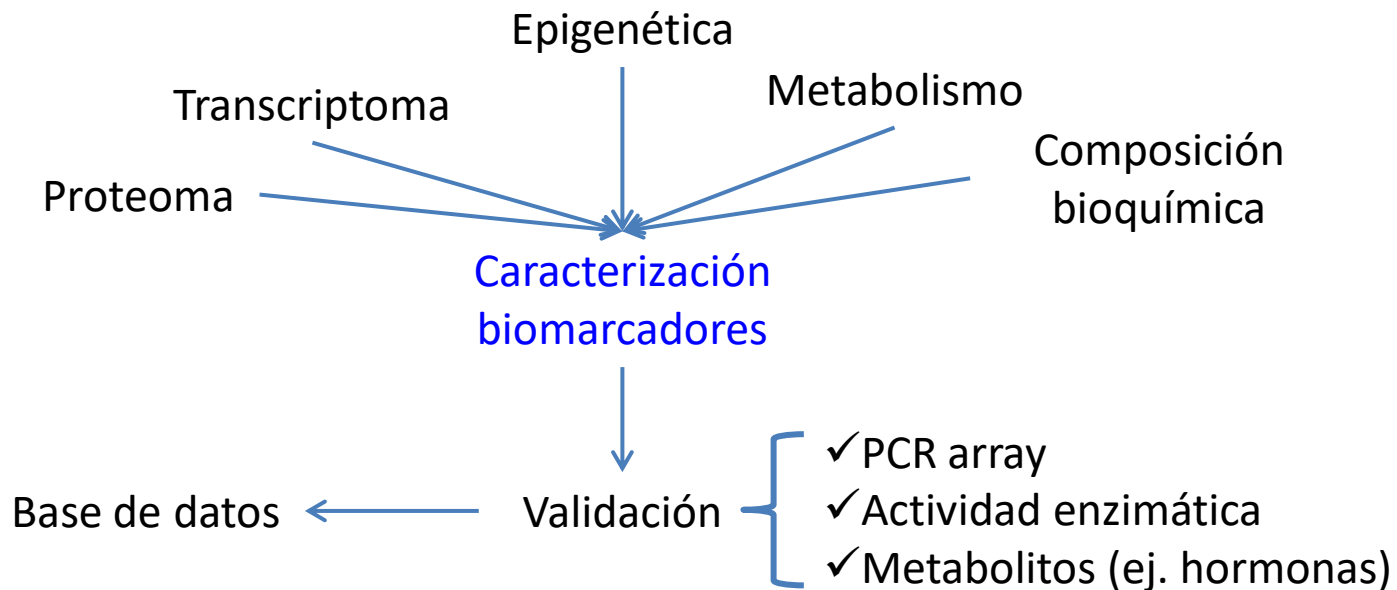
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- ✓ Digestive physiology
- ✓ Microbiome

## Development of diets

- ✓ Artemia enrichments
- ✓ Alternative preys
- ✓ Inert diets

# Characterization of nutritional requirements and biomarkers

*Identificar y validar biomarcadores de nutrición, estrés, salud y crecimiento que proporcionen una información fiable precisa y rápida sobre el estado de la paralarva*



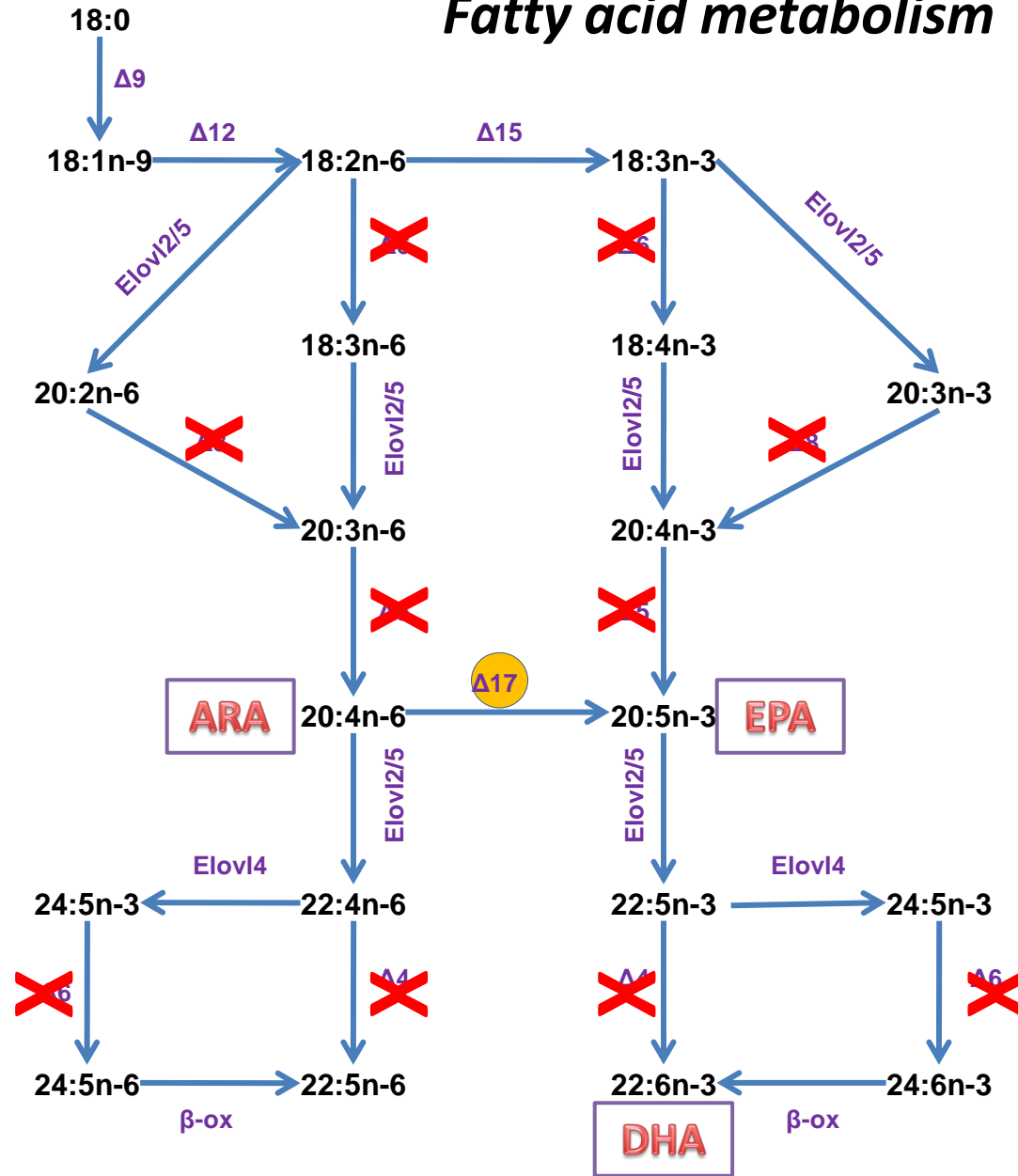
## Metabolic pathways and nutritional requirements

### Previous data

- ✓ Different studies have showed the essentiality of long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids such as ArA, EPA and DHA. The presence of  $\omega$ 3 desaturase has been described



# Fatty acid metabolism



30% ácidos grasos pulpo

## Metabolic pathways and nutritional requirements

### Previous data

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- ✓ The pathways and biomarkers related with improved diet have been characterized and the results showed that most of the proteins and genes over-expressed are related to: cell cycle and replication, production of structural components, and development of the nervous system
- ✓ The nutritional regulation of genes and proteins confirms that proteins and carbohydrates as the preferred fuels for cephalopods. An increase in fatty acid oxidation would be indicative of an unbalanced lipid profile of preys

## Metabolic pathways and nutritional requirements

### *Future challenges*

- ✓ To study the essentiality of other nutrients such as amino acids, vitamins and trace elements.
- ✓ Further study of the requirements during the settlement phase
- ✓ To determine how is the digestive, metabolic and nutritional status of the octopus at tissue level

### *Key techniques*

- ✓ Transcriptomics
- ✓ Proteomics
- ✓ Enzyme activities
- ✓ Pathway modelling
- ✓ Metabolomics

## Digestive physiology

### Previous data

- ✓ **Trajectory of food from mouth to stomach - crop - stomach - caecum – digestive gland**
- ✓ **Alkaline proteases mainly in the salivary glands; and cathepsin-type enzymes in gastric juice**
- ✓ **Enzymatic activity influenced by the animal size, temperature or feeding**
- ✓ **Characterization of the digestive system and digestive enzyme activity throughout development and under the effect of different diets**



## Digestive physiology

### *Future challenges*

- ✓ **Timing of digestion, absorption and assimilation of nutrients**
- ✓ **Gut transit times for different preys.**
- ✓ **Relationship between temperature and gut transit.**
- ✓ **Markers for absorption of different proteins and lipids.**
- ✓ **Protocols for determining nutrient digestibility.**
- ✓ **Measurement of pH along the digestive tube.**
- ✓ **Regulation of the secretion of digestive enzymes.**
- ✓ **Enzymatic profile of digestive organs throughout digestion.**
- ✓ **Factors affecting the activity of digestive enzymes.**

## Digestive physiology

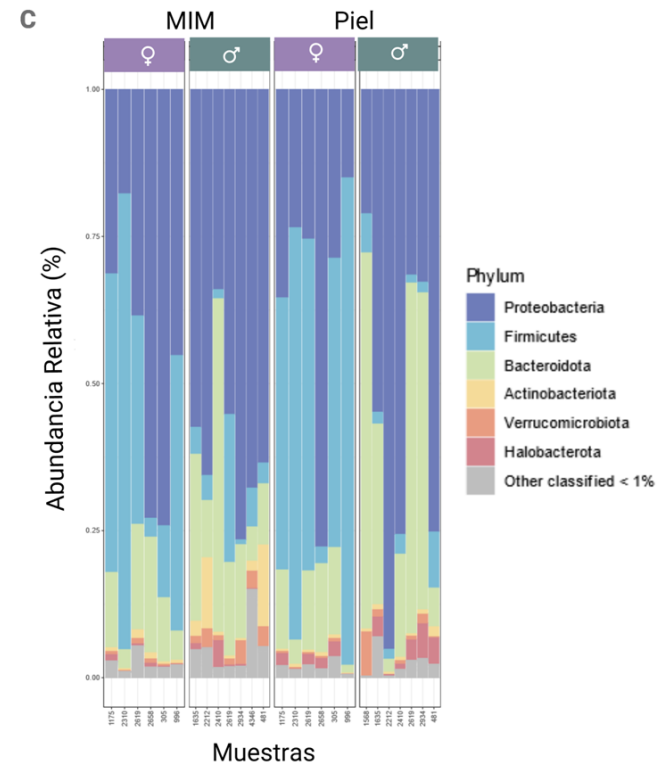
### *Key techniques*

- ✓ **In vitro and in vivo digestibility.**
- ✓ **Histological and histochemical studies.**
- ✓ **Genetic expression of digestive enzymes.**
- ✓ **Nutrient radiolabelling.**
- ✓ **Diet fluorescence markers.**
- ✓ **Digestive enzyme assays.**

## Microbiome

### Previous data

- ✓ A meta-analysis among different studies showed that there is no common microbiota for the different groups of cephalopods, but there could be a bias depending on the species
- ✓ Paralarvae reared in captivity with *Artemia* showed a depletion of bacterial diversity compared to wild paralarvae



## Microbiome

### *Future challenges*

- ✓ To understand how the natural microbiota of octopus may be affected under culture conditions and how these variations in turn affect the development of paralarvae and juveniles.
- ✓ Isolate, identify and select different microbial strains from biological samples of octopus with probiotic potential.
- ✓ To analyse the potential relationship between microbiota and immune system in cephalopods

### *Key techniques*

- ✓ DNA metabarcoding of gut contents
- ✓ Bioinformatic analysis
- ✓ Metagenomic



# Parlarval nutrition

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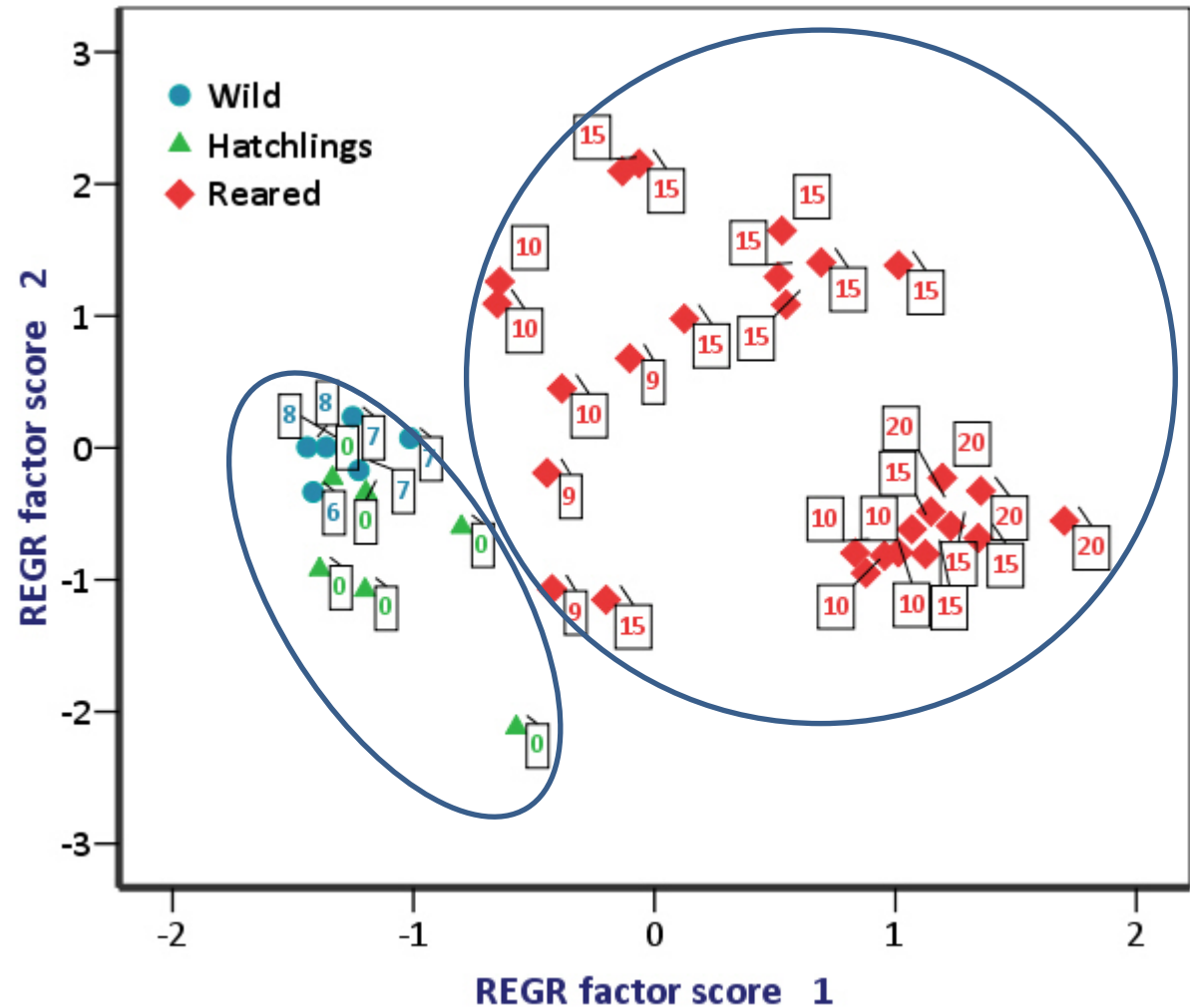
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# Fatty acid composition from wild, hatchlings and reared paralarvae

## PCA

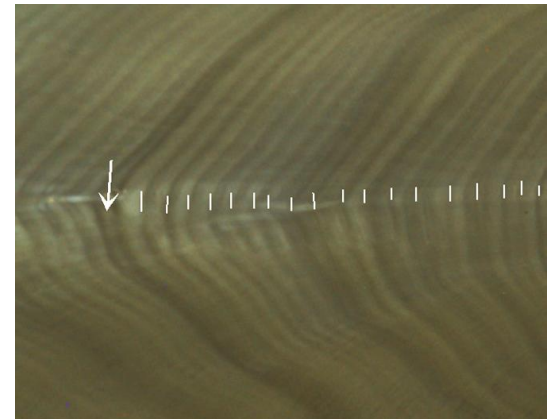
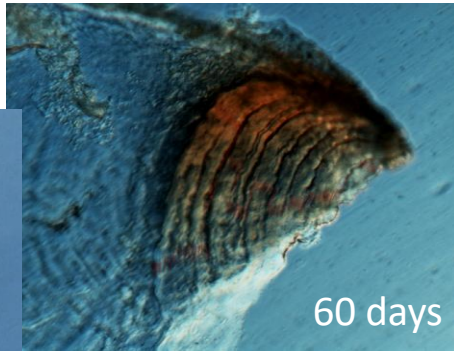
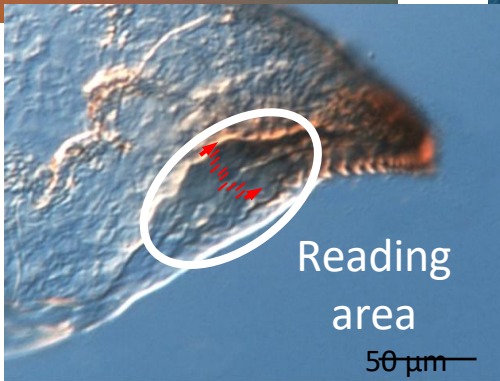
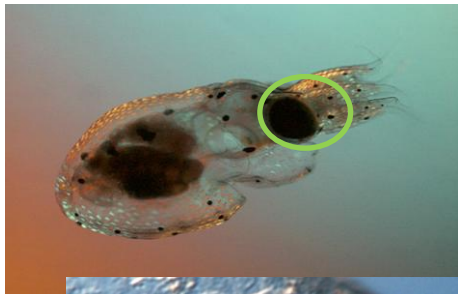
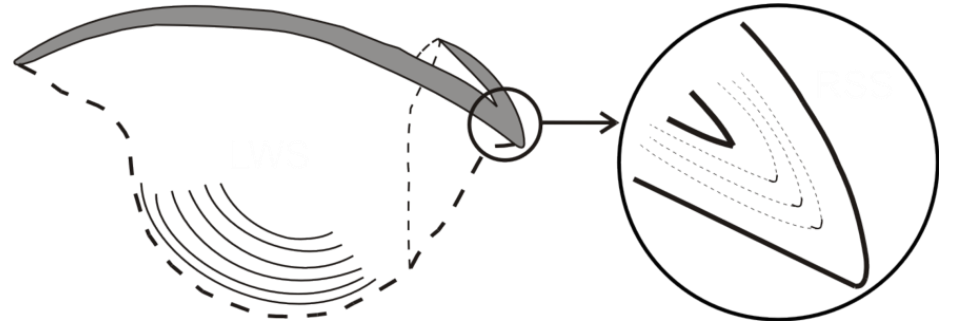
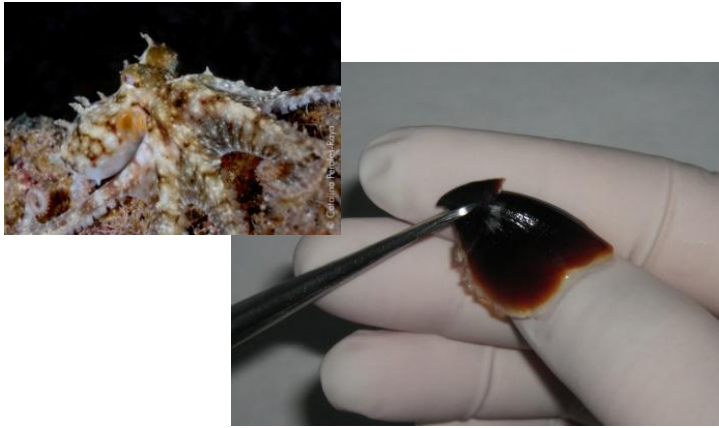


AGE: Numbers associated to individual scores

Ellipses represent different clusters for PC1 according to ANOVA results.

Fatty acid composition of reared paralarvae differs from wild and hatchlings

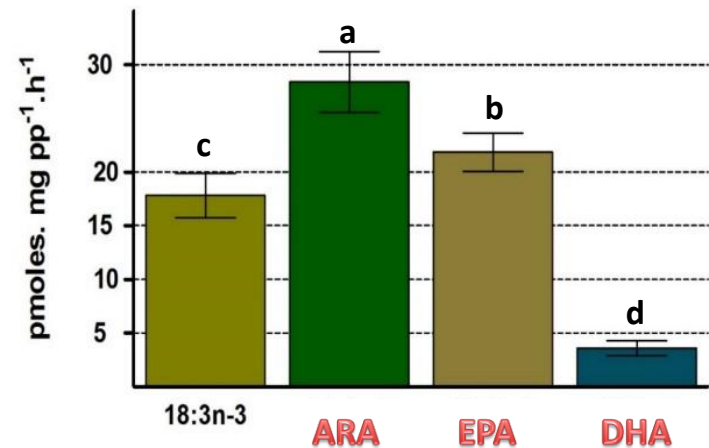
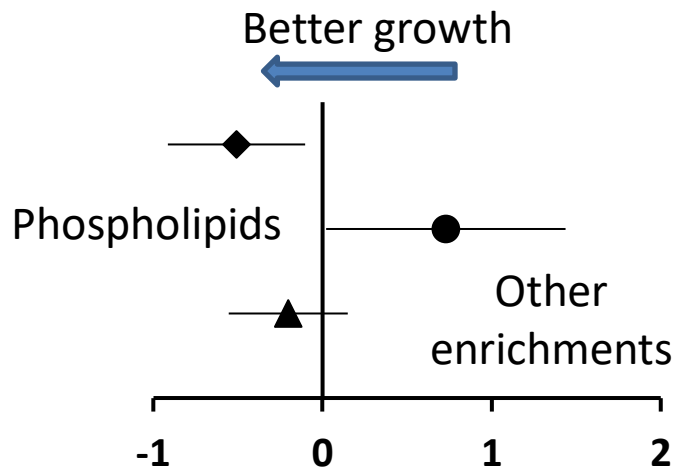
# Age estimation



## Artemia enrichments

### Previous data

- ✓ A meta-analysis showed that enrichment based in marine phospholipids improved the growth in *O. vulgaris* paralarvae
- ✓ A radiolabelling study showed that Artemia may not be the most appropriate vehicle to provide DHA to paralarvae

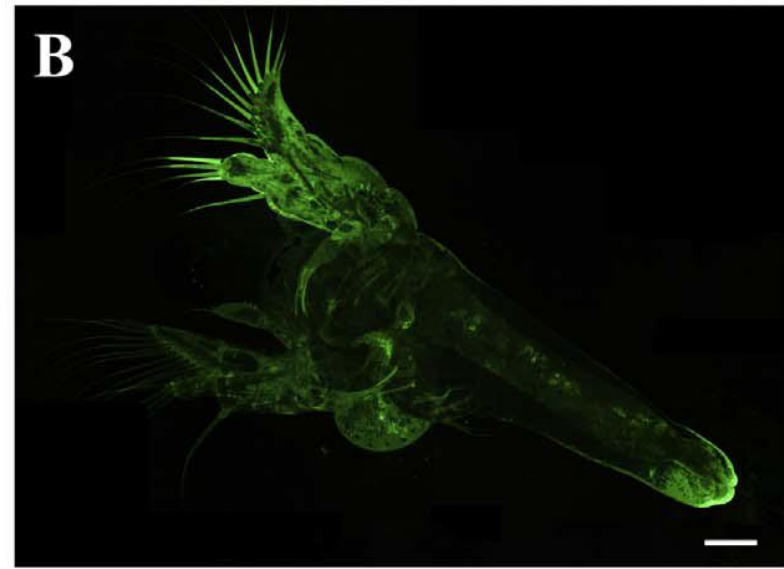




## Artemia enrichments

### Previous data

- ✓ An alternative way to transport bioactive molecules bond to exoeskeleton through quitine binding domains has been developed



## Artemia enrichments

### *Future challenges*

- ✓ Design of new *Artemia* enrichment protocols, with phospholipids, n-3 HUFA, copper and antioxidants, for use in co-feeding with other live preys



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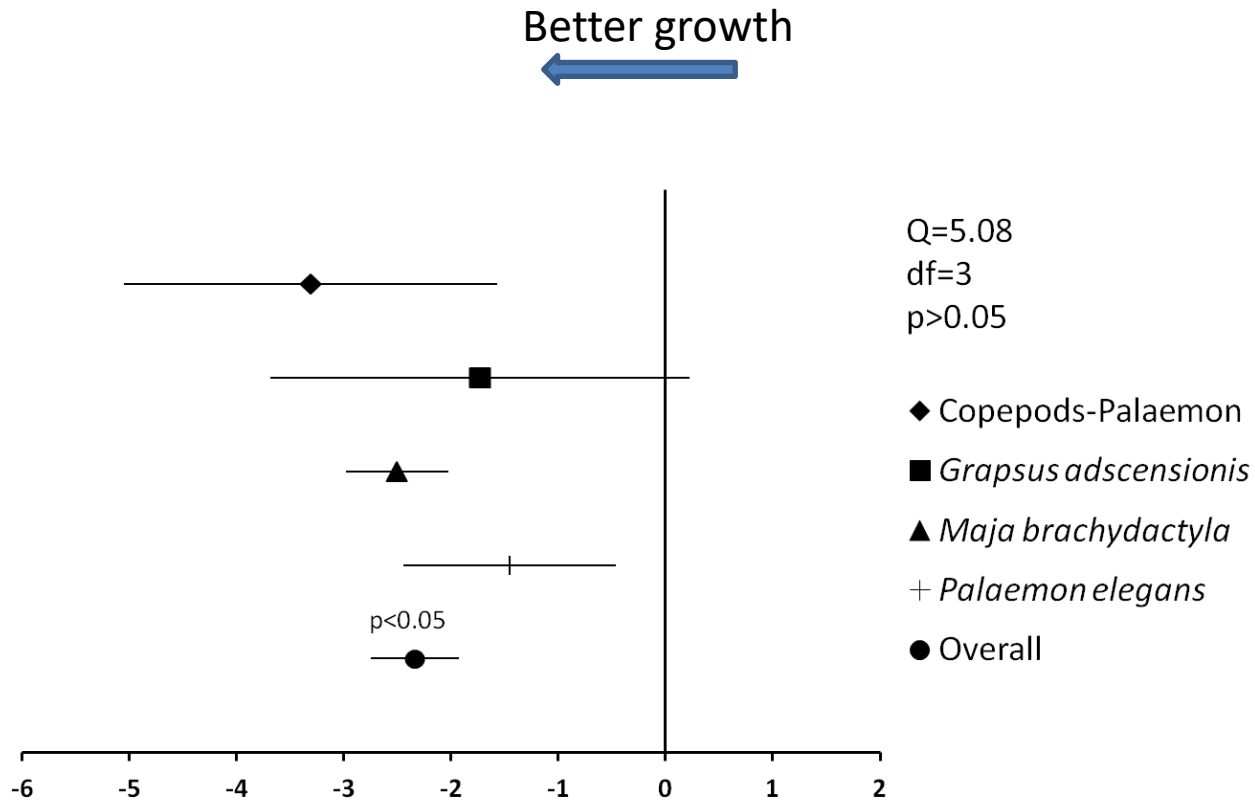
### *Key techniques*

- ✓ Design and formulation
- ✓ Biochemical composition
- ✓ Ingestion measures

## Alternative preys

### Previous data

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- ✓ It is necessary to search for a live prey easy to obtain and maintain in the laboratory that meets the nutritional requirements of the octopus paralarvae and adapts to its predatory behaviour
- ✓ Paralarvae are specialist predators at least during the first weeks of their life cycle and showed seasonal and spatial variability in the diet



## Alternative preys

### *Future challenges*

- ✓ Search for alternative prey with an adequate nutritional profile, easy to capture and keep in captivity or commercially available
- ✓ Look for preys suitable for both the paralarval and settlement phases.



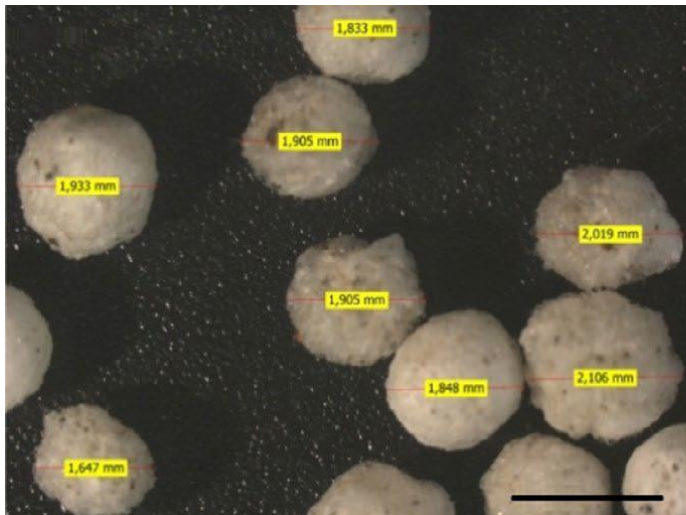
### *Key techniques*

- ✓ Prey selection
- ✓ Protocols for prey rearing
- ✓ Ingestion measures

## Inert diets

### Previous data

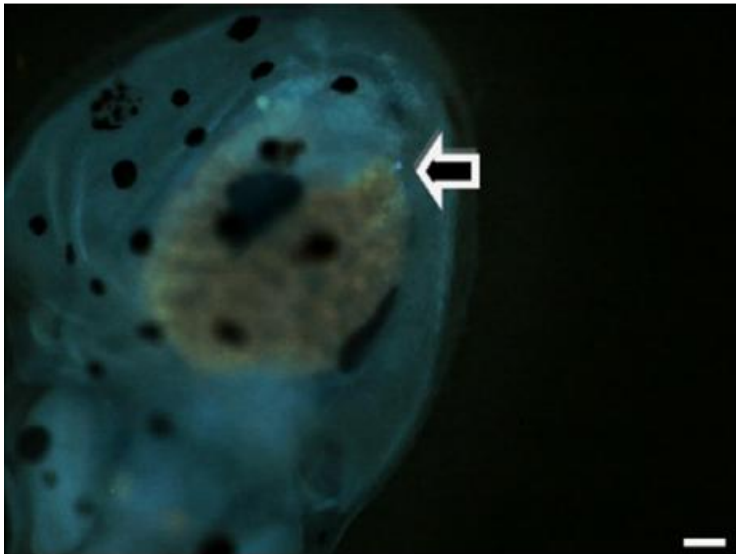
- ✓ Paralarvae attack and ingest inert diets. Effective ingestion can be tested adding  $10\ \mu\text{m}$  fluorospheres to the inert diet.
- ✓ A gelatine based diet for *O. vulgaris* was patented by Estefanell *et al.*, 2018 (ES2599603)
- ✓ Alginate-crab diets increases average weight at day 14.



## Inert diets

### *Future challenges*

- ✓ Formulate inert diets with commercial ingredients
- ✓ Designing inert diets to assess nutritional requirements
- ✓ Effects of heated ingredients in growth rate
- ✓ Effects of exogenous enzymes and emulsifiers



### *Key techniques*

- ✓ Design and formulation
- ✓ Biochemical composition
- ✓ Buoyancy
- ✓ Acceptability
- ✓ Ingestion measures

# Bienestar animal



European Directive 2010/63/EU

RD 53/2013-España

**COST Action FA1301 “A network for improvement of cephalopod welfare and husbandry in research, aquaculture and fisheries (CephsInAction)”**

**3 R**

- **REPLACE**
- **REDUCE**
- **REFINE**



- ✓ **Establish cephalopod guidelines**
- ✓ **Revise current information and produce new information**
- ✓ **Exchange of information between scholars and institutions**

Anestésicos

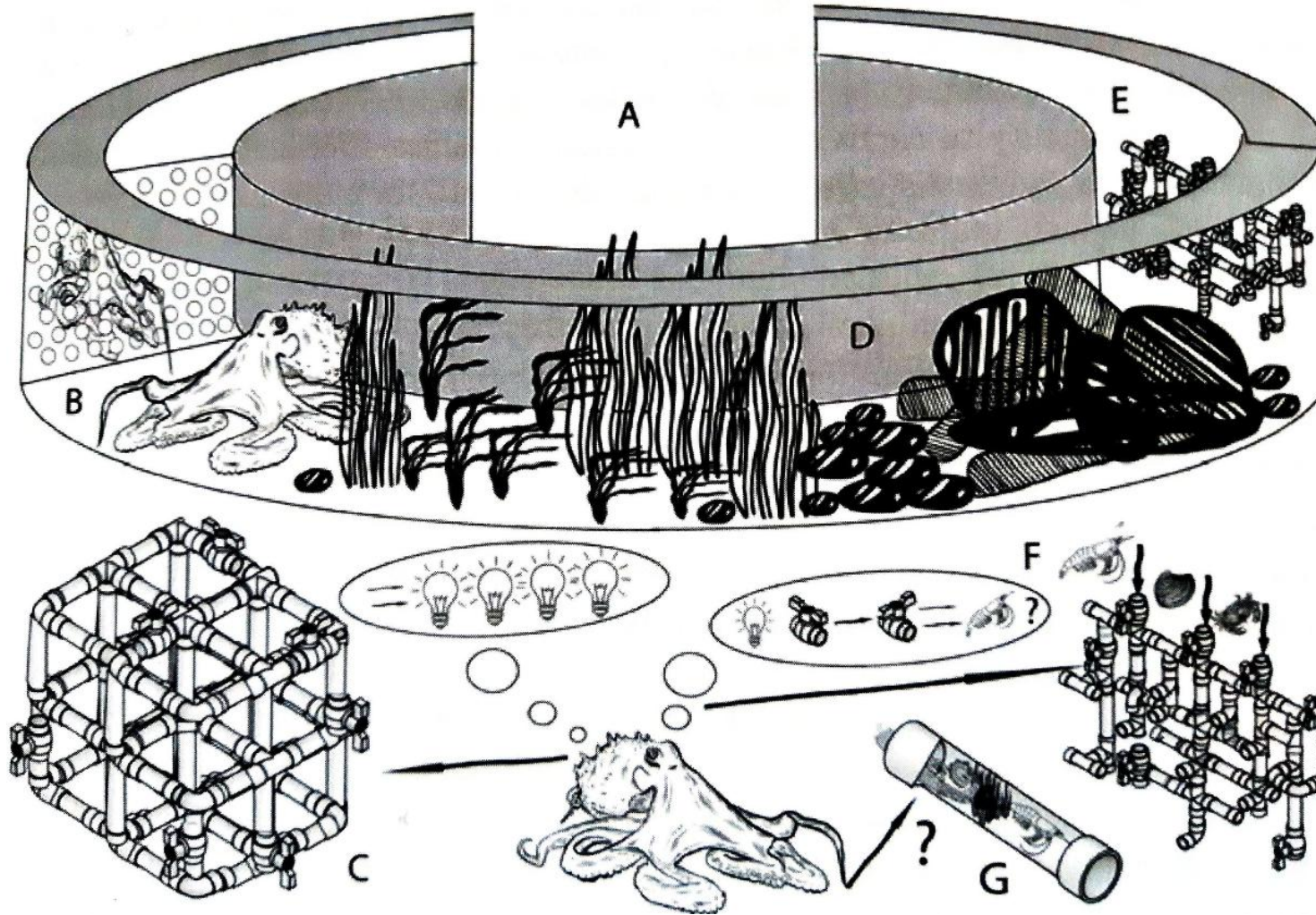
Métodos no  
invasivos

Marcadores de  
estrés

Enriquecimiento  
ambiental



# Bienestar animal



# The Case Against Octopus Farming

For ethical and environmental reasons, raising octopuses in captivity for food is a bad idea.

Octopuses stand out among invertebrates for their complex behavior. They are capable of problem-solving, mimicking their surroundings using color changes that take place on a scale of seconds, outwitting predatory sharks, discriminating individual humans, engaging in playful behavior, and hunting in response to cooperative signals sent by fish. As these patterns of behavior suggest, octopuses (as well as some other cephalopods) have sophisticated nervous systems and large brains. Given their exceptional abilities, one might ask whether humans should be eating octopus at all, but here we want to raise a different ethical question. As global demand for octopus grows, especially in affluent markets, so have efforts to farm them. We believe that octopuses are particularly well suited to this in captivity and have pro-

harvested from their natural habitats. Intertidally, octopus became part of the global food system in the latter half of the twentieth century and is now one of the fastest growing food industries. Aquatic animals raised in intensive, land-based domestication, and approximately 550 different animal species, from oysters and shrimp to salmon and even bluefin tuna, are raised in captivity in many countries. Farmed aquatic animals now constitute a significant portion of the seafood market in many industrialized nations. As with terrestrial animals, the intensive aquaculture of aquatic animals is associated with environmental concerns, but little is known about the welfare of farmed aquatic animals. Fish raised in intensive aquaculture develop traits not seen in the wild and tend to be more aggressive, experience more chronic stress and are more susceptible to disease. Fish raised in intensive aquaculture may have lower immune function that makes them more control over their lives. Even simple physical stressors like tank wall color can have dramatic effects on fish behavior and aggression.

## Feeding fish with fish

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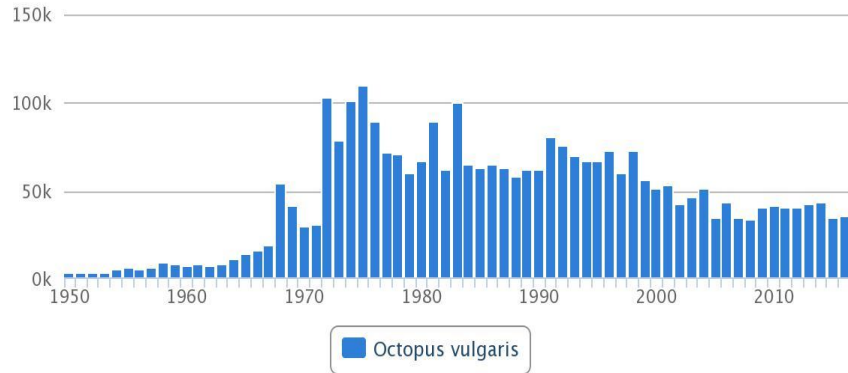
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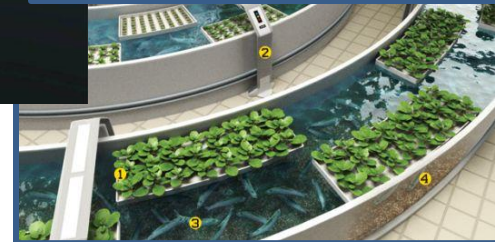
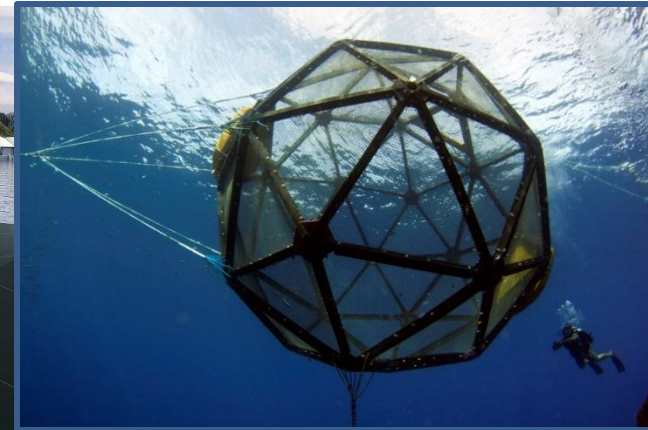
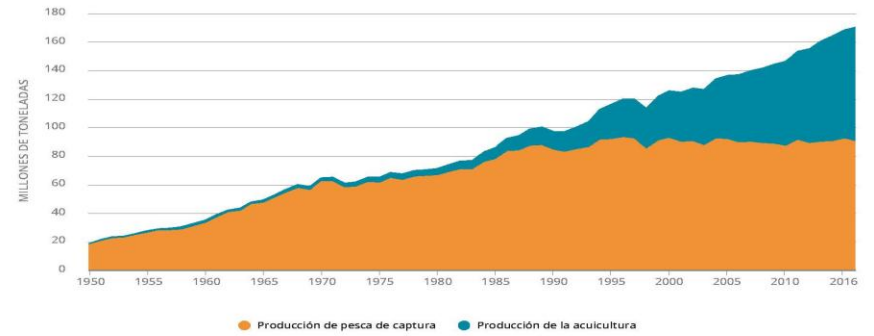
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A close-up photograph of a person's hands wearing blue nitrile gloves, holding a small, brown, wrinkled octopus. The octopus is curled up, and its tentacles are visible. The background is slightly out of focus, showing a white sink and a white wall. The text "MUCHAS GRACIAS POR SU ATENCIÓN" is overlaid in the center of the image in a bold, blue, sans-serif font with a white outline.

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## What is in an octopus's mind?

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**Abstract:** It is difficult to imagine what an animal as different from us as the octopus 'thinks', but we can make some progress. In the *Umwelt* or perceptual world of an octopus, what the lateralized monocular eyes perceive is not color but the plane of polarization of light. Information is processed by a bilateral brain but manipulation is done by a radially symmetrical set of eight arms. Octopuses do not self-monitor by vision. Their skin pattern system, used for excellent camouflage, is open loop. The output of the motor system of the eight arms is organized at several levels — brain, intrabrachial commissure and local brachial ganglia. Octopuses may be motivated by a combination of fear and exploration. Several actions — a head bob for motion parallax, a 'Passing Cloud' skin display to startle prey, and particularly exploration by their arms — demonstrate the presence of a controlling mind, motivated to gather information. Yet most octopuses are solitary and many are cannibalistic, so they must always be on guard, even against conspecifics. The actions of octopuses can be domain general, with flexible problem-solving strategies, enabling them to survive "by their wits" in a challenging and variable environment.

**Keywords:** octopus, *Umwelt*, arm control, exploration, mind



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