# Immunoprophylaxis for aquaculture species in Latin America

Latin American research network to develop and promote immunoprophylaxis techniques for aquaculture.





Immunoprophylaxis for improving the sanitary quality of economically important aquaculture species in Latin America.

## The implemented initiative

The objective of the project was to develop an immunoprophylaxis program for aquaculture species, and thus improve their zoosanitary characteristics in culture. To this end, during the 20 months of its execution, immunoprophylaxis products developed and elaborated by Biodinámica SA were tested, which are

characterized by being strong inducers of innate immunity in salmonids, with the aim of studying their application in other aquaculture crops in the region such as native and introduced tropical species (white cachama, black cachama and tilapia) and shrimp (white shrimp).

#### Develop an immunoprophylaxis program

### The technological solution

A diagnosis of Latin American aquaculture and its sanitary problems was made, determining that at the local and regional level there is a common and inherent problem in aquaculture activity that refers to the susceptibility of these species to diseases. The most widely used therapies for the health management of diseases at the regional and level are curative, through the use of chemicals and antibiotics. During the Project, bioassays were carried out to determine the biosecurity of the products, as well as studies to evaluate their efficacy for the prophylaxis of infections of the two most important pathogens that affect Latin American aquaculture (Piscirickettsia salmonis) in salmon and the Mancha Blanca Virus. in white shrimp. In addition, tests of the products were carried out under field conditions with tilapia and cachamas.

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#### **Results**

The results showed that the immunostimulant products developed by Biodinámica are innocuous and safe for tropical species such as tilapia and cachamas, without showing adverse effects in any of the tested conditions. In bioassays with cachamas, additionally, a greater consumption of food with immunostimulant was found during the evaluated period. This demonstrated that there is technical / economic feasibility for the

incorporation of immunostimulating products in aquaculture health programs. On the other hand, in those species where standardized biological models were used to study pathogens, positive results were achieved for the control of experimental infections with the Piscirickettsia bacteria in salmon and with the White Spot Virus in shrimp.



#### **Participating Organizations**







