



Intensiivse vesiviljeluse uued võimalused- edusammud *Ulva* kultiveerimistehnoloogiate väljatöötamisel meil ja mujal –

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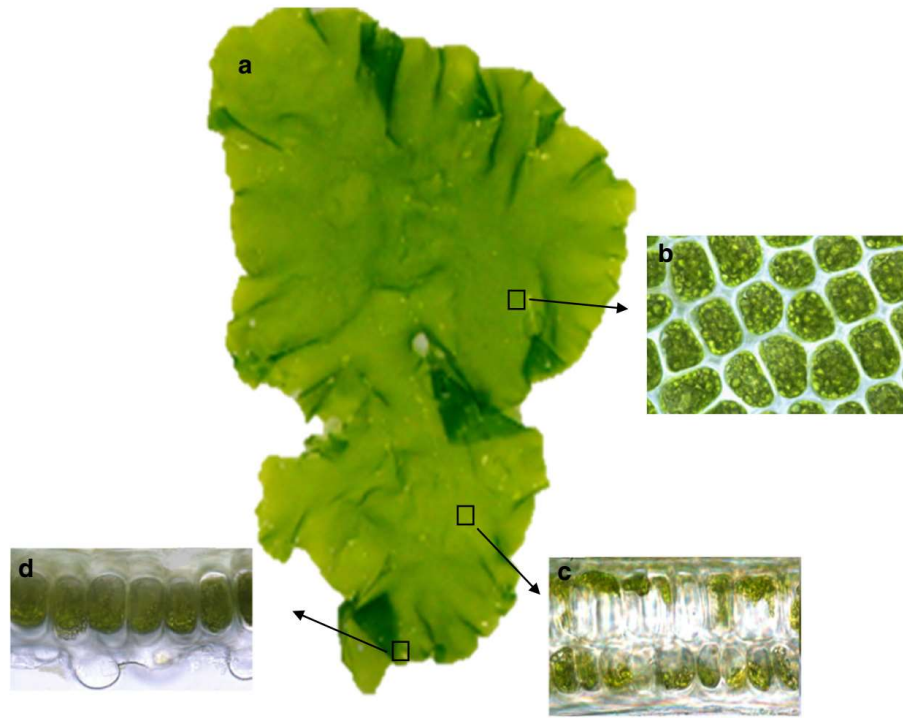


Fig. 1 Thallus organization in *Ulva* (a: *Ulva* thallus, b: Cell organization in surface view, c: Transverse section of thallus, d: Transverse section of rhizoidal cell). Adopted from Lawton et al. (2013)

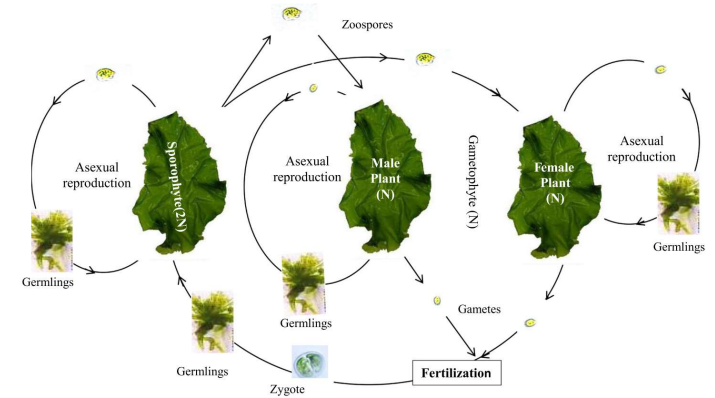


Fig. 3 Typical life cycle in *Ulva*

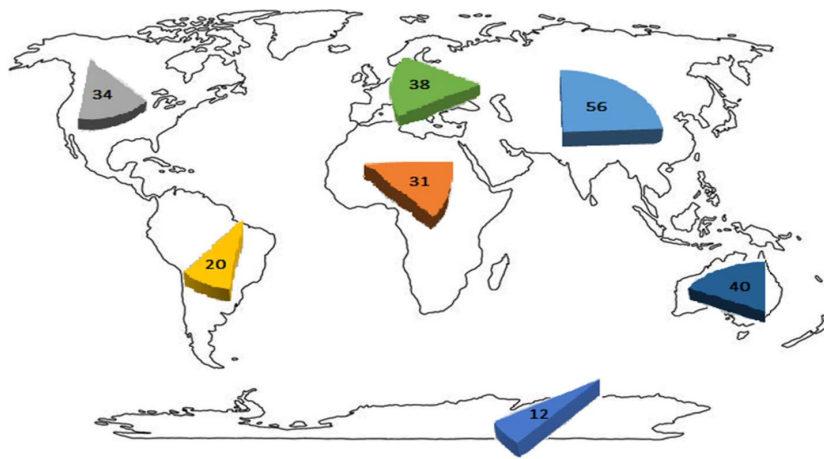


Fig. 2 World map showing continent-wise distribution of number of distinct species of *Ulva*. Source: Guiry and Guiry (2020)

Concise review of green algal genus *Ulva* Linnaeus

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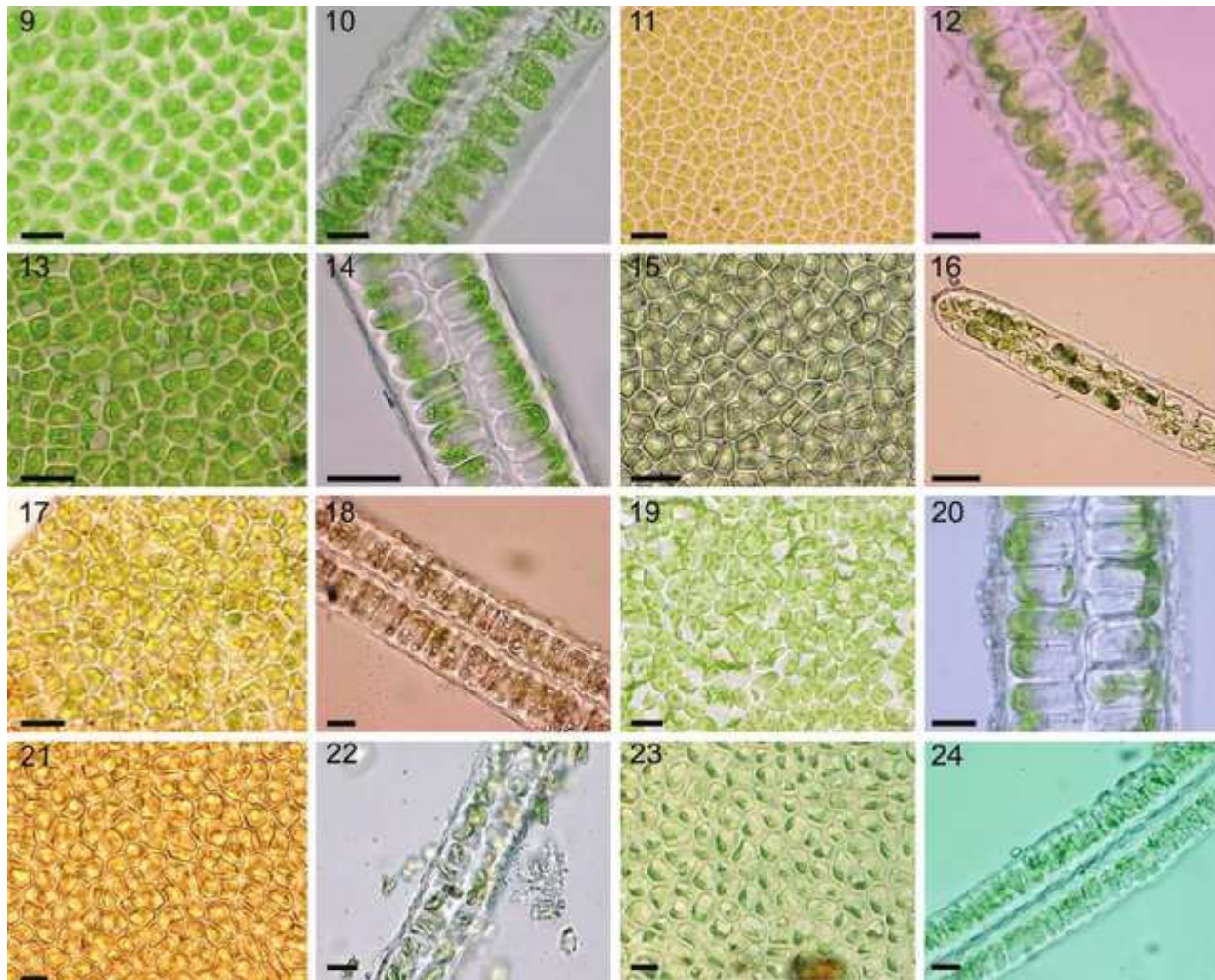
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Abstract

The green algal genus *Ulva* is widely distributed around all continents. Plants with both distromatic or monostromatic thalli now form a single taxon based on ITS rDNA and *rbcL* gene sequencing. *Ulva* is known to occupy several ecological niches including freshwater and marine (intertidal and subtidal) habitats, attributed to its tolerance to key determinants such as light, temperature, and salinity. The genus is perceived as model system to study life cycle, morphogenesis and development from simple to complex multicellularity. The life cycle is isomorphic and biphasic type, knowledge of which is important in developing viable cultivation techniques. The culture of *Ulva* is by photo-bioreactor, land-based, and open-sea farming producing about 1500 t dry annum⁻¹ biomass. The understanding of scientific basis for eutrophication-driven green tide events is of paramount importance for coastal ecosystem management. Studies related to cross-kingdom cross-talk between *Ulva* and surrounding microbes have been recently undertaken through high-throughput techniques to understand their role in growth, development, and morphogenesis. Several regional species are rich in vital nutrients and thus qualify in the functional food sector, and recent research is poised to develop a bio-refinery model for complete utilization of feedstock. *Ulva* spp. are also used as a feed source in aquaculture and for environmental bioremediation.

Keywords Chlorophyta · Bio-refinery · Green tide · Life cycle · Microbiome · Photo-bioreactor · *Ulva*





Ciaran et al 2006

Fig. 9. *U. rigida*, Fig. 10. *U. rigida*, Fig. 11. *U. scandinavica*, Fig. 12. *U. scandinavica*, Fig. 13. *U. lactuca*, Fig. 14. *U. lactuca*, Fig. 15. *U. gigantea*, Fig. 16. *U. gigantea*, Fig. 17. *U. rotundata*, Fig. 18. *U. rotundata*, Fig. 19. *Umbraulva olivascens*, Fig. 20. *Umbraulva olivascens*, Fig. 21. *U. californica*, Fig. 22. *U. californica*, Fig. 23. *U. compressa*, Fig. 24. *U. compressa*.



Tubular thalli, partly inflated,
unbranched, except occasionally
near the base



Typical large expanse on coastal rocks



Cells in random order with hood-shaped chloroplasts and one pyrenoid per cell.
Diameter of cells: 12.4–15.7 μm (can be up to 25 μm)

Ulva intestinalis

<http://www.outerhebridesalgae.uk/>

Miks just *Ulva*?



- Globaalne levik, madal rannikumeri, lihtne ligipääs kultiveerimismaterjalile (www.algaebase.com/Guiry 2020).
- Ülikiire kasvukiirus, võib kahekordistada oma biomassi päevaga ja on võimalik kasvatada suurtel pindadel ja kogustes aasta läbi, nii kinnitunult kui kinnitumata vormis (Broch et al., 2012, Bruhn et al. 2011; Shpigel et al., 2015; Praeger et al., 2019). Lihtne paljundada nii vegetatiivselt kui spooridena (Praeger et al, 2019).
- Lihtne kasvatada nii avameres kui maapealsetes tingimustes (Bolton et al., 2016)
- Mujal maailmas olemas kogemus biomassi tootmiseks ja kasutamiseks (värskelt või kuivatatult) inimtoiduks, loomasöödaks ja väärtuslike lisatoodete (kosmeetikatööstus, toidulisandid jne) tootmiseks (Bikker et al., 2016. Kidgell et al., 2019).
- Plastilisus biokeemilise koostise poolest, suur arv dokumenteeritud bioaktiivseid koostisaineid mis omavad antimikroobseid, antiviraalseid, antioksidantsed ja vähivastaseid omadusi (Mantry et al., 2020).
- Suurepäraseid omadused biofiltreerimiseks, toetades erinevaid ökosüsteemi teenuseid ja kasutatav nii avavee kui maapealsete vesiviljeluse projektide kestlikumaks muutmisel (Msuya & Neori 2008, Neveux et al., 2017: Gao et al., 2018).
- Võime kiirelt salvestada süsinikku (Gao et al., 2018).
- Potentsiaalne tooraine biolaguneva materjali (bioplastiku) tootmiseks (Helmes, 2018; Zhang et al., 2019).
- Ulva on egeneetiliselt hästi uuritud ja hetkel ainuke suurvetikas mida saab geneetiliselt muundada (Oertel et al. 2015; de Clerck et al. 2018, Blomme et al. 2021)

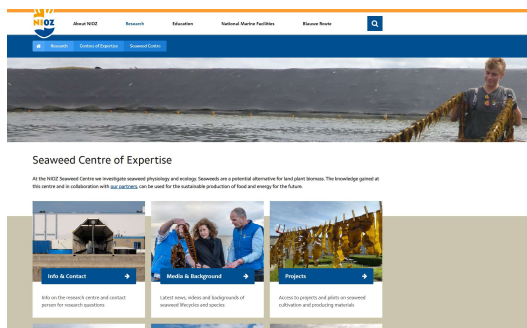
Ulva läänemeres



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494	<i>Ulva clathrata</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		P		Ulvaceae	<i>Ulva</i>	
495	<i>Ulva compressa</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X		P		Ulvaceae	<i>Ulva</i>	
496	<i>Ulva curvata</i>	X				X	X												Ulvaceae	<i>Ulva</i>	
497	<i>Ulva flexuosa</i>	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		P	X	Ulvaceae	<i>Ulva</i>	
498	<i>Ulva flexuosa subsp. paradoxa</i>	X	X	X		X										X	X		Ulvaceae	<i>Ulva</i>	
499	<i>Ulva intestinalis</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	P	P	X	Ulvaceae	<i>Ulva</i>	Gut weed; gutweed
500	<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X					P			Ulvaceae	<i>Ulva</i>	Sea lettuce	
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504	<i>Ulva torta</i>	X	X	X	X		X			X	X							Ulvaceae	<i>Ulva</i>		



Reinier Nauta checks *Ulva* growth in a 25,000 L saltwater tank at the NIOZ Seaweed Research Centre.



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How the Netherlands is building a seaweed industry

Dutch chemists, biologists, and engineers lay the groundwork for an ambitious national plan

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Credit: TNO

TNO has set up a lab in the Netherlands for third parties to analyze seaweed and produce small volumes of derivative products.

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ordering the cold, gray North Sea, the upper reaches of the Netherlands are dominated by flat, sandy farmland stretching as far as the eye can see. This quiet, windswept

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The Dutch Weed Burger, a food company, is finding success selling burgers in Amsterdam infused with *Ulva* and sugar kelp.



Ulva kultiveerimise projektid mujal

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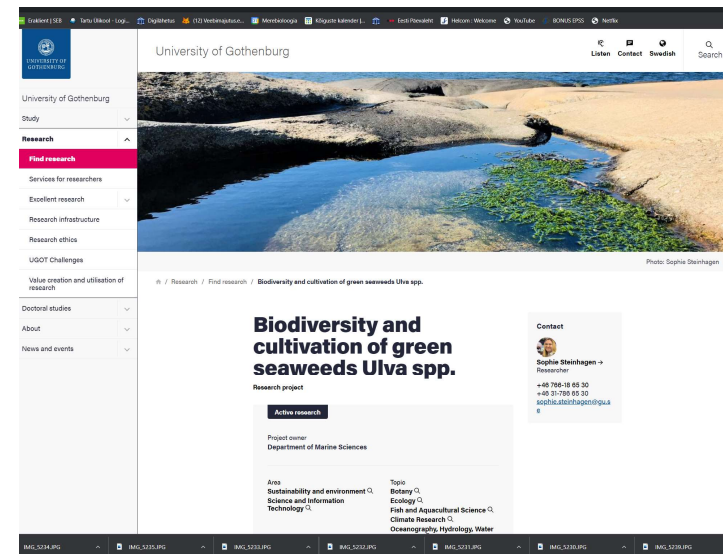
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Ulva sp cultivated in ponds at the University of Baja California in collaboration with PROMAC and Blue Evolution

Goal: Generating knowledge about physiological responses of seaweeds (including *Ulva sp*) to changing experimental conditions during cultivation. Applying this knowledge to optimize cultivation conditions.

<https://www.researchgate.net/project/Ulva-Project-Physiological-responses-and-growth-of-Ulva-sp-under-experimental-cultivation-in-land-based-ponds>



<https://www.gu.se/en/research/biodiversity-and-cultivation-of-green-seaweeds-ulva-spp>

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Cultivation of *Ulva lactuca* for bioenergy

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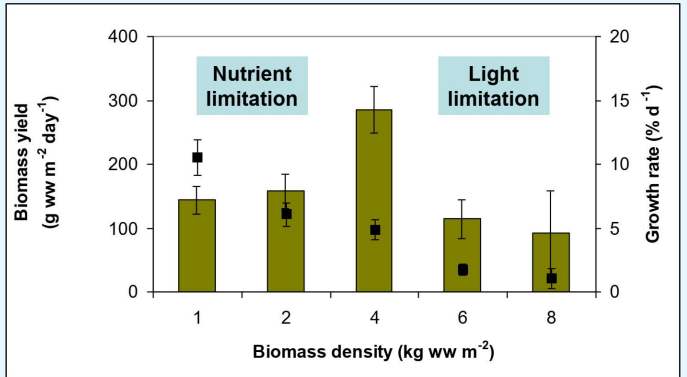


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Production potential

Optimal stocking density = 4 kg m⁻² (N=3)



Biomass density (kg ww m ⁻²)	Biomass yield (g ww m ⁻² day ⁻¹)	Growth rate (% d ⁻¹)
1	~140	~10
2	~150	~10
4	~280	~10
6	~110	~5
8	~90	~5


6: Bruhn *et al.*, 2010

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Production potential

Cultivation facility ⁵

- › 56° 47' 16" North (Mors)
- › 1 m² tanks
- › continuous aeration
- › addition of N and P
- › water exchange 6 times per day
- › salinity 25-28.5 psu
- › weekly adjustment of stocking density




5: Bidwell 1985

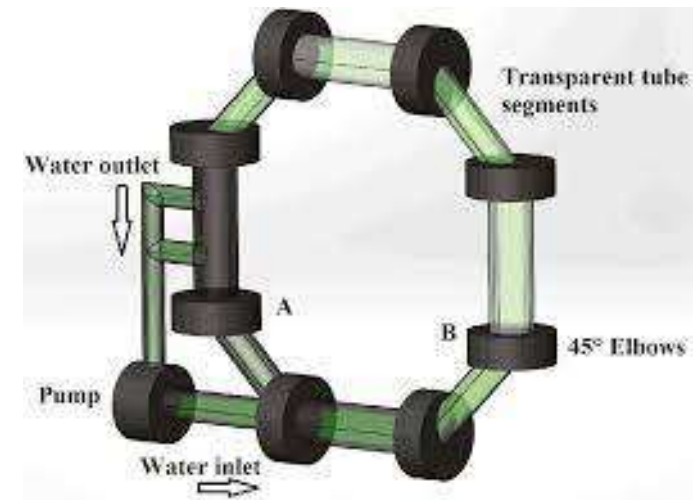
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Conditioning and storage

- › For further processes
 - › Avoid sand at harvest
 - › Avoid salt – or rinse
- › Screwpress
 - › reduction to 30 % water content
- › Pelletisation
 - › Unproblematic
 - › Water content of 17.5 % and a density of 800 kg m⁻³
 - › Compression of biomass by a factor 12



Patenteeritud ja toimivad *Ulva* kultiveerimise tehnoloogiad

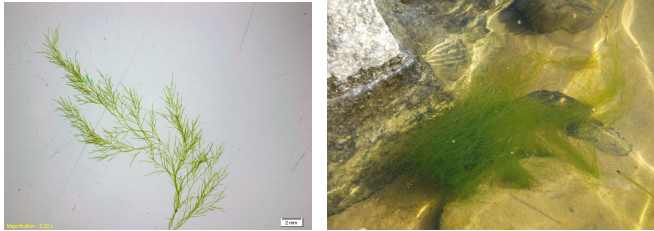


Patented "Ulva Bioreactor" model which gave annual *Ulva lactuca* biomass production data of around 50 Mt (metric tonnes) dry weight/ha/year (≈ 365 days). Towards A Seaweed Based Economy " : The Global Ten Billion People Issue At The Midst Of The 21st Century. Available from:

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Projekt: Mereveel põhineva kalakasvatuse heitvee puhastamine suurvetikate kultiveerimise kaudu.



MEREVEEL PÕHINEVA KALAKASVATUSE HEITVEE PUHASTAMINE SUURVETIKATE KULTIVEERIMISE KAUDU

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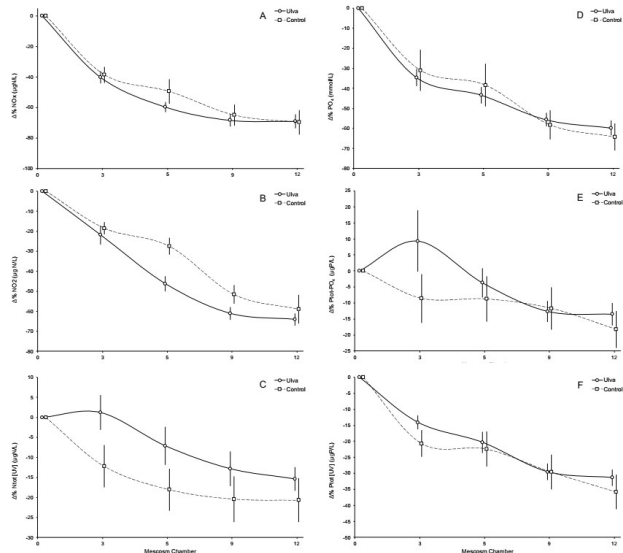
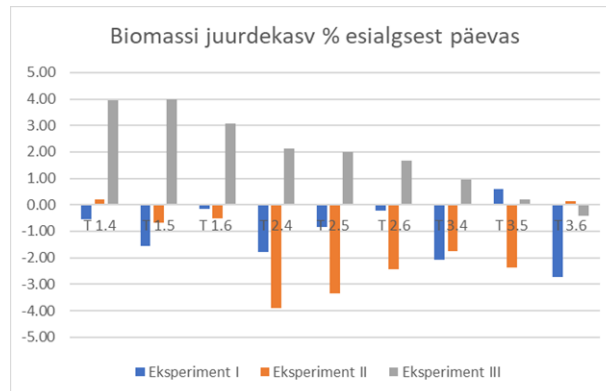


Figure 1: Change in the mean concentration of the nutrients (A = nitrite; B = nitrate; C = total nitrogen; D = phosphate; E = phosphorus; and F = total phosphorus) as a percentage relative to the initial trout stocked mesocosm across the mesocosm series. The mesocosms ranked four, five and six in the Ulva series were stocked with macroalgae. The control series contained no macroalgae. Error constructed as ± 1 standard error.



FILTRATION OF DISSOLVED ORGANIC NUTRIENTS FROM FISH FARM WASTEWATER USING A MACROALGAE BIOFILTER

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ABSTRACT

Intensive animal aquaculture damages the environment by releasing large quantities of nutrients which drives eutrophication in aquatic ecosystems. Macroalgae are efficient in uptaking nutrients as they grow with past studies suggesting their integration into aquaculture systems as a means to improve wastewater quality. This study was designed to assess the feasibility of using macroalgae as a biological filtration system for the removal of dissolved nutrients found in finfish farm wastewater. To test this, an experimental fish farm and mesocosm system was established on the northern coast of Saaremaa island, West Estonian archipelago. The green algae *Ulva intestinalis* was selected as a good candidate to assess the efficacy of a macroalgae biofiltration system to uptake nutrients. The results obtained show at best a 18–25% reduction in waste water nutrient concentrations for the nitrogenous compounds nitrite and nitrate for mesocosms stocked with macroalgae compared with the control. The system experienced an average 60% reduction in nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations in wastewater outflow compared to concentrations present within the finfish mesocosm. Additionally, the subsequent biomass gain of the incubated macroalgae species *Ulva intestinalis* is reported to be 4% per day at its maximum rate. The results obtained in this study indicate that *Ulva intestinalis* can be integrated into aquaculture systems as a nitrogen biofilter. In addition, the macroalgae biomass produced may offer aquaculture operations an additional income stream improving farm economics.

Keywords: aquaculture, biofilter, macroalgae, nutrients, bioremediation, ulva, nitrogen, DMTA.

1 INTRODUCTION

The decline of wild fish stocks has necessitated the need for aquaculture to offset the increasing global demand for fish protein [1]. However, as demand for fish protein grows the increasing intensification of finfish aquaculture requires ever greater inputs, in particular, that of fish feed [2], [3]. However, as no operation is 100% efficient, wastes in such systems are formed as either by-products or as unused inputs. As a consequence, intensive finfish aquaculture is known to cause several adverse environmental impacts through the excessive output of nutrients, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus, into aquatic ecosystems [4]–[6]. For instance, the production of finfish in Japan has been found to generate on average approximately 0.8 kg of N and 0.1 kg of phosphorus irrespective of fish species cultivated [7]. Furthermore, the waste discharged by 63,000 tons of finfish or the total amount of cultivated fish in Japan for the year of 1999 is equivalent to that of 5 million people [7]. Consequently, coastal eutrophication has been identified as on major ecological impact and one that disproportionately effects enclosed and coastal systems associated with finfish aquaculture. This highlights the need for the development of strategies that limit the output of nutrients as a means to protect the environment and to ensure the future expansion and intensification of finfish aquaculture is conducted in a sustainable manner. Therefore, the challenge that is presented is to develop methods and technologies that minimize the negative environmental impacts of finfish aquaculture wastes.

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Eesmärk: selgitada välja rohevetika *Ulva intestinalis* kasvatamiseks optimaalsed tingimused ja selle baasil kirjeldada vetika kasvatamiseks optimaalne tehnoloogia.

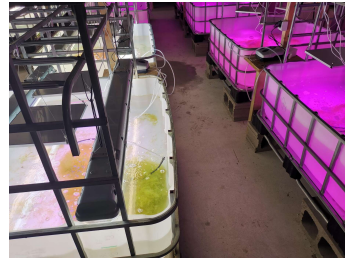
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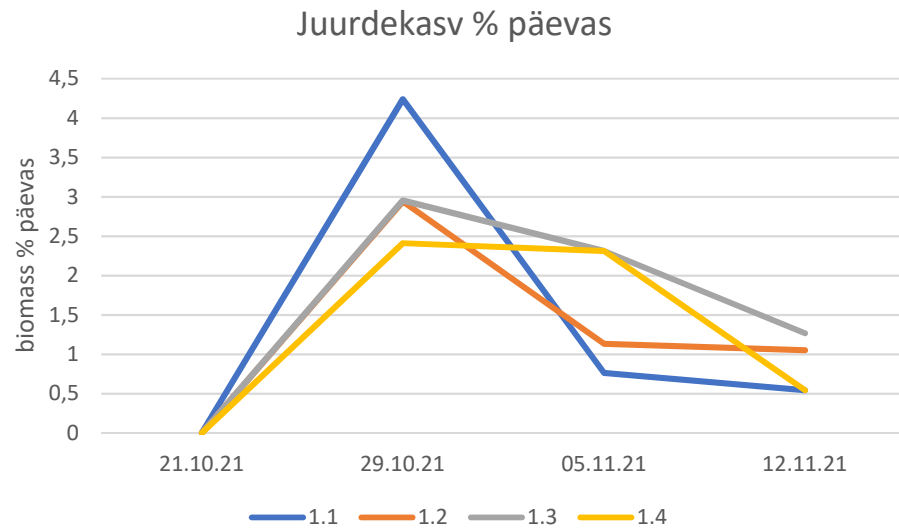
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juurdekasv päevas g	23.64	20.00	28.18	22.73
juurdekasv kokku %	46.43	43.14	56.36	43.86
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Description

A growing interest in the development of oceanic coastal shores has arisen over the past decade, seeking alternative sustainable food sources and other valuable products. Our initiative aims at exploiting the potential of marine seaweeds in Europe. Building on the successes of previous EU and pan-European projects on seaweeds, and due to the unique characteristics of the genus *Ulva* (Linnaeus, 1753), we have identified these green algae as the most suitable candidate and model organism for a novel kind of European mariculture. Much of the knowledge on *Ulva*, generated in diverse scientific disciplines and different communities, is not easily comparable nor is it shared among scientists, stakeholders, end users and the public. This COST Action proposes an innovative conceptual pathway to address these issues, significantly improving knowledge in the biology of the most promising *Ulva* spp., capitalising on their economic potential, and exploring commercial applications in the human food, animal feed, pharmaceutical industries and ecosystem service. The COST Action combines interdisciplinary approaches to the sustainable use of marine resources, encompassing all the facets of *Ulva* biology, ecology, aquaculture, engineering, economic and social sciences. This Action will lead to the development of advanced science, create business and job opportunities in the maritime and coastal economies, and have a significant impact on societal welfare. This COST Action fulfils the current 'Societal Challenges Priorities' of European Horizon 2020 strategy for food security, and its application will contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals 14 (UNSDG) to conserve and sustainably exploit natural resources.

Action keywords

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