

Interacción entre estuario y estanques de marisma adyacentes

Procesos de producción primaria en
sistemas acuáticos gestionados e inundados
con agua procedente del estuario.

Caso particular en Veta la Palma.

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Inundación controlada

Condiciones favorables
para crecimiento de
“inóculo” procedente
del estuario

Productividad limitada



Presencia de comunidad de
fitoplancton en baja densidad

En estudio

Modelo global de producción



Papel esencial de la estructura de la comunidad de fitoplancton

Importancia especial del fitoplancton en ecosistemas acuáticos



- 1) Phytoplankton community composition
- 2) Salt marsh elevation and plant health
- 3) Size distribution of aquatic organisms

Dependencia de:

Carga y relación entre nutrientes

Estacionalidad (luz, temperatura)

Hidráulica

Salinidad

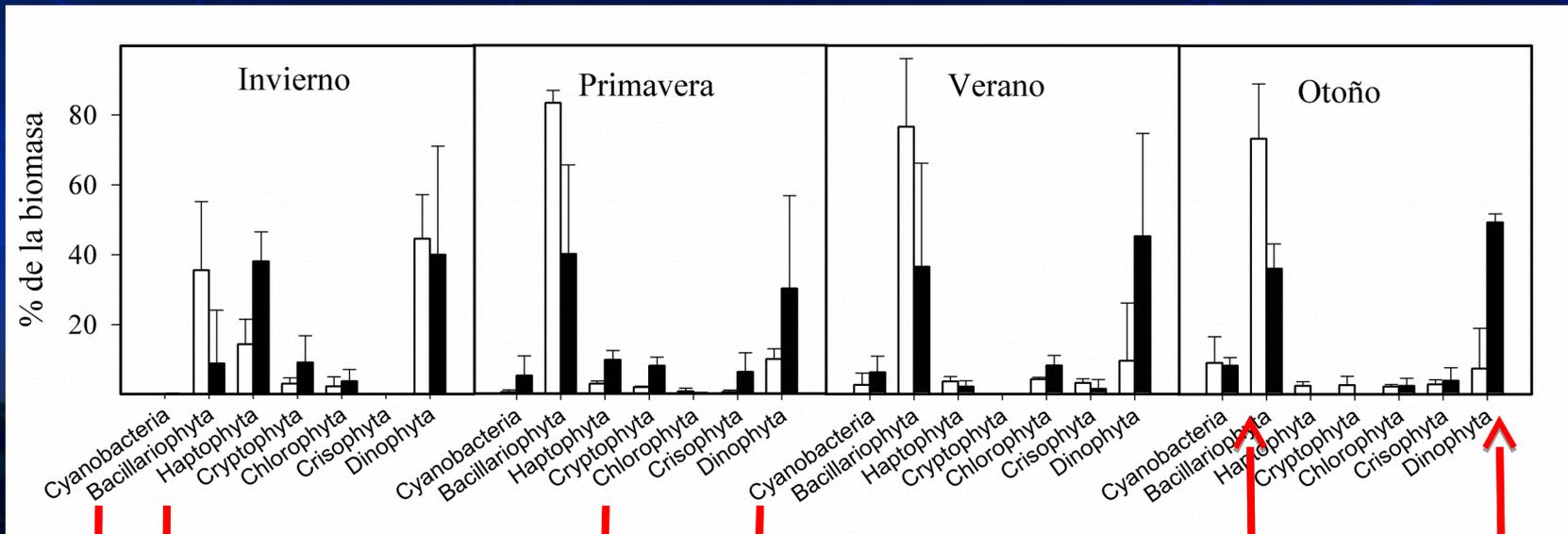
Turbidez

Interacciones biota

Proveedor principal de nutrientes esenciales para el desarrollo.

40 especies identificadas y agrupadas

Distribución estacional de principales grupos taxonómicos de fitoplancton en estanques de VLP sometidos a dos tipos de regímenes hidráulicos.



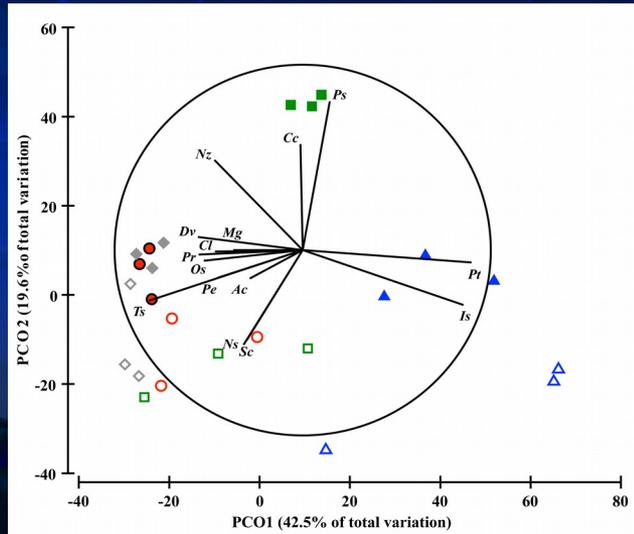
Mínima presencia de especies de bajo valor nutricional

Dominancia de diatomeas, haptofitas y dinofitas en invierno

Importancia del flujo de agua

Sistema con elevada capacidad para conducir nutrientes y energía hacia posiciones tróficas superiores

Hidráulica 19.6%



Estacionalidad 42.5%



Especies de máximo valor trófico, con crecimiento normal en agua de mar



Marcada diferencia con ecosistemas dulceacuícolas, típicos de Doñana

Estanques reconstruidos en Isla Mayor

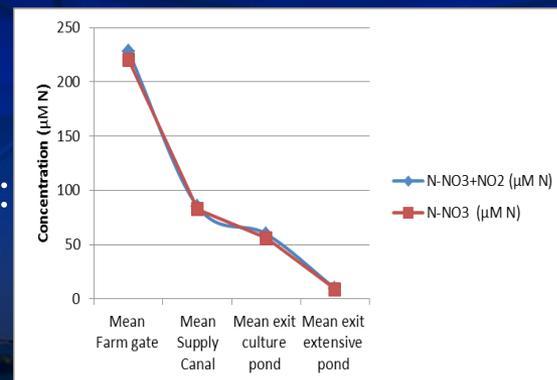


Nutrientes en salida:
 1-25 $\mu\text{M N}$
 0,2-5 $\mu\text{M P}$

Nutrientes en entrada:
 50-250 $\mu\text{M N}$
 0,5-5 $\mu\text{M P}$



Canales perimetrales
 Engorde de lubina con pienso

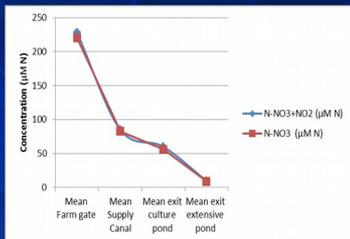


Aprox. 96% retención

Plataforma central agua somera
 Alta productividad bentónica.
 Accesible para aves

Evaluación de servicios ecosistémicos

Estima del balance de nutrientes y su reciclaje en biomasa



Retención annual de N:
150 kg/Ha

Sobre 1.8 Tm BS/Ha

≈ 0.8 Tm BS/Ha

Flamencos y anátidas
principales consumidores

Alimentación fauna salvaje



Recursos acuícolas

Apoyo alimentario a
recursos pesqueros

Integración de nutrientes en acuicultura



N: 0.9%
P: 2.3%



Enfoque ecosistémico de la acuicultura

*Promovido desde
2005 por la FAO*

*Dentro de la estrategia para
la acuicultura sostenible en
la UE desde 2002*

Mantenimiento de servicios y plasticidad del ecosistema
Conservación de recursos para la sociedad
Cumplimiento nacional de normativa y fines de la UE

Acuicultura en humedales reconstruidos en entornos con elevado contenido en nutrientes.

Carga de nutrientes en estuarios de ríos grandes muy elevada.



Concentración muy alta y focalizada

Guadalquivir \approx 18.000 Tm N año

Tajo: 14.000 Tm N año
Ebro: 12.000 Tm N año

El correcto reciclado de nutrientes depende del desarrollo de comunidades de fitoplancton con el adecuado valor trófico

Evaluación de servicios ecosistémicos

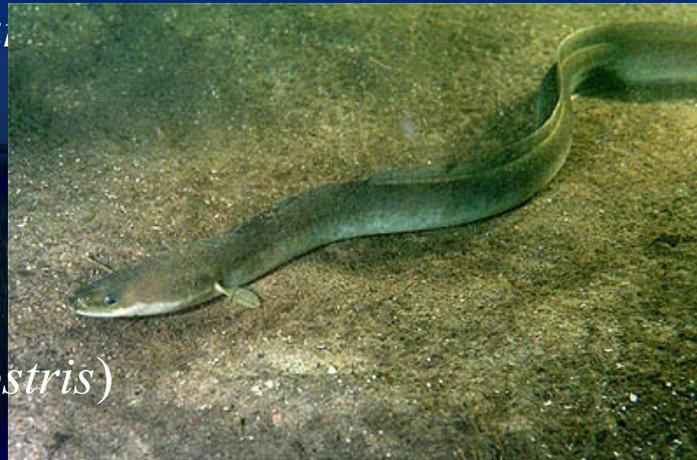
Contribución en conservación de especies amenazadas

Especies en lista roja IUCN



Cerceta pardilla
(*Marmaronetta angustirostris*)

Anguila europea (*Anguilla*
a...)

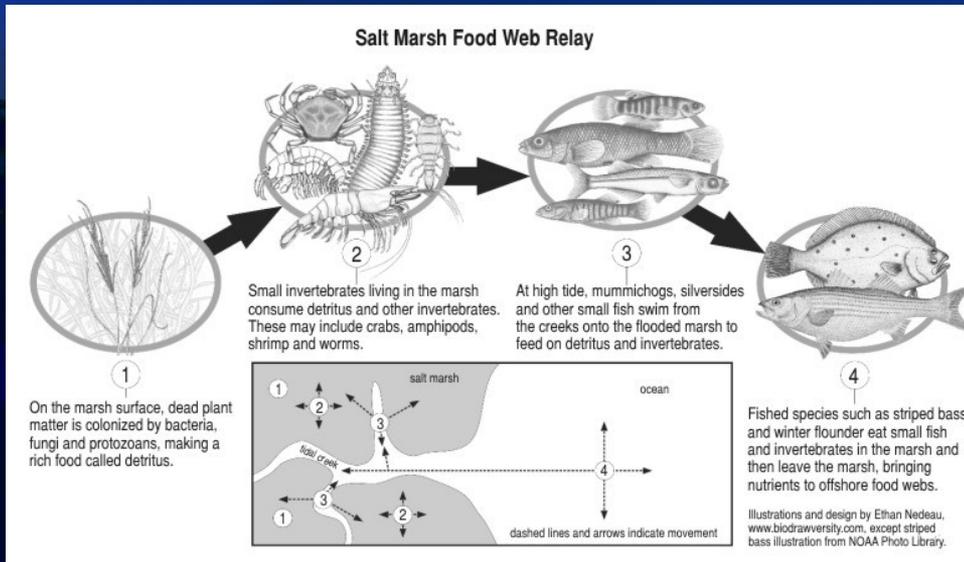


Gaviota picofina
(*Larus genei*)

Los humedales permanentemente inundados representan un refugio crucial para algunas especies amenazadas

Evaluación de servicios ecosistémicos

Provisión de refugio para alevinaje y reclutamiento



Amplio apoyo científico



Alimento
y refugio

From: The Gulf of Maine Times. Volume 9(2). 2005

Evaluación de servicios ecosistémicos

Disminución de eutrofización costera

Impacto severo de rios caudalosos e hipereutróficos en ecosistemas

costeros.....

.....y en sus recursos asociados



Pesca

Turismo

Anoxia fondos?

Zonas muertas



De: Smetacek & Zingone. 2005. Green and golden seaweed tides on the rise. Nature 504



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Reciclaje de nutrientes en alimentos de calidad marina

Consumo directo

Materia prima para procesado



Diversificación oferta con productos nuevos

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Flow regime in a restored wetland determines trophic links and species composition in the aquatic macroinvertebrate community

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Flow regime is a major determinant of physicochemical habitat of a wetland.
- Water exchanges wetland-estuary modify its aquatic community and trophic links.
- Community and physiological tolerance key in the resilience of a wetland community.
- Trophic niche of *Palaemon* seems not to be strongly by the presence of *F. macrodactylus*.
- The shrimp *P. varians* has a key role in the stability of the aquatic faunal community.

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ABSTRACT

In a restored wetland (South of Spain), where different flow regimes control water exchange with the adjacent Guadalquivir estuary, the native Palaemon species coexists with an exotic counterpart species Palaemon macrodactylus. This controlled microcosm offers an excellent opportunity to investigate how the effect of water management, through different flow regimes, and the presence of a non-native species affect the aquatic community and the trophic niche (by gut contents and C-N isotopic composition) of the native shrimp Palaemon varians. We found that increased water exchange rate (36 day⁻¹ in mixed ponds vs. 0.13 day⁻¹ in extensive ponds) modified the aquatic community of this wetland, while extensive ponds are dominated by isopods and amphipods with low presence of P. macrodactylus, mixed ponds presented high biomass of mysids, ostracods, copepods and both shrimp species. An estuarine origin of nutrients and primary production might explain seasonal and spatial differences found among ponds of this wetland. A combined analysis of gut contents and isotopic composition of the native and the exotic species showed that: (1) native P. varians is mainly omnivorous (2) while the non-native P. macrodactylus is more zooplanktivorous and (3) a dietary overlap occurred when both shrimp coexist at mixed ponds where a higher water exchange and high abundance of copepods and ostracods diversifies the native species diet. Thus differences in the trophic ecology of both species are clearly explained by water management. The experimental study is a valuable tool for integrated management between river basin and wetland since it allows quantification of wetland community changes in response to the flow regime. © 2014 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

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Flushing-related changes of phytoplankton seasonal assemblages in marsh ponds of the warm temperate Guadalquivir river estuary (SW Spain)

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Abstract The effect of controlled flushing on natural phytoplankton communities in brackish estuarine water ponds of Doñana National Park (Guadalquivir marshes, SW Spain) was evaluated throughout a year cycle by 16S chloroplast rDNA metagenome analysis. Multivariate analysis of phytoplankton assemblages based on the abundance of 30 main identified microalgae included in seven different phyla revealed pond flushing accounted for 19.6% of total data variation, a value far below the 42.5% variability explained by seasonality. Microalgae species biovolume was a better descriptor explaining phytoplankton assemblages in comparison to species relative abundance.

also enhanced by low water flushing, but only during winter and spring. Two main haplotypes that seasonally succeeded each other exhibited opposed response to hydrology with *Isochrysis* sp. showing negative response to increased flushing and *Dacronema vlikanum* showing a positive reaction. Both species represented a permanent and relevant haplotypes contribution to phytoplankton assemblages in marsh ponds previously undescribed in the area.

Keywords Marsh pond · Hydrology · Phytoplankton assemblage · Seasonality

Difusión de resultados

Optimizing ecosystem services in reconstructed wetlands for aquaculture

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Introduction

Various environmental impacts from aquaculture facilities such as release of excessive nutrients and waste, disease transmission, biodiversity impacts combined with spatial conflicts and the ethics of using fishmeal based diets have brought bad publicity to the industry.

Recent European Union strategies for sustainable aquaculture development in 2002, 2009 and 2013 are aimed at increasing sustainability in aquaculture both in terms of compliance with EU environmental policies and ensuring growth in the industry. The Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP) works closely with the European Commission on policies such as the Water Framework Directive and the outcome of the EU Habitats and Birds directives (the Nature 2000 sites). These initiatives in combination with the FEAP's on-going collaboration with the World Conservation Union (IUCN) will encourage aquaculture to increase environmental sustainability.

Benefits

High primary production provides the energy that drives the system with summer values of:

- *Benthic: 0.54 g C m⁻² d⁻¹
- *Water column: 4.16 g C m⁻² d⁻¹
- and pond vegetation biomass that reaches 1–2.5kg m⁻².

Dual stable isotope studies suggest that benthic and macrophyte primary production contributes more to secondary consumers than water column (phytoplankton) production.

1. Support to bird biodiversity

Using monthly census data in combination with metabolic requirements for each species, and applying assimilation efficiencies and mean dietary energy values, we estimate birds consume 13, 677 tonnes wet weight per annum or 4.56t ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹.

Ducks (mostly trophic level <2.5) consume 23% of biomass

Greater Flamingos consume 30% of total biomass

2. Nutrient reduction

Water exchange rates vary between 1% d⁻¹ for purely extensive culture to 5% d⁻¹ for ponds that include semi-extensive systems.

Nutrient reduction is greatest (>90%) in summer months when productivity is highest and most water is drawn from the estuary. Annual N retention is 430 tonnes yr⁻¹ (0.015kg m⁻²).

3. Proliferating services

Beet (Dicerbrachus latrovi) is the main semi-extensive cultured species plus some sea bream, with shrimp and mullet being the dominant extensive species.

The combination of semi-extensive (stocked and fed) and extensive (natural recruitment and no feeding) results in a mean annual production of 820 tonnes, directly supporting >100 families.

4. Habitat provision

Combination of complex habitats (reed beds and islands), and high productivity supports >100,000 birds and 95 species. This includes the support of IUCN red list endangered species: the European eel, the marbled teal and the slender billed gull.

5. Carbon sequestration

The permanently inundated ponds of VUP were found to be net carbon sinks (50t CO₂ y⁻¹ pond⁻¹) compared with the seasonally inundated ponds of the neighbouring national park that are net carbon sources.

Study Site

More than half of Doñana's natural wetlands and 50% of its shallow lakes have been lost, mostly due to drainage and conversion to agriculture. In contrast during the 1980's 3000 ha in Veta la Palma (part of Doñana National Park) were recommended back to wetlands with the dual purpose of extractive aquaculture and provision of bird habitats.

Key pond features include

- Large (70ha) shallow (0.5m) ponds promote benthic production, supporting extensive aquaculture and access for water birds
- Deep (1.5m) peripheral canal serves as fish refuge
- Canal excavation used to build bird nesting/roosting islands
- Vegetated pond weirs
- Semi-extensive fish culture in small ponds with water outflow into large extensive ponds

Conclusions

1. The dual purpose design has ensured that the Veta la Palma ponds are an example of successful integration of aquaculture and re-establishment of temperate wetlands and with incorporation of local knowledge could be used a template for future wetland reconstruction.

2. Design and operation for aquaculture production ensure economic viability and long term wider benefits from ecosystem services. Aquaculture should also be acknowledged as the primary driver for the construction of these wetlands.

3. These reconstructed wetlands are entirely complementary to the objectives of the adjacent National Park allowing the park to sustain a larger, more diverse community of waterbirds than would be present without the existence of Veta la Palma.

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