UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA

Application of the photocatalytic remediation system in Rainbow trout growout (RAS freshwater system)

The UNIPD unit is part of the Department of Comparative Biomedicine and Food Science (BCA). The unit has great experience in aquaculture focused on fish welfare, throughout the evaluation of stress and growth markers. Integrate competences of anatomy and physiology are used to evaluate influences of environmental and farming condition on farmed and wild fish.

In this project, the UNIPD unit will be responsible for application of the photocatalytic remediation system in Rainbow trout grow-out (RAS freshwater system) and, by means of a morphological and physiological approach, will perform the following analyses on trout and seabream:

- growth;
- health status;
- welfare assessment;
- larval/fry deformities;
- fillet quality and safety.

Moreover, UNIPD will be responsible for dissemination activities.

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