



# Rotational culture of the sea cucumber *Holothuria scabra* with the shrimp *Litopenaeus stylirostris*: trade-off between growth performance and bioremediation, comparison with shrimp monoculture.

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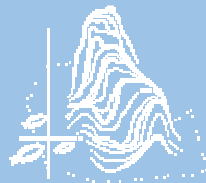
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## context



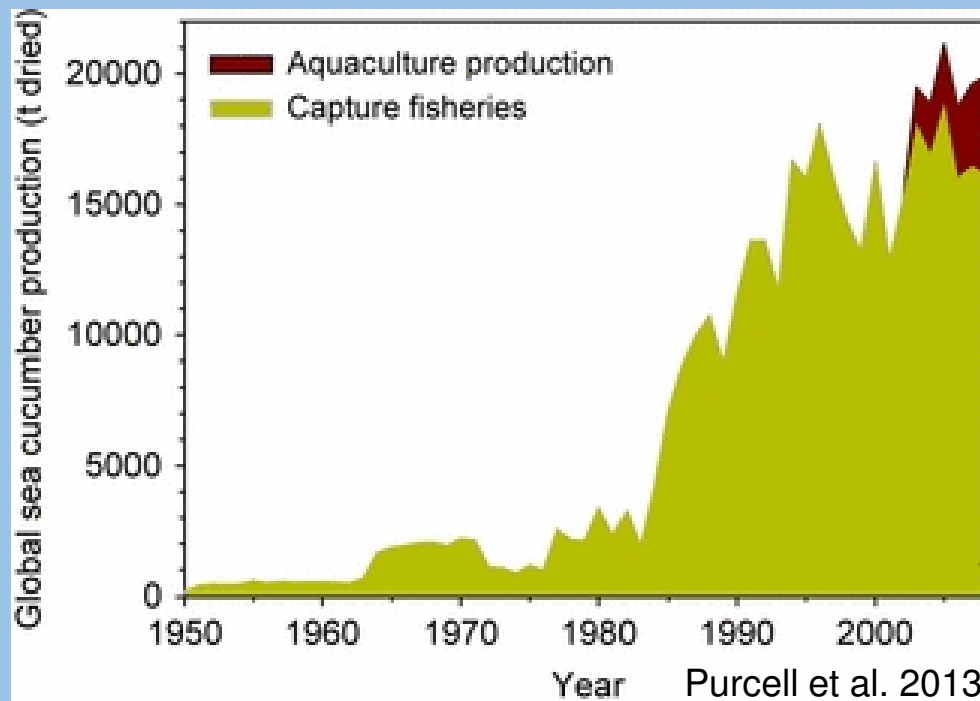
cucumber fisheries represent 17 000 T.y<sup>-1</sup> in dry weight (56 à 130 millions of US\$.)

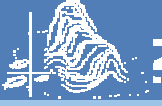
ive fishing=> massive reduction of naturals stocks.

ive aquaculture perspectives

na the sea cucumber aquaculture production reach 3 200 T.y<sup>-1</sup> (dry weight)  
ate species *Apostichopus japonicus*.

uaculture of the tropical species *Holothuria scabra* is still at its beginning.



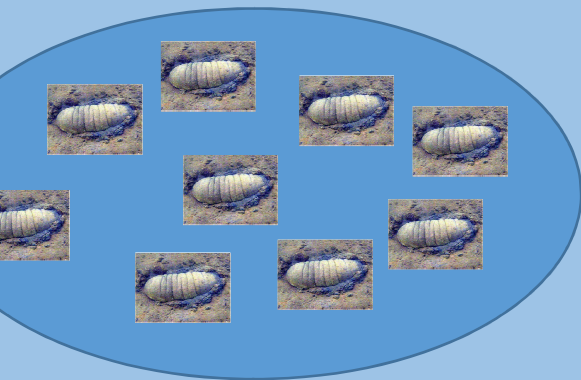


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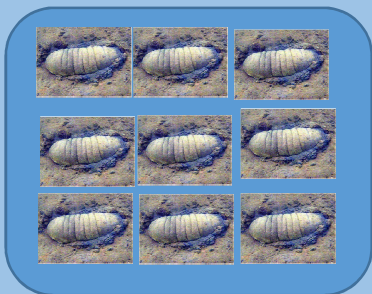
- + No cost for structures.
- Exposed to natural risks.
- Necessity of an important maritime concession.

## Rearing in pens

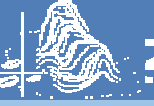


- + Low cost of production, apart from the pens.
- Exposed to natural risks.
- Limited by the carrying capacity of the environment.

## Rearing in ponds



- + Semi-controlled system.
- + Higher productivity.
- Cost linked to the structures, energy and the feed.



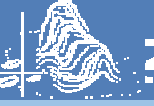
*H. scabra* = Benthic detritivorous species.

g could be articulate with a principal species, here shrimp, with a double benefit:

a farming could benefit from the organic matter produced/ accumulated by the culture of the principal species, thus sustaining its growth.

assimilation by *H. scabra* could have a beneficial effect on the system quality and improving the environmental condition for the rearing of the principal species.

studies showed that direct co culture may not be viable (Bell et al., 2007).

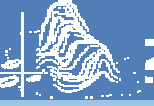


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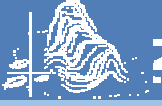
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Maximize the production performances of *H. scabra*.

ioremediate the pond in order to enhance the production performances of the *stylirostris*.





Experimental structures:

Mesocosms of 1,75 m<sup>2</sup> (1600L)

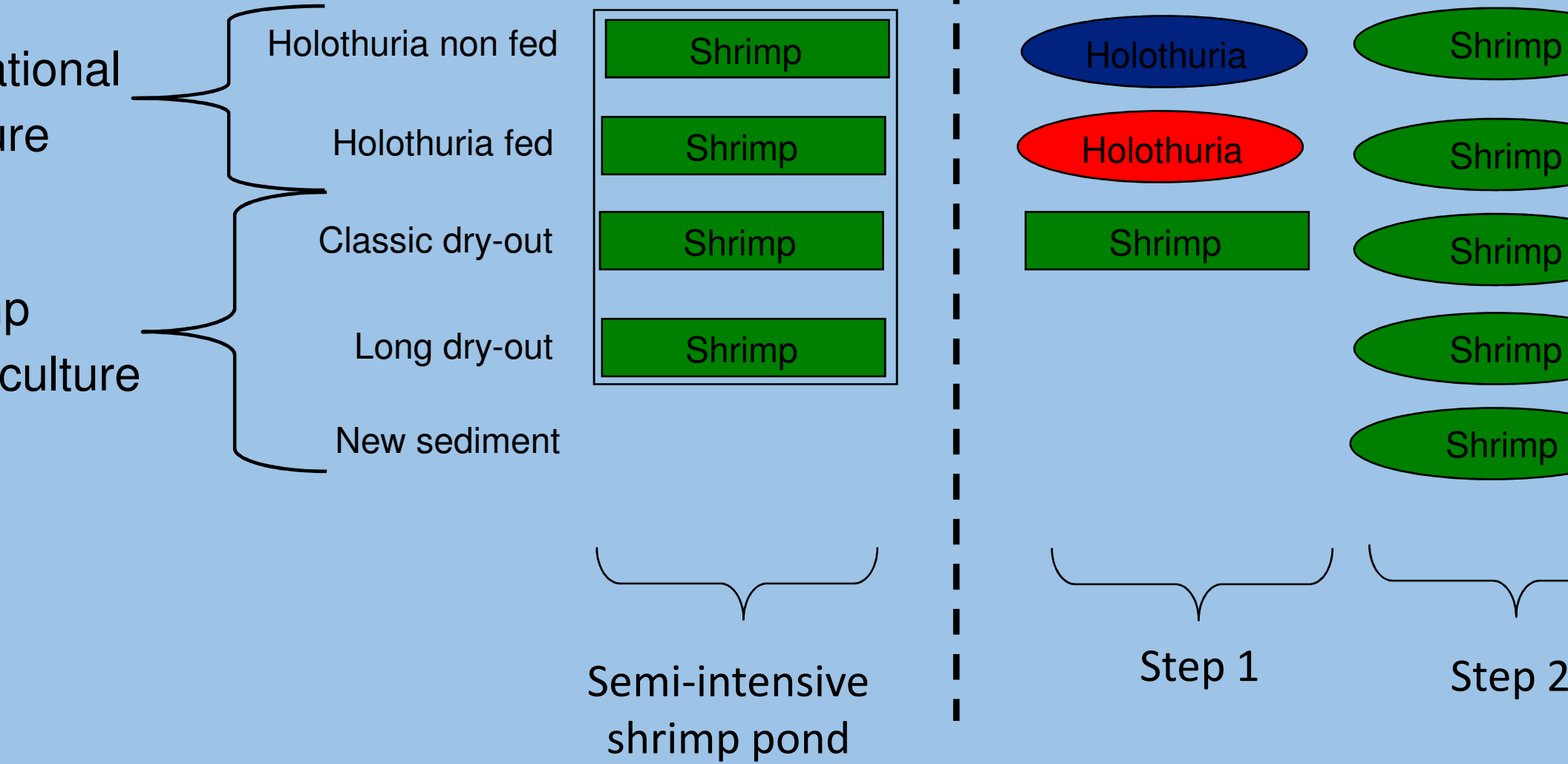
**Two step experiment in mesocosms:**

## **Step 1: H. Scabra farming**

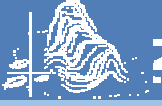
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## **Step 2: Shrimp farming**

Comparison of the performances of rotational culture with shrimp monoculture

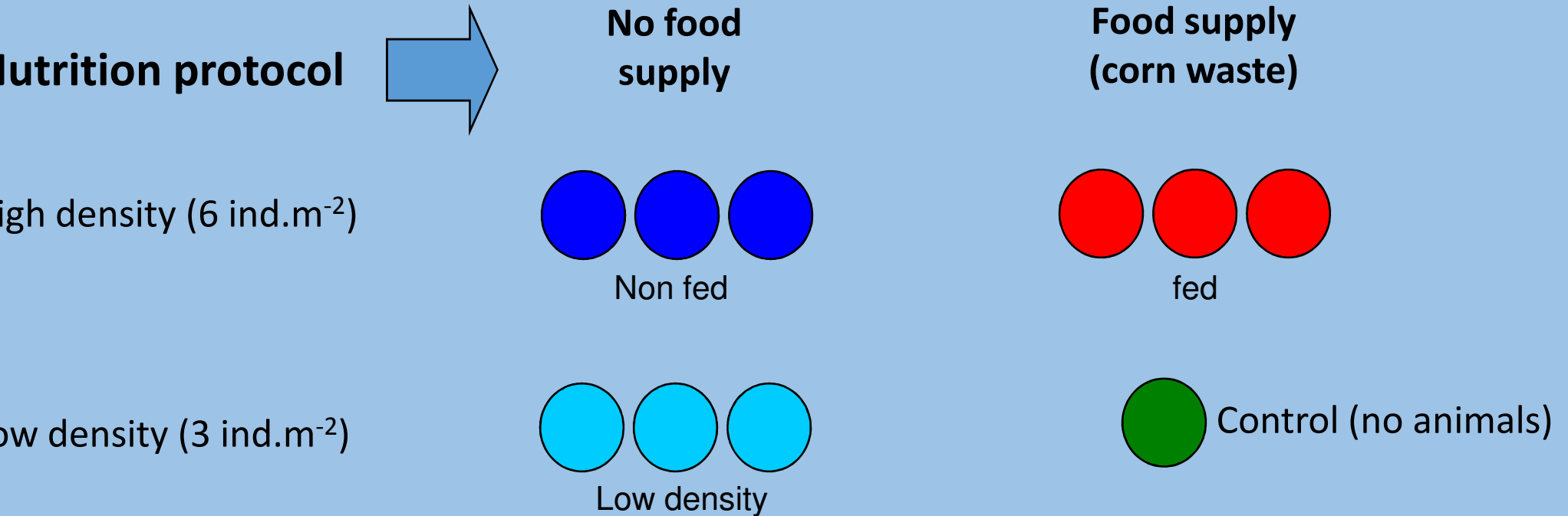


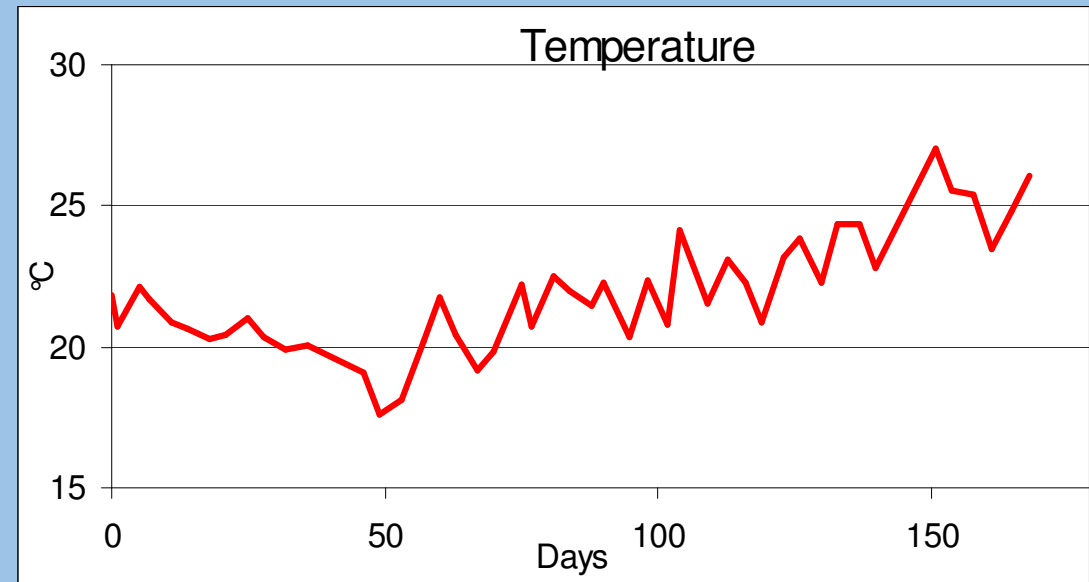
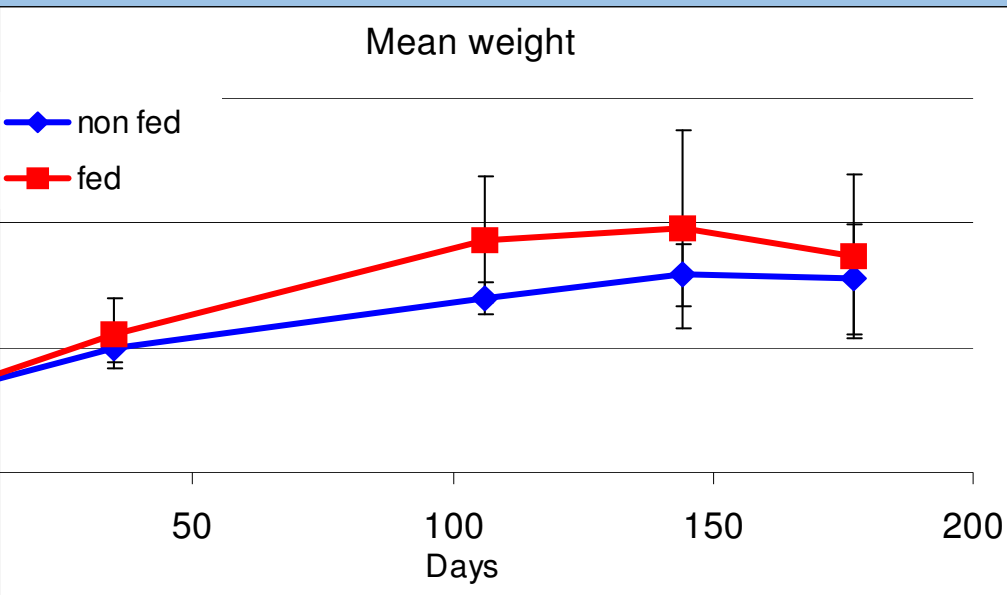
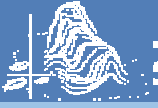




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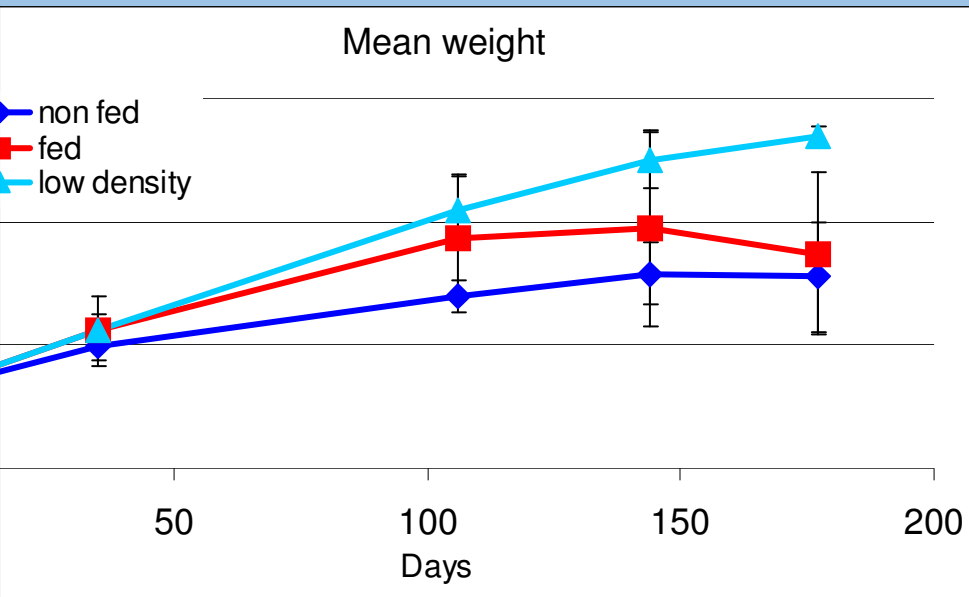
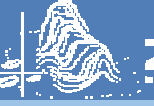
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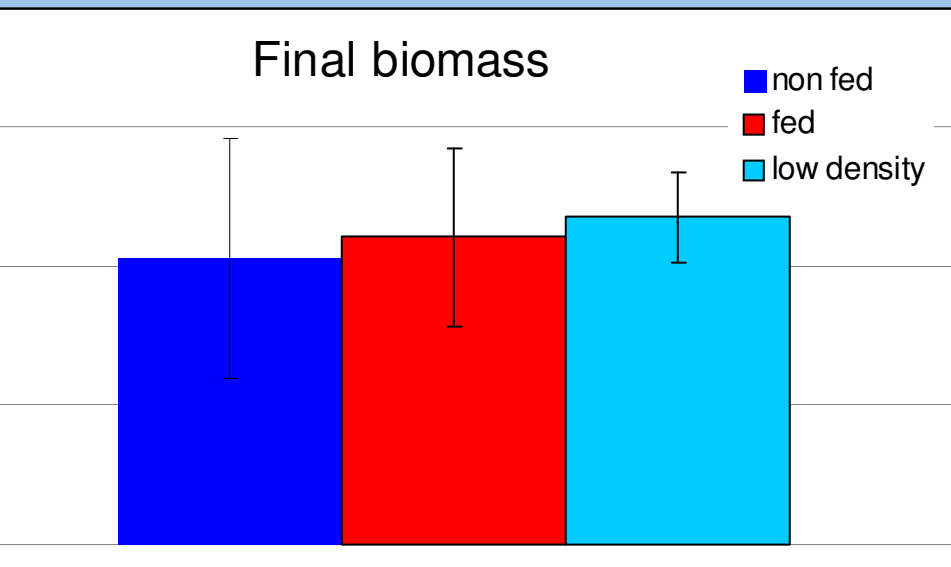
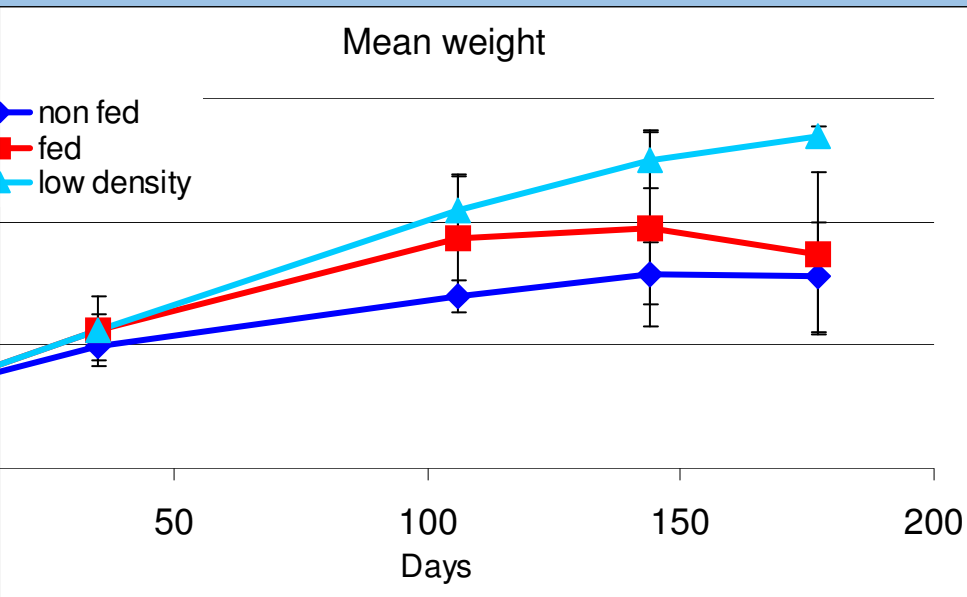
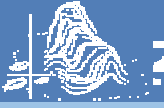


feeding led to a better growth at the beginning of the experiment.

After 100 days, lower growth in spite of more favorable temperatures.



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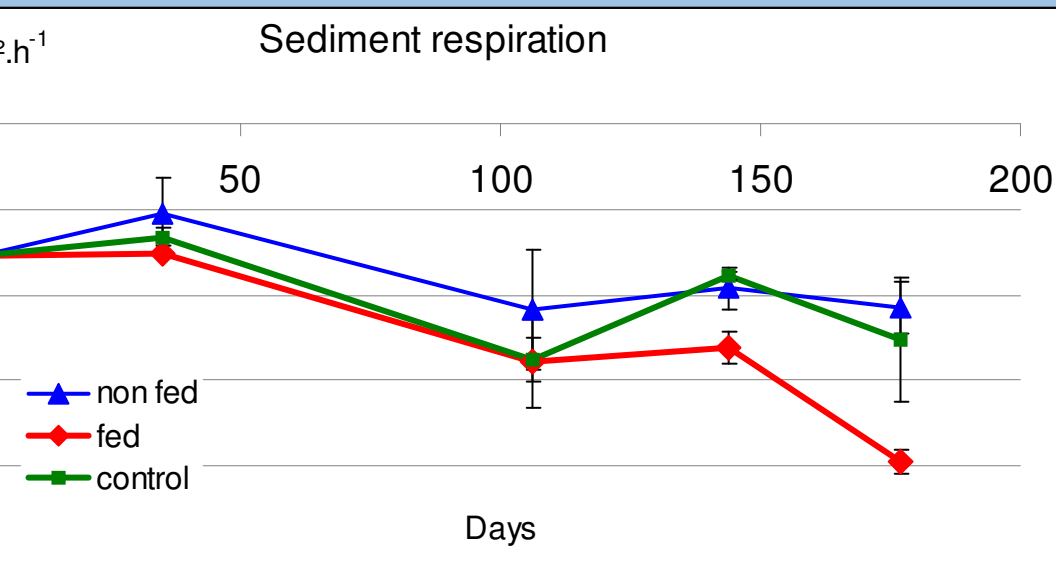
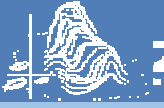


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Survivals were above 80% for all treatments.

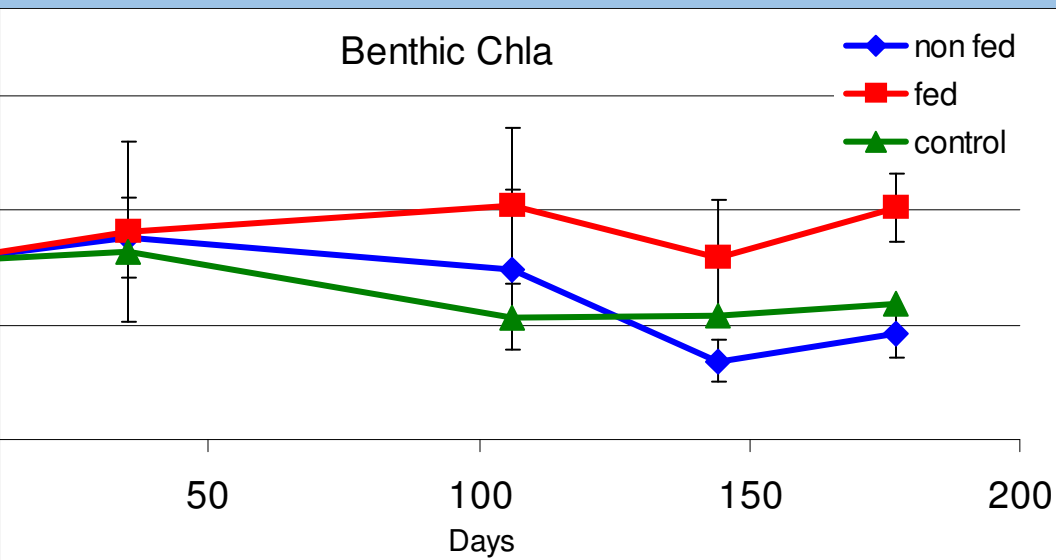
The carrying capacity of the system equivalent for all the treatments at the end of the experiment.

=>Feeding might allow faster growth but cannot overcome the carrying capacity of the system.

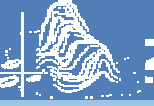


⇒ The non feed treatment is equivalent to the control.

⇒ Feeding led to an enrichment of sediment.



⇒ Bioremediation appeared to depend on the rearing strategy.

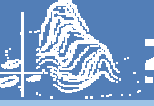


Holothuria non fed 

Lowest production performances  
Best “bioremediation”

Holothuria fed 

Best production performances  
Lowest “bioremediation”

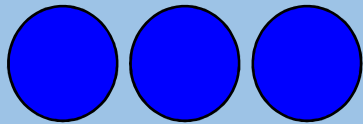


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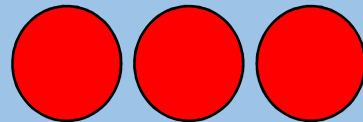
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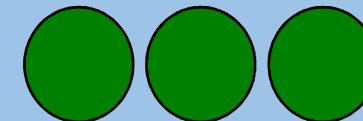
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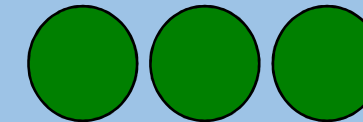
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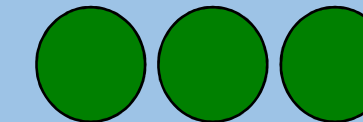
Classic dry-out



Long dry-out



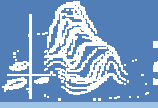
New sediment



All the mesocosmes received post larvae with a density of 20 shrimp .m<sup>-2</sup> .

The experiment last for 120 days, from March to June





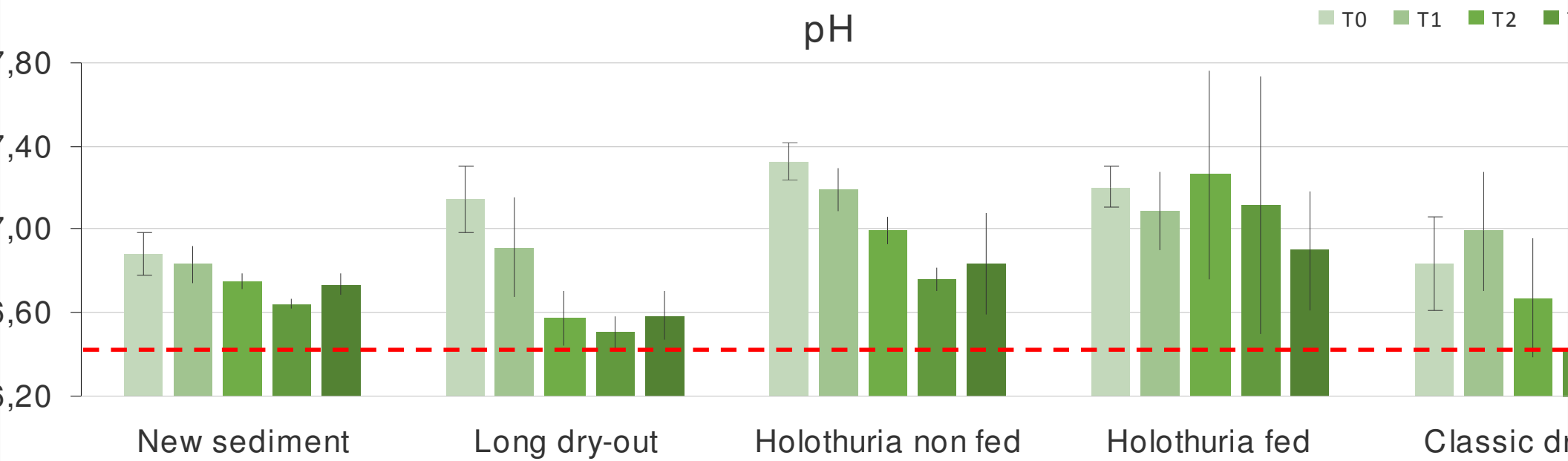
## Experimental characteristics of the sediment at the beginning of the experiment

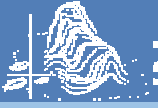


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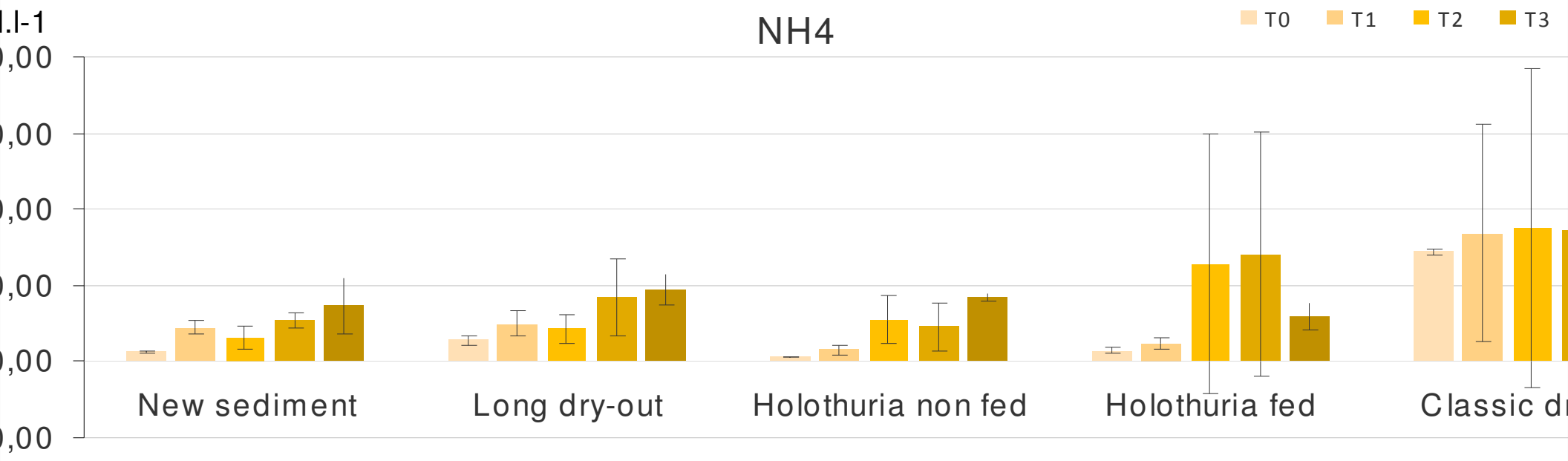


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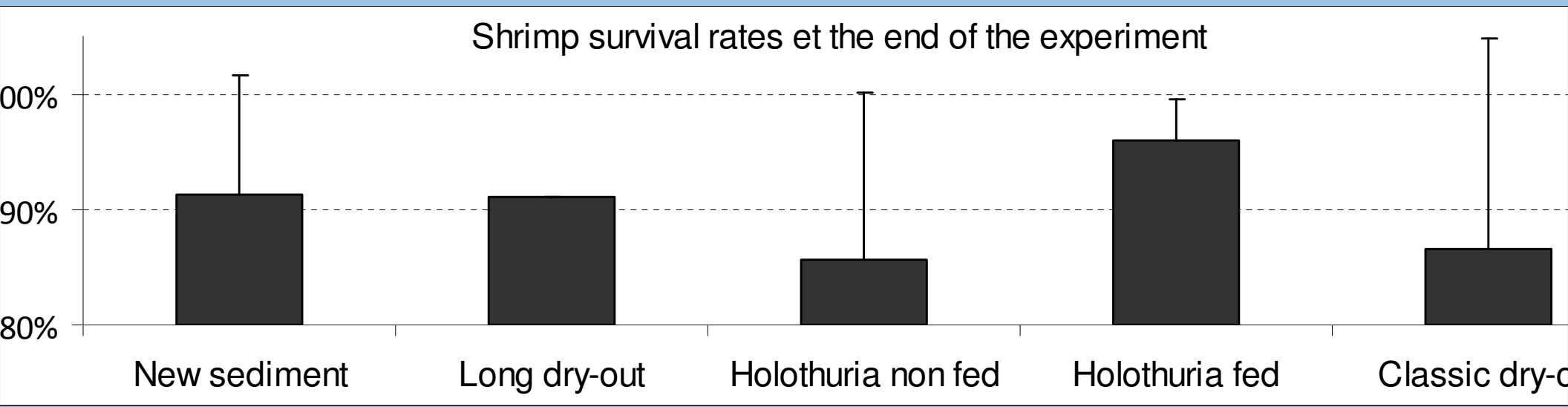


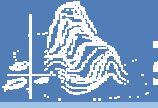
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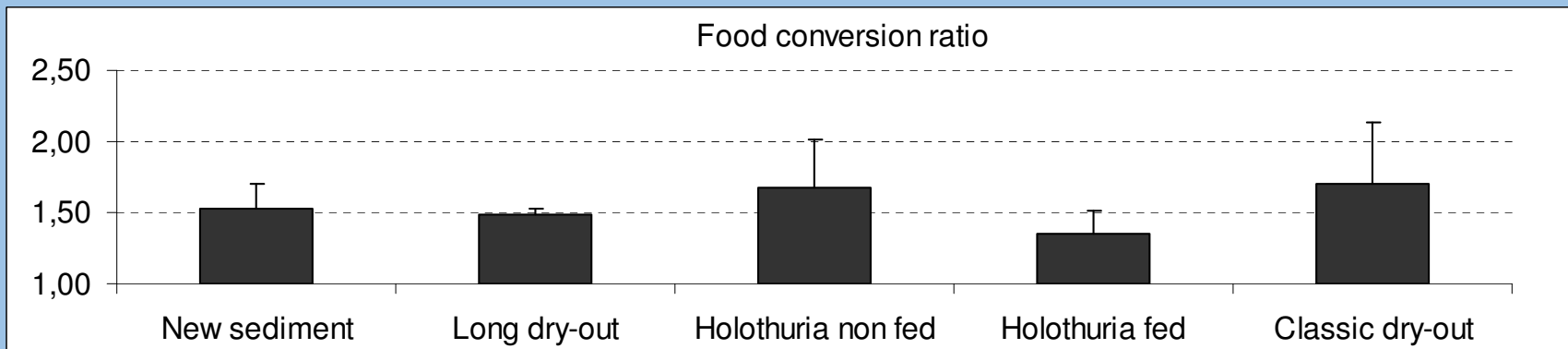
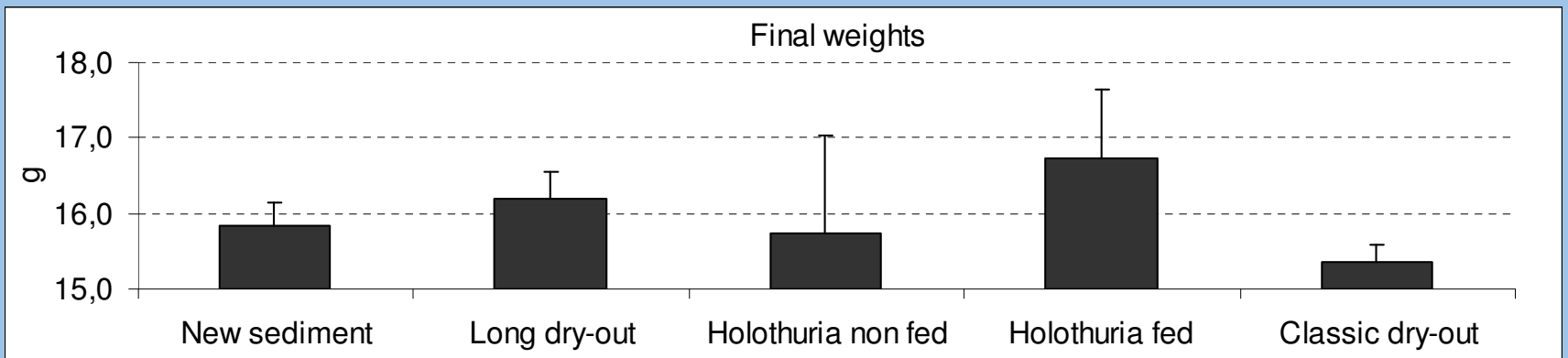
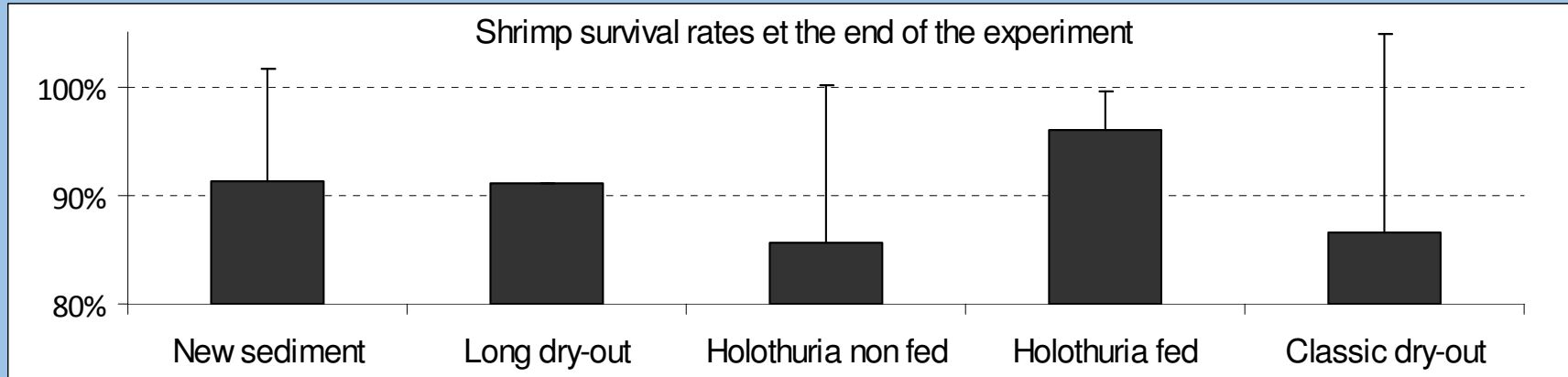


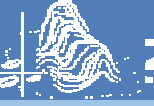
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# Very similar zootechnical performances between the treatments





## **Conclusion:**

### **Shrimp farming:**

#### **Production performances:**

might ameliorate growth rate but did not allow to overcome the system carrying capacity.  
Higher stocking density permitted much better zootechnical performances.

#### **Water quality mediation:**

Higher stocking density led to an enrichment of the system.  
No significant differences between the control and the non fed treatment.

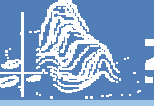
### **Crab farming:**

#### **Water quality mediation:**

Water quality characteristics were mainly influence by the dry out time.  
For a similar dry out time, rotational culture presented cleaner sediments.

#### **Production performances:**

Zootechnical performances were comparable between the treatments.



## **spectives:**

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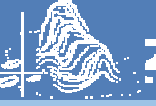
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