MICRO WORM CULTURE {WITH STARTER AND WITHOUT STARTER}: SUSTAINABLE APPROACH TO LARVAL FISH FEEDING

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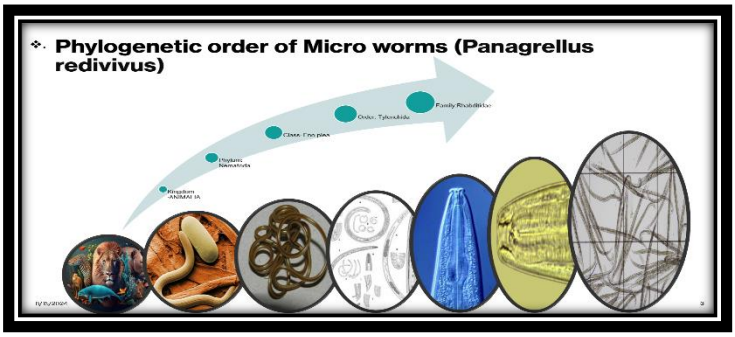
INTRODUCTION



In the realm of aquaculture, particularly in the rearing of larval fish, live feed organisms play a crucial role in ensuring optimal growth and survival. Various types of nematodes, such as micro worms (*Panagrellus redivivus*), banana worms (*Panagrellus nepenthicola)*, Grindal worms (*Enchytraeus buchholz)*, live infusoria, pond invertebrates, vinegar eels (*Turbatrix acet)* and Walter worms (*Panagrellus silusioides*) are commonly utilized due to their small size, nutritional value and ease of culture.

Micro worms, the most widely used among these, are rich in protein (approximately 48%) and lipids (around 21%), making them an excellent choice for first-feeding larvae. They are easy to culture at home using simple substrates, providing a sustainable and cost- effective food source. Banana worms, slightly smaller than micro worms, offer similar nutritional benefits and can thrive in comparable conditions, often reproducing more prolifically. Grindal worms are larger but still suitable for small fry, while live infusoria and pond invertebrates provide a diverse range of nutrients. Vinegar eels, though less nutrient- dense, are another viable option for early-stage fish, Walter worms, while less common, are also, a valuable addition to the diet, contributing essential fatty acids and proteins.

1. BANANA WORMS (*Panagrellus nepenthicola)*
2. GRINDAL WORMS *(Enchytraeus buchholz)*
3. LIVE INFUSORIA
4. POND INVERTEBRATES
5. VINEGAR EELS (*Turbatrix aceti)*
6. WALTER WORMS *(Panagrellus silusioides)*

Their Small size, ease of culture and nutritional profile make them an ideal first food for many larval fish species, the primary objectives of this thesis are to evaluate the growth and performance of micro worms cultured with and without starter cultures and to assess their effectiveness as a live feed for larval fish. By comparing the growth and nutritional content of micro worms cultured using different methods, this study aims to provide valuable insights into optimizing micro worm production for aquaculture applications.

MATERIAL

Micro worm starter culture, Clear container Starch source (oatmeal and bread), Active yeast, Water, Spoon or rubber spatula, Cotton swabs or Q-Tip's, Pipette or dropper, Labels, Backup culture container

METHOD

MICRO WORM CULTURE WITH STARTER

STEP 1: FIND A MICRO WORM STARTER CULTURE.

Because these worms don't lay eggs, we will need a few live adult micro worms to start your culture. Remember that not all nematode species are a good food source and some may even make your fish sick. order micro worms online. They are sold everywhere from large general auction sites to small hobbyist forums. The species is listed, check to make sure that it belongs to the *Panagrellus* Genus. *Panagrellus redivivus* is the most found micro worm. Micro worms are tiny white worms that are barely visible to the naked eye. A started culture of a large group of worms should like a gray or light brown clump.

Figure 2: **Micro worm starter**

Figure 3: **Micro worm starter with packed**

STEP 2: BUY OR REPURPOSE A CONTAINER

Almost any container can be used, as long as it's deep enough for you to fit your index finger inside. Clear containers with resealable lids are the most convenient. Some popular options include yoghurt tubs, mason jars and resealable plastic food containers.

- Be sure to poke small slits in the lid with a knife for sealable container.
- Air exchange is necessary for a micro worm colony to thrive.
- If your container doesn't have its own lid, cover the top up with tin foil.



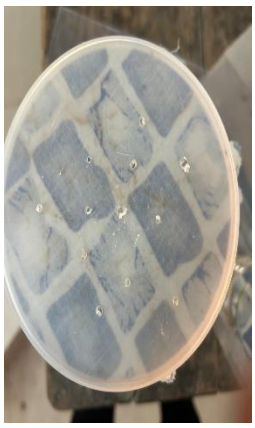


Figure 4: **Plastic container, Figure** 5: **Slits with the knife Figure,** 6: **Small slits to the lid**

STEP 3: OBTAIN SOME ACTIVE YEAST

Micro worms don't eat the starch. Instead, they eat microscopic yeast that feed on carbohydrates, can find conveniently packaged dry yeast in the baking section of most supermarkets. Some stores also sell fresh compressed yeast that must be refrigerated. Bake bread or brew beer at home, you can also use the same yeast to culture micro worms.

Figure 7: **Yeast**

STEP 4: OBTAIN BREAD

Any type of human food-grade starch is usable. Common sources of starch include oatmeal, wheat flour, **bread,** cornmeal, mashed potatoes and cereal.

Figure 8: **Milk bread**

STEP 5: BLEND THE BREAD IN A MIXER

Blending bread for micro worm culture is an effective method that enhances the growth conditions for these organisms. It provides a suitable texture, reduces odor, offers nutritional benefits, simplifies harvesting and utilizes accessible materials. These factors contribute to a successful and sustainable culture of micro worms, making them an excellent live food source for small fish and fry, starch out so that it is roughly even.

Figure 9: **Blended bread in a container**

STEP 6: ADD BREAD TO THE BOTTOM OF YOUR CONTAINER

prepare your starch before placing it in the container. Use enough so that it covers the bottom of the container and is roughly half an inch (1.6 centimeters) thick. Spread your starch out so that it is roughly even.

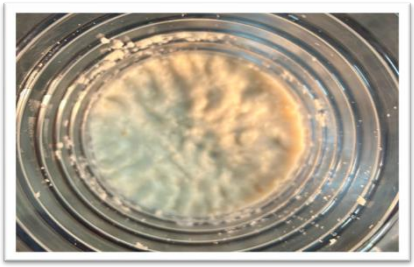


Figure 10: **Adding bread to the bottom of the container**

STEP 7: POUR SOME WATER ON TOP OF THE STARCH

Add enough water to thoroughly soak the starch but not so much that a water line rises above it, also stir the two together to get a creamy consistency. This is not necessary but may make culture grow faster.

Figure 11: **Adding some water on the top of the starch**

STEP 8: SPRINKLE YEAST OVER THE STARCH

Sprinkle some across the starch in your container using compressed yeast, shave off some thin pieces from the cake and lay them flat on top of the starch. The exact amount of yeast you'll use isn't exact and will vary based on how wide container is, want to distribute yeast across the starch.

Figure 12: **Sprinkling yeast over the starch.**

STEP 9: ADD A SPOONFUL OF MICRO WORMS

Take a teaspoon and scoop up some micro worms and add them to the container. Micro worms can move easily across the starch, so we don't need to spread them out. The more worms you start with, the faster your culture will grow. However, even only two worms can reproduce quickly enough for a usable starter in a few weeks.

Figure 13: **Adding spoonful of micro worm starter on bread**

Consider refrigerating your starter culture. In experience a catastrophic crash in all your cultures, make sure to keep starter to begin them new. When kept in cold temperatures, micro worms slow their metabolisms down. At refrigerator temperature, a starter can stay alive for over six months. Starter culture likely came in a resealable bag. If so, simply seal it back up and place in the refrigerator. If not, transfer your starter into a resealable bag or a sealable plastic storage container.

STEP 10: COVER YOUR CULTURE

Wait about 3-4 days. we will know the worms are ready to harvest when you start seeing worms moving up the sides of the container. Micro worms reproduce well at room temperature. In a warmer environment, the culture will grow more quickly but won't last as long. Don't worry if you have a cold snap; micro worms can survive in temperatures down to 32 °F (0 C).

Figure 14: **Covering micro worm culture in a dark place**

STEP 11: KEEP AT LEAST TWO CULTURES GOING AT A TIME

Micro worm cultures don't last forever and it's good to have a backup in case your worm colony crashes unexpectedly. To make sure you always have enough micro worms on hand for your fry, start at least one more culture.

Figure 15: **Back up culture**

STEP 12: RECOGNIZE WHEN A CULTURE HAS GONE BAD

Micro worm cultures only last about two weeks to a month. Sometimes, because of contamination, they may go bad even more quickly. Bad cultures won't stay alive long and should be thrown out. Know the signs of a micro worm culture going bad. It undergoes significant visual changes. If the color of your culture media changes significantly, play it safe and toss it out. Older cultures will also darken as waste accumulates. Keep in mind that it's normal for the consistency to become soupier and more like a liquid as the yeast break down their food source.

Contaminants are growing in the culture. Figure 16: **Back up culture gone bad**

If you see a significant amount of mold or maggots, it's best to start fresh. If there's mold in only a tiny section, try scooping it out first. Keep in mind that maggots aren't dangerous to fry and make a good live food for adult fish. You can still harvest micro worms from a culture with maggots, but keep in mind the culture itself may not last long.

CULTURING MICRO WORMS WITHOUT A STARTER:

Micro worms (*Panagrellus redivivus*) are a popular live food source for larval fish and other small aquatic organisms. Culturing micro worms without a commercial starter can be a rewarding and sustainable practice. Below is a detailed, step-by-step guide to prepare micro worms from scratch, ideal for inclusion in your master's thesis.

STEP 1: PREPARE POTATOES

Selection and Preparation

The first step in cultivating micro worms involves selecting the right substrate for their growth. Potatoes are an excellent choice due to their high starch content, which provides a nutrient-rich environment for the micro worms.

Purchase Two Potatoes: Choose medium-sized, firm potatoes that are free from blemishes or signs of rot.

Cut and Hollow Out: Using a sharp knife, cut each potato in half lengthwise. Carefully scoop out the center of each half, creating a hollow cavity. This hollow space will serve as a breeding ground for the micro worms, allowing them to thrive in the decomposing potato pulp.

Importance of Preparation

The hollowness of the potato is crucial as it allows for the decomposition process to occur efficiently. The exposed inner flesh will attract microorganisms, which are essential for the micro worms to colonize.

Figure 17: **Removing pulp inside the potato**

Figure 18: **Hallow cavity in the potato**

STEP 2: BURIAL

Creating the Environment Once the potatoes are prepared, the next step is to create a suitable environment for the micro worms to colonize.

Bury the Potato Halves: Dig a hole in moist, fertile soil approximately 7 cm deep. Place the hollowed potato halves into the soil, cut side up. Ensure that they are adequately covered with soil to protect them from environmental elements such as rain or pests.

Choosing the right soil is essential; it should be rich in organic matter and well-draining. This environment will facilitate microbial growth, which is vital for the micro worms' lifecycle.

Figure 19: **keeping the hollowed potato**

Figure 20: **Burial of the potato in diged hole**

STEP 3: WAIT

Duration of Colonization

Patience is key in this step. Allow the buried potatoes to sit undisturbed for about 9 days.

Microbial Activity: During this period, microorganisms in the soil will begin to break down the potato tissue. This decomposition process is crucial as it creates a nutrient-rich environment that attracts micro worms.

Monitoring Conditions
While waiting, ensure that the soil remains moist but not waterlogged. This balance is vital for maintaining microbial activity without drowning the potato halves.

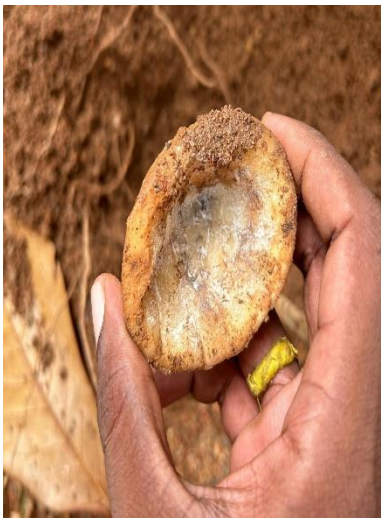


Figure 21: **Day 3 after burial**


Figure 22: **Day 5 after burial**


Figure 23: **Day 7 after burial**

STEP 4: EXTRACT STARTER

Retrieval Process

After 9 days, it's time to extract the micro worms.

Retrieve the Potatoes: Carefully dig up the potato halves from the soil. You should notice that the inner pulp has decomposed significantly and is now teeming with micro worms.

Inspection

Examine the retrieved potatoes for the presence of micro worms. The decomposed pulp should appear soft and may have a slightly pungent smell, indicative of microbial activity.


Figure 24: **Extracting starter from the burial potato**

STEP 5: PREPARE CULTURE MEDIUM

Creating the Oat Mixture

The next step is to prepare a suitable culture medium that will support the growth of the micro worms.

Mix Oats with Water: In a clean plastic container, combine rolled oats with water until you achieve a fluffy consistency. The mixture should be moist but not overly wet, as excess moisture can lead to mold growth.

Optional Yeast Addition: For enhanced nutrition, consider adding a pinch of yeast to the oat mixture. Yeast serves as an additional food source for the micro worms, promoting faster growth.

Figure 25: **Material for culture medium**


Figure 26: **Adding water to the oat's mixture**

STEP 6: COMBINE

Incorporate Decomposed Potato Pulp: Add the decomposed potato pulp, which contains the micro worms, into the oat mixture. Use a spoon to mix thoroughly, ensuring that the micro worms are evenly distributed throughout the medium.

Ensuring Even Distribution
Proper mixing is crucial for the micro worms to access nutrients evenly, promoting healthy growth and reproduction.


Figure 27: **Adding oats mixture**

STEP 7: CONTAINER SETUP

Preparing the Culture Container

The next step involves setting up the culture environment to allow for optimal growth conditions.

Transfer the Mixture: Carefully transfer the combined mixture into a clean plastic container. Ensure that the container is large enough to accommodate the growth of the micro worm population.

Covering the Container: Use a breathable cloth to cover the top of the container, securing it with a rubber band. This setup allows for air circulation while preventing contamination from dust or pests.

Ventilation Slits: If possible, create small ventilation slits in the lid of the container to further enhance airflow.

Importance of Airflow

Proper ventilation is essential for the growth of micro worms, as they require oxygen for respiration. Additionally, it helps prevent the buildup of harmful gases that can occur in a closed environment.

Figure 28: **Adding culture medium to the container**

Figure 29: **Ventilation slits**

STEP 8: INCUBATION

Allowing Time for Growth

After setting up the container, it's time to let the micro worms thrive.

Incubation Period: Place the container in a warm, dark location, undisturbed, for about 5 days. The ideal temperature for micro worm growth is between 20-25°C (68-77°F).

Monitoring Conditions

During this incubation period, check the container occasionally for moisture levels. If the mixture appears too dry, lightly mist it with water to maintain optimal humidity.

Figure 30: **Day 1 After inoculation**

Figure 31: **Day 2 After inoculation**

STEP 9: HARVESTING

Collecting micro worms

After 5 days, the micro worm population should have increased significantly, making it time to harvest.

Using a Cotton Swab or Earbud: Gently dip a cotton swab or earbud into the surface of the culture medium to collect micro worms. The swab will pick up the worms, which can then be transferred to the feeding area for larval fish.

Harvesting and feeding micro worms to larval fishes: is a straightforward process, applicable to both cultures established with a starter and those created without one. Below is a detailed guide for effectively harvesting and feeding micro worms.

Figure 32: **Harvesting micro worms with cotton swab**

Harvesting Micro worms

1. Monitor Growth
After approximately 3-5 days of incubation, observe the culture for signs of micro worm activity. You will know the worms are ready to harvest when they start crawling up the sides of the container. This indicates that they have multiplied and are actively feeding.

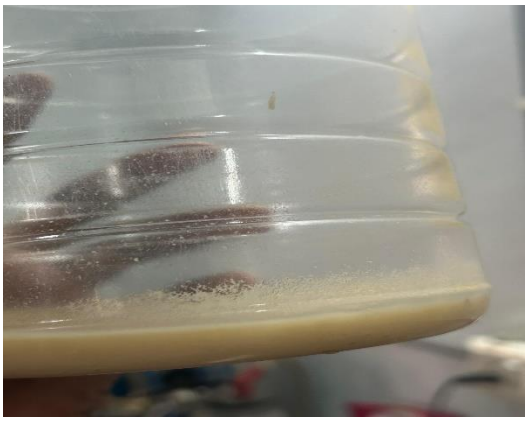


Figure 33:**Day 3 observation of micro worms Figure** 34: **Day 4 observation of micro worms**

2. Use a Cotton Swab or Q-tip

Gently dip a cotton swab or Q-tip into the culture medium. The micro worms will adhere to the swab due to their movement. This method allows for easy collection without disturbing the entire culture.

3. Transfer to a Collection Cup

Place the swab into a small cup of chlorine-free water. Swirl the Q-tip to release the micro worms into the water. This step helps prevent any residual culture medium from contaminating the fish tank.

4. Using a Pipette or Dropper

After swirling, use a pipette or dropper to suck up the micro worms that settle at the bottom of the cup. This method allows for precise control over the number of micro worms to be fed to the larval fish.

5. Immediate Use
Feed the harvested micro worms to the larval fish immediately. Micro worms can survive in fresh water for only 2-3 days, so it is best to use them as soon as possible to ensure they are fresh and Nutritious
Feeding Micro worms to Larval Fishes

1. Identify Feeding Area
Choose a location in the tank where the larval fish can easily see and access the micro worms.
This is typically near the surface or in an area with gentle water movement, as micro worms tend to sink quickly.

2. Spot Feeding

Using the pipette or dropper, dispense the micro worms into the chosen feeding area. Aim to provide a small amount at a time, as larval fish may overeat if too many micro worms are introduced

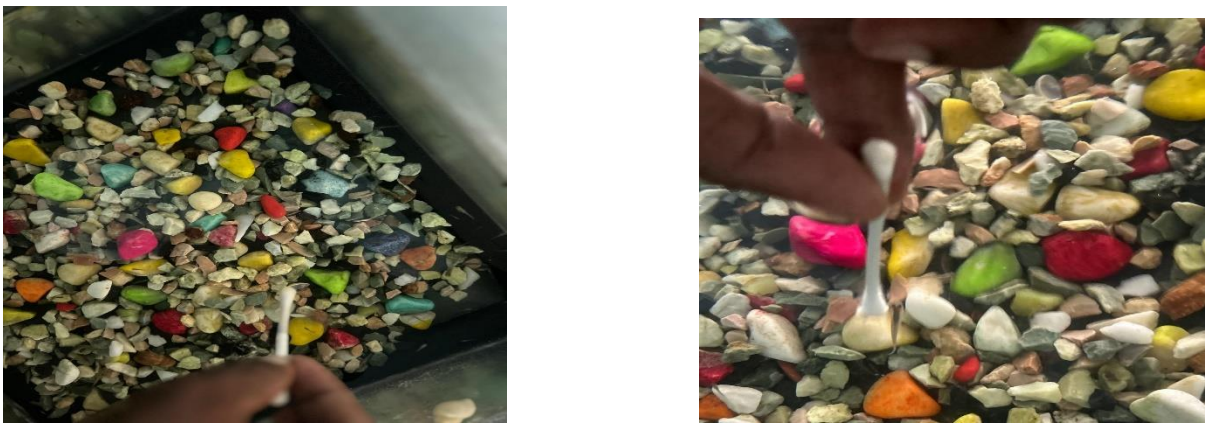


Figure 35,36: **Nile tilapia {larvae fish} feeding with micro worms**

3. Observe Feeding Behavior

Monitor the larval fish as they feed. Micro worms are highly attractive to fry due to their movement, which stimulates their natural feeding instincts. Ensure that the fish are actively consuming the micro worms.

4. Remove Leftovers

After a few hours, check for any uneaten micro worms in the tank. If there are excess worms, remove them to prevent water quality issues. Micro worms that remain in the water for too long can deteriorate and contribute to poor water conditions.

5. Regular Feeding Schedule

Establish a consistent feeding schedule, offering micro worms several times a day if necessary. This ensures that the larval fish receive adequate nutrition for optimal growth and development.

6. Maintain Culture for Continuous Supply

To ensure a steady supply of micro worms, regularly harvest from your cultures and consider starting new cultures every few weeks. This practice prevents over harvesting and maintains a healthy population of micro worms for future feedings.

By following these steps, you can effectively harvest and feed micro worms to larval fishes, supporting their growth and health. Both methods

- ★ Using a starter culture and cultivating from Starch
- ★ Provide viable options for maintaining a sustainable food source for your aquatic pets.

To effectively manage the feeding of Nile tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus) larvae over a 21-day period, it is essential to establish a structured feeding regimen based on their body weight. The following guidelines outline the recommended feeding rates, time intervals and total feed amounts to ensure optimal growth and development during this critical stage.

RESULTS

Recommended Feeding Rates

1. Initial Weight and Feeding Rate

At the onset of the feeding period, Nile tilapia larvae typically weigh around 0.1 grams (100 mg).

A suitable feeding rate for tilapia fry is approximately 10-15% of their body weight per day during the early stages of growth. This percentage can be adjusted based on the growth observed and the feeding response.

2. Daily Feed Calculation

Day 1 to Day 7: Assuming an initial weight of 0.1 g, the daily feed amount would be:

- ★ 10% of body weight: 0.1 g × 0.10 = 0.01 g (10 mg)
- ★ 15% of body weight: 0.1 g × 0.15 = 0.015 g (15 mg)

As the larvae grow, their weight will increase, necessitating adjustments to the daily feed amounts.

Feeding Schedule

3. Feeding Frequency

It is recommended to feed Nile tilapia larvae 3-4 times per day. This frequent feeding schedule helps ensure that the larvae receive adequate nutrition and can consume the micro worms before they settle or degrade.

Suggested feeding times could be:

- ★ Morning: 9:30 AM
- ★ Midday: 1:30 PM
- ★ Evening: 5 PM

Growth Monitoring and Adjustments

4. Weight Monitoring

Regularly monitor the weight of the larvae every 3-5 days to adjust the feeding amounts accordingly. As the larvae grow, their body weight will increase and so should the total feed provided.

For example, if the average weight of the larvae increases to 0.5 g by Day 14, the daily feed amount would be:

10% of body weight: 0.5 g × 0.10 = 0.05 g (50 mg)

15% of body weight: 0.5 g × 0.15 = 0.075 g (75 mg)

Total Feed Calculation Over 21 Days

5. Cumulative Feed Amount

To calculate the total feed provided over the 21 days, consider the average daily feed amounts based on the growth stages. Assuming average weights increase from 0.1 g to approximately 1 g by Day 21, the daily feed amounts can be estimated and summed up.

Days 1-7: Average weight 0.1 g, feed 0.01-0.015 g per day

Days 8-14: Average weight increases to 0.5 g, feed 0.05-0.075 g per day

Days 15-21: Average weight reaches 1 g, feed 0.1-0.15 g per day

Example Total Feed Calculation

Days 1-7: 7 days × 0.0125 g (average) = 0.0875 g

Days 8-14: 7 days × 0.0625 g (average) = 0.4375 g

Days 15-21: 7 days × 0.125 g (average) = 0.875 g

Total Feed Over 21 Days:

0.0875 g + 0.4375 g + 0.875 g = 1.4 g

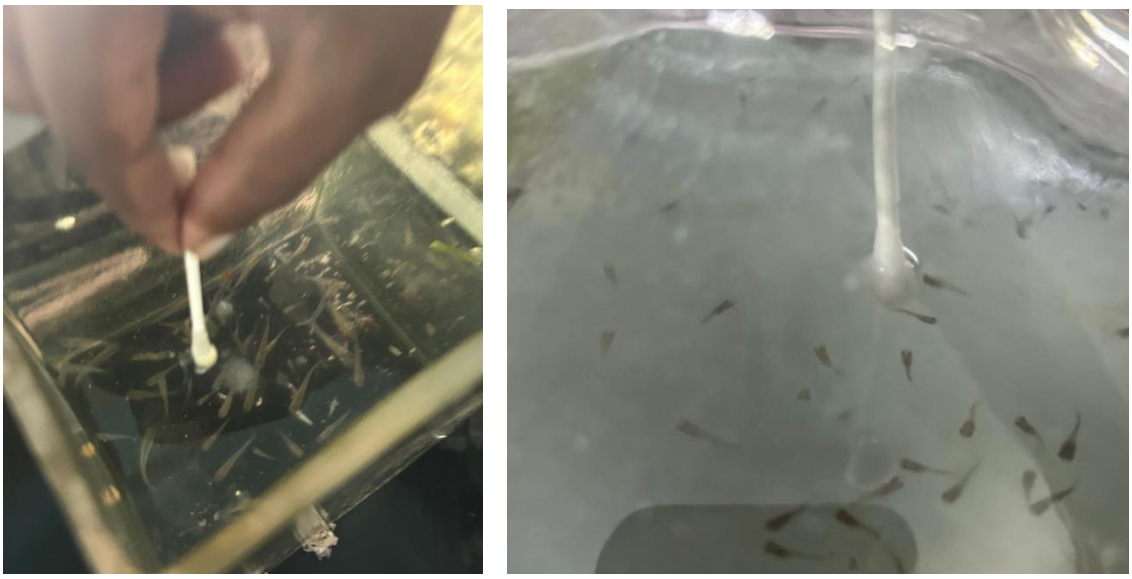


Figure 37,38: **Feeding micro worms to Nile tilapia**

Feeding Nile Tilapia Larvae with Micro worms: A 21-Day Journey Culturing and feeding micro worms to larval Nile tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus) can significantly contribute to their growth

and development. Here, we present a detailed account of the gradual changes observed in Nile tilapia larvae over a 21-day period while being fed a diet supplemented with micro worms.

Day 1-7: Yolk Sac Stage

At hatching, Nile tilapia larvae measure approximately 7.3 ± 0.7 mm in length micro worms. The larvae rely on their yolk sac for nutrition during this stage, which is almost completely absorbed by day 7micro worms. During this period, the larvae develop pigmentation, a functional mouth and the beginnings of their fins.

Figure 39: **Yolksac stage**

Day 8-14: Preflexion Stage

As the yolk sac is depleted, the larvae begin to feed on the micro worms provided micro worms. The dorsal, pectoral and tail fins continue to develop, allowing for more efficient swimming micro worms.

The larvae show rapid growth, with the average length increasing from 15.6 ± 0.4 mm (about 0.02 in) at day 7 to around 20 mm by day 14micro worms.

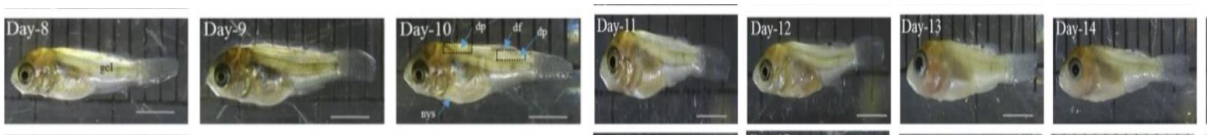


Figure 40: **Preflexion stage**

Day 15-20: Flexion Stage

The larvae undergo further fin development, with the dorsal, anal and caudal fins becoming more defined micro worms. Pigmentation patterns become more pronounced and the larvae exhibit a more streamlined body shape.

Growth continues at a rapid pace, with the larvae reaching an average length of approximately 24 mm by day 20micro worms.

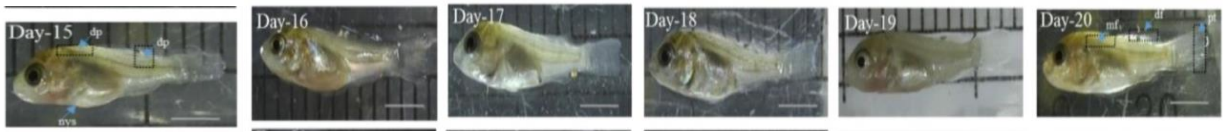


Figure 41: **Flexion stage**

Day 21: Early Juvenile Stage

By day 21, the larvae have transitioned into the early juvenile stage, measuring around 26 ± 1.1 mm in length. The fins are fully developed and the larvae display a more adult-like appearance. The juveniles are now well-equipped to hunt and consume a variety of prey, including micro worms.

Throughout this 21-day period, the Nile tilapia larvae exhibited exponential growth when fed a diet supplemented with micro worms' micro worms. The larvae showed a marked increase in length and weight, with the growth pattern following an exponential trend.

Figure: 42: **Early juvenile stage**

Feeding the larvae with micro worms provided a nutritious and readily available food source, promoting rapid development and growth. The micro worms' small size and high protein content made them an ideal food for the growing larvae.

By day 21, the Nile tilapia larvae had successfully transitioned into the early juvenile stage, with well-developed fins, pigmentation and a streamlined body shape. This transformation was facilitated by the consistent feeding of micro worms, which provided the necessary nutrients for growth and development.

DATA ANALYSIS

Days	Feed	Fish species	9:30AM	02:00 PM	5:15 PM
DAY 1	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~2 grams	~2 grams	~2grams
DAY 2	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~2 grams	~2 grams	~2 grams
DAY 3	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~3grams	~3grams	~3grams
DAY 4	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~3 grams	~3 grams	~3 grams
DAY 5	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~3 grams	~3 grams	~3 grams
DAY 6	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~3.5 grams	~3.5grams	~3.5 grams

DAY 7	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~3.5 grams	~3.5grams	~3.5 grams
DAY 8	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~4 grams	~4 grams	~4 grams
DAY 9	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~4 grams	~4 grams	~4 grams
DAY 10	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~4.5grams	~4.5grams	~4.5 grams
DAY 11	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~4.5 grams	~4.5grams	~4.5 grams
DAY 12	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~4.5 grams	4.5 grams	~4.5 grams
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DAY 19	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~6 grams	~6 grams	~6 grams
DAY 20	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~6 grams	~6 grams	~6 grams
DAY 21	MICRO WORMS	Oreochromis niloticus	~6 grams	~6 grams	~6 grams

Table 1: **Growth analysis of Nile tilapia of 21 days by feeding micro worms**

CONCLUSION

The project titled "Micro Worm Culture (With and Without Starter): A Sustainable Approach to Larval Fish Feeding" presents a comprehensive exploration of the cultivation of micro worms and their application as feed for Nile tilapia larvae. The study highlights the nutritional benefits of micro worms, which are rich in protein and lipids, making them an ideal food source for enhancing the growth and survival rates of larval fish. Key findings indicate that both starter and non-starter cultures of micro worms can effectively support larval fish development, although the use of a starter culture may enhance growth rates and nutritional quality. The research emphasizes the importance of live feed in aquaculture, particularly for species like Nile tilapia, which require high-quality nutrition during their early life stages. The effective cultivation of micro worms, whether with or without a starter, represents a sustainable and cost-effective strategy for larval fish feeding. This approach not only promotes optimal growth and health in Nile tilapia but also supports broader aquaculture practices by providing a reliable source of live feed that can be easily produced at home or in small-scale operations. The findings underscore the potential for integrating micro worm culture into aquaculture systems, contributing to the sustainability and efficiency of fish farming practices.

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