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# Effects of micro plastic exposure on marine fish and invertebrates



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**2.- How much  
we know on  
the SE Pacific?**

**1.- What can we learn from  
other studies globally?**

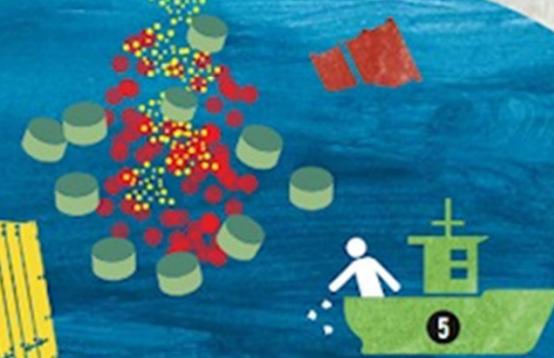
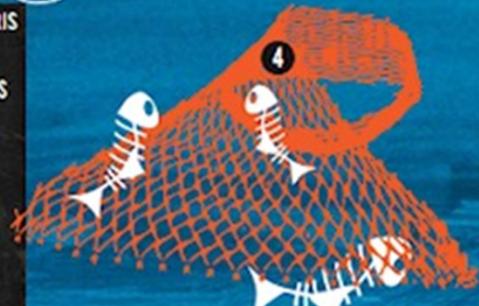
**3.- How this could impact Chilean  
aquaculture and fisheries?**

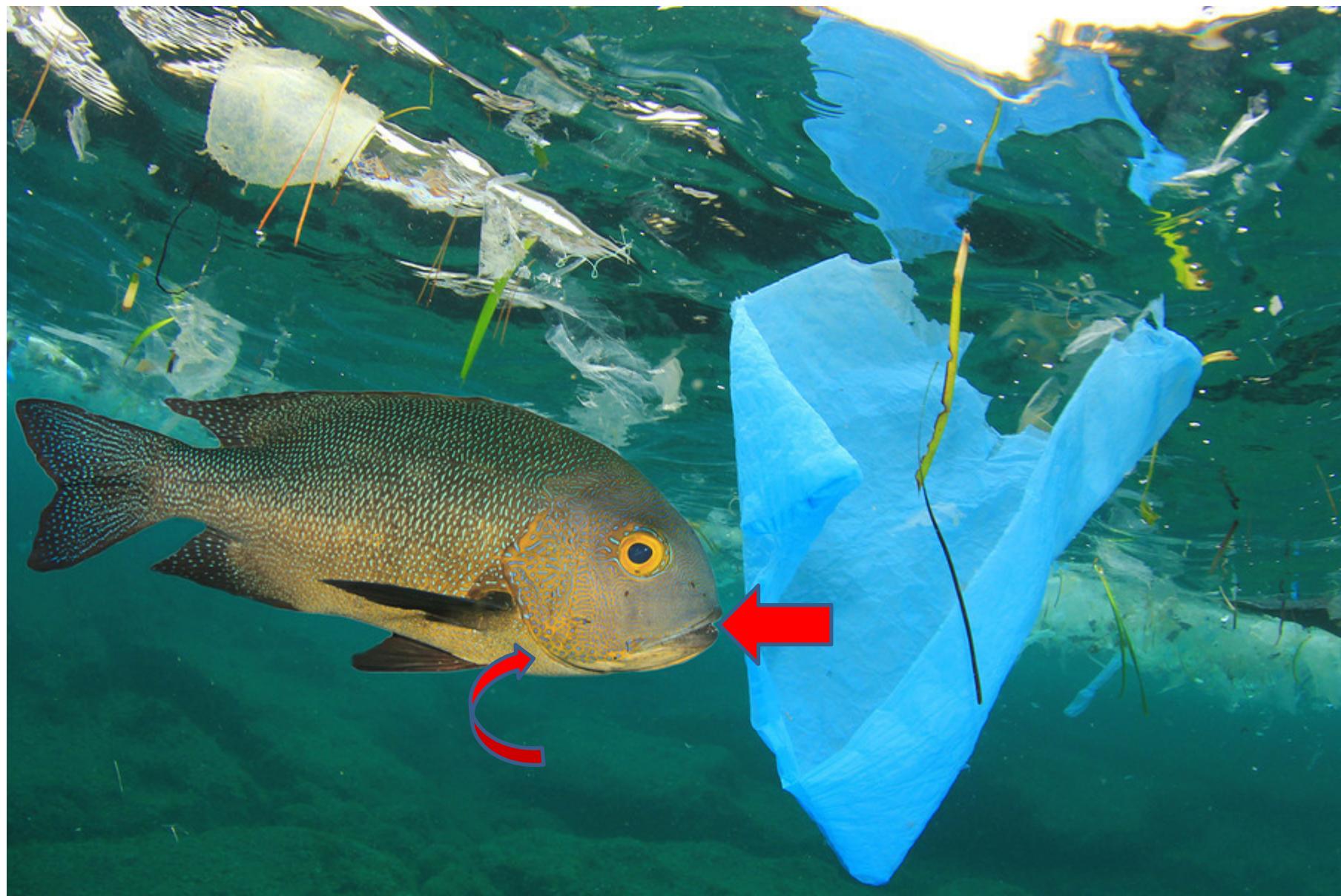


## SOURCES OF MARINE LITTER



- 1 SEWAGE RELATED DEBRIS
- 2 LITTER DROPPED IN TOWNS AND CITIES
- 3 POORLY MANAGED BINS AND LANDFILL SITES NEAR THE COAST
- 4 LOST FISHING EQUIPMENT
- 5 SHIPPING MATERIALS LOST OVERBOARD
- 6 POORLY MANAGED INDUSTRIES
- 7 LITTER DROPPED AT THE BEACH







**DOES  
SIZE  
MATTER?**

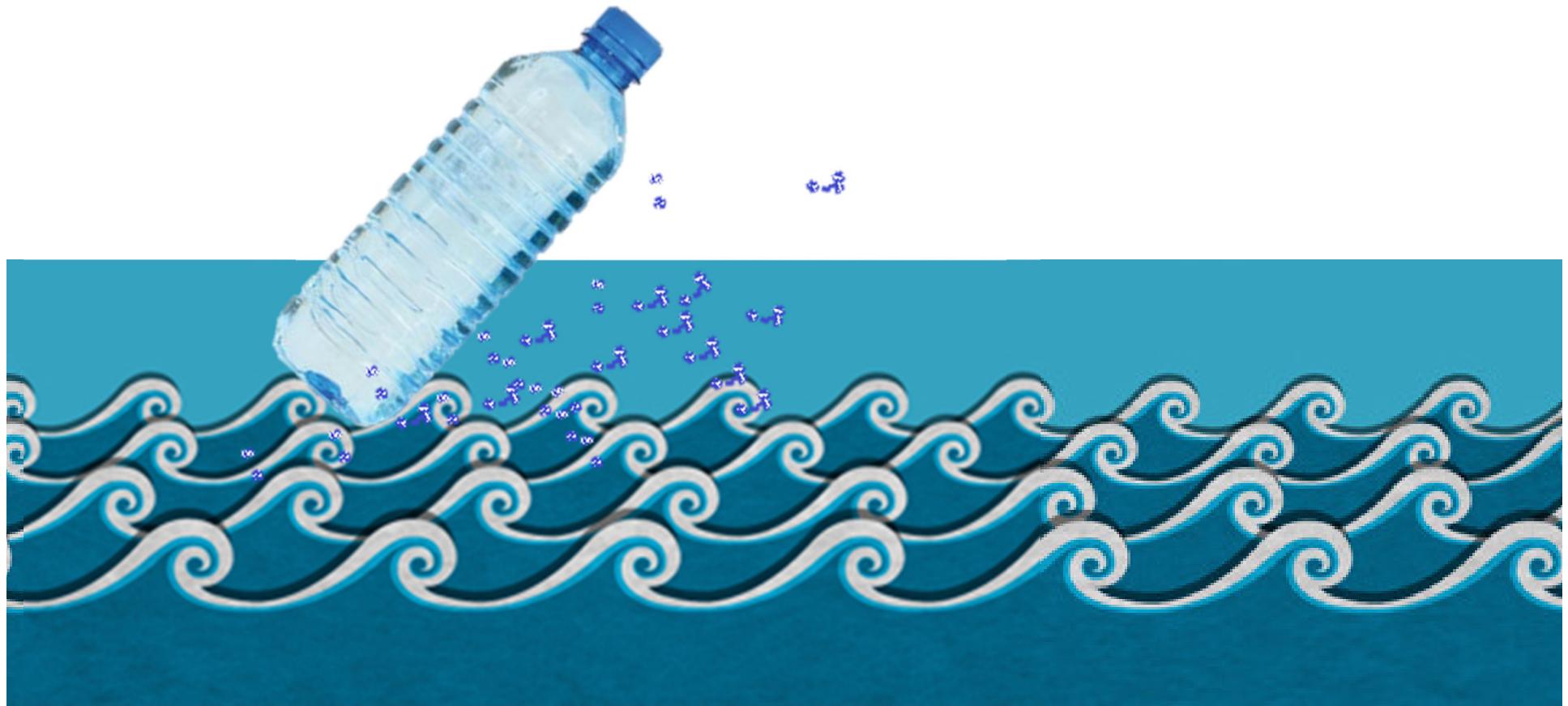
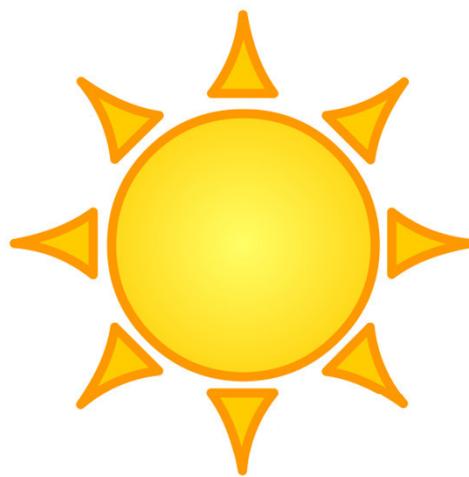




**But.....smaller particles are also a problem for smaller organisms**



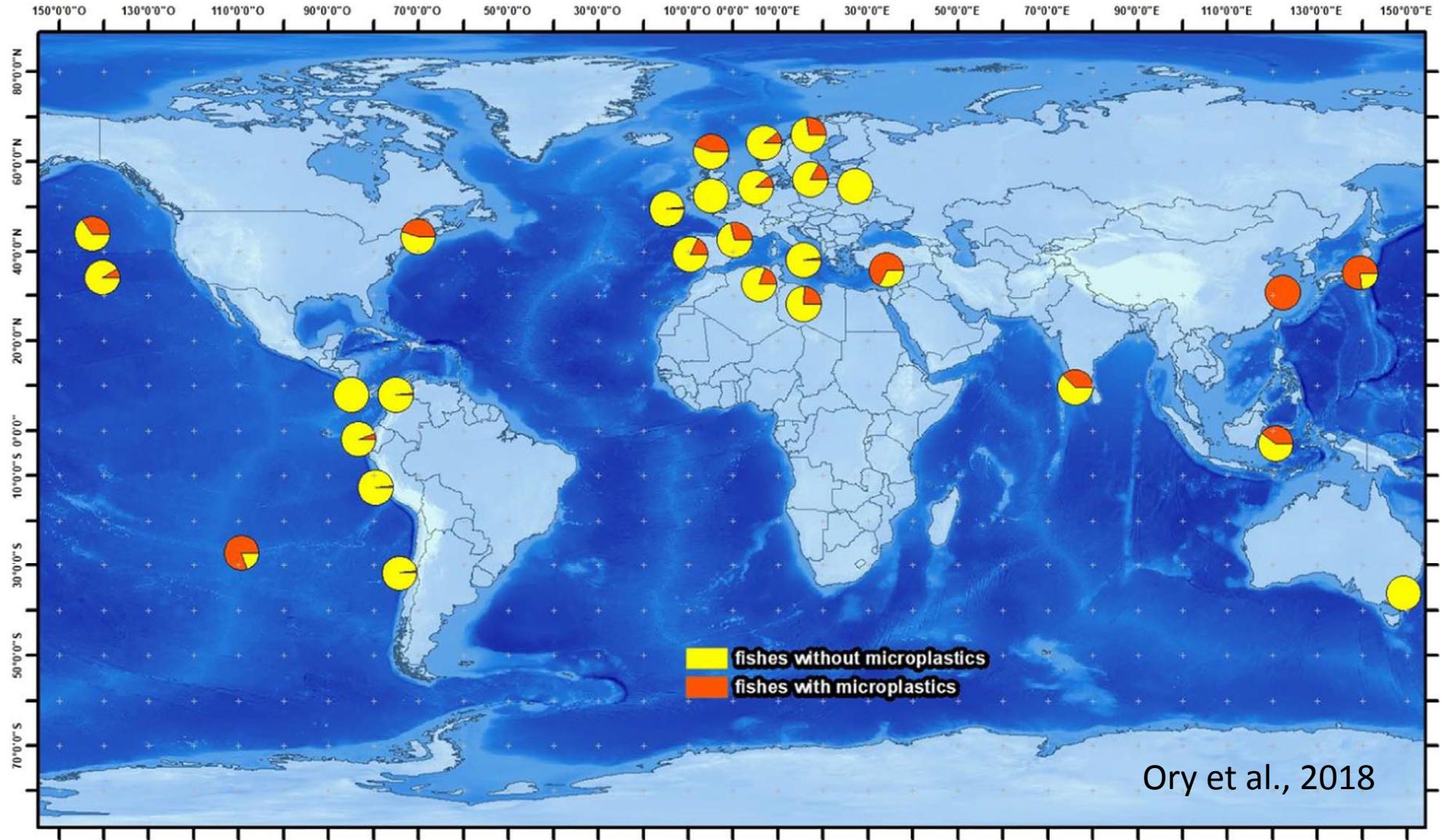
Figure 3. Copepod and diatom next to a microplastic fibre. Photo: SAHFOS (2008)



**Micro plásticos (< 5 mm)**

**Primarios  
Secundarios**

# Fish around the world



# Microplastics in animals



Northern Fulmar  
Avery-Gomm et al (2012)



Pelagic and demersal fish  
Lusher et al (2013),  
Ory et al 2018



Turtles  
Tourinho et al (2010)



Langoustines  
Murray and Cowie (2011)



Zooplankton  
Cole et al (2013)  
Setala et al (2014)



Sea cucumbers  
Graham and Thompson (2009)

Shore Crabs  
Farrell & Nelson (2013)  
Watts et al (2014)



Common Mussel  
Browne et al (2008)



Oysters  
Sussarellu et al (2016)

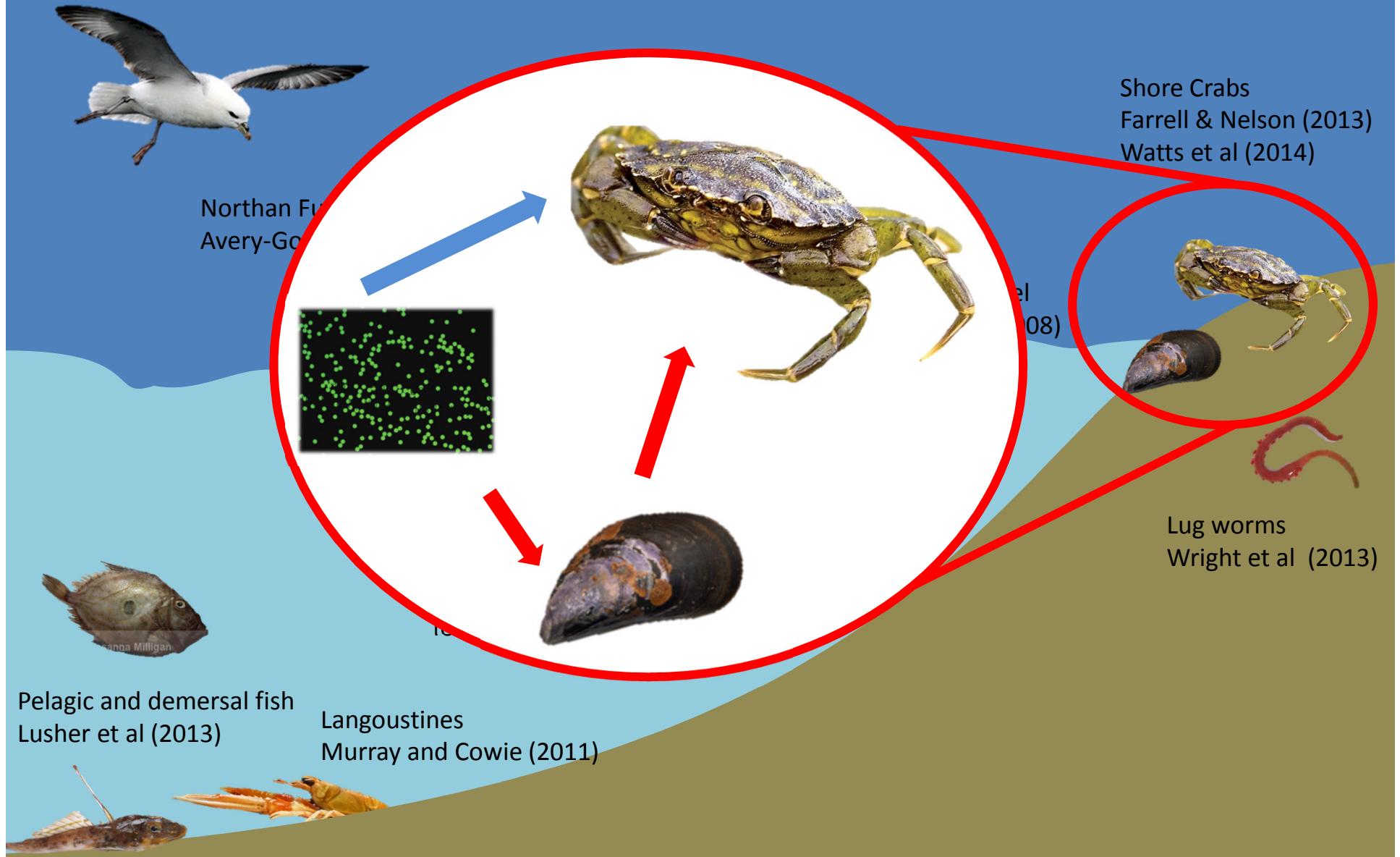


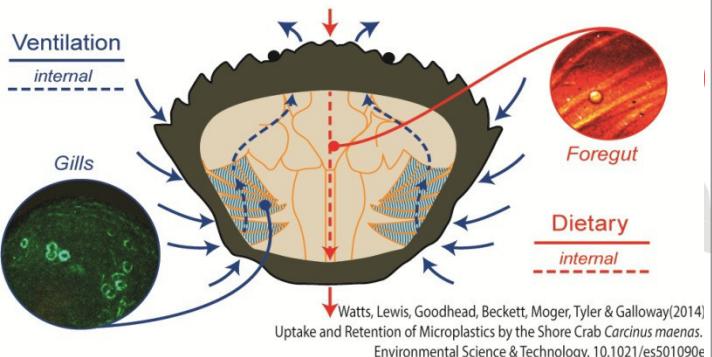
Lug worms  
Wright et al (2013)

**But do you know how I feel.....?**



# Microplastics in animals

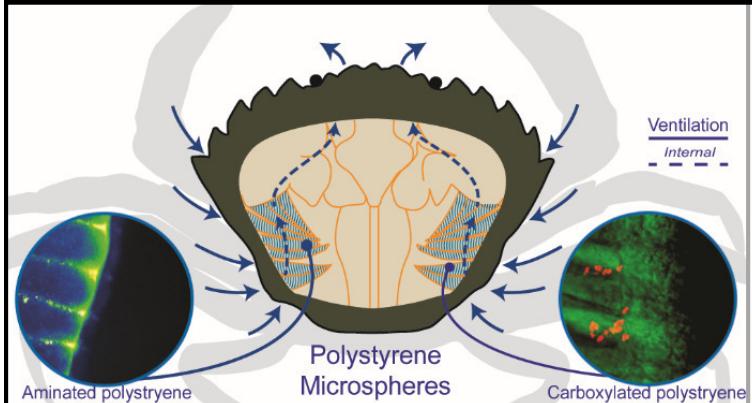




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## Routes of uptake, inhalation and ingestion of microplastic

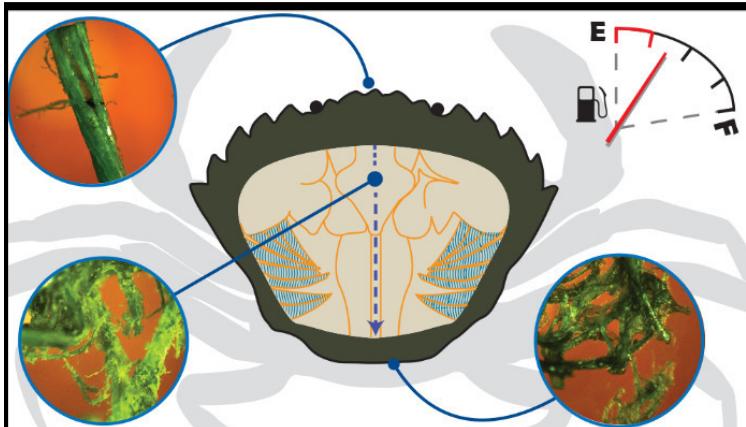
Watts A.J.R. et al (2014)



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## What is the biological consequences of inhaled microspheres?

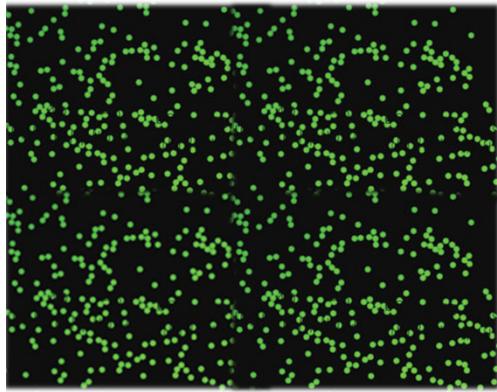
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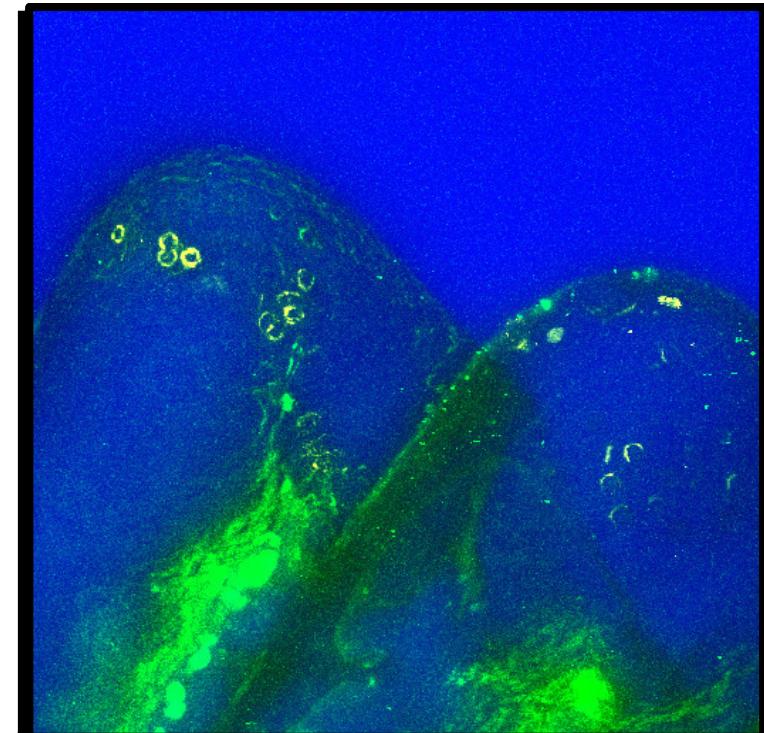
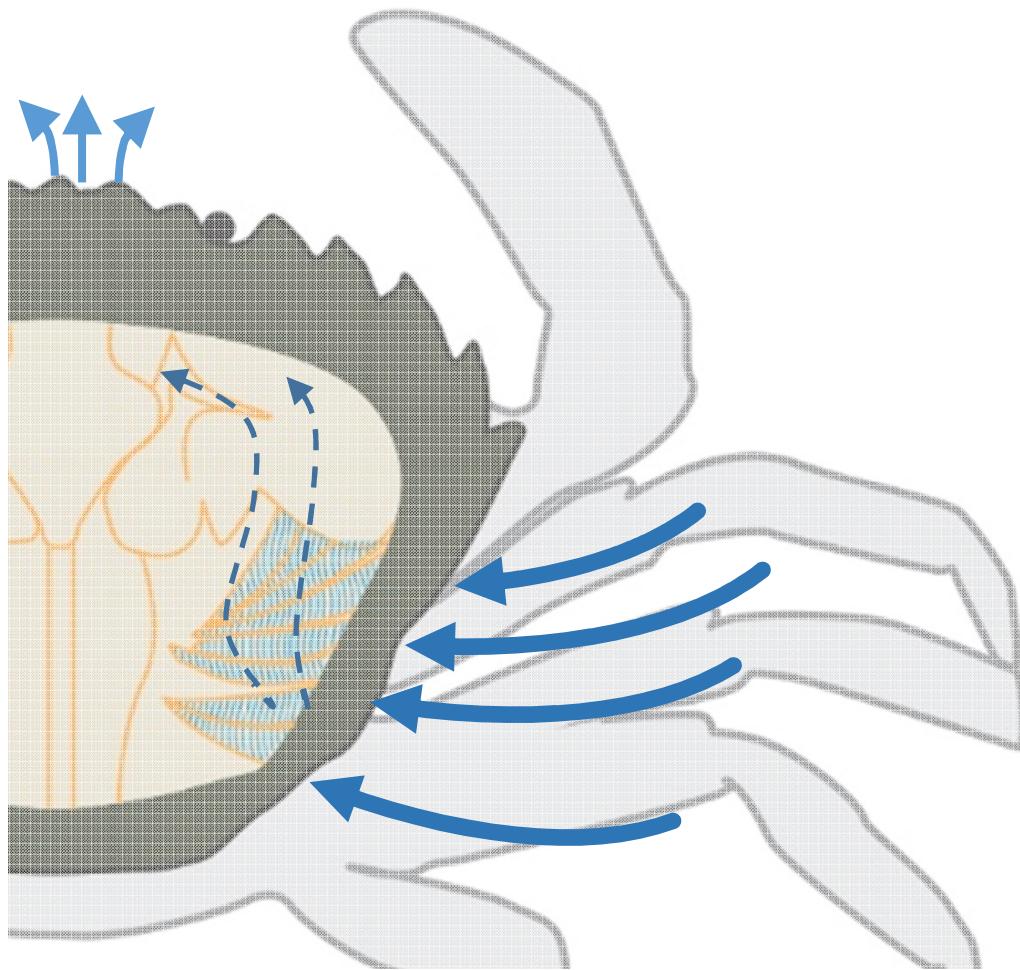
## What is the biological consequences of ingested microfibres?

Watts A.J.R. et al (2015)

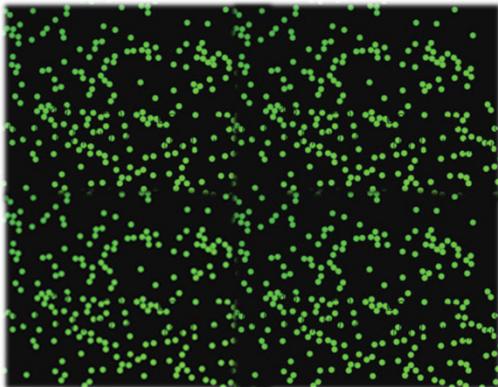


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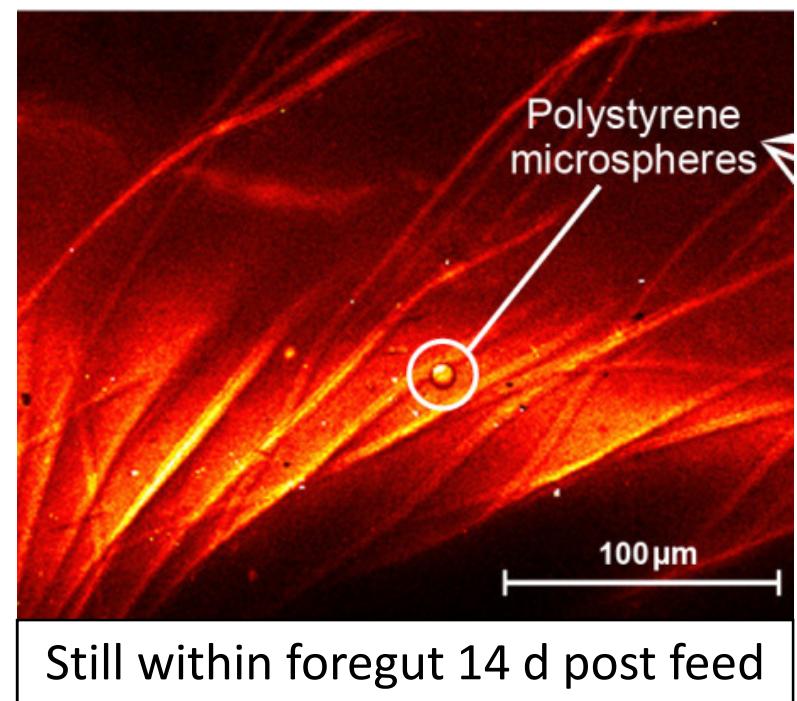
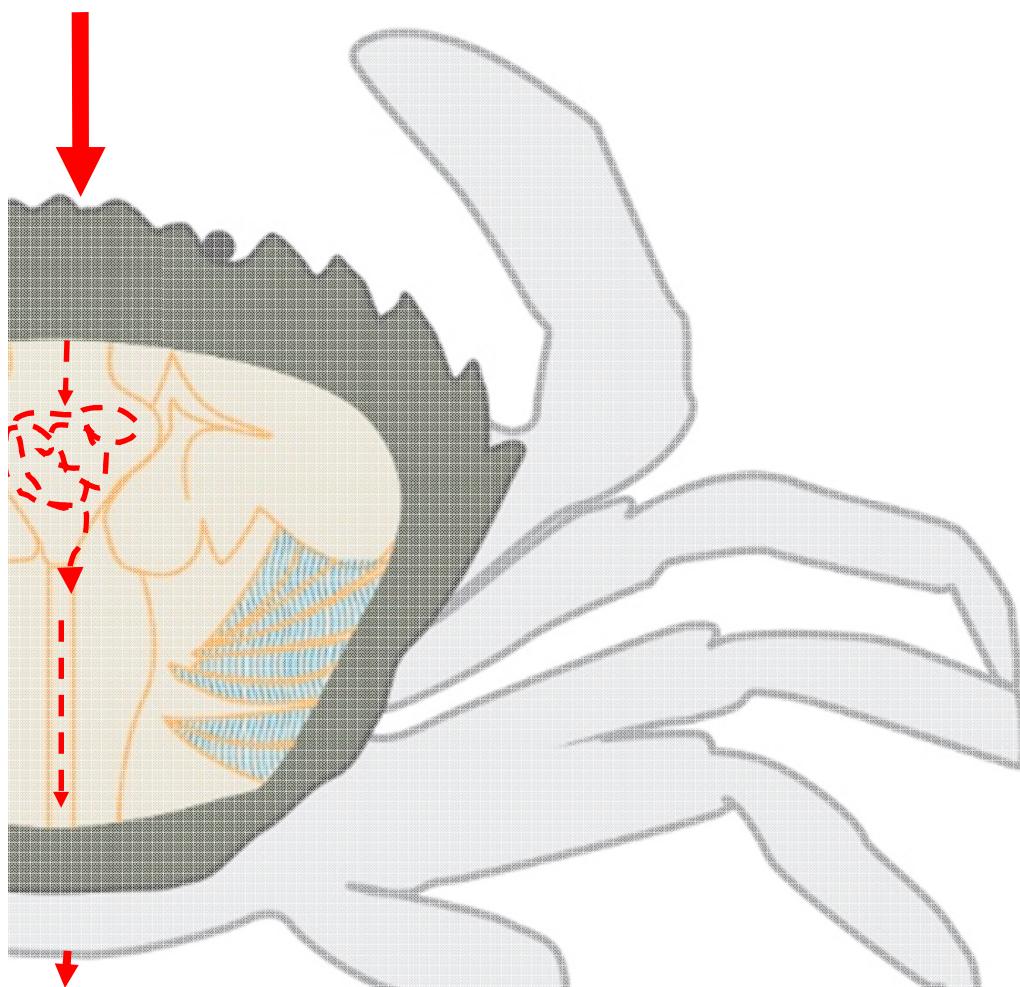
8-10  $\mu\text{m}$  polystyrene Microspheres



All 11 crabs were still expiring  
microspheres after 21 days



## 1. Route of uptake: Ingestion



Watts A.J.R. et al (2014)  
Enviro Sci & Tech 48(15):8823-30

## Effect of Microplastic on the Gills of the Shore Crab *Carcinus maenas*

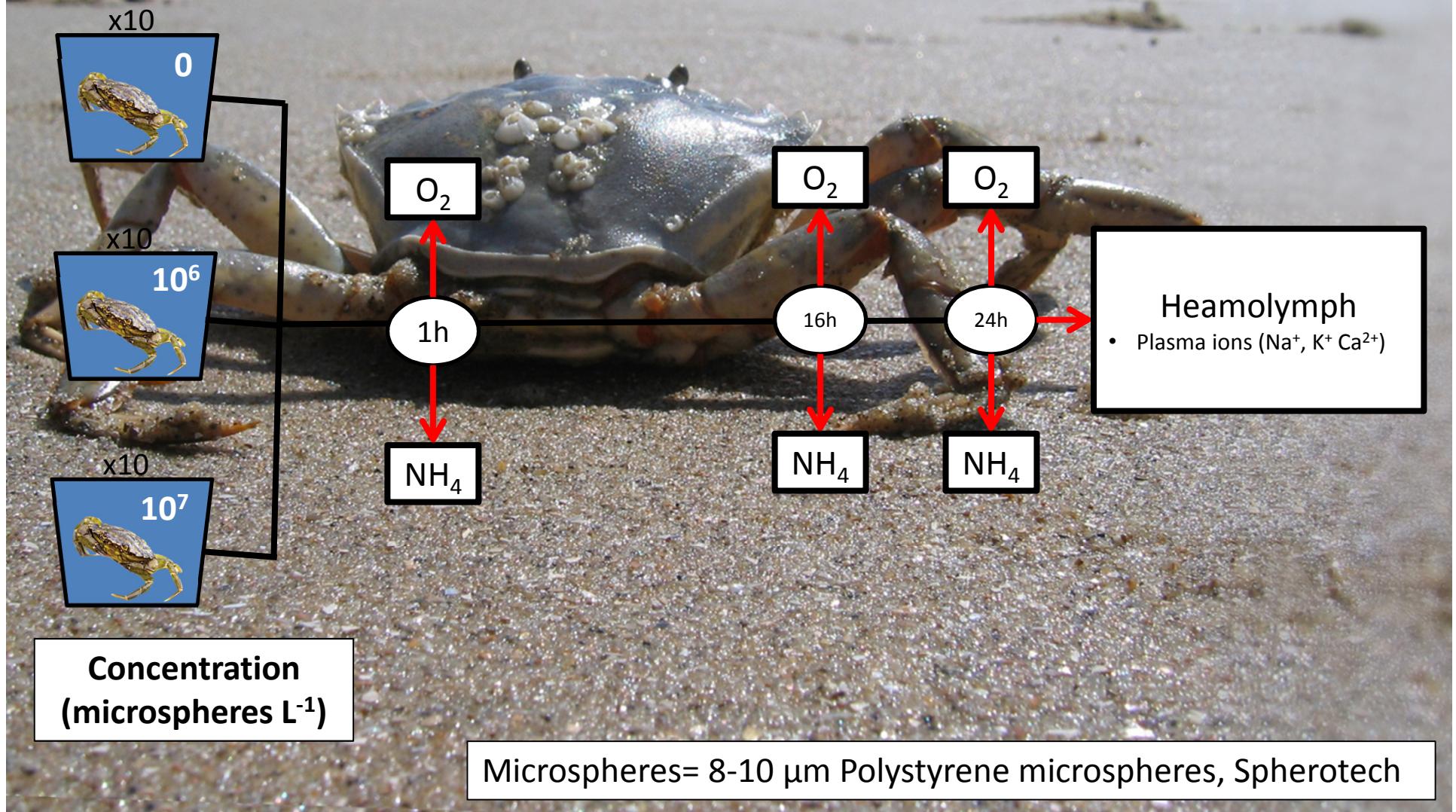
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## 2. What are the consequences?: **Ventilation**

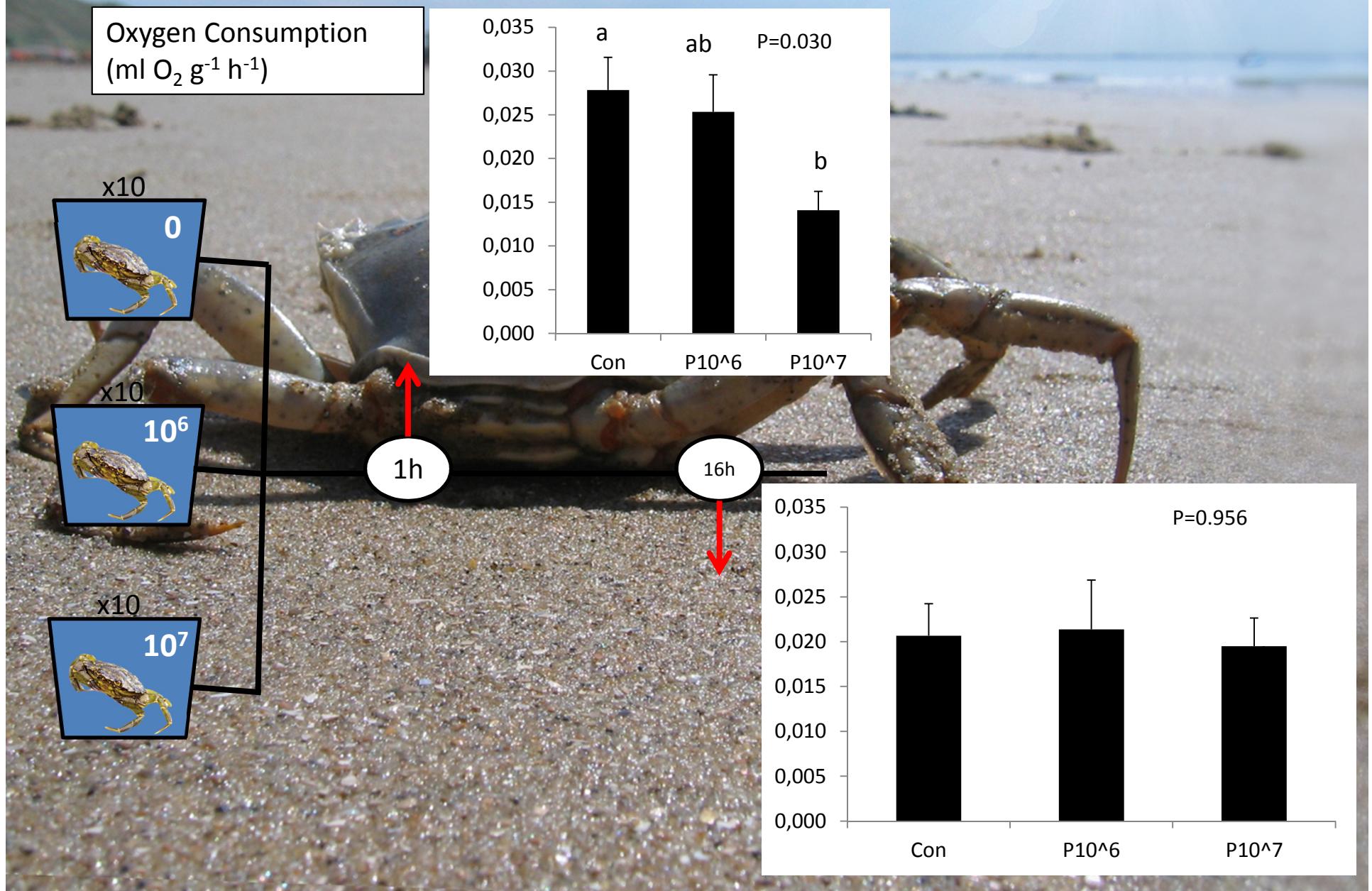
**Gas exchange**

**Ion exchange**

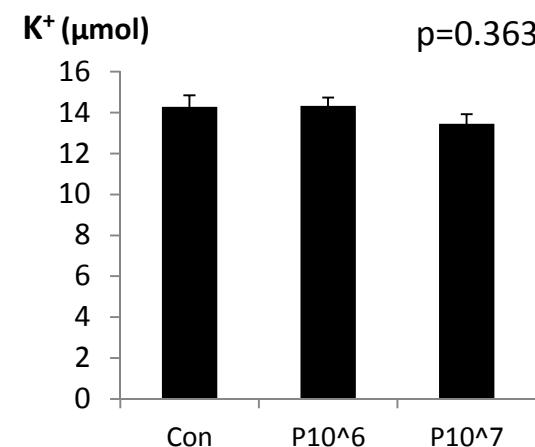
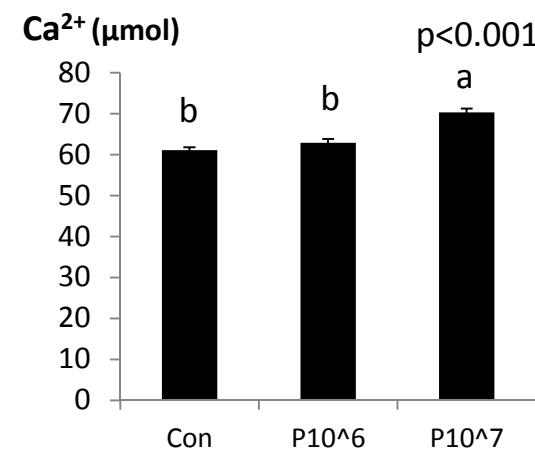
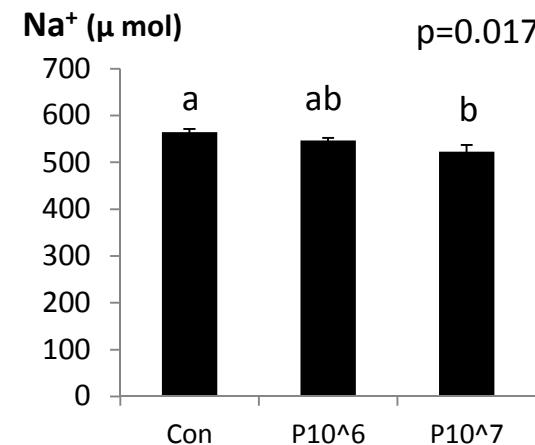
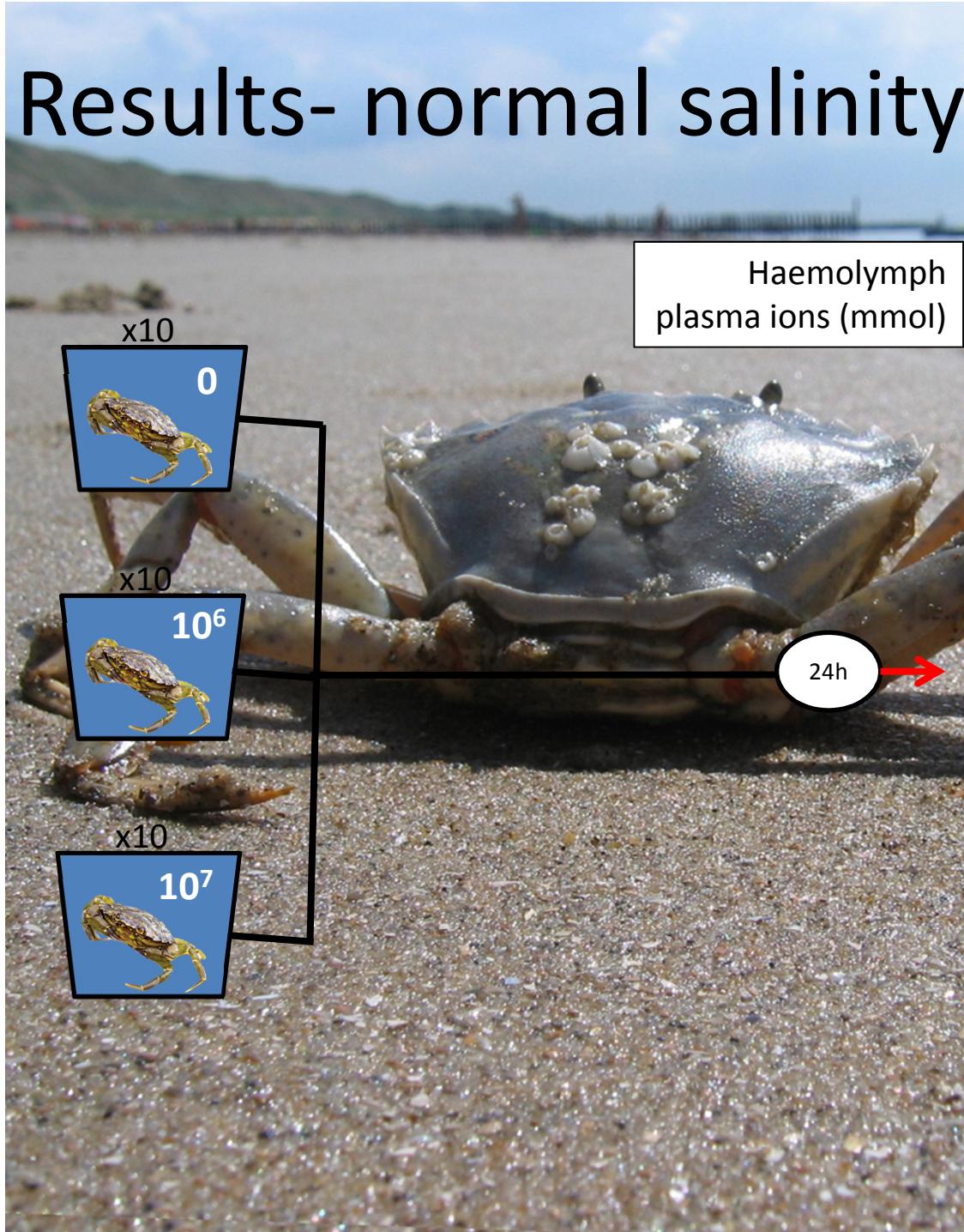
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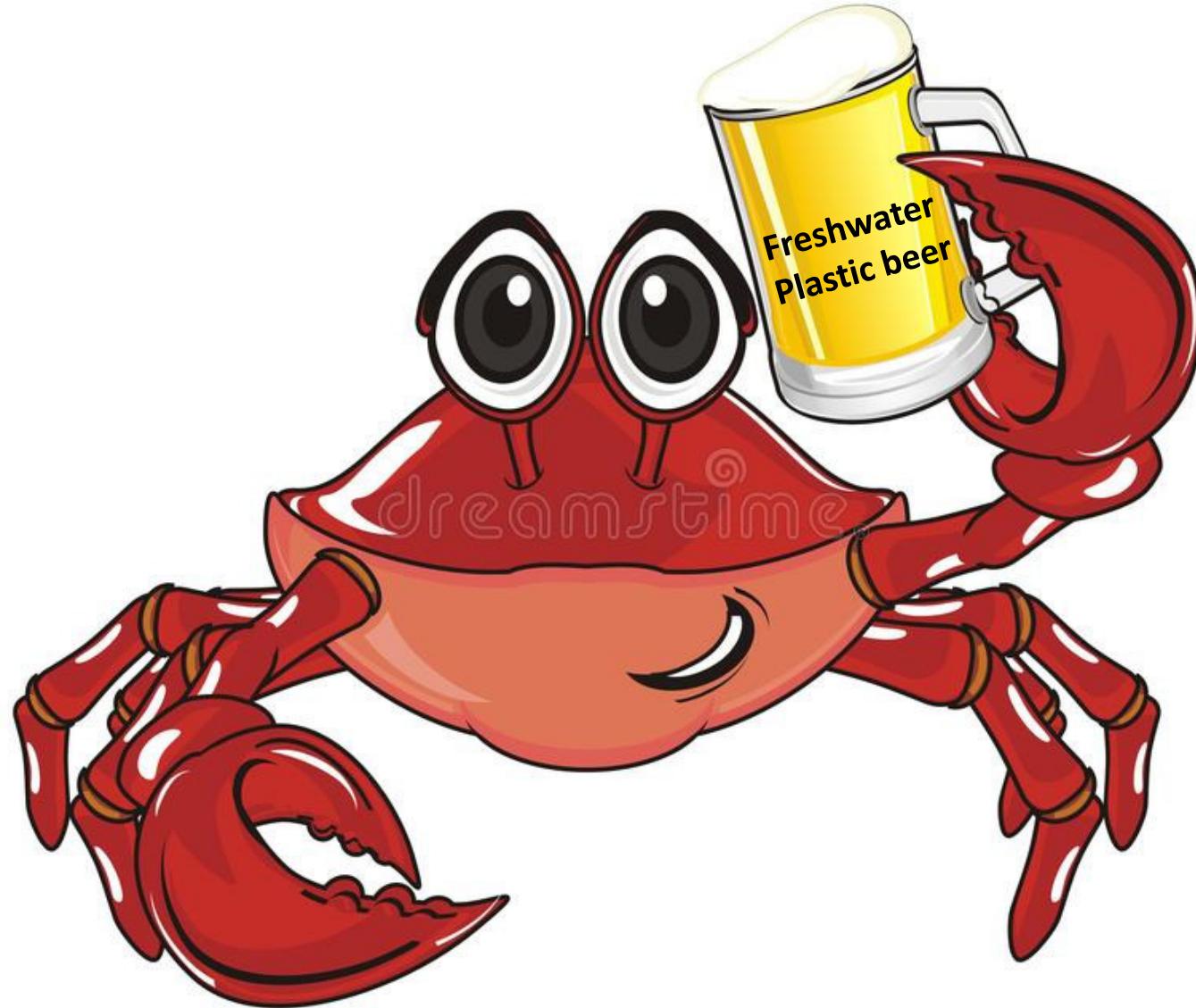
# Results- normal salinity



# Results- normal salinity



# Methods- reduced salinity



amolymph  
smolality  
asma ions  
•  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$   $\text{Ca}^{2+}$

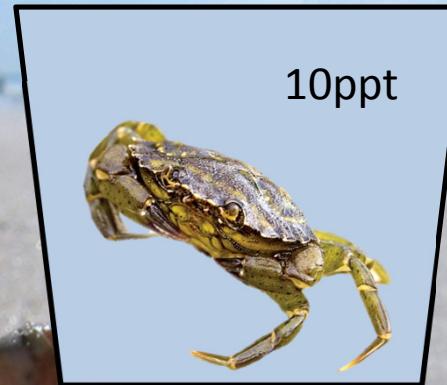
33ppt  
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# Summary



## Crab in normal salinity with increasing plastic concentration

- O<sub>2</sub> consumption
  - Reduced short term
  - Recovers
- Ions in haemolymph
  - Slight increase Ca<sup>2+</sup> ions
  - Slight reduction Na<sup>+</sup> ions



## Crab in reduced salinity with increasing plastic concentration

- The need to osmoregulate out weighs any effect of plastic

**But *C.maenas* is an excellent  
osmoregulator,  
what about other spp?**

### 3. What are the effects?:

#### Ingestion



Article

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##### Ingestion of Plastic Microfibers by the Crab *Carcinus maenas* and Its Effect on Food Consumption and Energy Balance

Andrew J.R. Watts,<sup>\*†</sup> Mauricio A. Urbina,<sup>†‡</sup> Shauna Corr,<sup>†</sup> Ceri Lewis,<sup>†</sup> and Tamara S. Galloway<sup>†</sup>



0% (0 mg)

0.3% (0.6 mg)

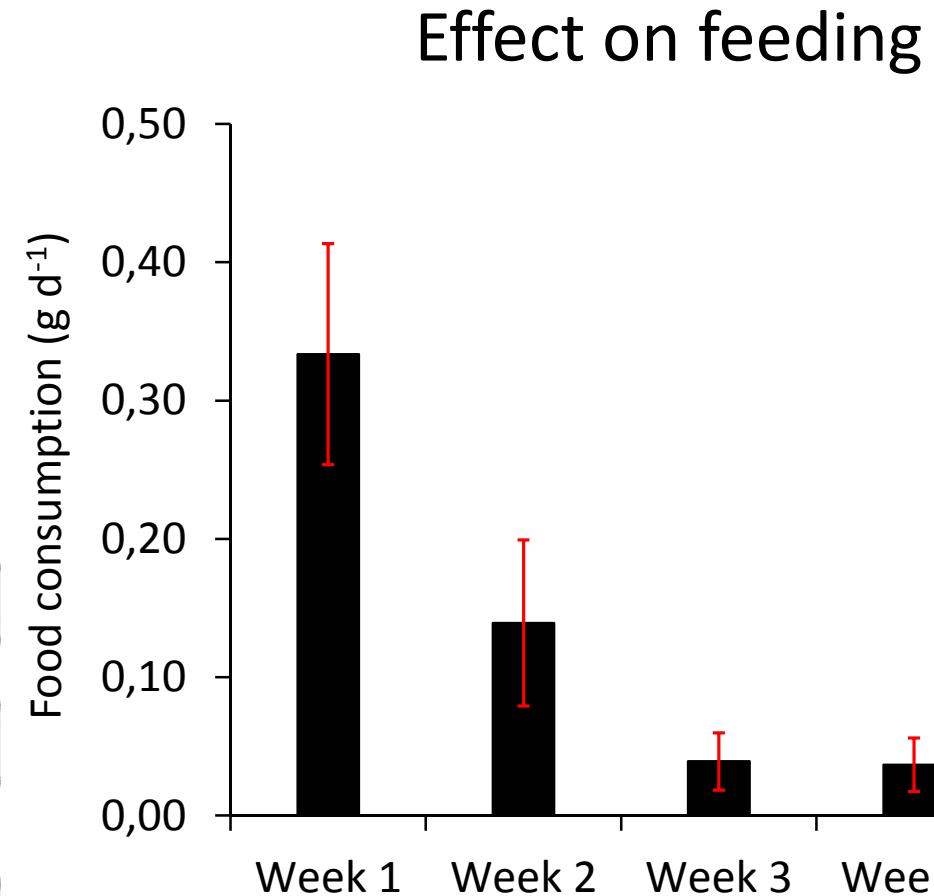
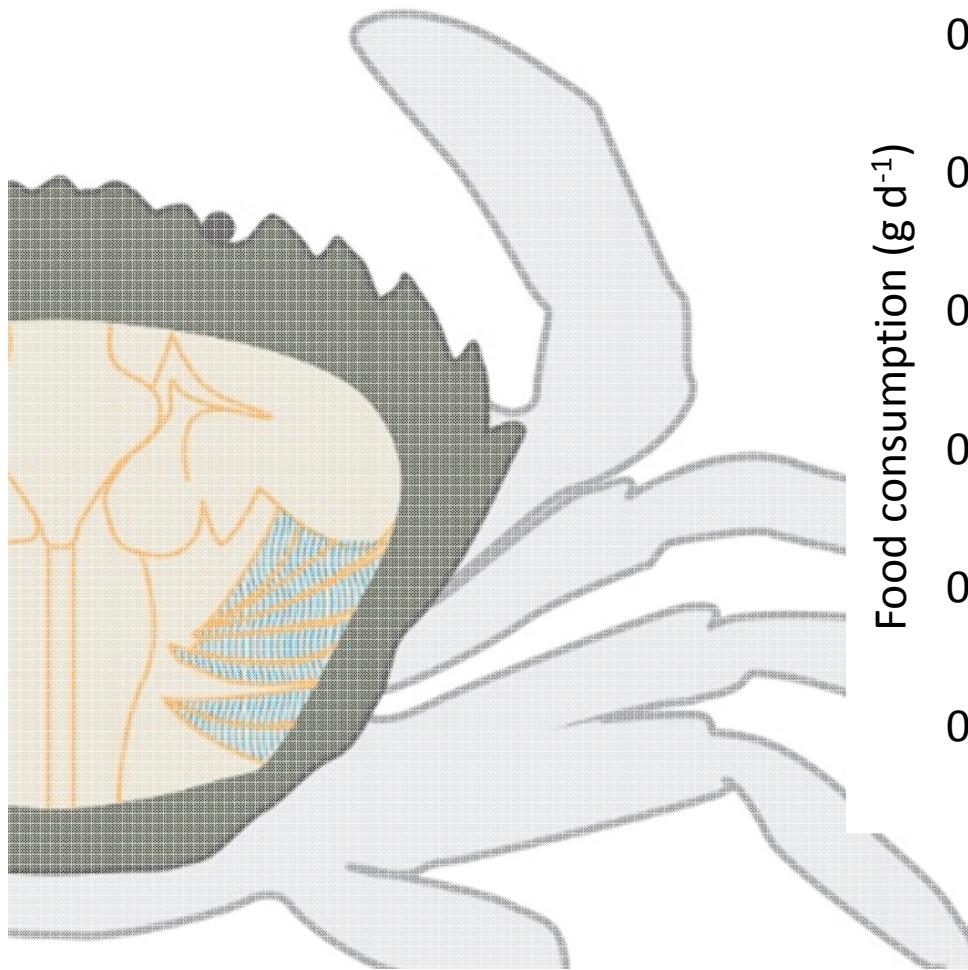
0.6% (1.2 mg)

1% (2.0 mg)





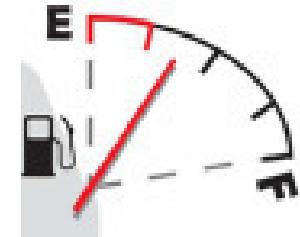
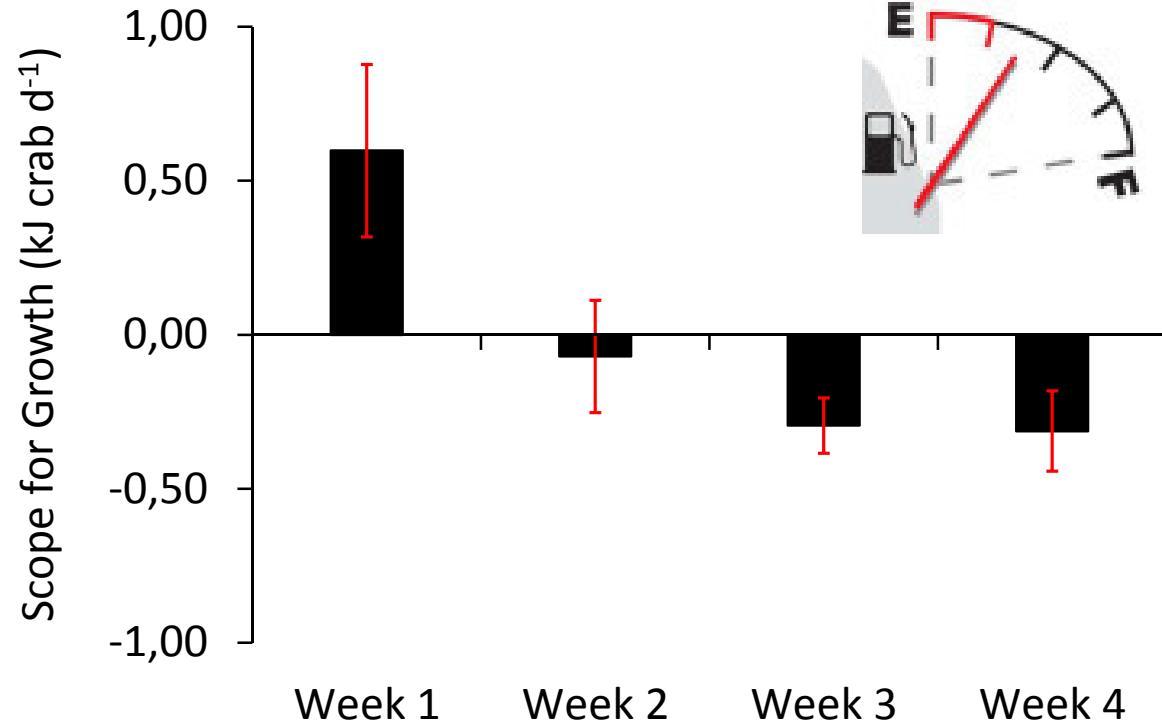
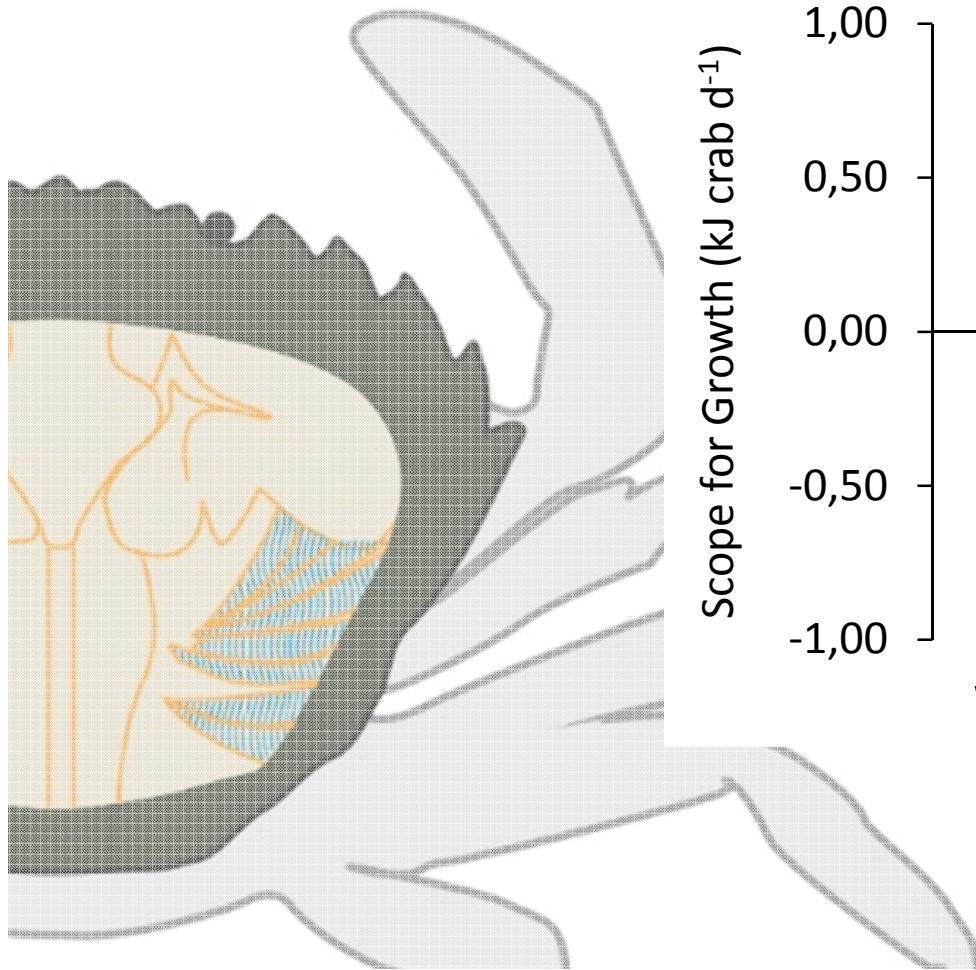
### 3. What are the effects?: Ingestion





# Ingestion: rope fibres

## Effect on scope for growth



# Other energy related consequences.....

Decreased food consumption, weight loss and energy depletion (Besseling *et al.*, 2013; Wright *et al.*, 2013)



Decreased fecundity and negative impacts on subsequent generations (Sussarellu *et al.*, 2016).



Increased immune response  
(von Moos, Burkhardt-Holm and Kohler, 2012)



Increases in inflammation, oxidative stress and disrupted energy metabolism (Lu *et al.*, 2016)



Zebra fish

Sea bass



Intestinal tract alterations and compromised intestinal function (Peda *et al.*, 2016)

Reduced predatory performance, abnormal swimming behaviour and lethargy  
(De Sa, Luis and Guilhermino, 2015;  
Ferreira P. *et al.*, 2016; Oliveira *et al.*, 2013)



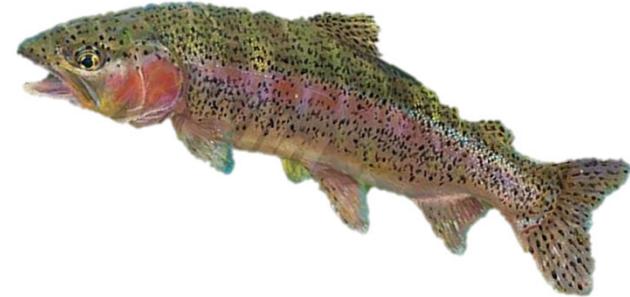
Common goby

Signs of liver toxicity, hepatic stress and changed endocrine function, as well as gene expression (Rochman *et al.*, 2013; 2014)



Japanese medaka

...But no effects on rainbow trout (Rummel *et al.* (2016))



## What do we know from SE organisms?

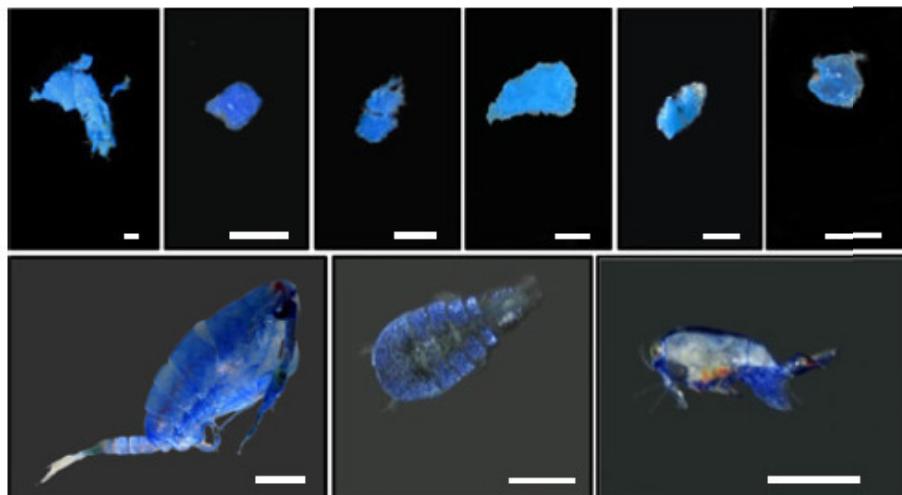


Short Communication

Amberstripe scad *Decapterus muroadsii* (Carangidae) fish ingest blue microplastics resembling their copepod prey along the coast of Rapa Nui (Easter Island) in the South Pacific subtropical gyre



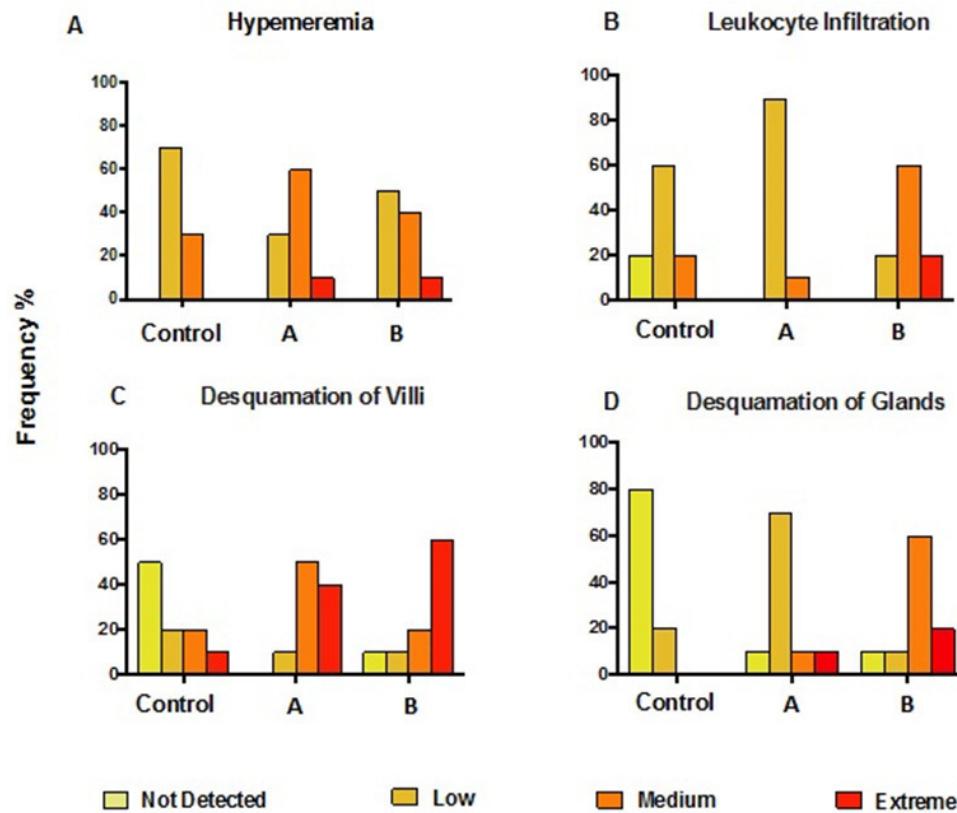
Nicolas Christian Ory <sup>a,b,\*</sup>, Paula Sobral <sup>c</sup>, Joana Lia Ferreira <sup>d</sup>, Martin Thiel <sup>a,b,e</sup>



Fish confuse blue microplastics with their prey  
(blue copepods) of similar sizes and shapes

# Impact of nanoplastic consumption on the histological intestinal tract of *Girella laevifrons*

Ahrendt, C<sup>1</sup>., Perez-Venegas, D.J<sup>1,2</sup>., Vargas, J<sup>1</sup>., Urbina, M<sup>3</sup>., Pulgar, J<sup>1\*</sup>., Gonzalez, C., Galbán-Malagón, C<sup>1,4\*</sup>,

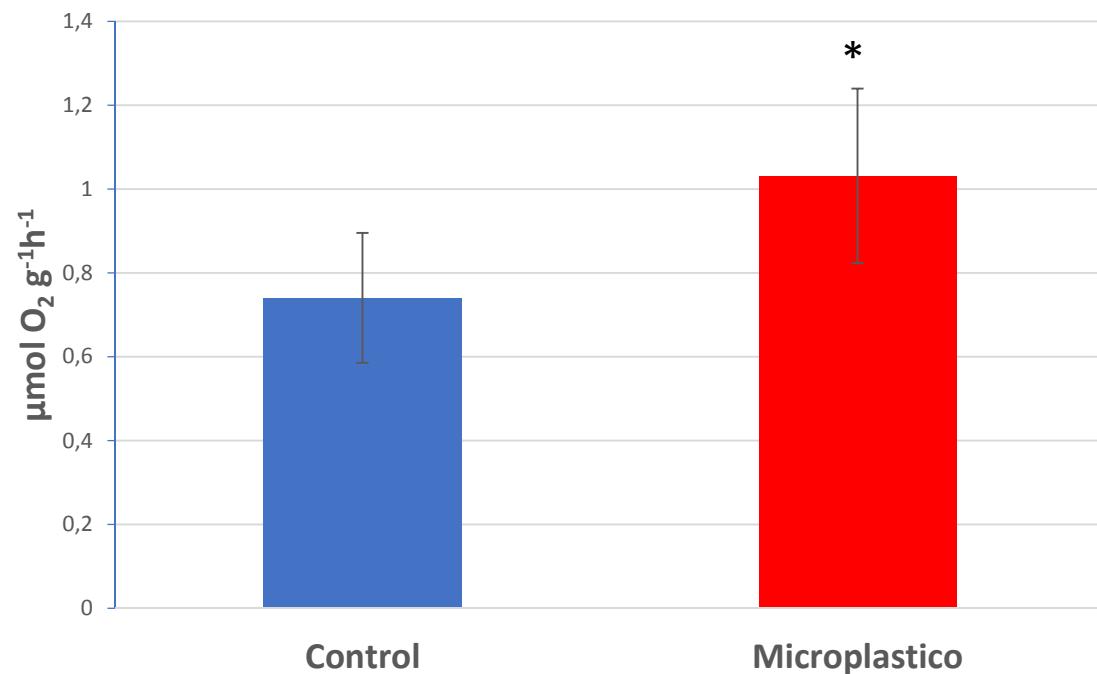


**But all of them.....**

**at concentrations higher than what has been found  
in the environment**

## Efectos crónicos y agudos a la exposición de microplásticos en el cangrejo intermareal *Petrolisthes laevigatus* (Guérin, 1835).

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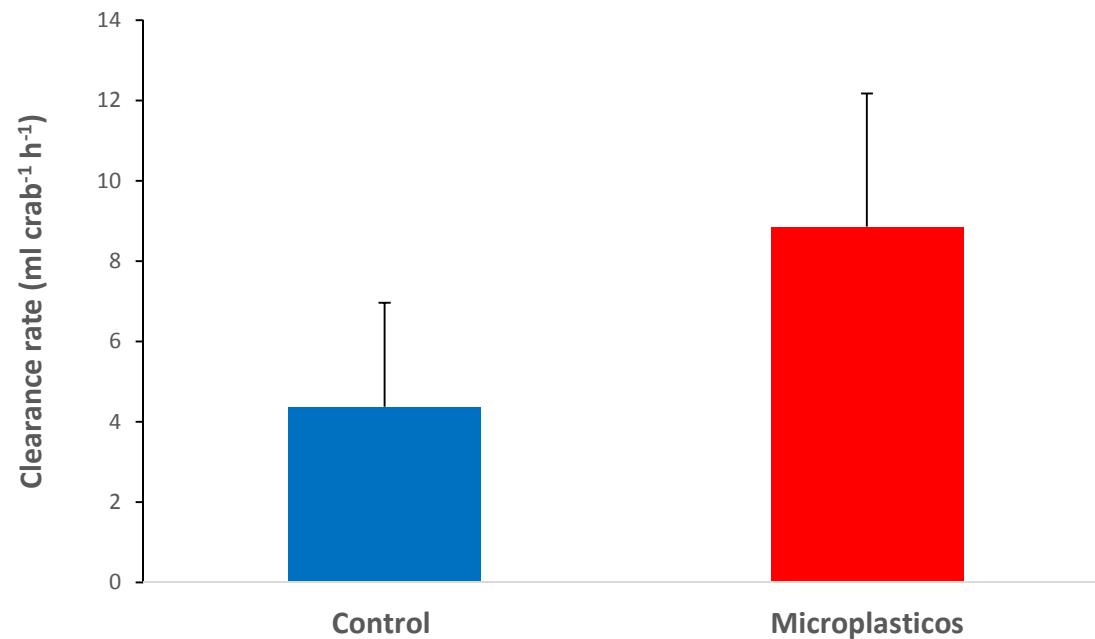


5 months  
at 5 particles  $\text{ml}^{-1}$



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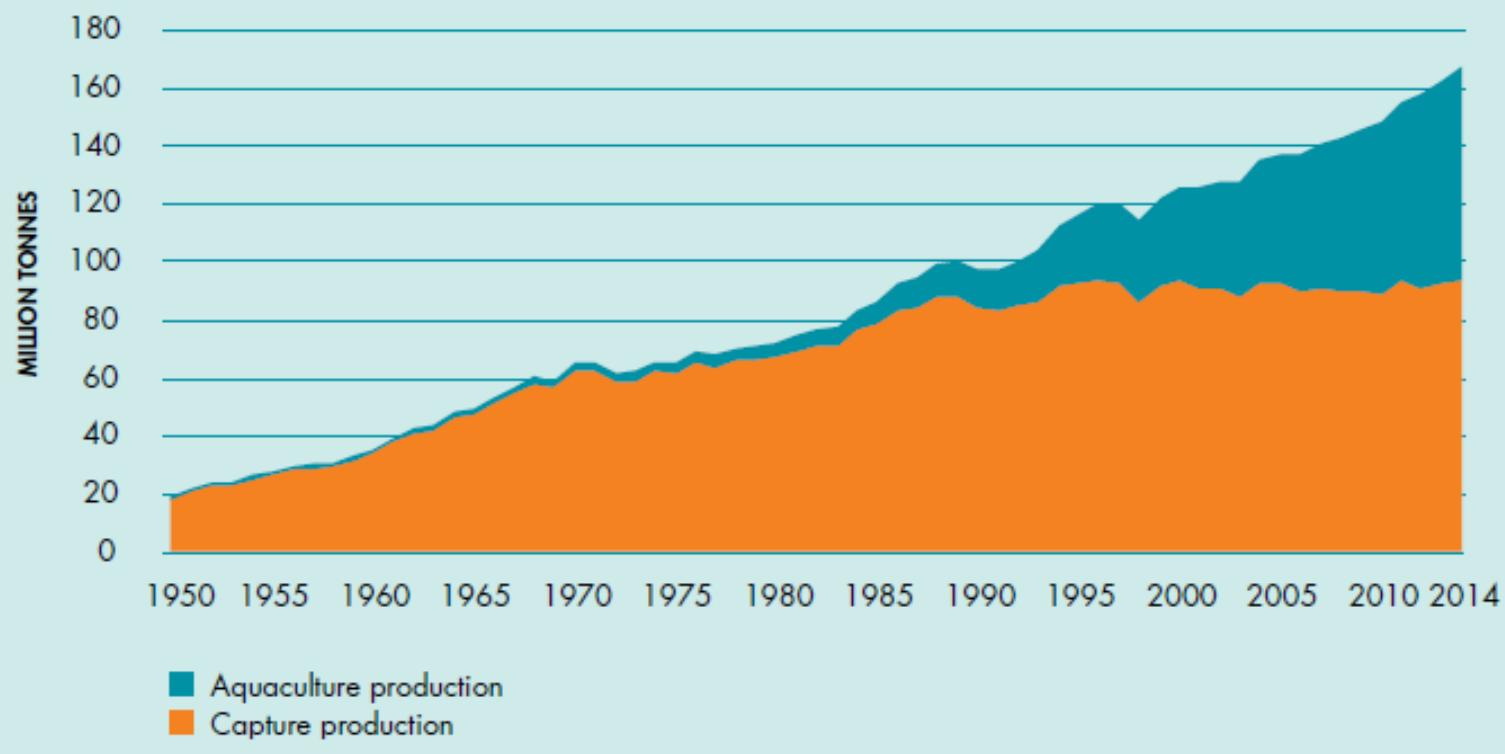
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**Should aquaculture and fisheries  
be concerned?**

## WORLD CAPTURE FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION



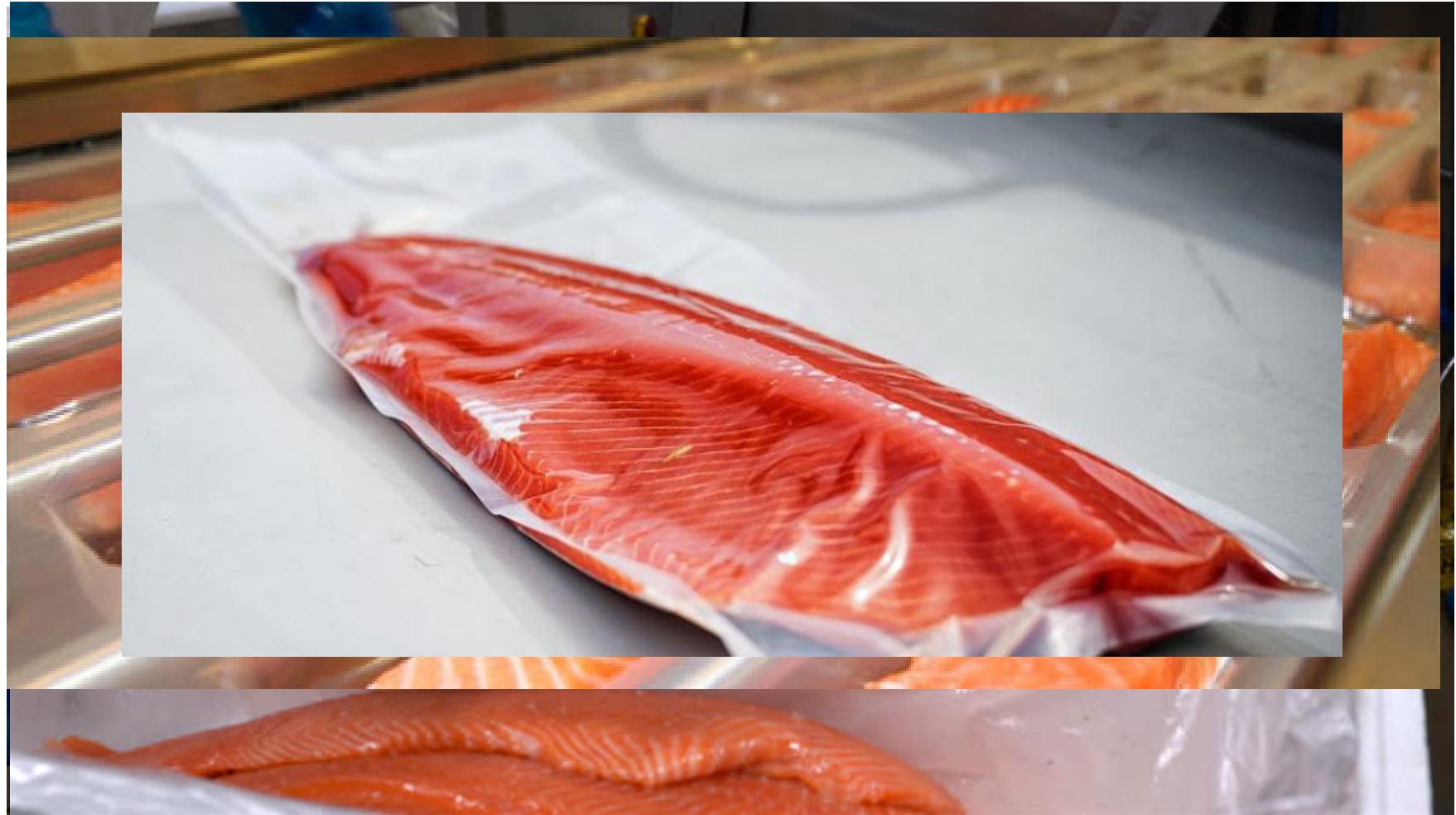
## TOP 25 PRODUCERS AND MAIN GROUPS OF FARMED SPECIES IN 2014

MAJOR PRODUCERS	FINFISH			CRUSTACEANS	OTHER AQUATIC ANIMALS	TOTAL AQUATIC ANIMALS	AQUATIC PLANTS	TOTAL AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION
	INLAND AQUACULTURE	MARINE/ COASTAL AQUACULTURE	MOLLUSCS					
(Thousand tonnes)								
China	26 029.7	1 189.7	13 418.7	3 993.5	839.5	45 469.0	13 326.3	58 795.3
Indonesia	2 857.6	782.3	44.4	613.9	0.1	4 253.9	10 077.0	14 330.9
India	4 391.1	90.0	14.2	385.7	...	4 881.0	3.0	4 884.0
Viet Nam	2 478.5	208.5	198.9	506.2	4.9	3 397.1	14.3	3 411.4
Philippines	299.3	373.0	41.1	74.6	...	788.0	1 549.6	2 337.6
Bangladesh	1 733.1	93.7	...	130.2	...	1 956.9	...	1 956.9
Republic of Korea	17.2	83.4	359.3	4.5	15.9	480.4	1 087.0	1 567.4
Norway	0.1	1 330.4	2.0	...	...	1 332.5	...	1 332.5
9 Chile	68.7	899.4	246.4	...	...	1 214.5	12.8	1 227.4
Egypt	1 129.9	...	...	7.2	...	1 137.1	...	1 137.1

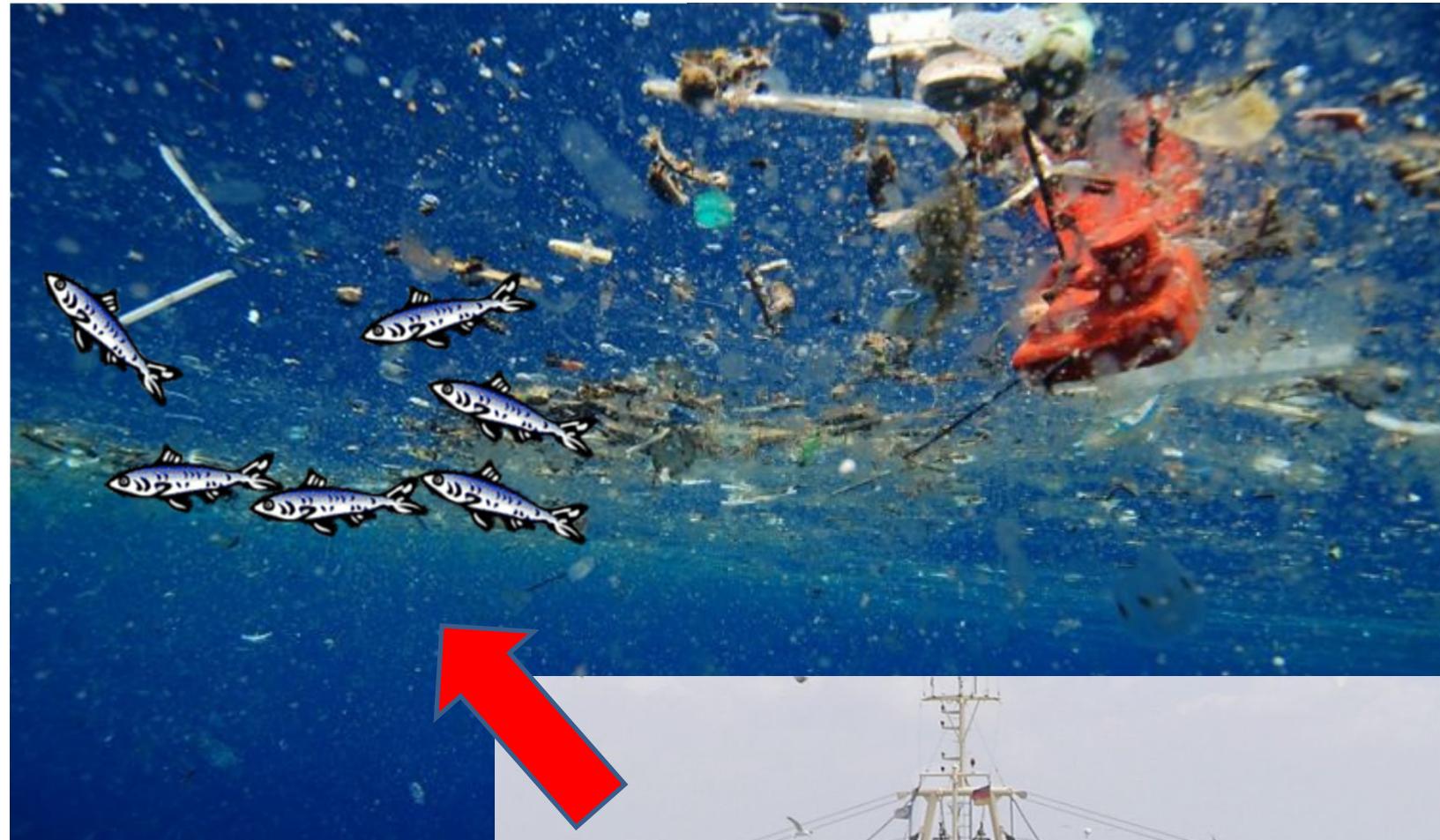


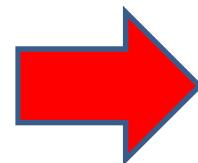
**...beyond farming or fishing.....**





**Is that all??**





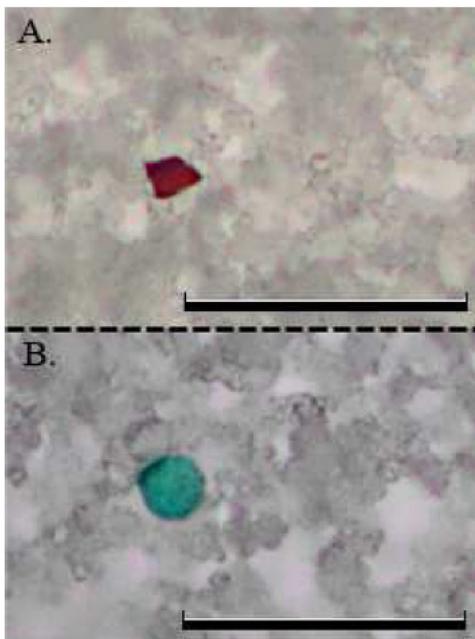


## Microplastics in bivalves cultured for human consumption

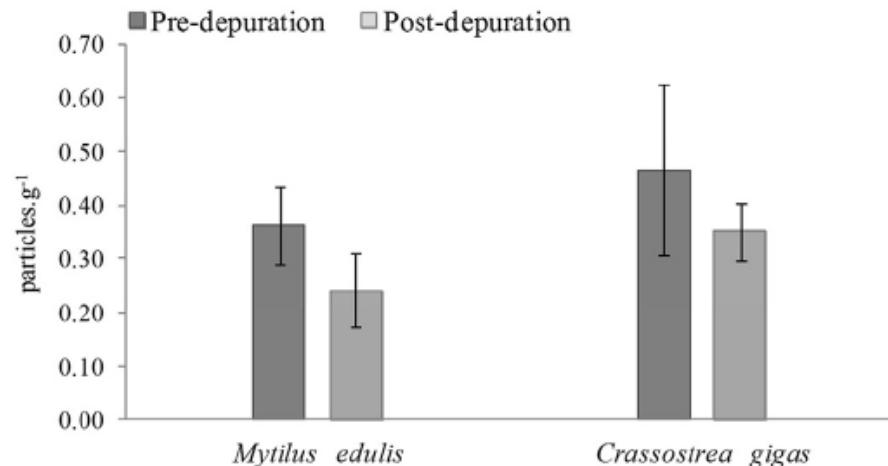


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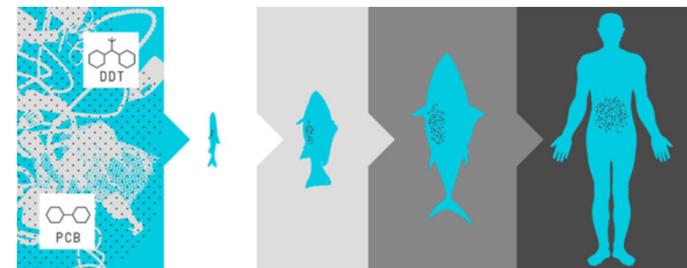
**Fig. 1.** Microplastics detected in the acid digested *Mytilus edulis* and *Crassostrea gigas*. A. Red particle recovered from *Mytilus edulis*; B. Green sphere detected in the soft tissue of *Crassostrea gigas*. (Scale bar: 50 µm). (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)



**Fig. 2.** Average microplastic concentration (particles  $\text{g}^{-1}$  ww) in the tissues of digested organisms. Before and after a three day depuration period. (Bars represent standard deviation).

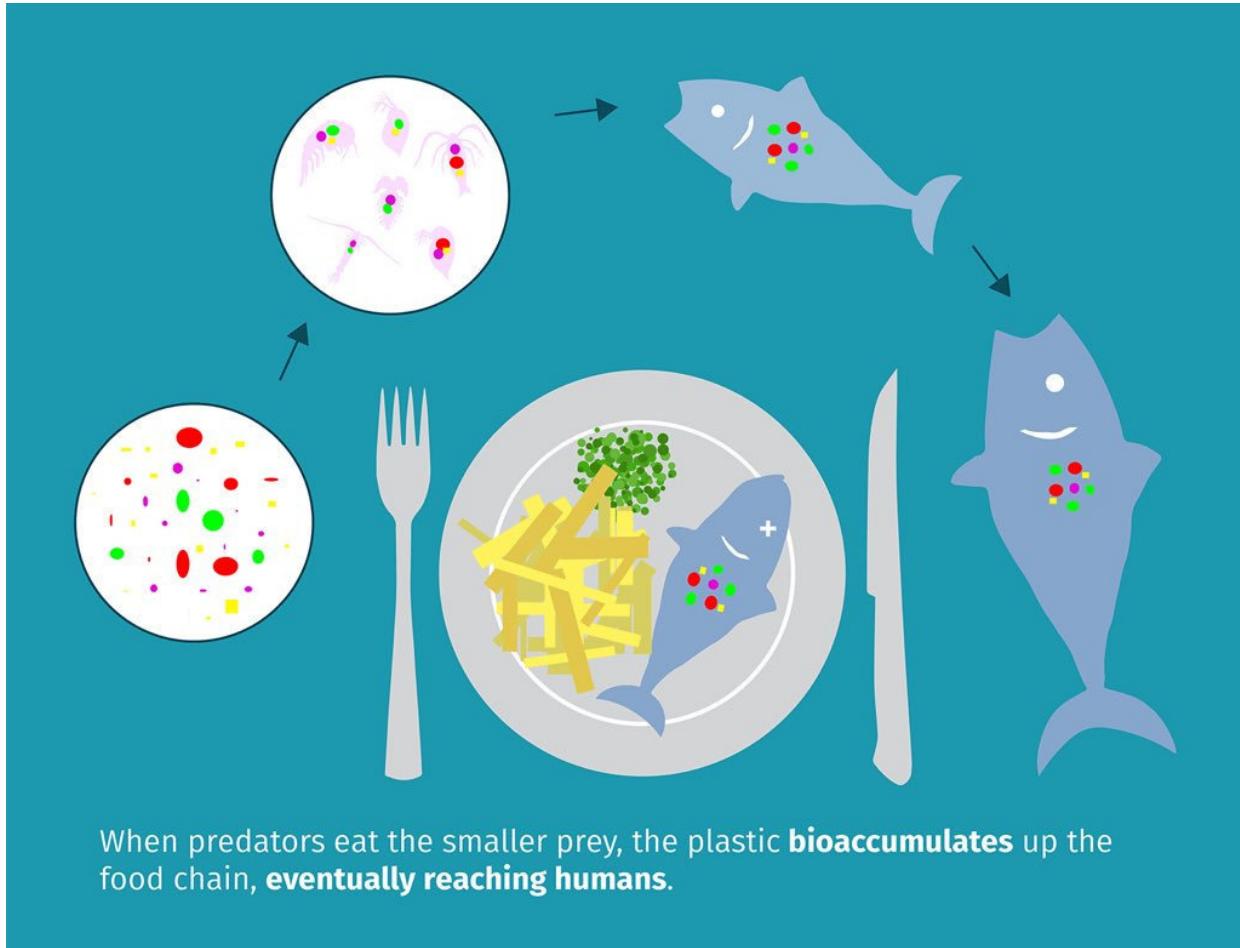


- Potencial transferencia trófica
- Absorción de químicos y disruptores Hormonales
- Biotransformación

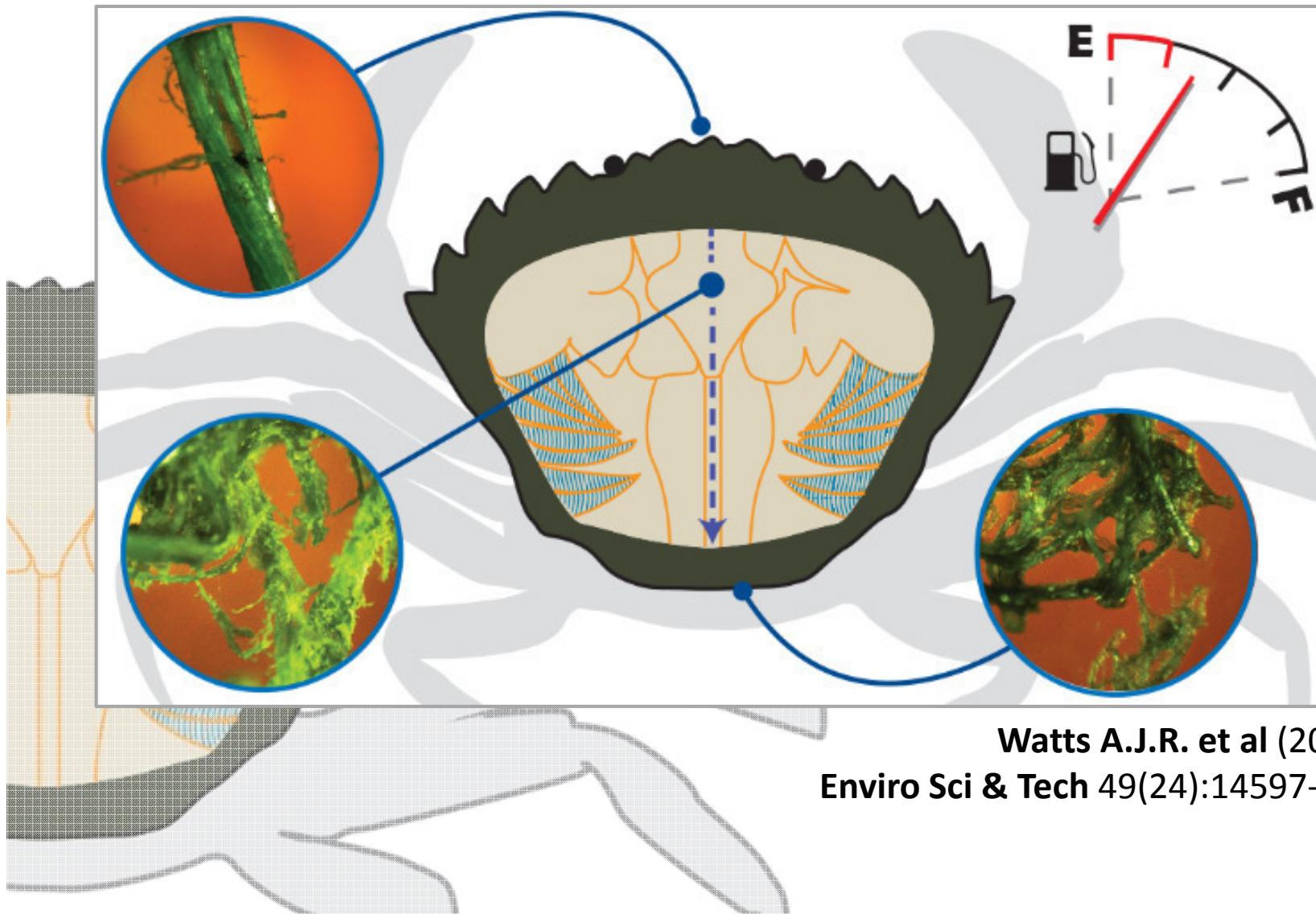




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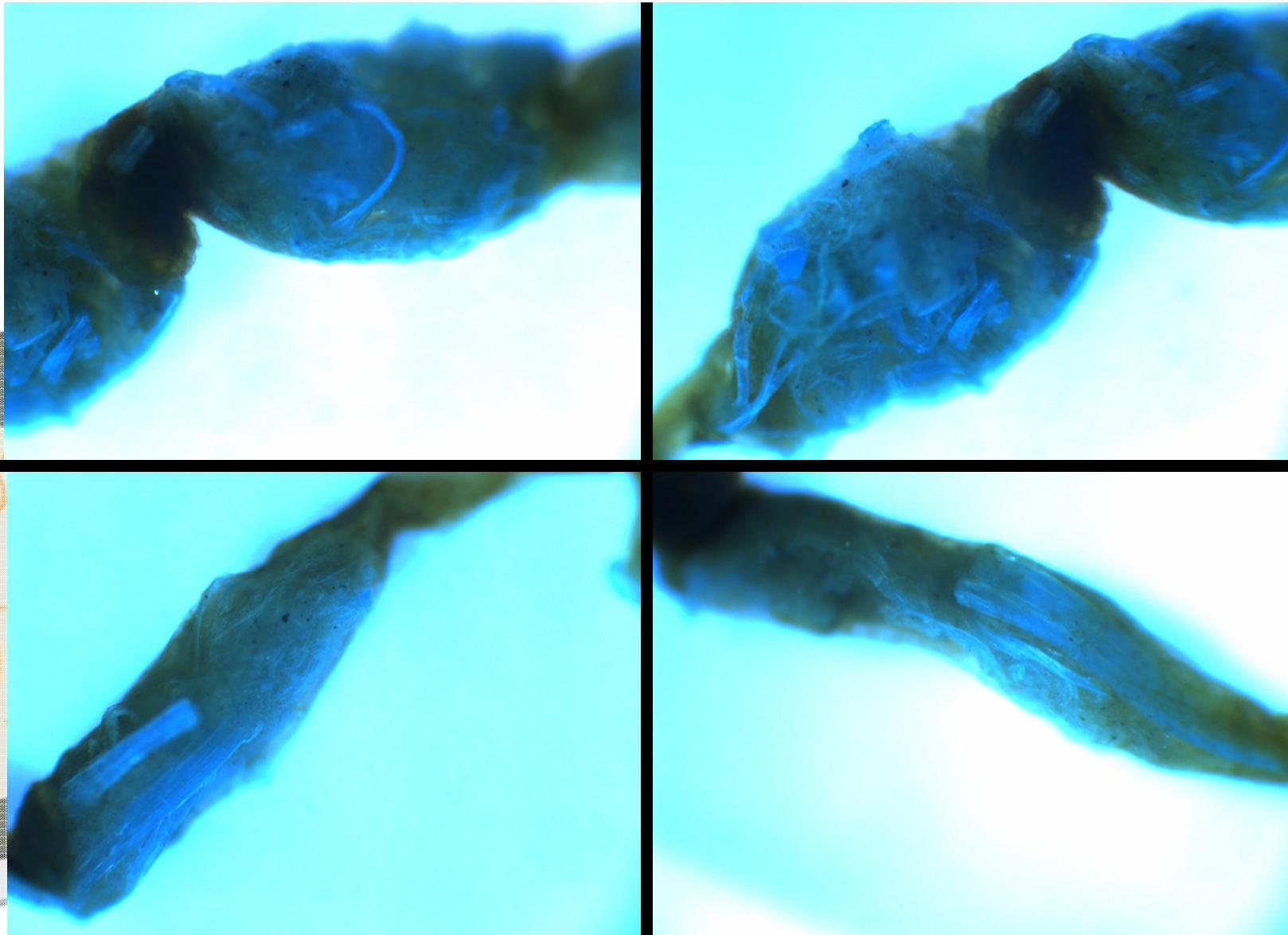
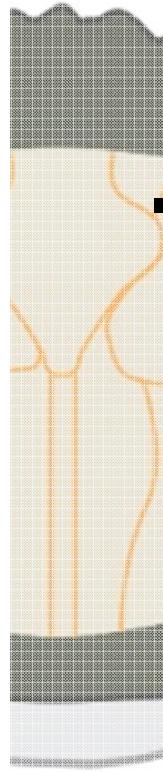


# Ingestion leads to biotransformation



Watts A.J.R. et al (2015)  
Enviro Sci & Tech 49(24):14597-604

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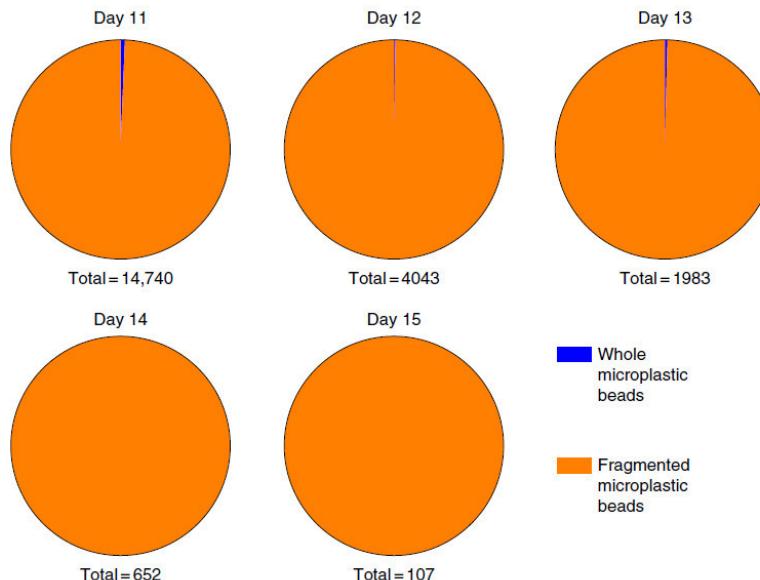
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## Turning microplastics into nanoplastics through digestive fragmentation by Antarctic krill

Amanda L. Dawson<sup>1</sup>, So Kawaguchi<sup>2</sup>, Catherine K. King<sup>2</sup>, Kathy A. Townsend<sup>3</sup>, Robert King<sup>2</sup>, Wilhelmina M. Huston<sup>4</sup> & Susan M. Bengtson Nash<sup>1</sup>



**Fig. 4** The proportion of PE plastic fragments to whole beads isolated from Antarctic krill. Faecal material (from  $n = 15$  krill) was collected over 5 days, after switching from 10 days of low dose microplastic exposure, with daily static renewal, to an uncontaminated algae diet. Total refers to the total number of particles measured in each 24 h period of faecal material. Fragments are shown in orange, while whole beads are shown in blue