

Aquaculture genetic breeding in China

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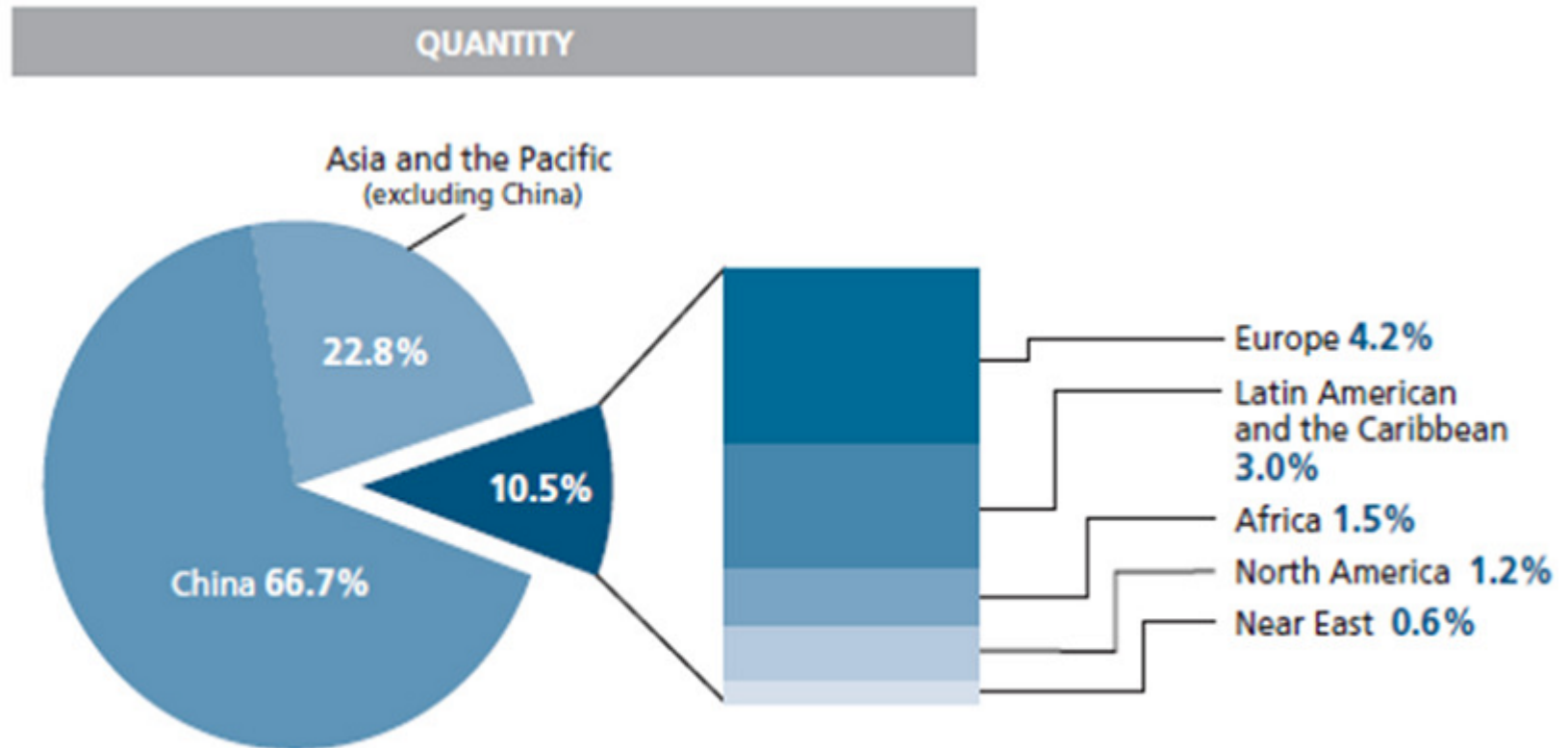
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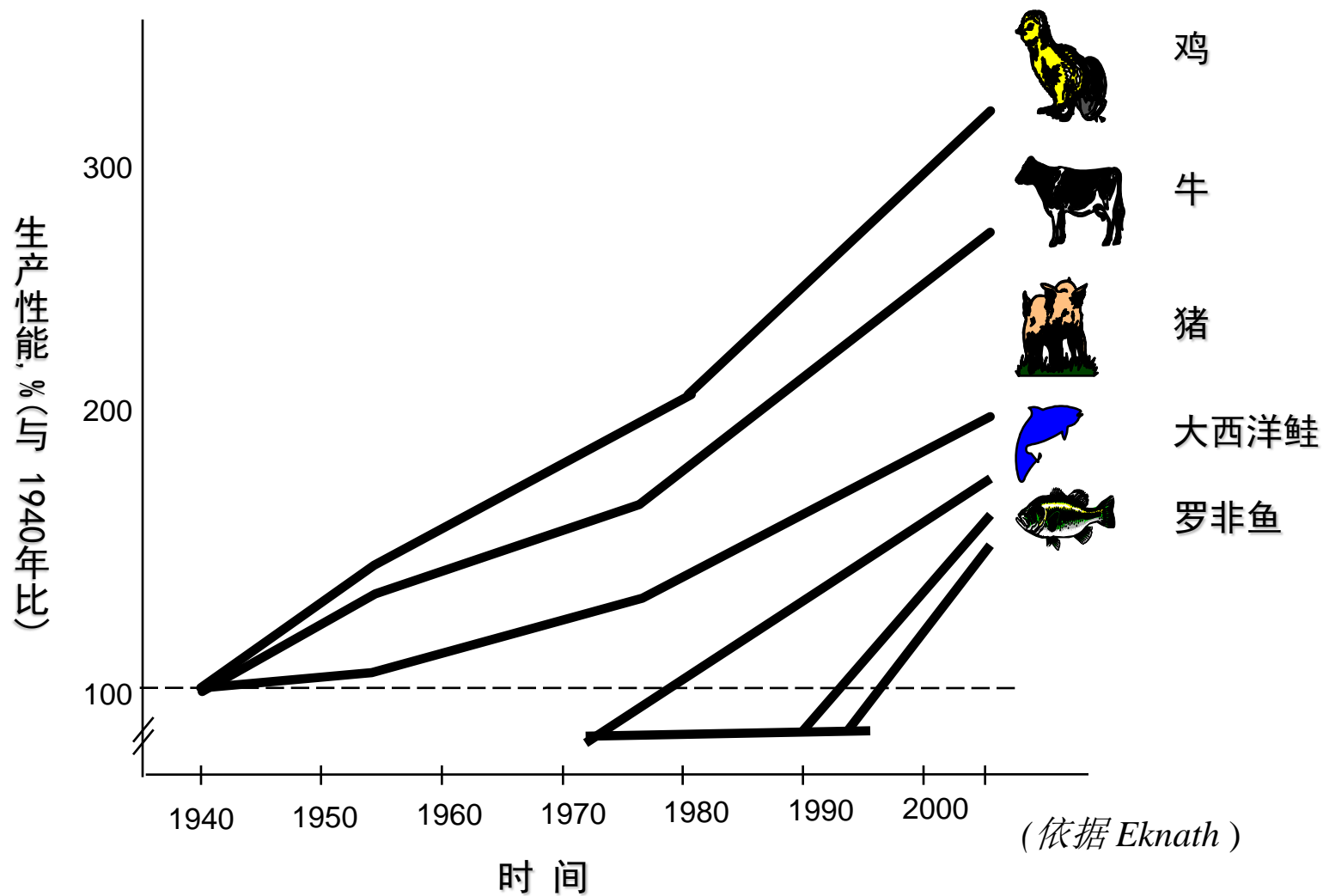
Contribution of China to the world aquaculture production



World production: 52 million tonnes with a value of US\$ 78.8 billion

(FAO, 2009)

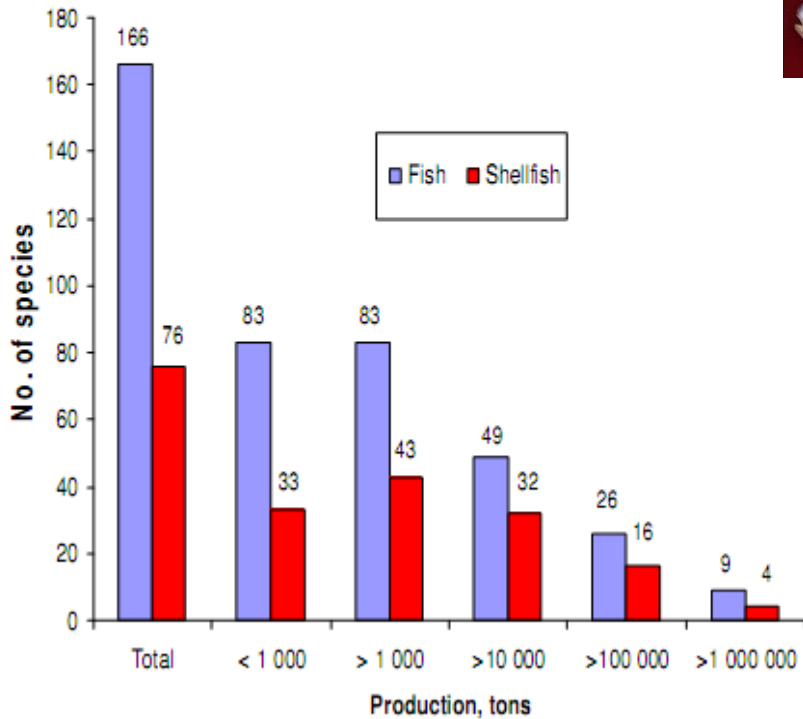
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High diversity of aquacultural species

Aquaculture:

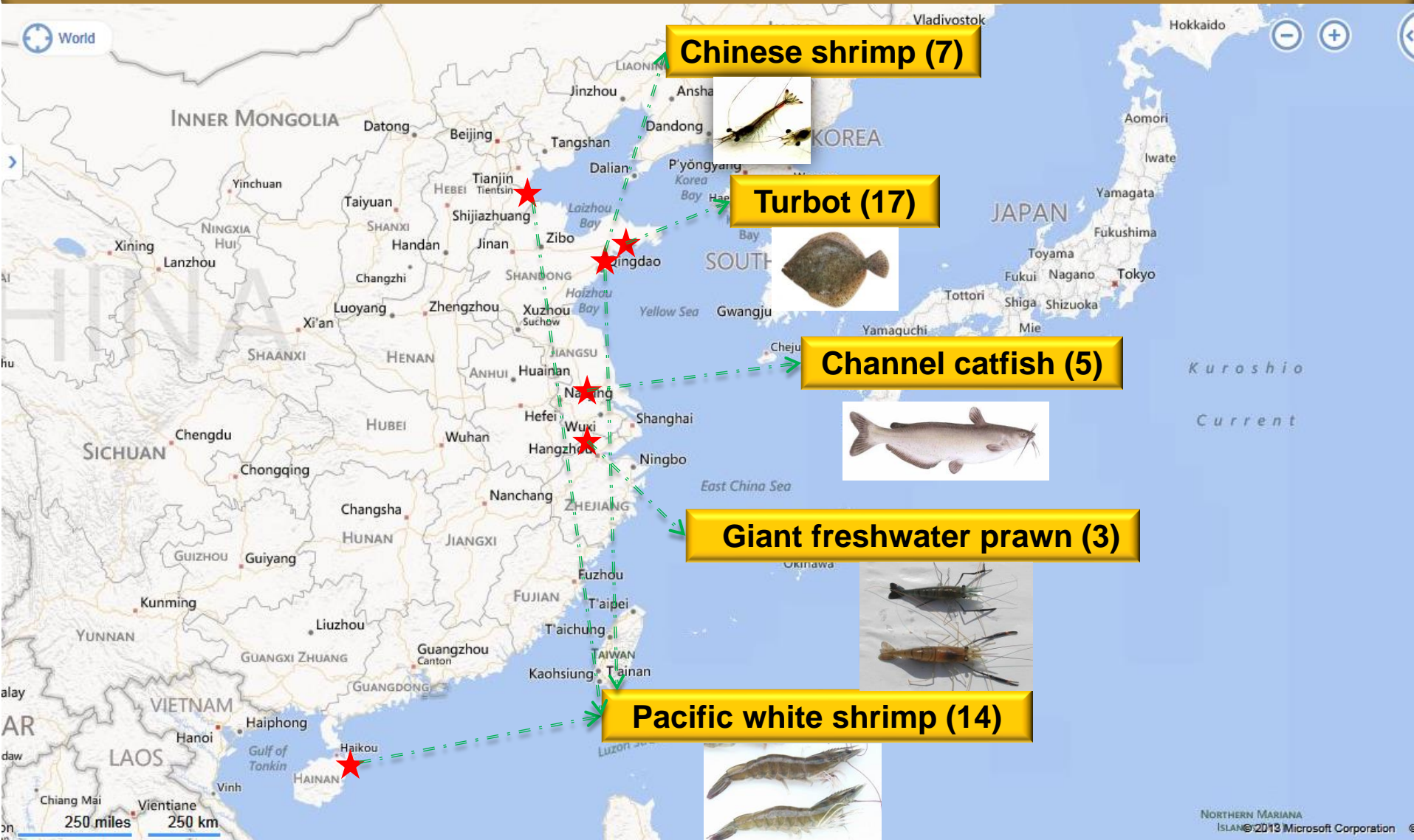
- 240 species farmed
- 42 species > 100 000 tons
- 13 species > 1 mill tons



FAO (2005)

Aquacultural varieties bred in China

Five selective breeding projects



Breeding Strategies--shrimp

Composite Base Population:

- *high genetic quality*
- *broad additive genetic diversity*

Design and Control Mating

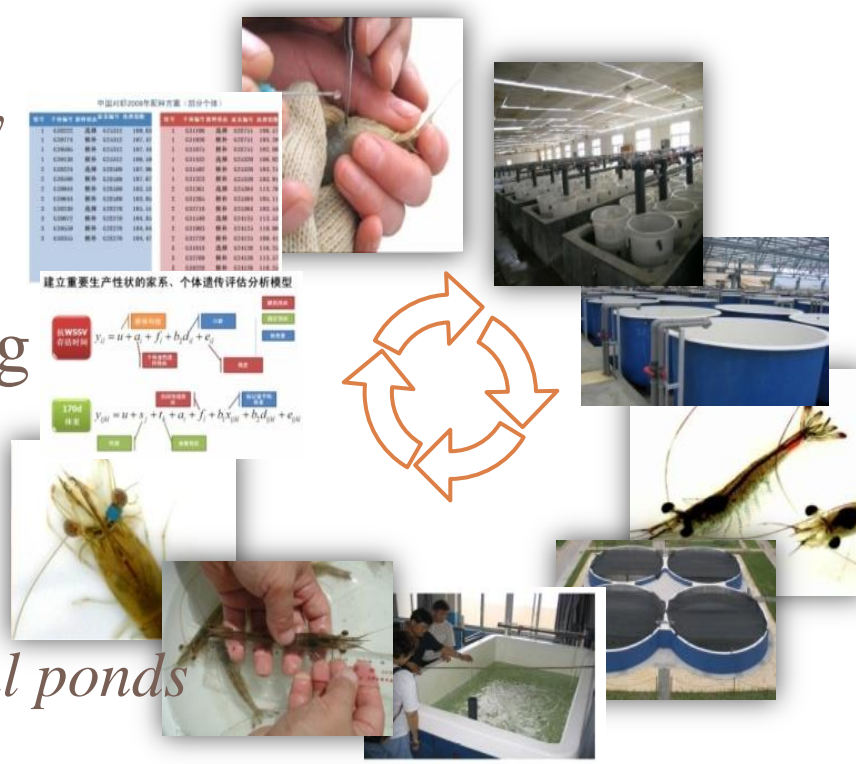
Individual Spawning/Hatching

Marking and Tagging

Testing:

- *Growth/survival in commercial ponds*
- *WSSV-challenge Testing*

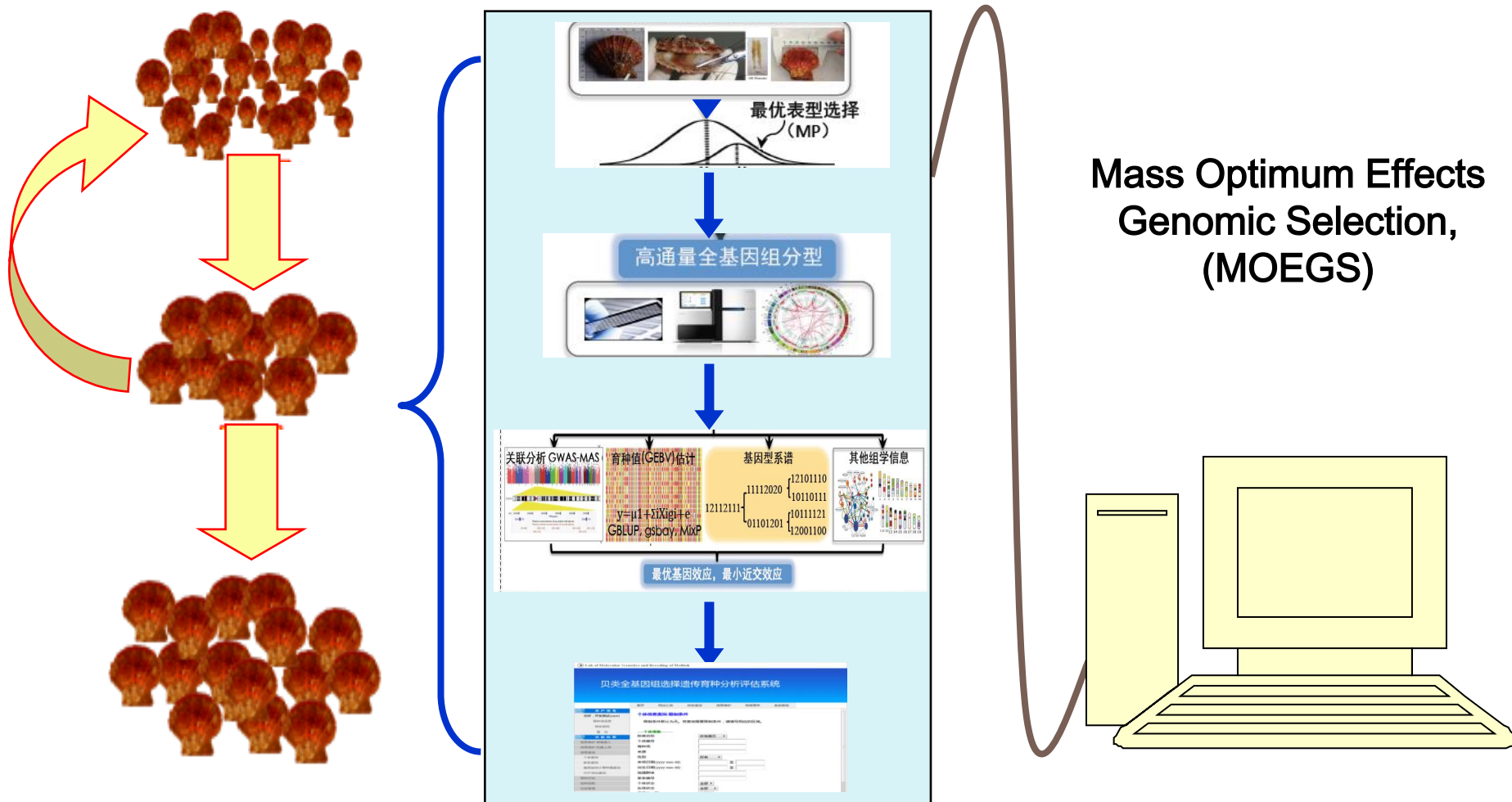
Calculate Selection Index



Key procedures of scallop breeding



Novel GS approach applied in scallop



Hatching facility for fish



Turbot



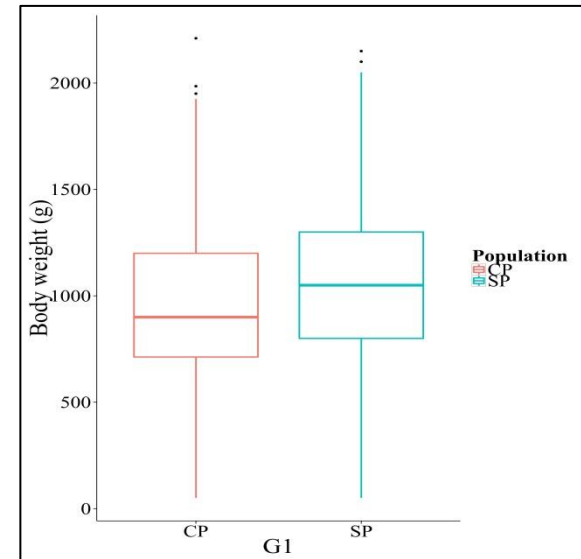
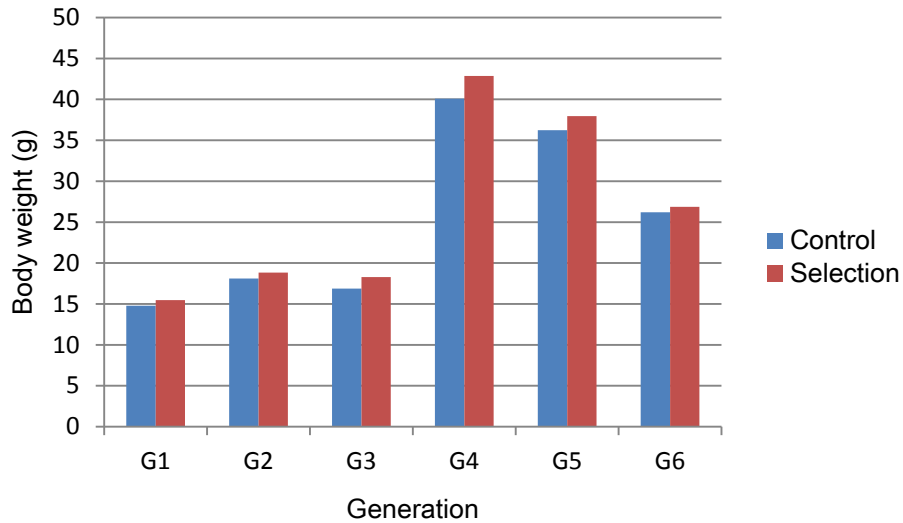
Cat fish



Genetic parameters

Trait	Species	Heritability	Common environment
		$h^2 \pm se$	$c^2 \pm se$
Body weight	Chinese shrimp	0.180 ± 0.050	0.160 ± 0.020
	Pacific white shrimp	0.350 ± 0.080	0.070 ± 0.030
	Giant freshwater prawn	0.056 ± 0.014	0.039 ± 0.005
	Channel catfish	0.225 ± 0.083	0.129 ± 0.036
	Turbot	0.560 ± 0.150	0.042 ± 0.045
Survival	Chinese shrimp	0.030 ± 0.021	0.060 ± 0.032
	Pacific white shrimp	0.051 ± 0.034	0.093 ± 0.018
	Giant freshwater prawn	0.016 ± 0.012	0.092 ± 0.007
	Channel catfish	0.280 ± 0.048	-
	Turbot	0.120 ± 0.030	-
WSSV resistance	Chinese shrimp	0.140 ± 0.120	-
Temperature tolerance	Turbot	0.055 ± 0.035	0.027 ± 0.066

Genetic gain with multiple generations



Accumulated genetic gain:
30.48% for six generations
of selection.

Accumulated genetic gain:
11.71% for one
generation of selection.



Measuring genetic gain using the wild population

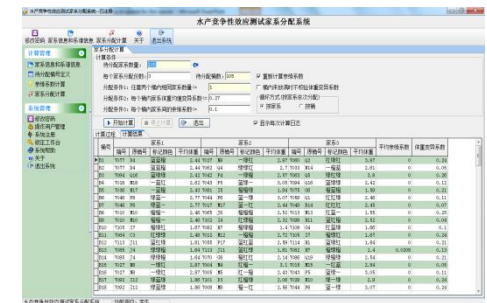
species	Generation	Population	Least square means (g)	Selection response (%)
Chinese shrimp	G ₇	Selection	17.10	18.67
		Wild	14.41	
Giant freshwater prawn	G ₃	Selection	18.63	39.76
		Wild	13.33	
	G ₆	Selection	26.87	39.95
		Wild	19.20	

Data management

- Data is essential component
 - Pedigree records
 - Performance records



- Data system is required:
 - Purpose-built database
 - Standard file imports and exports
 - Output for genetic analysis and breeding decisions

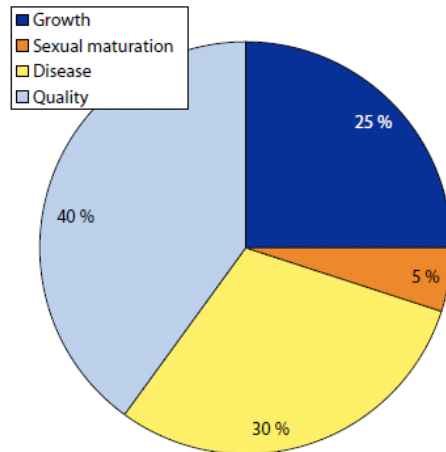


Four programs were written and finished for data acquisition, breeding design and genetic evaluation.

Future developments

1、 multi-traits selection technology.

- Growth rate, feed efficiency, disease resistance, resistance to adverse environments (temperature, salinity, ammonia nitrogen), sexual maturation and quality.
- Genotype by environment interaction.
- Move towards more balanced breeding objectives.

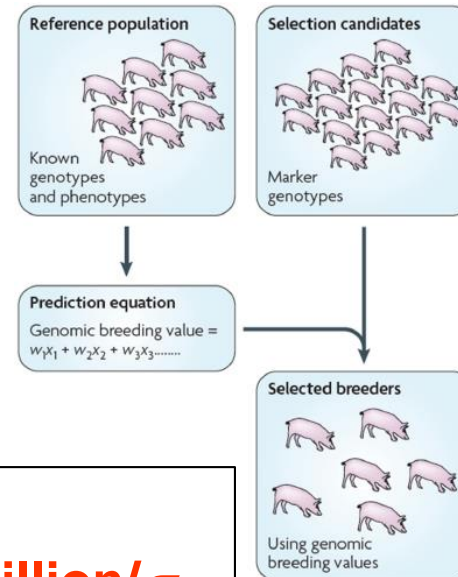
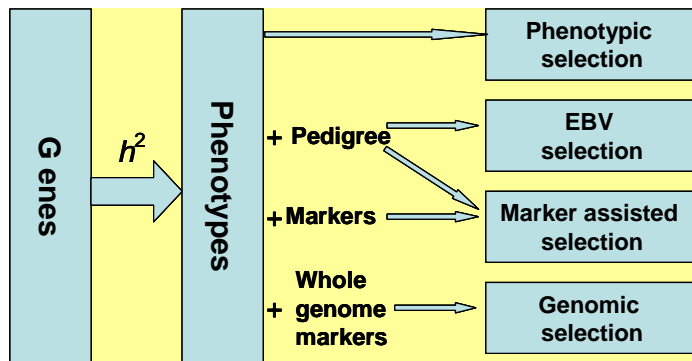


Main-traits	Sub-traits	Main weighting	Partial weighting
Growth		25	
	Smolt weight		5
	Slaughter weight		20
Sexual maturation		5	5
Disease		30	
	IPN		10
	ISA		15
	Furunculosis		5
Quality		40	
	Filet colour		20
	Body shape		5
	Total fat		10
	Visible fat		5
Total		100	100

Example of increasing number of trait in the AquaGen population

2、 The future of a genome-wide association study and the whole genome selection in aquaculture

- Increased genetic gain (increasing accuracy of selection; reducing the generation interval)
- Lower inbreeding rate per generation



Dairy cattle (Schaeffer et al., 2006).

	Genetic gain	Cost
BLUP	$0.215 \sigma_g / \text{year}$	\$116 million/ σ_g
GS	$0.467 \sigma_g / \text{year}$	\$4.17 million/ σ_g

Thank you !

