



## Advances in Rearing Early-Growth Stages of Fish and Shrimp

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Dear Colleagues,

Successful fish or shrimp aquaculture depends primarily on larval rearing. During the larval stages, most aquaculturally significant species experience various growth anomalies, such as reduced body size/weight, stunted development, somatic malformations, failure to reach the next developmental stage or even high mortality rates. Aquaculturists notice these problems in their hatcheries/nurseries, but seldom document them. Successful larval feeding and rearing of fishes and shrimps are accomplished by using live food and dry feeds. Comparative data using these early larval diets are rarely published. This Special Issue aims to minimize the gap in scientific knowledge that exists with regard to larval rearing. The scope of this Special Issue includes, but is not limited to, the following themes: Behavioral studies; appropriate prey/pellet; nutritional quality; competition/cannibalism among larvae; stunted growth due to the unavailability of prey/diet; larval mortality; problems of mass zooplankton cultures; condition-factor; diseases; low assimilation; and reduced swimming speed.

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