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Risks and Critical Points of the Oyster Product System

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Abstract

American oyster fisheries are among the most important in Mexico. However, for its economic value, it is located in thirteenth place. At present, there is no constant monitoring of the quality and safety of this fishery resource making it a risk to public health. Epidemiological studies have linked viral illnesses with raw consumption of these bivalves. The application of HACCP quality system to oyster production chain identified four types of risks to health status in the oyster extraction stage that lead to loss of the final product safety, and only one critical control point (CCP) in the production area, since this one is the stage that cannot be controlled in time and space. None of the wild oyster banks located in the lagoon system of Alvarado meet sanitary characteristics necessary to achieve certification, due to the nature and persistence of contaminants in oysters.

Key words: Coastal Lagoons, Ostreiculture, Contamination, HACCP, Food safety

1. Introduction

American oyster fisheries (*Crassostrea virginica*) are among the most important in the Gulf of Mexico. The oyster is positioned in sixth place in Mexico fishery production for its extraction volume. However, for its economic value, it is located in thirteenth place. The average annual production growth over the last 10 years was -0.91 per cent. Meanwhile in exports, it is number 16 among fish species, The United States of America is their main destination (CONAPESCA, 2011).

Veracruz contributed with a total of 245,238 tons to the annual production, which was 58,27 per cent of the national total; in addition to 219,099 tons of the aquaculture production. According to the national fishing charter this fishery is fully exploited in a sustainable manner (CONAPESCA, 2011); however, the oyster product system faces severe limitations caused by pollution, siltation of coastal lagoons, weather disturbances, ecological changes and health problems.

Furthermore, the oyster is vulnerable to diseases that can generate mortality episodes by infectious agents such as viruses, bacteria, fungi, protozoa and metazoa; and particularly adverse environmental conditions. This can cause serious public health problems and even depletion of oyster banks (Cáceres & Vázquez, 2013).

Pollution is one of the main problems of most coastal lagoons of the Gulf of Mexico, there is the possibility that bivalves as filter-feeders organisms are capable of accumulating viruses and bacteria found in the water. The accumulation of these microorganisms will depend on its density, currents temperature, depth of the reservoir and the water chemistry quality, as well as its eating habits, therefore it has also been called bioindicator organism (Marcos, 1987).

The growth of these bivalve molluscs in contaminated or poor quality water, stimulates the presence of microorganisms, such as Salmonella sp, Escherichia coli and Vibrio spp, among others; therefore when ingested cause pathogenic effects to public health (Rowse & Fleet, 1982).

The Oyster Product System is a model which integrates all the links of a production chain, different coordinate actions are performed in order to raise the profitability for the members of each link. At present, there is no constant monitoring of the health and safety of the product quality system oyster, pollution is a problem that is causing impacts on the various links and directly on the safety of the final product, which involves risks to public health . Epidemiological studies have associated viral diseases with the use of these bivalve molluscs. Among these are those that generate gastrointestinal problems such as cholera, which typically occurs in developing countries and tropical climate like Mexico (Suarez, 2012; Negrete & Romero, 2010).

In order to impact the new trends of globalizing markets and to support the needs of Veracruz cooperative, it is required to increase the value added to fishery resources, which are the main source of income for this sector. It is also necessary to extend the marketing of this important fishery resource within the country and abroad by implementing systematic methodologies that comply with national and international regulations for the harvesting and consumption purpose. The system of hazard analysis and critical control points, better known by his acronym HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Points Control) includes scientific and systematic basis, which allows to identify critical control points and establish measures to ensure food safety (FAO, 1997). This system involves identifying all potential safety hazards of biological, chemical and physical abuse, which may occur in a natural manner affecting the environment, accidentally or be generated during the production process (Monreal, 2011). Today, every company that engages in pulling out, processing, handling, packaging, marketing and transporting food is required to ascertain the potential risks during the production process, from the extraction or cultivation area to ensure the quality and safety of the raw material to marketing the final product. Thus, in Mexico, the Ministry of Health and Welfare has established the Mexican Official Standards NOM-242-SSA1-2009 for goods and services; which provides an implementation of a system of hazard analysis and critical control points HACCP that responds to the requirements of the FAO (1997).

This project aimed to implement HACCP to identify hazards and critical control points of the oyster product system since its extraction from the lagoon system of Alvarado, Veracruz; to marketing, in order to design procedures to ensure the health quality and safety of this fishery resource.

2. Methods

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2.1 Study Area

The Alvarado lagoon system (Fig. 1) is located on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico to the southern part of the coast of Veracruz between 18° 43' and 18° 52' north latitude and 95° 42' and 95° 57' west longitude. The municipality is irrigated by the Papaloapan and Blanco rivers; both tributaries of the Alvarado Lagoon. Around this lagoon there are other smaller lagoons, such as La Camaronera, Tlalixcoyan and Tequiapan. The Alvarado Lagoon covers 6,200 ha, La Camaronera 3,900 ha and Tlalixcoyan 1,700 ha. The climate is warm sub-humid with a summer rainfall rate of AW2, the annual average temperature is 25,5 °C, January is the coldest month and May the hottest (Garcia, 1973). The average annual rainfall is 1914.1 mm³ (Luna *et al.*, 2002).



Figure 1. Oyster bank located in the lagoon system of Alvarado, Veracruz.

2.2 Selection of oyster beds

The selection of oyster beds was performed according to extraction volumes reported by members of the oyster fishery cooperatives in the area of Alvarado. Two oyster beds that provide the largest share of production were identified. These are located in the channel connecting the lagoons of La Camaronera with Buen País.

2.3 Implementation of HACCP

The design methodology for the implementation of HACCP was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the FAO (1997); which provides for the application of seven principles and stages of development of risk analysis, identification and control of critical points for food handling in each of the stages of the oyster product system.

2.3.1 Diagnosis of the Oyster Product System

The diagnosis of the oyster production chain in the Alvarado lagoon system was performed according to the description of health conditions: (i) Extraction area, (ii) Collection of the resource, (iii) Means of transportation and transfer, and (iv) Receipt of the product. This information was obtained by applying a survey to cooperative and oyster farmers on management, marketing, hygiene practices and oyster manufacturing resource. The health, microbiological and physicochemical characteristics of the extraction areas were obtained from data published in scientific journals.

2.3.2 Design of the HACCP for the oyster product system

The description of the desired product was made. It was also defined the objective, health and safety characteristics of the collected product, as well as goals, and alternatives of consumption of the finished product.

2.3.3 Identification, analysis and evaluation of the oyster product risks (Crassostrea virginica) in the Alvarado lagoon system

Each of the biological, chemical and physical hazards occurred, or is likely to occur at each stage of production and resource management was identified; from the production area to the reception of the product. It was also analyzed and its significance was observed by evaluating the severity and occurrence probability.

2.3.4 Identification of critical control points

The determination of critical control points (CCP) was made based on the application of the HACCP decision tree (HACCP, 1999). This was applied to only those steps representing a significant hazard.

2.3.5 Selection of critical control limits of the lagoon system of Alvarado

At this point the critical limits for each CCP is established, and these levels or prescribed tolerances should not be exceeded to ensure the CCP is effectively controlled. Also, preventive measures associated with critical limits were established. In some cases, it was necessary to establish a critical limit for each point in the process.

2.3.6 HACCP system for monitoring and verification at health level of the oyster product system

The proposal for the monitoring and verification of health status and product safety system was performed according to the documentation of all above, plus the appropriate HACCP procedures records, its implementation and smooth performance.

2.4 Establishment of regulatory framework

To apply the HACCP system is necessary to consider a regulatory framework in which health and safety conditions are set to determine the quality of the resource. The Federal Fisheries Law and its regulations regulate use of aquatic resources in Mexico. The exploitation of bivalve molluscs is established in the Mexican Health Program of Shellfish

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(1989), the same program that is responsible for establishing and monitoring compliance with health technical standards for the successful development and commercialization of the oyster resource in the country. Applying for these purposes, the Regulations of the General Health Law Concerning the Sanitary Control (Title VI, Chap. I and II), the Sanitary Control of Products and Services (Title Seven Ch. I & II), and the provisions for Secretary of Health and Welfare (SSA) in NOM-242-SSA1-2009 for products and services; fishery products, fresh, chilled, frozen and processed. Sanitary specifications and test methods.

In order to gain a wider panorama in diagnosis of the oyster product system, a benchmarking exercise was carried out between the results of the literature search concerning the sanitary quality of the extraction area, critical limits established in international standards FAO, WHO, EU, US and in MX with respect to the Program of Health Shellfish (PSMB) so that the critical control points are identified through the application of the HACCP quality system to the oyster product system.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1 Diagnosis of the oyster product system

3.1.1 Extraction area

Different studies in the lagoon system of Alvarado said the main categories of contaminants in major oyster beds are four: heavy metals (Table 1), organochlorine pesticides (Table 2), petroleum hydrocarbons (Table 3) and pathogens (Table 4) (Botello *et al.*, 2002). These results were compared with the limits set in Mexico (MX) in the European Union (EU) and in The United States of America (USA). This was done to compare the type of items that are being legislated and the variability in the maximum allowed concentrations in the different countries.

		(Concentrat	tion reported	Permis	sible limi	ts (mg/kg)	
Study Area	Metal	in vari	ous types (of displays (mg/kg)	PSMB			
-		Water Oyster Sediment		MX ^b	UE	EU		
Blanco river		-	-	30.5^{3}				
Papaloapan river	Dh	-	-	39.5 ¹²	1.0	1.5	17	
	- P0	1.209^{1a} 4.105^{1}	$\frac{11.58^4}{20.15^2}$	21.44 ⁴	1.0		1./	
	Cd	-	7.28^{4}	1.91^{4}	0.5	1.0	4.0	
	Hg	-	-	-	1.0	0.5	-	
	Cr	-	-	109.83^2	n.r.	n.r.	13.0	
	Ni	-	-	47.77^{2}	n.r.	n.r.	80.0	
	As	-	-	-	n.r.	n.r.	86.0	
Alvarado	Co	-	-	36.26^2				
	Cu		214.5^4	15.55^2				
	Cu	-	214.3	17.18^{4}				
	Zn	_	987 94	80.72^{2}		No regulations		
	2.11	- 987.9		65.04^{4}	No regulations			
	Fe	-	-	39.29^2	-			
	Mn	-	-	757.58^2				
	Al	-	927.9 ⁴	$26,020^4$				

Table 1. Heavy metals reported in the Alvarado lagoon, Ver., and permissible limits.

- No records; n.r: no regulations. ^aMaximum allowable limit inshore 0.2 mg / 1 (NOM-001-SEMANART-1996; ^bNOM-242-SSA1-1996; ¹Luna et al., 2002; ²Rosales et al, 1986b; ³Marcos, 1987; ⁴Maximum concentrations (dry weight) cited in Lango et al, 2010).

Table 2. Organochlorine pesticides reported in the Alvarado lagoon, Ver., and permissible limits.

	Reported con	centration	Permissible limits					
	(ng / g dry	weight)	PSMB					
Pollutant	Sediments	Oyster	MX ³	UE [*]	EU			
Aldrin	2.11 ¹	6.61 ¹						
Endrin	7.82^{1}	7.95 ¹						
Dieldrin	2.05^{1}	s.d.	Absence	< IDA				
Heptachlor	3.91 ¹	2.91 ¹						
Kapone	n.d.	n.d.						
Alpha HCH	0.47^{1}	2.61 ¹						
Hepoxido heptachlor	0.86^{1}	2.17^{1}			Not covered for bivalve molluscs			
Endosulfan I	1.22^{1}	1.22^{1}						
p,p'-DDE	1.78^{1}	0.42^{1}						
Beta HCH	1.86^{1}	2.08^{1}	No	No				
Gama HCH	0.85^{1}	2.73 ¹	NU Pogulations	Pogulations				
p,p'-DDD	0.89^{1}	n.d.	Regulations	Regulations				
Endosulfan II	0.67^{1}	17.65 ¹						
p,p'-DDT	2.24 ¹	1.64 ¹						
Endrin aldehyde	1.77^{1}	1.92 ¹						
Endosulfan sulfate	1.40^{1}	n.d.						

<IDA: less than the acceptable daily intake. nd: no data * Harmful toxic compounds occurring naturally or added to the environment (¹Botello et al., 2002; ³Marcos, 1987).

Table 3. Petroleum hydrocarbons in sediments of the Alvarado Veracruz lagoon.

		Permissible limits				
Study area	Level		PSMB			
		UE	EU			
Alvarado lagoon	18.0 ppm^2	ND	ND	ND		
Allowable limit for unpolluted areas [19]	70.0 μg/g	N.R. N.R.		N.K.		

N.R.: No Regulations; ¹NOM-242-SSA1-2009, ²Botello et al., 2002.

Table 4. Microorganisms present in the Alvarado Lagoon System, Ver., and permissible limits.

	Reported Con	contration	Permissible limits				
Microorganisms	Kepoi ieu Con	centi ation	PSMB				
	Water	Oyster	MX*	UE	EU		
Total Coliforms (NMP/100 ml.)	Unnumbered ^{1, 2}	-	230	-	230		
Fecal (NMP/100 ml.)	Unnumbered ¹ $>230^2$	-	43	< 300	43		
Salmonella (25 g.)	Present ²	Present ¹	Absence	Absence	Absence		
Shigella	-	Present ¹	N. R.				
Vibrio cholerae	Present ¹	Present ¹					
Vibrio cholerae no O1	Present ²	Present ²	Absonoo		N. R.		
Vibrio cholerae O1 INABA	Present ²	Present ²	Absence	N. R.			
Vibrio parahaemolyticus	-	Present ¹	ND				
Vibrio alginolyticus	Present ²	Present ¹	IN. K.				

No records; N. R.: No Regulations, ^{*} NOM-242-SSA1-2009, ¹Botello, 1990; ²Lango et al., 2010.

3.1.2 Methods of extraction

Snorkeling and/or diving mask: two methods of extraction, which are used interchangeably. Free diving is practiced in areas with depths of less than 2m. This fishing gear, the diving mask, is used when the depth is greater and also during winter season. They are made with two rakes attached in the middle portion of the handle and it is operated as a clamp. Once removed the "oyster's pineapple" the shell removal begins, the larger sizes over 7 cm are selected and average or smaller sizes are returned to the sea. The oysters are brushed and placed inside the boat, without any conservation measure, outdoors, and prone to any type of physical damage, biological or chemical contamination; also at risk of contaminating the product on board for direct contact with the engine fuel tank.

3.1.3 Transfer

The oyster transfer to the facilities of the oyster fishing cooperatives in the Alvarado lagoon system is carried out in small boats made of wood or fiberglass, with a length of 2.5 to 10 m with outboard engines 8-40 HP depending on the distance and depth that fishermen work. This activity is performed without any control of health and safety. Sometimes the oyster is placed in plastic sacks of 31-35 kg for delivery. In general, the conditions of the vessels used for this activity does not cover the necessary safety features in terms of disease control, provided in the regulations of the General Law of Health in Mexico, (Title VI, Chapter II), and it is not uncommon to find traces of fish offal, garbage, gas and oil, in addition to visible physical damage to the surface of the vessels which affects the safety of oysters.

3.1.4 Receipt of oysters

When the cooperative is more than 100 m away from the coast, the product is transported without temperature control on polyethylene fibers bags. The carriage is performed in vehicles, trucks, bicycles and tricycles, to the premises of the fishing cooperative. At the reception site this product is checked, wheighed and the extraction volume is recorded in a log. Then it is stored for 12 to 24 hours at room temperature for immediate sale. After the oyster's shell is removed, it gets packed by the thousands in polyethylene bags. The water in it, is potable water containing no record of quality and is used as a liquid medium. The packaged product is kept refrigerated, although there is not a log that shows the temperature control during storage.

3.2 Implementation of HACCP

3.2.1 Risk Identification

As part of the HACCP methodology, the implementation of the decision tree identified three critical points which are responsible for the loss of oyster safety. These critical control points are: the area of production, transfer and receipt of the product in the cooperative (Fig. 2).



Figure 2. Risk points of the oyster product system that lead to safety loss.

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3.2.2 Design and implementation of HACCP for the extraction of the American oyster

An important factor in the success and smooth functioning of a HACCP system, whatever the field of application is, it lies in the hierarchy of the obligations of the company through the development of a general organization chart. This should ensure the proper implementation, monitoring and verification of HACCP as a plan for quality assurance (Fig. 3). This, through the knowledge of each of the responsibilities of each hierarchical level process (Steven & Garrido, 1995), thus the good organization of the staff will enable them to meet their expectations and goals, which are aimed to achieve a national and international competitive product. The design is performed as stipulated in Table 5.



Figure 3. General organization for quality assurance of the oyster activity.

Table 5	НАССР	design	for the	ovetor	avtraction	in the	Alvarado	lagoon	evetom
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	HACCP DESIGN
Objective:	To obtain a safe product for the consumer.
Goals:	Evaluate extraction areas, evaluate the extraction process, and establish a monitoring program and health check.
Product definition:	American oyster (<i>C. virginica</i>), of commercial size $(9.0 \pm 2.0 \text{ cm})$, packed in shell, in 50 x 84 cm white polypropylene sacks.
Consumption	The American oysters can be enjoyed in the following ways:
alternatives of the	Fresh oysters The procedures that are performed for processing are removing
ultimate product:	the shell and packing in plastic lithographed caliber 0.22, nontoxic variable weight.
	Preserved oysters Including cooked, smoked and pickled oysters; this variety requires more elaborated procedures than the previous one, for example, cooked oysters, besides the cooking procedure, they need hermetical packaging.
	Purified oysters The treatment process may be performed using ultraviolet
	rays, chlorine or ozone, or a combination of some of these. Time and
	purifying features depend on the capacity and what is used as purifier.

3.2.3 Identification, analysis and evaluation of risks to health status of the oyster business in the Alvarado lagoon system.

3.2.3.1 Extraction Area

The prevailing conditions of the system are governed by climatic changes (seasons: winter, drought and rainfall), the anthropogenic influence of settlements near to oyster beds, and because of sediment transport and pollutants from the river mouths. The potential dangers that the oysters are exposed in the extraction area, plus the preventive measures and regulations that protect them are detailed in Table 6.

Table 6.	Potential	hazards a	und p	preventive	measures	for the	e removal	of o	ysters i	n the	collecting	g area

POTENTIAL HAZARDS							
BIOLOGICAL	PHYSICAL	CHEMICAL	ECOLOGICAL				
* Microbial Contamination:	Removing specimens	* Presence of heavy metals,	Negative				
Bacteria, total coliforms, fecals	of size < 7cm.	pesticides, petroleum	interactions.				
coliforms, Vibrio spp.,		hydrocarbons.					
Salmonella, Shigella, biotoxins.							
PREVENTIVE MEASURES							
* Identify emission sources	Monitoring	* Establish monitoring	Monitoring				
* Establish monitoring programs		programs to detect					
to detect contamination.		pollution.					
REGULATIONS							
Permissible limits:	Federal Fishery Law	Permissible limits:	PSMB				
NOM-242-SSA1-2009		NOM-ECOL-001-1996					
PSMB		NOM-242-SSA1-2009					
CSPS		RLGS-CS ^{1,} PSMB					

PSMB: Shellfish Health Plan; CSPC: Sanitary Control of Products and Services (Seventh Title, Chapters I and II); RLGS-CS: Regulation of the General Health Law concerning the Sanitary Control, ¹ Seventh Title, Chapters II and I.

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3.2.3.2 Extraction and Transfer

The process of extraction or collection of oysters is done manually by free diving to different depths. The organisms obtained are selected by size and brushed; they are then stacked in the boat with no conservation measures. The boats commonly used are the canoe and boats with outboard engine. Conveying the product is carried out in a variable time, which ranges from one to three hours, depending on the vessel. Potential hazards, preventive measures and relevant regulations are detailed in Table 7.

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POTENTIAL HAZARDS								
BIOLOGICAL	PHYSICAL	CHEMICAL	ECOLOGICAL					
* Decomposition of the	Break valves in the	Product contamination by	Removing juvenile					
product and contact and	process of epibionts	gasoline and other						
unusual matter	elimination.	hydrocarbons on board.						
* Cross contamination								
PREVENTIVE MEASURES								
* Preservation measures in	*Implementation of good	*Implementation of good	Brushing in situ.					
cold and storage.	hygiene practices and	hygiene practices and						
*Fishermen health	product manufacturing.	product manufacturing.						
certificate.								
REGULATIONS								
RLGS-CS ³	RLGS-CS ²	RLGS-CS ²	Federal Fisheries Act					
Good hygiene practices	PSMB	PSMB						
and manufacturing								

PSMB: Shellfish Health Plan RLGS-CS: Regulation of the General Health Law Concerning the Sanitary Control, ²Sixth Title, Chapter II, Art. 541. ³Sixth Title, Chapter II, Art. 540 and 535.

3.2.3.3 Receipt of Product

The reception takes place directly in the cooperative, or upon reaching the edge of the lagoon. In the first case, the reception is done manually by placing the product on the desks to remove the shell and then washed with water in plastic containers, after that it is bagged with well or potable water in quantities of 100, 200 and 500 bodies. If the product has not had the shell removed, it gets packed in sacks of 31-35 kg. Both presentations are available immediately. In high season they are stored in horizontal refrigerators or freezers with crushed ice for a maximum of 24 hours. When the product is received at the edge of the lagoon, the same process of landing is performed and then the product is moved manually to the cooperative, in wheelbarrows, or in motor vehicles. It was noted that some cooperative fishermen hand the product by following some rules of hygiene and health, such as the use of boots and gloves. However, most of them are not familiar with health standards for hygienic food handling. The potential dangers when receiving the product, preventive measures and regulations are detailed in Table 8.

Table 8. Potential risks and preventive measures for oysters at the reception of the product.

	POTENTIAL HAZARDS									
BIOLOGICAL	PHYSICAL	CHEMICAL	ECOLOGICAL							
* Product contamination by	Rupture of valves in the	Presence of contaminants	None							
improper conditions in the	download process.	in the water that is used								
reception site.		as a liquid medium in the								
* Risk by presence for pets in the		shell-removed product.								
workplace.										
*Inadequate container										
conditions.										
*Use of non-potable water.										
*Poor ice quality.										
PREVENTIVE MEASURES										
* Implementation of good	*Staff Awareness	* Using purified water as	None							
hygiene practices and product	*Implementation of good	liquid medium.								
manufacturing.	hygiene and									
* Use of potable or disinfected	manufacturing of the									
water.	product.									
* Use of refrigerators.										
	REGULATION	S								
RLGS-CS ⁴	RLGS-CS ²	RLGS-CS ⁴	None							
PSMB	PSMB									

PSMB: Health Plan Shellfish. RLGS-CS: Regulation of the General Law on Health Matters for Disease. ²Sixth title, Chapter II, Art. 541. ⁴Sixth title, Chapter III.

3.2.3.4 Identification of critical control points

This is based on the identification of risks that lead to loss of product safety in the oyster extraction stages (Fig. 4). After the application of the decision tree for each of risk, it was identified just one Critical Control Point (CCP), in the collection area. It is relevant to mention, that controlling the events in time and space is not possible, especially when there is dumping of chemicals, which implies the presence of heavy metals, pesticides and hydrocarbons in the lake systems and extraction areas. Contrasting, the risk in the extraction area is controlled in the next stages by using cleaning

systems, against pathogenic bacteria, and the application of good hygiene practices and manufacturing of the product; in addition of monitoring and verifying the implementation of the rules of hygiene and sanitation (Table 9).

4. Conclusions

The application of HACCP allowed identifying four health risks in the oyster extraction process that lead to loss of product safety. Among those, only one Critical Control Point in the production area, since this one is the stage process that cannot be controlled in time and space. None of the wild oyster banks located in the lagoon system of Alvarado meet sanitary and safety features to ensure their accreditation due to the nature of the contaminants and their persistence in organisms. The Mexican Shellfish Health Plan has methodological deficiencies in extraction techniques, handling and transportation of the product, thus it is harder to ensure the sanitary quality of oysters when there is no official document that sets out the steps to perform this fishery.

Because higher concentrations of heavy metals have been found in sediments, it is recommended to implement surface cultures in order to avoid exceeding the permissible limits established in different national and international normativities.

Control	Significant Health Risk					Monitoring			tions		
Critical Point (PCC)		M X	CE E	E U	What	How	Frequency	Who	Corrective ac	Record s	Verification
1) Collecti on Area	Heavy metals	The established in the relevant regulations for each metal of public health importance.			Concentrati on in oyster	Laborato ry analysis	Each season	Cooperati ve and HSV*	Reject batch	Locatio n of bed and collecti ng season.	Semiannual review of monitoring and preventive measures.
	Pesticides	The established by the relevant regulations for each compound of public health importance.		Concentrati on in oyster	Laborato ry analysis	Each season	Cooperati ve and HSV*	Reject batch	Locatio n of bed and collecti ng season.	Semiannual review of monitoring and preventive measures.	
	Hydrocarbons	None mentioned in normativities.			Concentrati on in oyster	Laborato ry analysis	Each season	Cooperati ve and HSV*	Reject batch	Locatio n of bed and collecti ng season.	Semiannual review of monitoring and preventive measures.
	Microorganis ms	The established by the relevant regulations for each bacteria of public health importance.			Presence and concentratio n in oyster	Laborato ry analysis	Each season	Cooperati ve and HSV*	Transp lant or debugg ing	Locatio n of bed and collecti ng season.	Semiannual review of monitoring and preventive measures and corrective actions.

Table 9. Table 9. HACCP application form of the production area of ovster <i>Crassostr</i>	ea virginica.
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