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Gut Microbiota in Aquatic Animals

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Microbiome research in aquatic animals is crucial for understanding host-bacteria interactions, particularly in the gut, where it influences digestion, nutrient absorption, immunity, and overall health. This research facilitates targeted interventions to enhance growth. disease resistance, and sustainability in aquaculture. By optimizing feed, management, and environmental conditions, production efficiency improves, reducing environmental impact. This Special Issue of Animals explores the complex relationship between nutrition, physiology, environment, and gut microbiota in aquatic animal production. It covers various production stages and aims to reveal how feeding practices affect microbiota composition and, consequently, animal health and production efficiency. Objectives include improving production outcomes, feed conversion ratios, and reducing antibiotic use by modulating host and environmental interactions strategically. The issue includes reviews and original research, offering insights into optimizing aquatic production systems.

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