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Product development from waxesters, chitin and astaxanthin from *Calanus finmarchicus* and pelagic processing

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Background

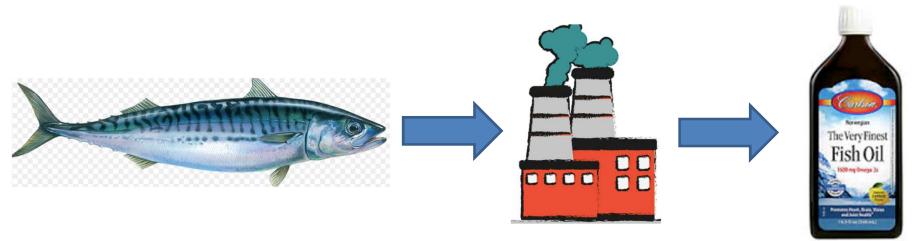
- Calanus finmarchicus (Rauðáta, e. red feed)
 - Mesozooplankton (large small ocean creatures)
 - Feeds on phytoplankton (microalgae, small plant creatures)
- C. finmarchicus contain lipids, astaxanthin and chitin
 - EPA/DHA
 - Wax esters
 - TAG
- Pelagic fish (herring, mackerel etc.) feed on Calanus and their lipid profile is in part reflected by their diet.





Objective

- Extracting and analyzing wax esters, astaxanthin and chitin from the copepod *C. finmarchicus* and from samples taken throughout the pelagic processing of herring and mackerel.
- Part of Stefáns PhD project and is a closed project.





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 Compare different extraction procedures for wax esters

- Temperature

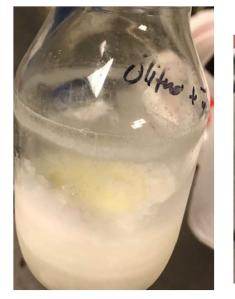
- Measuring the properties of the wax esters along with the quality of astaxanthin and chitin
- Product development





Example









Before freezing 3 kinds of fish oils and 2 kinds of vegetable oils for comparison

-24°C. Separation 2 layers Filtration - refrozen



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