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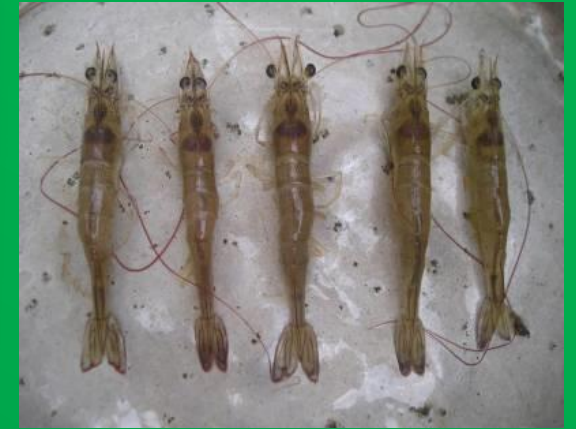
IHHNV detection in England and Scotland

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IHHNV - Infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis virus

- notifiable to OIE
 - not listed disease under Directive 2006/88 or under national measures.
 - susceptible species (OIE)
 - yellowleg shrimp (*Penaeus californiensis*),
 - giant tiger prawn (*Penaeus monodon*),
 - northern white shrimp (*Penaeus setiferus*),
 - blue shrimp (*Penaeus stylirostris*),
 - whiteleg shrimp (*Penaeus vannamei*)
 - wide distribution in wild and cultured penaeid shrimp (world-wide)
 - not previously reported from Europe
- Impact of infection varies by species
- *P. stylirostris*, usually very high mortalities
 - *P. vannamei*, chronic disease, growth suppression, cuticular deformities; reduced hatch success



IHHNV in GB

affected sites

- Two proof of concept sites
- whiteleg shrimp (*Penaeus vannamei*, warm water shrimp) for human consumption for UK market
- small, inland aquaculture sites
- artificial heated seawater recirculation units
- closed containment units
- well away from coastal waters

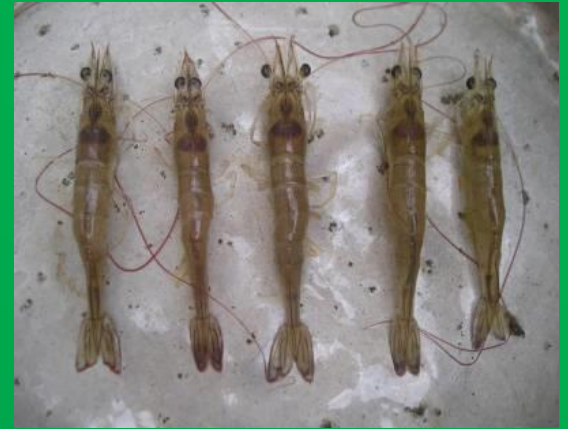


affected population Scottish site:

- 350,000 post-hatch larval whiteleg shrimp (warm water shrimp)
- imported from USA April 2019
- increased morbidity / mortality
- culled on 16 July 2019, immediately after suspicion of IHHNV
- site has been disinfected.
- 300 broodstock (same US supplier; no clinical signs) also culled

affected population English site

- no clinical signs associated with IHHNV or increased mortality in stocks present on site
- five consignments imported from two suppliers in USA January to August 2019
- imported as specific pathogen-free (SPF) post larval shrimp
- site was investigated as one of the supplier sites (USA) had reported IHHNV, the same supplier as for the site in Scotland



Confirmation of disease (to OIE standard)

- on 13/08 (Scottish site) and 15/08 (English site).

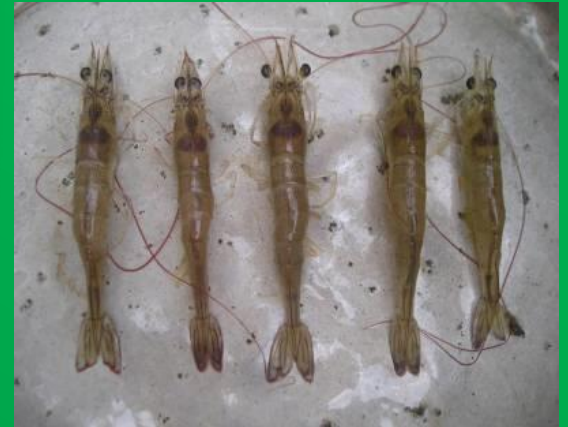
Containment measures

Scottish site

- culled before confirmation of disease
- safe disposal of waste
- disinfection of site

English site:

- movement controls from point of suspicion of disease (8/8)
- risk assessment (risk of release of pathogen from infected site)
 - no susceptible species in UK
 - high biocontainment measures
 - negligible risk
- staged disinfection;



plan forwards

- high investment type aquaculture
- both sites intend to continue operation
- both sites aim to have IHHNV free stock
- limited IHHNV free suppliers
- aim to establish own disease free broodstock

disease monitoring

England:

- post import testing of new imports by Competent authority
- supervision of staged disinfection

