



## Fish Saprolegniosis (Dermatomycosis) Treatment and Prevention Measures

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**Abstract:** The article studied the epizootic course of the disease of fish with saprolegniosis (dermatomycosis) and explained that it was determined on the basis of clinical signs, pathological changes and bacteriological examination. In addition, it is emphasized that in the fight against this disease, preventive measures should be taken on the basis of veterinary and sanitary rules to prevent the death of fish.

**Keywords:** fish, water body, pathogen, Saprolegnia, suslo agar saprolegniosis, dermatomycosis, ichthyopathology, fungus, disease.

**Relevance of the topic:** Wide-scale reforms have been implemented in all areas of agriculture of our country, especially in the fishing sector, and a number of decisions and assignments of the head of our state serve to a certain extent in the implementation of the specified tasks in the fishing sector. The fishing network is one of the strategic areas of ensuring food security. But in the development of fisheries, the occurrence of fish diseases is hindering the development of the sector.

In particular, fish saprolegniosis (dermatomycosis) causes great economic damage to fisheries. Saprolegniosis (dermatomycosis) is a disease caused by fungi, the causative agent of which is Saprolegnia. caused by fungi that have settled in the body or internal organs of fish. In some cases, fungi develop very quickly, like lightning. Fungal diseases are mainly found in neglected water bodies. The disease is manifested by the appearance of white threads on the body, fins and wounds of the fish, and then with characteristic clinical symptoms that cover a large part of the skin of the fish like cotton.

**The purpose of the study.** Diagnosing Saprolegniosis (dermatomycosis) in fish, taking measures for their treatment and prevention, and providing practical assistance to fish farms in preventing various fish diseases.

**Research materials and methods.** Our researches were carried out in some fisheries water basins, and laboratory testing procedures were carried out in the Laboratory of Poultry, Rabbit, Fish and Bee Diseases of VITI. It was found that there are cases of disease and death among the fish kept in some private households belonging to the fisheries of Payariq and Kattakurgan districts. It was found that 5 types of fish (carp, carp, white carp, white carp, African carp) are kept in these fisheries. It turned out that the disease occurs only in carp and white bream. During our observations, clinical signs such as the presence of thin thready white spots on the body of the fish, and the presence of white cotton-

like spots on the part of the body near the injury were detected, and primary fungal disease was suspected.



*Appearance of fish infected with saprolegniosis (dermatomycosis) in 1-2 ponds and aquariums*

Then, 10 live diseased fish weighing between 850 grams and 1 kg were taken from this reservoir, filled with water from this reservoir, and brought to the laboratory. These imported fish samples were subjected to bacteriological examination following aseptic-antiseptic rules. Initially, when the fish were examined pathologically, the blood vessels were hyperemic, filled with fungal hyphae, the blood vessels in the respiratory layers were tubular-like, and their walls and epithelial tissue were ruptured. The tissue of parenchymatous organs is filled with blood, the layer of fat and glycogen is thin. After that, for bacteriological examination of these fish, pathological samples (skin scrapings, fins, wounds) were taken, and inoculations were planted in Glucose Saburo medium and placed in a thermostat of 25-30 °C for growth. Planted seedlings grew as white fluffy colonies composed of elastic undivided hyphae. In order to determine the type of causative agent, thin smears were prepared from them on sterile, degreased glass slides, stained by the Gram method and subjected to microscopy. For this purpose, a sterile physiological solution was dripped onto the glass of the object, a fungal colony was removed with a bacteriological hook and mixed with a light movement, then fixed. A 40% aqueous solution of glycerol or a liquid consisting of 1 l of 0.85% sodium chloride solution and 0.5 l of glycerol was used as a preservative, which was titrated to pH 8.0 with 20% sodium phosphate solution and sterilized in an autoclave at 112 °C for 10 minutes. In bacteriological examination, isolation of pure culture of microbes, study of their morphocultural, biochemical characteristics, determination of virulence and sensitivity to antibiotics, and accurate diagnosis of the disease became the basis.

A reliable diagnostic method in fish mycoses is microscopic examination of the pathological material. A 50% aqueous solution of glycerin, 0.9% sodium chloride solution, or a few drops of tap water were used to detect the presence of fungi from swabs prepared from affected organs, based on microscopic examination. During the bacteriological examination, the used equipment, table, disinfectants were disinfected, pathological samples of used infected fish, dead fish in the pond were burned and destroyed. The diseased fish were separated separately and bath methods were applied to them as follows.

**Table 1. Method of treatment of fish infected with saprolegniosis (dermatomycosis)**

T/p	The time is day	Application to fish time	Table salt in %	Methylin cookie in g/l	Formalin ratio is equal to g/l	Copper sulfate ratio is equal to g/l	The ratio of potassium permanganate is equal to g/l
1.	2nd time 3 days apart	5-8 minutes	5				
2	1 time after 3 days	12 hours		0,05			
3.	1 time after 3 days	15 minutes			1:1000		
4.	1 time after 3 days	60 minutes				1:200000	
5	1 time	15 minutes					1:100000

For this, baths were used in a 5% solution of common rock salt for 5 minutes or 0.05 g/l methylene blue for 12 hours. In addition, formalin solutions 1:500 and 1:1000 with exposure for 15 minutes, copper sulfate 1:200000 -60 minutes; potassium permanganate 1:100000 - for 15 minutes, 5-day treatment courses were carried out. After that, the condition of the fish was monitored.

In addition, the following effective drugs "Griseofulvin" and "Trichopol" against fish fungal diseases produced by "Tetra" and "Sera" companies were recommended to fish farmers. When saprolegniosis appears, it is necessary to create optimal zoohygienic conditions in ponds, exclude damage to fish and eggs, and check eggs in incubators. Recommendations such as disinfection of inventory and equipment were made. In addition, once every 4-5 years, the reservoir should be left without water until the fall of the following year, during which the sediments at the bottom of the reservoir are not used, and if the height of the sediments in the lower part is more than 20 cm, all the lower sediments should be cleaned mechanically. The bottom of the pool in winter and drying in summer destroys pathogenic bacteria, helminths and other pathogenic microorganisms, intermediate hosts of parasites, especially mollusks that remain on the bottom surface after draining the water. Veterinary-sanitary measures should be carried out in a timely manner, providing the fish with a complete and necessary amount of food, diagnosing the condition of the fish, treating fish ponds with quicklime (25 ts/ha) or bleaching (3-5 ts/ha) lime, calcium hypochlorite (1,5-2.5 ts/ha) was recommended as disinfection.

**Research results.** It was found that the fishing ponds we conducted research on are one-to-three-year-old carp, carp, white carp, white dungpeshona, and African carp species. In the course of our research, it was found that the fungal disease observed in carp and whitehead fish is more common in winter and early spring, and the rate of fish mortality is high at this time. In addition, it was observed that saprolegniosis affects fish in artificial ponds, where sanitary standards are neglected. During the studies, it was found that Saprolegnia fungi develop in the injured areas of the fish and have a mechanical and toxic effect on the fish. At first, thin white threads appeared on the skin, fins, and wounds of the fish, and then it was observed that a cottony coating was formed, and this coating was the mycelium of the fungus, and its color was white, light yellow, and purple. It was observed that the hyphae grow first in the fish's head, mouth, nose, and eye area, then spread throughout the body and occupy the lower parts of the skin. As a result of the increased number of zambugs covering the injuries, it was observed that the oxygen exchange in the body of the affected fish is disturbed and due to the lack of oxygen, they swim to the surface of the water and take oxygen directly from the air. Diseased fish are pale, their response to external stimuli is sharply reduced, some are completely indifferent. It turned out that sick fish sometimes float on the surface of the water in a prone position for some time, and they can be easily caught by hand. In the process of pathologo-anatomical changes, clinical signs and laboratory examination of infected fish, it was determined that Saprolegniosis is the causative disease, and treatment bath methods were carried out.

**Summary.** 1. In the prevention and fight against fish diseases, it would be expedient if fish farms work in consultation with veterinary ichthyologists.

2. Laboratory tests must be carried out to identify fish diseases. In addition, timely disinfection of veterinary and sanitary measures in water bodies is important for the prevention of various diseases.

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