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The Journey to Improved Aquaculture Health

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Aquaculture Disease Outbreaks

- Disease is the single biggest impediment to aquaculture growth
- In 2010 alone, Infectious salmon anemia cost the Chilean salmon farming industry between 350,000 to 400,000 tons of fish, $2 billion dollars and 30,000 jobs.
- Shrimp losses have amounted to tens of billions of dollars since 1990 and new shrimp diseases are appearing every year.

Challenge is to Anticipate and Prevent Epidemics

- Most management techniques are based on farm level interventions
- Zone management at the regional or national level is seldom implemented.
- Policy usually lags behind the curve, recognizing carrying capacity limits only when they are exceeded

Need for Comprehensive Policy to Reduce the Risk of Outbreaks

- In discussions with the World Bank, we wondered if lessons from past epidemics could help improve future policy.
- This idea led to a proposal for case studies in various countries to characterize outbreaks and recoveries.
- We hoped to identify common lessons learned by comparing and contrasting these experiences.

Lesson Sharing in Aquaculture Disease Management

- These studies were funded by the World Bank and undertaken by the Responsible Aquaculture Foundation, a non profit organization dedicated to research, education, and training.

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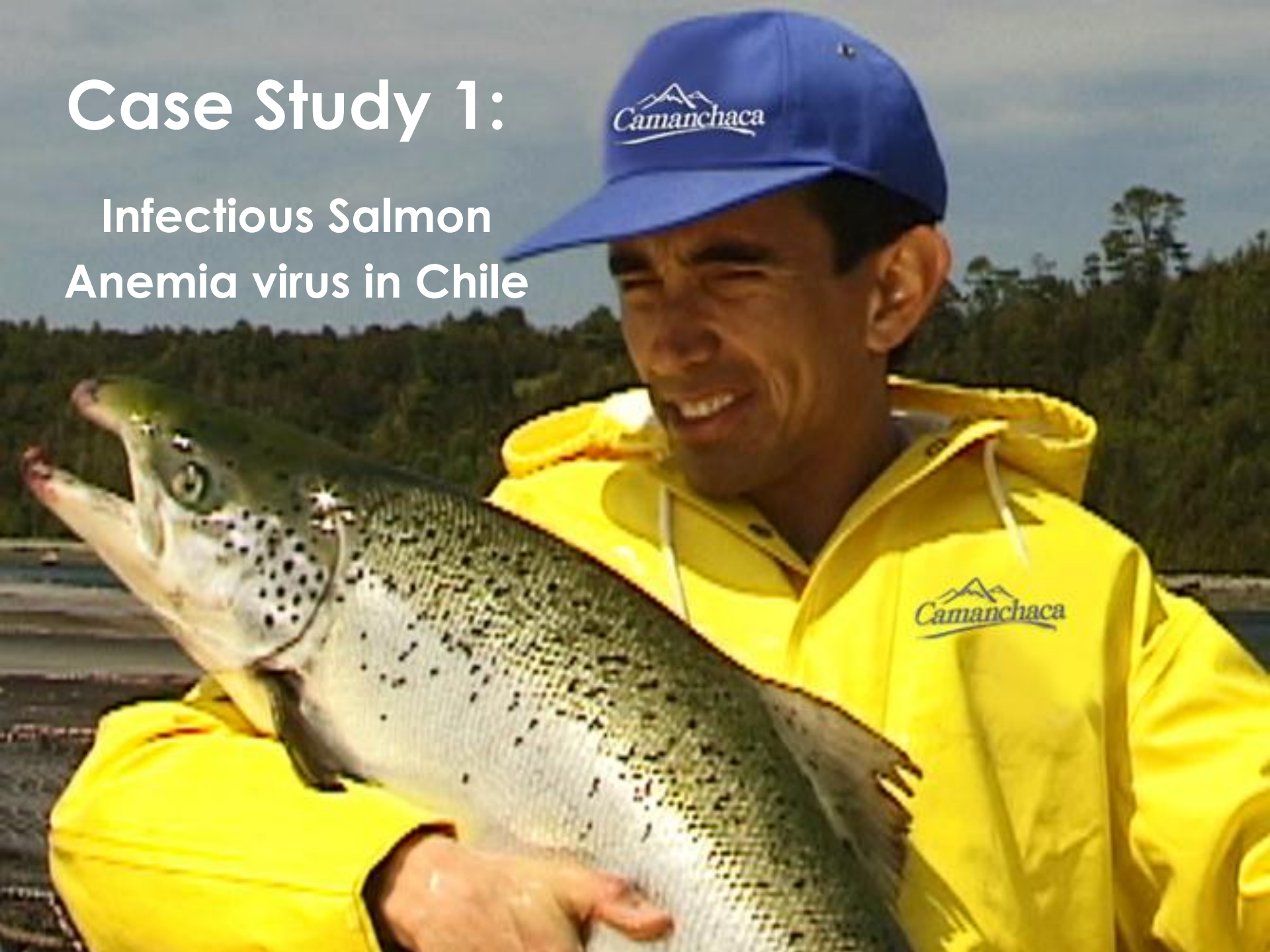
Case Study 1:

Infectious Salmon Anemia virus in Chile



Case Study 2 Early Mortality Syndrome in Vietnam

Case Study 3
WSSV in Madagascar, Mozambique

Preliminary Conclusions

1. Zone management is needed to regulate the density of farms and avoid sharing water inputs and outfalls;
2. Introduction and movement of animals should be controlled by quarantine and movement documents;
3. Sanitary measures are needed at the farm level;
4. Apply Best Aquaculture Practices at farm-level to reduce stress and improve animal welfare;
5. Structure dialogue among farmers,