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ABSTRACT

The study evaluated the effect of horseradish (*Moringa oleifera)* in the early growth and survival of Nile tilapia (*Orechromis niloticus* L.*)* fry reared in glass aquaria. The treatments evaluated were Treatment 1-(control) 100 % commercial feeds, Treatment 2- 90% commercial feeds with 10% *M. oleifera* seeds, and Treatment 3-70% commercial feeds with 30% *M. oleifera* seeds.

The general objective of this study was to evaluate the effect of horseradish (*Moringa oleifera*) seeds on the early growth and survival of Nile tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) fry.

Results of the study showed that Nile tilapia fry fed with 10% and 30% *Moringa oleifera* seeds had higher final weight, body weight gain, specific growth rate and survival rate than those fed with pure commercial feed. Analysis of variance, revealed that differences in final weight, specific growth rate, body weight gain and fish survival were significantly different among treatments ($p<0.05$). Inclusion of horseradish seeds demonstrated a positive effect on the growth and survival of Nile tilapia.

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