

# RABAT CONFERENCE ON COASTAL RISKS

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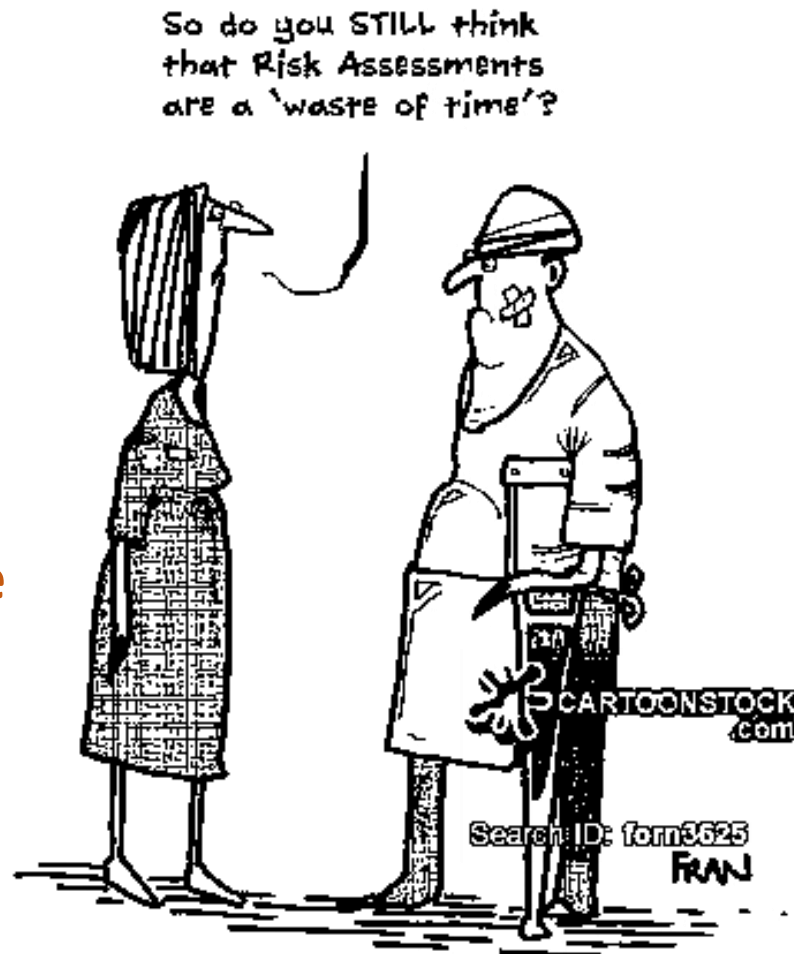
**ESTIMATION OF HEALTH RISKS DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF  
POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS IN A COASTAL LAGOON**

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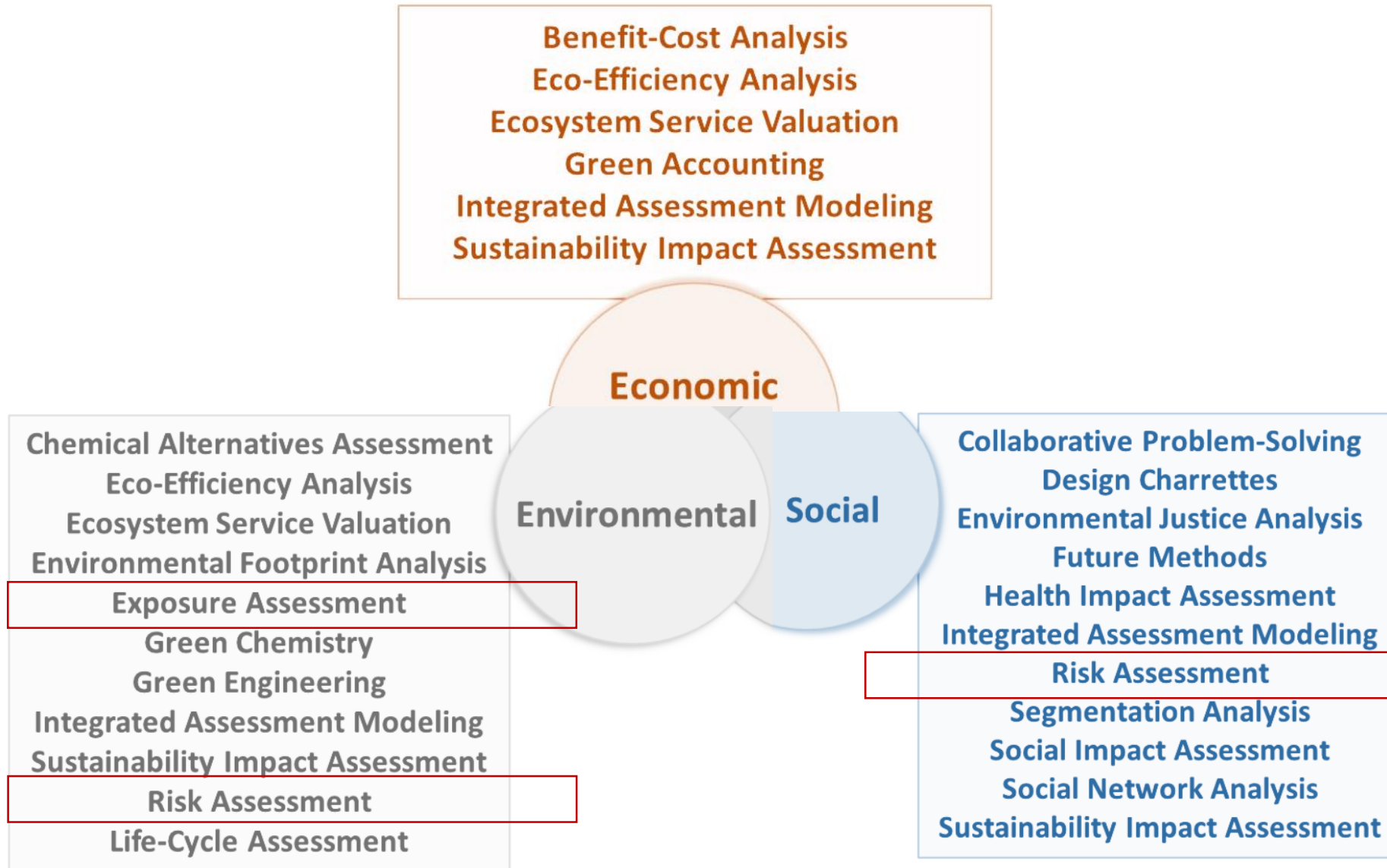


Estimate health risk due to the presence of PAH in a coastal lagoon:  
shellfish farmers

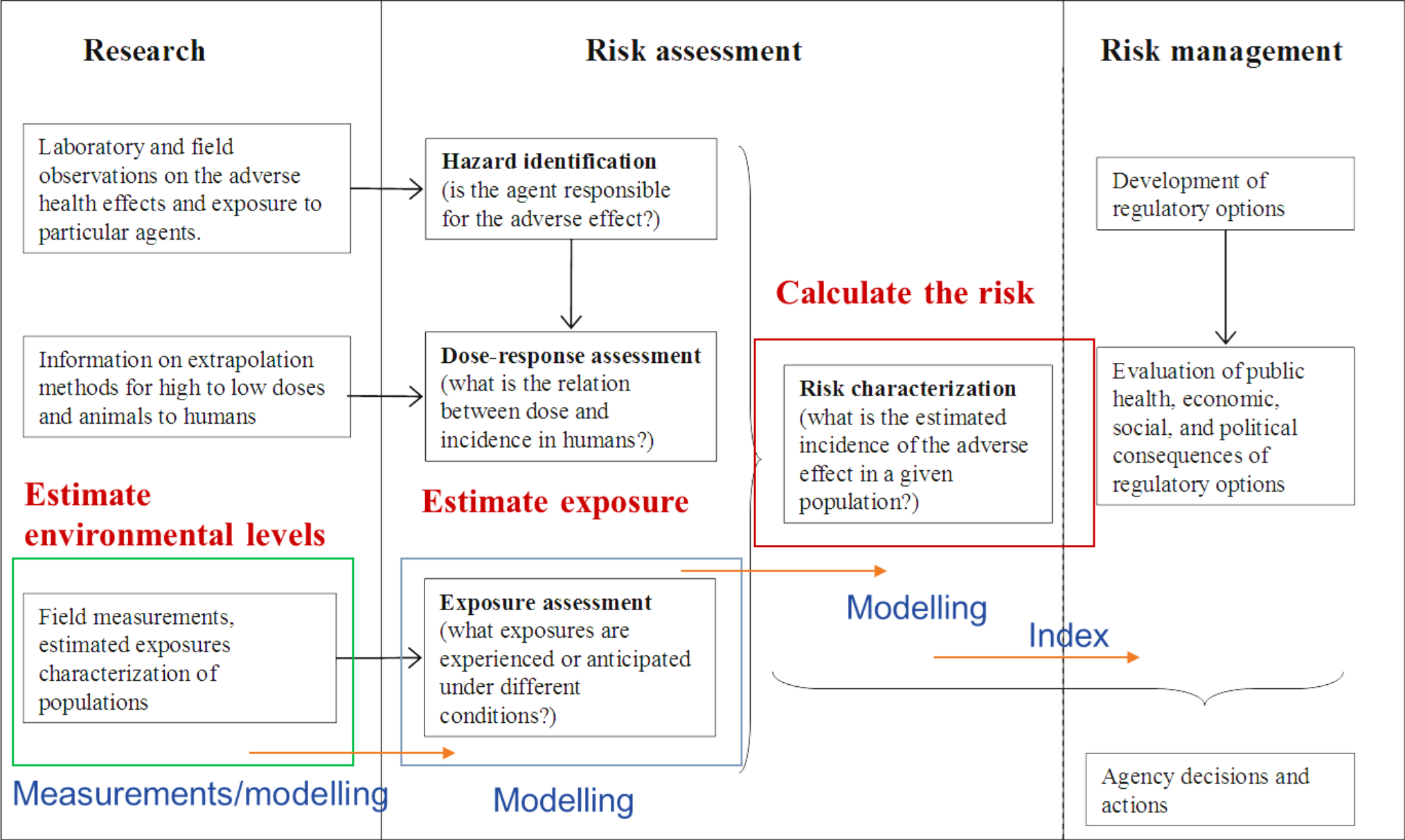


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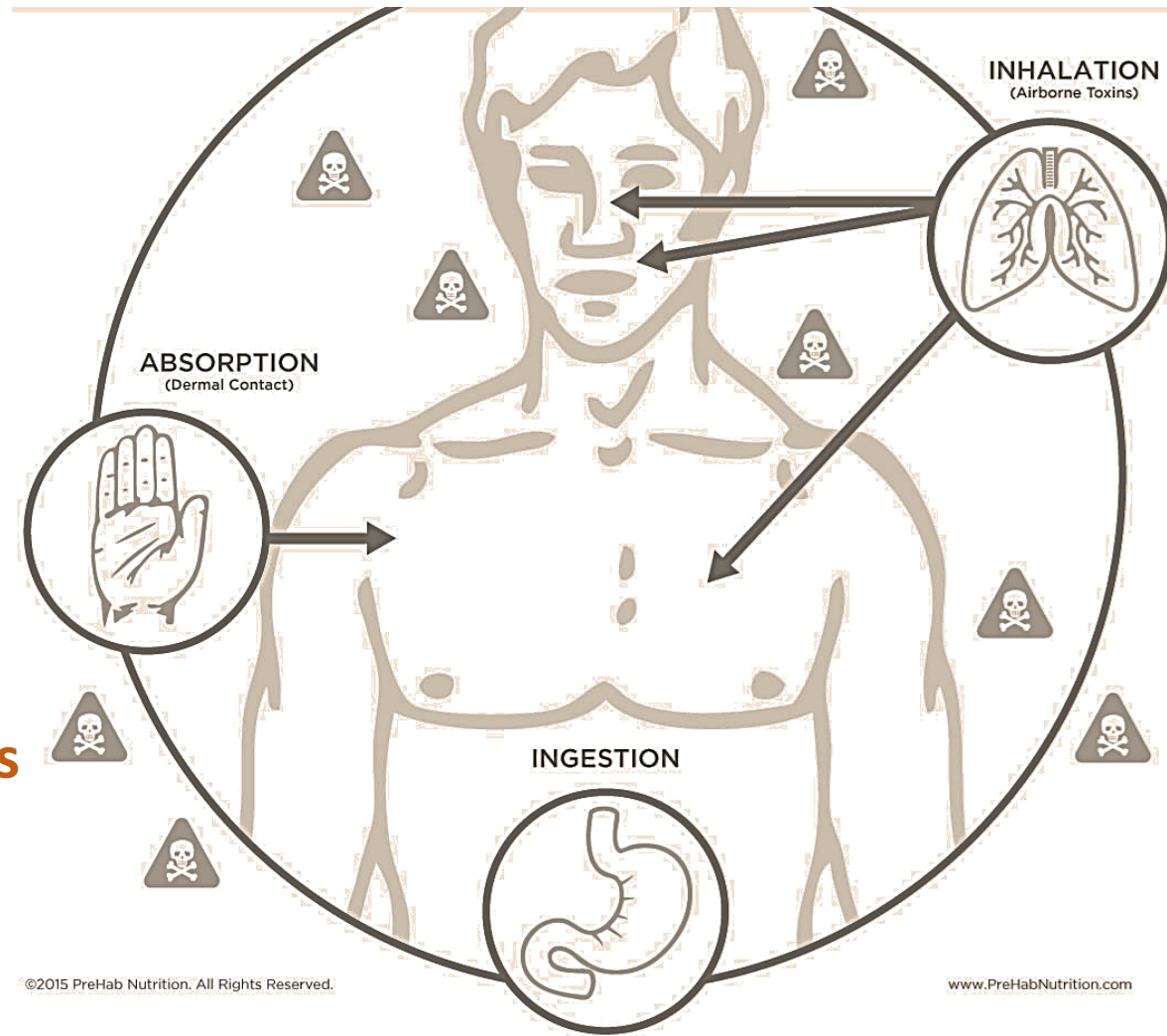
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Exposure is made through different routes



Health risk  
assessment:

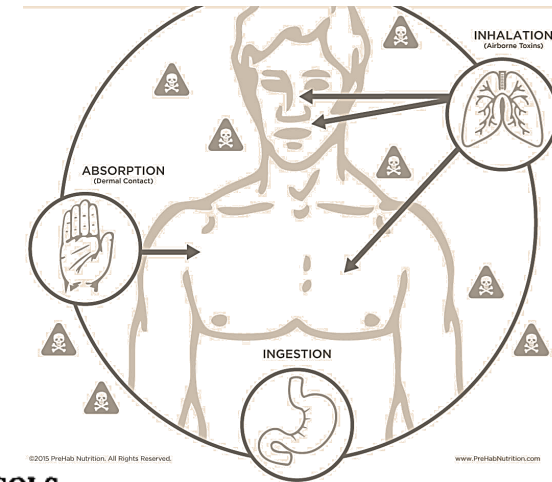
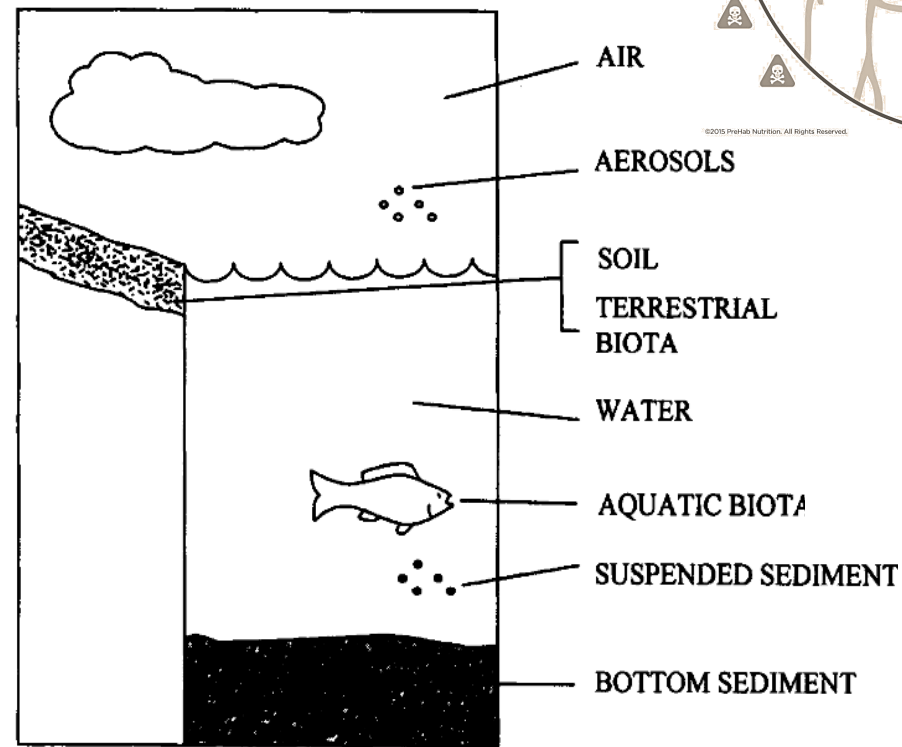
Environmental  
levels

## ESTIMATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCENTRATIONS

Use models to complement environmental data

### Fugacity approach (Lewis (1901):

Given a concentration in one phase, what will be the concentration in another phase that has been in contact with it long enough to achieve equilibrium?



-Compartment Environment

# ESTIMATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCENTRATIONS

## The multimedia equilibrium model:

### Definition of Fugacity Capacities

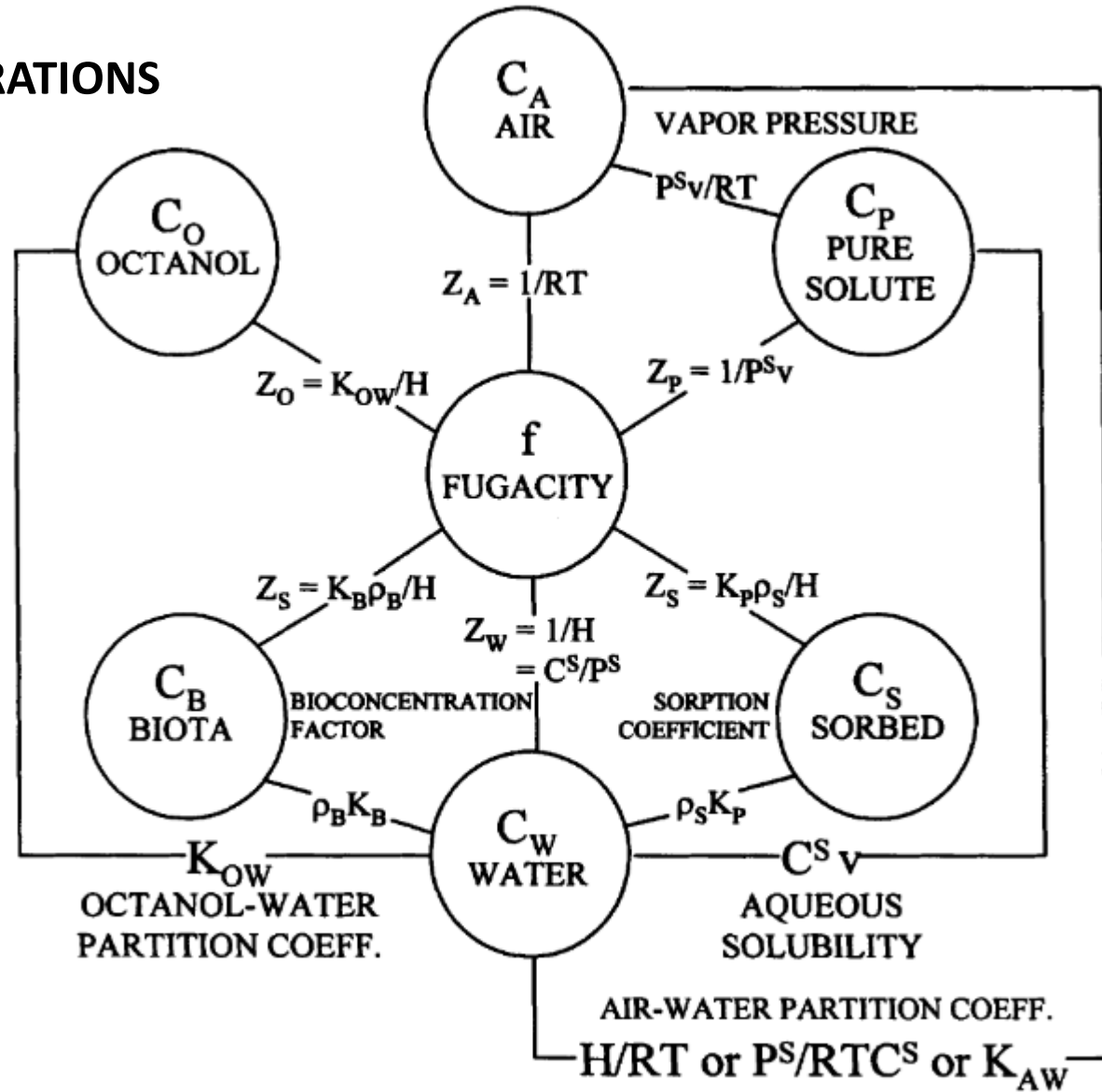
Definition of Z (mol/m <sup>3</sup> Pa)	
1/RT	R = 8.314 Pa m <sup>3</sup> /mol K    T = temp. (K)
1/H or C <sup>s</sup> /P <sup>s</sup>	C <sup>s</sup> = aqueous solubility (mol/m <sup>3</sup> ) P <sup>s</sup> = vapor pressure (Pa) H = Henry's law constant (Pa m <sup>3</sup> /mol)
K <sub>p</sub> ρ <sub>s</sub> /H	K <sub>p</sub> = partition coeff. (L/kg) ρ <sub>s</sub> = density (kg/L)
K <sub>B</sub> ρ <sub>B</sub> /H	K <sub>B</sub> = bioconcentration factor (L/kg) ρ <sub>B</sub> = density (kg/L)
1/P <sup>s</sup> v	v = solute molar volume (m <sup>3</sup> /mol)

$$C = Z \cdot f$$

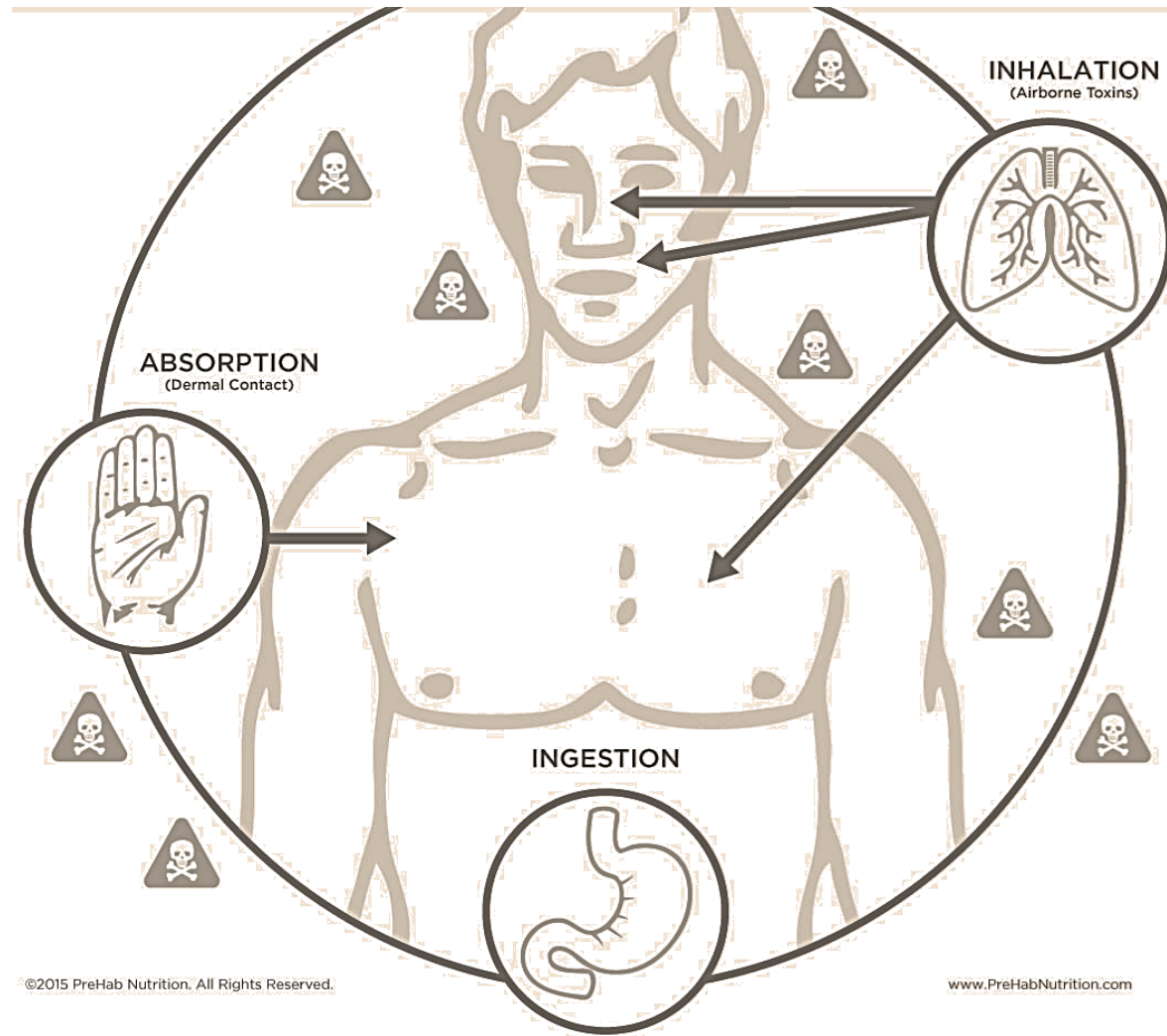
C = concentration (mol/m<sup>3</sup>)

f = fugacity (Pa)

Z = proportionality constant (*fugacity capacity*) (mol/m<sup>3</sup>Pa)



**Risk is a function  
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and hazard**



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## EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT

### Accidental sediment ingestion

$$ADD_{si} = \frac{C_s \cdot IRS \cdot CF_{km} \cdot EF_{dy} \cdot ED}{BW \cdot AT_c}$$

$ADD_{si}$	=	Average daily dose from incidental soil ingestion (mg/[kg·d])
$C_s$	=	Chemical concentration in soil (mg/kg)
$IRS$	=	Incidental soil ingestion rate (mg/d) [child or adult]
$CF_{km}$	=	Conversion factor ( $10^{-6}$ kg/mg)
$BW$	=	Body weight (kg) [child or adult]
$EF_{dy}$	=	Exposure frequency (d/yr) [child or adult]
$ED$	=	Exposure duration (yr) [child or adult]
$AT_c$	=	Averaging time, carcinogens (d)

### Occupational contact with sediment

$$ADD_{sd} = \frac{DA_{soil} \cdot SA \cdot EF_{evd} \cdot EF_{dy} \cdot ED}{BW \cdot AT_c}$$

$ADD_{sd}$	=	Absorbed daily dose from contact with soil (mg/[kg·d])
$SA$	=	Exposed skin surface area (cm <sup>2</sup> )

## EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT

### Occupational contact with water

$$ADD_{wd} = \frac{DA_{water} \cdot SA \cdot EF_{evd} \cdot EF_{dy} \cdot ED}{BW \cdot AT_c}$$

$$DA_{water} = 2 \cdot K_p \cdot (C_w \cdot CF_{cl}) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{6 \cdot \tau \cdot t_{event}}{\pi}}, \text{ for } t_{event} < t^*$$

$$DA_{water} = K_p \cdot (C_w \cdot CF_{cl}) \cdot \left[ \frac{t_{event}}{1+B} + 2\tau \cdot \left( \frac{1+3B+3B^2}{(1+B)^2} \right) \right], \text{ for } t_{event} > t^*$$

$$\log K_p(\text{organics}) = -2.72 + 0.71 \cdot \log K_{ow} - 0.0061 \cdot MW$$

$ADD_{wd}$	=	Absorbed daily dose from contact with water (mg/[kg·d])
$EF_{evd}$	=	Event frequency (events/d)
$DA_{water}$	=	Dose absorbed per unit area per water contact event (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> ·event)
$C_w$	=	Contaminant concentration in water (mg/L)
$CF_{cl}$	=	Conversion factor (10 <sup>-3</sup> L/cm <sup>3</sup> )
$t_{event}$	=	Duration of exposure event (hr/event)
$K_p$	=	Dermal permeability coefficient (cm/hr) [10 <sup>-3</sup> for inorganics]
$\tau$	=	Lag time (hr/event)
$t^*$	=	Time to reach steady-state (hr)
$B$	=	Relative contribution of permeability coefficients (unitless)
$K_{ow}$	=	<i>n</i> -Octanol-water partition coefficient
$MW$	=	Contaminant-specific molecular weight (g/mol)

## EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT

### Inhalation of vaporized contaminant

$$ADC_{av} = \frac{C_a \cdot (ET / 24hr / day) \cdot EF \cdot ED}{AT_c}$$

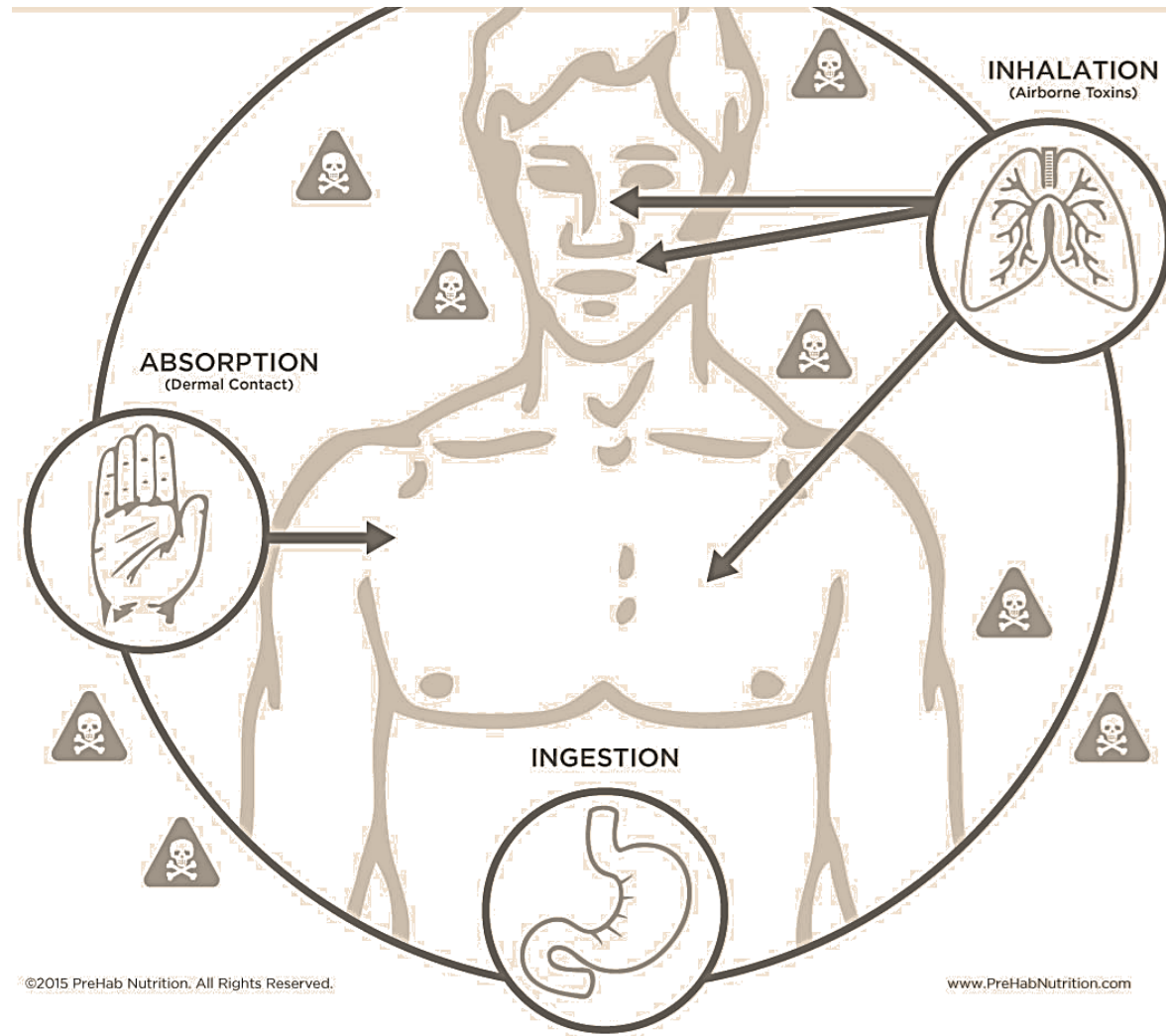
- $ADC_{av}$  = Average daily concentration from inhalation of vaporized contaminant (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
 $C_a$  = Contaminant concentration in air (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
 $C_s$  = Contaminant concentration in soil (mg/kg)

### Ingestion of Fish/Shellfish

$$ADD_f = \frac{C_f \cdot IRF_{adj} \cdot F_f \cdot CF_{gg} \cdot EF_{dy}}{AT_c}$$

- $ADD_f$  = Average daily dose from ingestion of local fish (mg/[kg·d])  
 $C_f$  = Concentration of contaminant in finfish (mg/kg)  
 $F_f$  = Fraction of finfish obtained from site (unitless)  
 $CF_{gg}$  = Conversion factor (kg/10<sup>3</sup> g)

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## RISK CHARACTERIZATION

### Excess Lifetime Cancer Risk (ELCR) due to inhalation of vaporized contaminant

$$\text{ELCR} = \text{ADC}_{\text{av}} (\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3) \times \text{IUR} (\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3)^{-1}$$

IUR = Inhalation unit risk (risk per  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

### Excess Lifetime Cancer Risk (ELCR) due to the remaining routes of exposure

$$\text{ELCR} = \text{CDI} (\text{mg}/\text{kg}/\text{day}) \times \text{SF} (\text{mg}/\text{kg}/\text{day})^{-1}$$

$$\text{CDI} = \sum \text{ADD}_i$$

SF = Carcinogenic Slope Factor  $(\text{mg}/\text{kg}/\text{day})^{-1}$ , =  $1.5 (\text{mg}/\text{kg}/\text{d})^{-1}$



# COASTAL LAGOON (RIA FORMOSA) SOUTH PORTUGAL

System of barrier islands that communicates with the sea through six inlets.

**Case-study**

# Ria Formosa lagoon

Area: 14 500 ha

Extension: 55 km

Average depth: 3 m

Salinity: 35.5 – 36.9‰

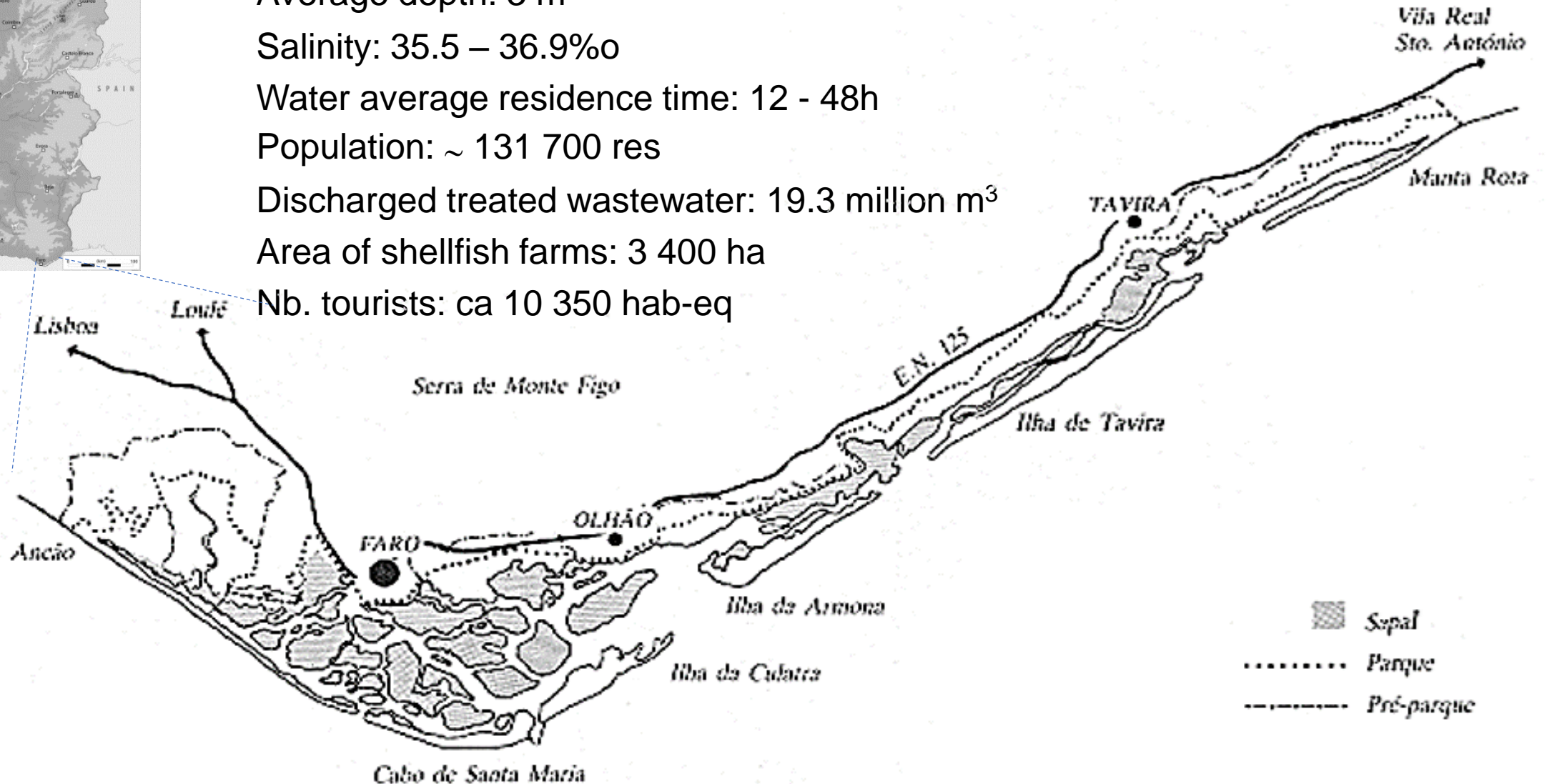
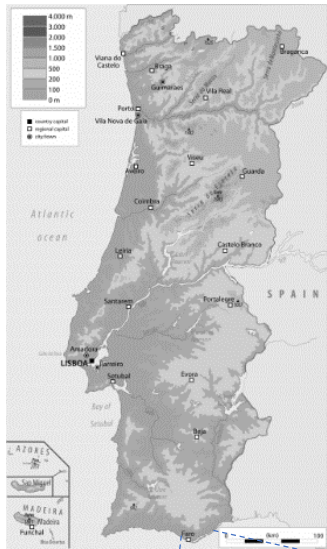
Water average residence time: 12 - 48h

Population: ~ 131 700 res

Discharged treated wastewater: 19.3 million m<sup>3</sup>

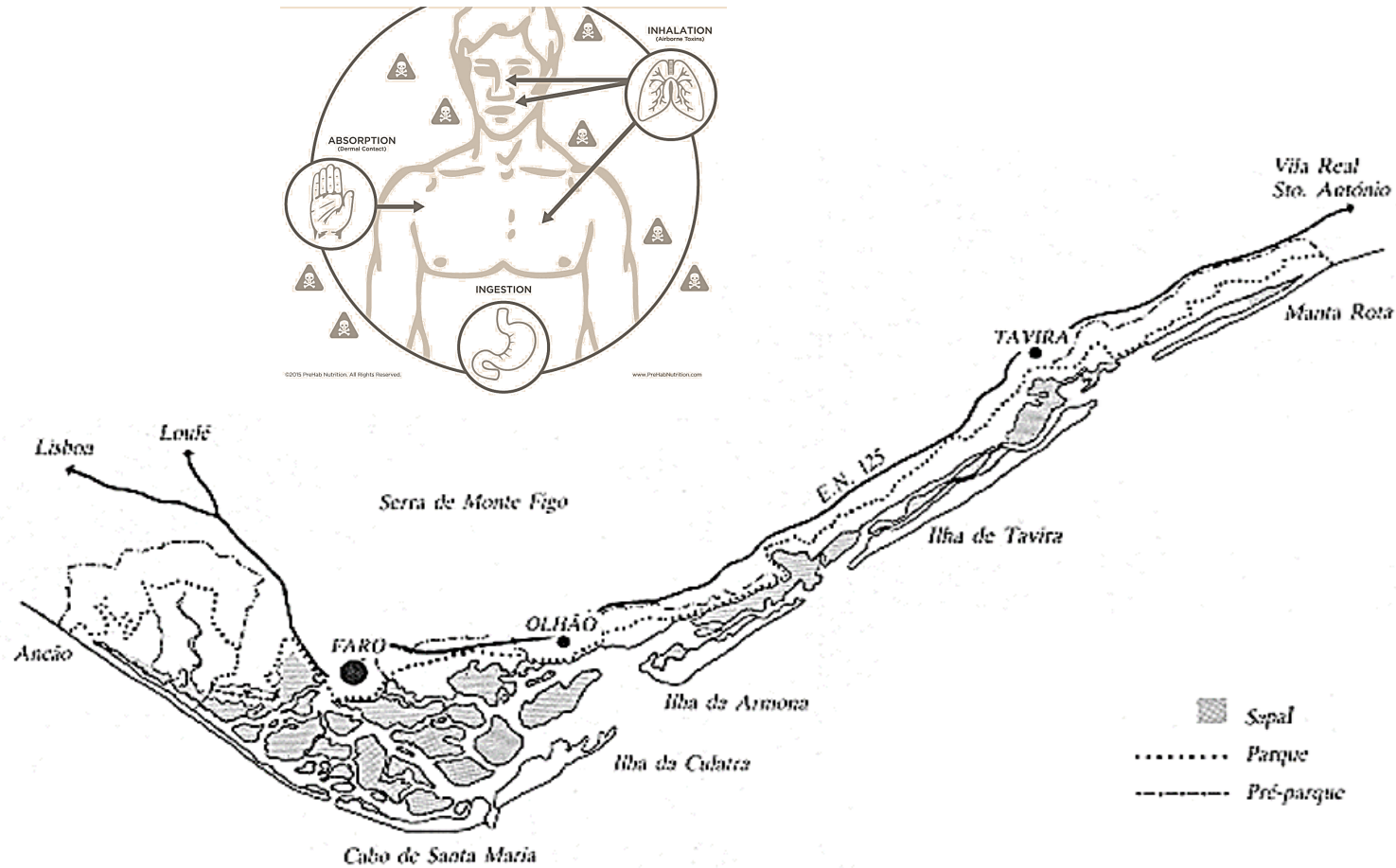
Area of shellfish farms: 3 400 ha

Nb. tourists: ca 10 350 hab-eq



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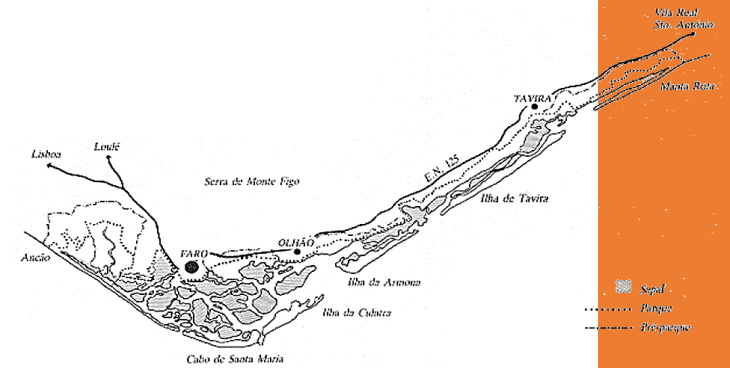
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PAH concentration in sediment

PAHs (ng/g <sup>-1</sup> p.h)	Range	m±sd
Naftaleno	0,02 – 0,53	0,35 ± 0,20
Acenafteno	0,44 – 13,3	4,34 ± 3,48
Fluoreno	0,18 – 2,44	0,63 ± 0,52
Fenantreno	0,14 – 3,17	0,70 ± 0,63
Antraceno	0,04 – 0,83	0,14 ± 0,18
Fluoranteno	0,07 – 9,90	0,22 ± 2,06
Pireno	0,08 – 5,87	1,00 ± 1,45
Benzo[a]antraceno	0,05 – 4,79	0,89 ± 1,25
Criseno	0,04 – 4,19	0,50 ± 0,87
Benzo[b]fluoranteno	0,06 – 5,41	0,84 ± 1,41
Benzo[k]fluoranteno	0,01 – 3,2	0,55 ± 0,93
Benzo[a]pireno	0,02 – 6,22	1,44 ± 2,12
Dibenzo[a,h]antraceno	0,01 – 26,5	5,44 ± 0,50
Benzo[g,h,i]perileno	0,01 – 4,14	2,08 ± 2,98
Indeno[1,2,3cd]pireno	0,01 – 0,99	0,43 ± 0,50
tPAHs (ng/g <sup>-1</sup> p.s)	1,01- 66,3	9,51 ± 14,27

in water

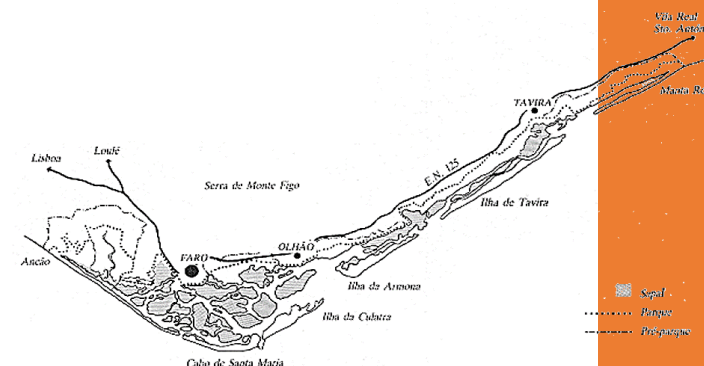
PAHs (µg/L)	m
Naftaleno	<0,008
Acenafteno	<0,010
Acenaftileno	<0,010
Fluoreno	<0,010
Fenantreno	<0,010
Antraceno	<0,001
Fluoranteno	<0,023
Pireno	<0,010
Benzo[a]antraceno	<0,01
Criseno	<0,010
Benzo[b]fluoranteno	<0,011
Benzo[k]fluoranteno	<0,012
Benzo[a]pireno	<0,03
Dibenzo[a,h]antraceno	<0,005
Benzo[g,h,i]perileno	<0,037
Indeno[1,2,3cd]pireno	<0,01



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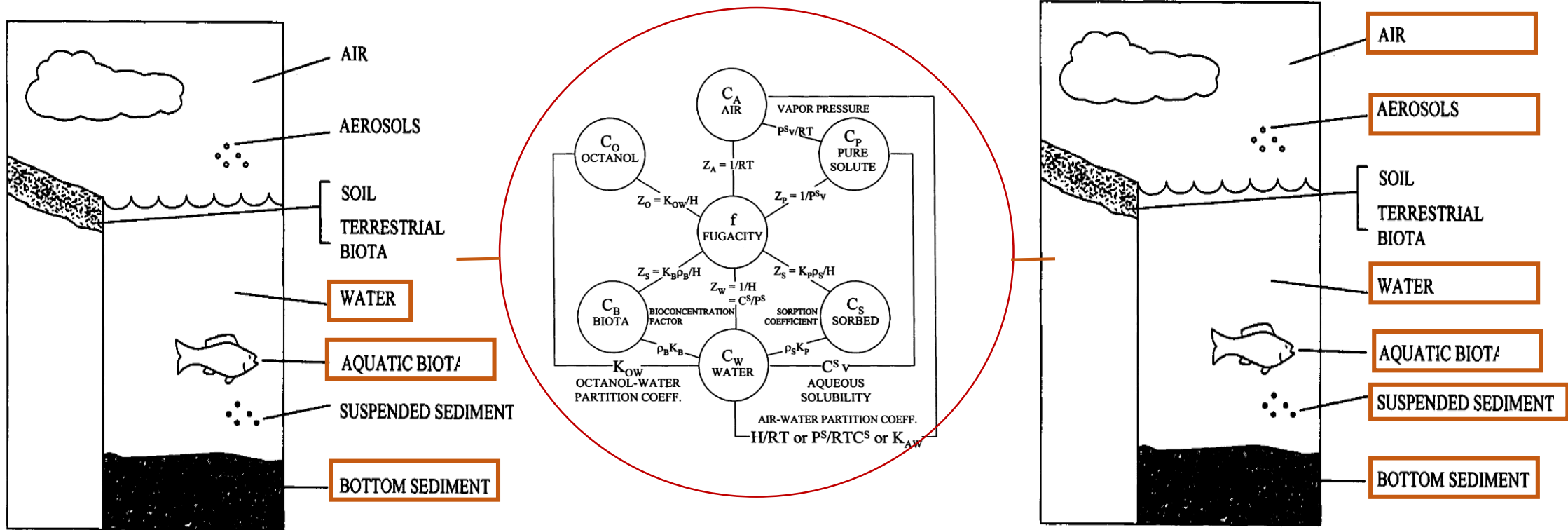
### PAH concentration in shellfish

PAHs (ng/g <sup>-1</sup> p.h)		Range	m±sd
Naftaleno	<i>Ruditapes decussatus</i>	0,12- 6,97	2,01± 2,4
Acenafteno		0,39 – 74,1	19,99± 23,69
Acenaftileno		1,47 – 58,5	19,2 ±22,77
Fluoreno		0,33 – 9,96	3,47 ± 4,44
Fenantreno		0,24 – 64,6	10,16 ± 10,83
Fluoranteno		3,42 – 110	17,31 ± 16,23
Pireno		3,07 – 138	17,49 ± 22,62
Benzo[a]antraceno		4,21 – 212	51,38 ± 51,31
Criseno		2,01 – 159	35,19 ± 37,97
Benzo[b]fluoranteno		2,53 – 104	16,69 ± 20
Benzo[k]fluoranteno		0,23 – 47,5	11,37 ± 18,38
Benzo[a]pireno		0,4 – 122	25,90 ± 39,94
Dibenzo[a,h]antraceno		0,01 – 312	29,62 ± 73,32
Benzo[g,h,i]perileno		0,02 – 161	10,17 ± 36,68
Indeno[1,2,3cd]pireno		0,01 - 49	2,18 ± 8,47
tPAHs	<i>Ruditapes decussatus</i>	30,4 - 1191	204,92 ± 216,68
		49,3 - 911	260,9 ± 304,34
tPAHs	<i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> (ng/g <sup>-1</sup> p.s)	145 - 2291	648,13 ± 531



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## The multimedia equilibrium model:



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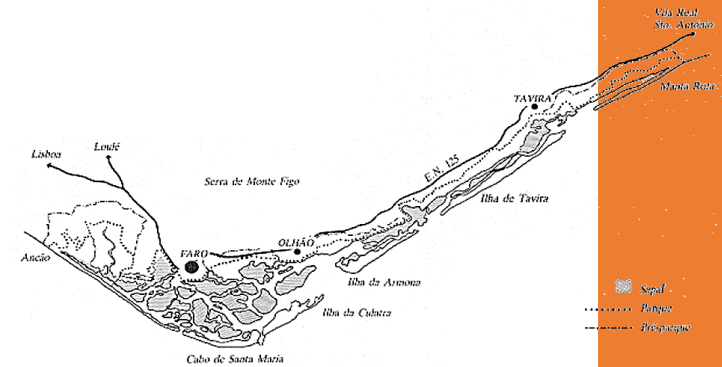
## The multimedia equilibrium model:

Information about the media and substance:  
introduced by the modeller

Compartment	<i>Air</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Soil</i>	<i>Sediment</i>
Volume m <sup>3</sup> (V)	$6 \times 10^9$	$7 \times 10^6$	45000	21000
Z	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	0.1	12.3	24.6
VZ	$2.4 \times 10^6$	$7 \times 10^6$	$5.5 \times 10^6$	$5.17 \times 10^6$
Reaction half life (h)t	$\infty$	693	69.3	6930
Rate constant $k = 0.693/t$ (h <sup>-1</sup> )	0	0.001	0.01	0.0001
Advective flow G m <sup>3</sup> /h	$10^7$	1000	0	0
D reaction = VZk = D <sub>R</sub>	0	700	5535	51.7
D advection = GZ = D <sub>A</sub>	4000	100	0	0
D <sub>R</sub> + D <sub>A</sub> = D <sub>T</sub>	4000	800	5535	51.7
Total D value = $\Sigma D_T =$	<i>10387</i>	Fugacity $f = I/\Sigma D =$	<i><math>120/10387 = 1.15 \times 10^{-2}</math></i>	
C = Z f mol/m <sup>3</sup>	<i><math>4.6 \times 10^{-6}</math></i>	<i><math>1.15 \times 10^{-3}</math></i>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>0.28</i>
m = C V mol				
Percent				
C <sub>G</sub> g/m <sup>3</sup> , i.e., C <sub>w</sub>				
Density $\rho$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>				
C <sub>U</sub> $\mu$ g/g, i.e., C <sub>G</sub> $\times$ 1000/ $\rho$	0.79	0.23	19	38

Calculated

# CASE STUDY



**Environmental concentrations (mean error= 0.15%)**

PAH	Shellfish µg/g	Sediment µg/g	Water g/m <sup>3</sup>	Air g/m <sup>3</sup>	Soil g/m <sup>3</sup>
Naphthalene	$2,00 \times 10^{-03}$	$3,56 \times 10^{-05}$	$1,16 \times 10^{-06}$	$9,44 \times 10^{-11}$	$2,42 \times 10^{-07}$
Acenaphthylene	$1,92 \times 10^{-02}$	$4,92 \times 10^{-05}$	$2,51 \times 10^{-06}$	$2,58 \times 10^{-11}$	$1,44 \times 10^{-08}$
Acenaphtene	$2,01 \times 10^{-02}$	$1,12 \times 10^{-04}$	$2,72 \times 10^{-06}$	$1,49 \times 10^{-10}$	$2,02 \times 10^{-07}$
Fluorene	$3,51 \times 10^{-03}$	$5,00 \times 10^{-05}$	$2,59 \times 10^{-07}$	$2,47 \times 10^{-11}$	$2,54 \times 10^{-08}$
Phenanthrene	$1,04 \times 10^{-02}$	$8,75 \times 10^{-05}$	$4,26 \times 10^{-07}$	$1,23 \times 10^{-09}$	$1,81 \times 10^{-06}$
Anthracene	$1,43 \times 10^{-03}$	$1,09 \times 10^{-06}$	$6,08 \times 10^{-08}$	$3,49 \times 10^{-14}$	$1,04 \times 10^{-08}$
Fluoranthene	$1,75 \times 10^{-02}$	$2,16 \times 10^{-05}$	$1,71 \times 10^{-07}$	$1,86 \times 10^{-12}$	$8,94 \times 10^{-08}$
Pyrene	$1,74 \times 10^{-02}$	$2,16 \times 10^{-05}$	$2,91 \times 10^{-07}$	$6,47 \times 10^{-14}$	$3,89 \times 10^{-08}$
Benzo(a)anthracene	$5,10 \times 10^{-02}$	$6,29 \times 10^{-05}$	$1,95 \times 10^{-07}$	$6,55 \times 10^{-14}$	$2,68 \times 10^{-08}$
Chrysene	$3,56 \times 10^{-02}$	$3,99 \times 10^{-04}$	$1,36 \times 10^{-07}$	$5,05 \times 10^{-16}$	$1,12 \times 10^{-08}$
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	$1,60 \times 10^{-02}$	$4,50 \times 10^{-05}$	$1,44 \times 10^{-07}$	$1,62 \times 10^{-14}$	$1,91 \times 10^{-08}$
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	$1,16 \times 10^{-02}$	$1,43 \times 10^{-04}$	$3,42 \times 10^{-08}$	$1,29 \times 10^{-16}$	$2,48 \times 10^{-10}$
<b>Benzo(a)pyrene</b>	<b><math>2,67 \times 10^{-02}</math></b>	<b><math>2,93 \times 10^{-04}</math></b>	<b><math>7,68 \times 10^{-08}</math></b>	<b><math>3,78 \times 10^{-23}</math></b>	<b><math>7,87 \times 10^{-13}</math></b>
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	$2,95 \times 10^{-02}$	$4,58 \times 10^{-03}$	$6,89 \times 10^{-07}$	$1,55 \times 10^{-17}$	$2,72 \times 10^{-10}$
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	$1,01 \times 10^{-02}$	$1,25 \times 10^{-05}$	$2,39 \times 10^{-08}$	$1,91 \times 10^{-17}$	$3,42 \times 10^{-10}$
Indene(1,2,3 cd)pyrene	$2,23 \times 10^{-02}$	$2,70 \times 10^{-03}$	$5,18 \times 10^{-09}$	$4,14 \times 10^{-18}$	$7,41 \times 10^{-12}$

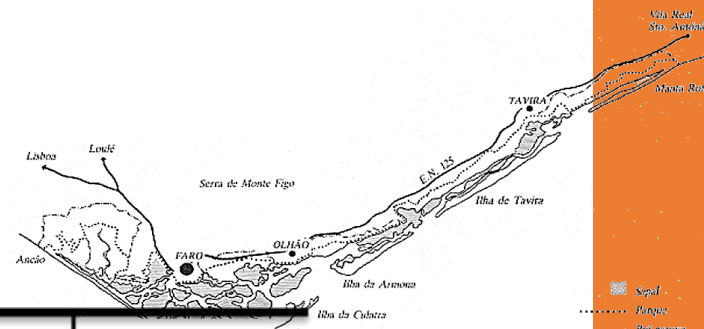


**Health risk estimated for fish farmers**

Health risk  
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Characterization

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PAH	Exposure					ELCR
	Air	Water	Shellfish	Sediment	Σ	
Naphthalene	$7,39 \times 10^{-11}$	$8,24 \times 10^{-08}$	$7,58 \times 10^{-08}$	$1,02 \times 10^{-13}$	$1,58 \times 10^{-07}$	$1,58 \times 10^{-10}$
Acenaphthylene	$2,02 \times 10^{-11}$	-	$7,28 \times 10^{-07}$	$6,09 \times 10^{-15}$	$7,28 \times 10^{-07}$	$7,28 \times 10^{-10}$
Acenaphthene	$1,17 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$7,62 \times 10^{-07}$	$8,54 \times 10^{-14}$	$7,62 \times 10^{-07}$	$7,62 \times 10^{-10}$
Fluorene	$1,93 \times 10^{-11}$	-	$1,33 \times 10^{-07}$	$1,07 \times 10^{-14}$	$1,33 \times 10^{-07}$	$1,33 \times 10^{-10}$
Phenanthrene	$9,63 \times 10^{-10}$	$9,59 \times 10^{-08}$	$3,94 \times 10^{-07}$	$7,65 \times 10^{-13}$	$4,91 \times 10^{-07}$	$4,91 \times 10^{-10}$
Anthracene	$2,73 \times 10^{-14}$	-	$5,42 \times 10^{-08}$	$4,40 \times 10^{-15}$	$5,42 \times 10^{-08}$	$5,42 \times 10^{-09}$
Fluoranthene	$1,46 \times 10^{-12}$	$6,08 \times 10^{-08}$	$6,64 \times 10^{-07}$	$3,78 \times 10^{-14}$	$7,24 \times 10^{-07}$	$7,24 \times 10^{-10}$
Pyrene	$5,06 \times 10^{-14}$	-	$6,60 \times 10^{-07}$	$1,64 \times 10^{-14}$	$6,60 \times 10^{-07}$	$6,60 \times 10^{-10}$
Benzo(a)anthracene	$5,13 \times 10^{-14}$	$1,50 \times 10^{-07}$	$1,93 \times 10^{-06}$	$1,13 \times 10^{-14}$	$2,08 \times 10^{-06}$	$2,08 \times 10^{-07}$
Chrysene	$3,95 \times 10^{-16}$	$1,05 \times 10^{-07}$	$1,35 \times 10^{-06}$	$4,74 \times 10^{-15}$	$1,45 \times 10^{-06}$	$1,45 \times 10^{-08}$
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	$1,27 \times 10^{-14}$	$1,11 \times 10^{-07}$	$4,47 \times 10^{-07}$	$8,08 \times 10^{-15}$	$5,58 \times 10^{-07}$	$5,58 \times 10^{-08}$
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	$1,01 \times 10^{-19}$	$2,63 \times 10^{-08}$	$4,40 \times 10^{-07}$	$1,05 \times 10^{-16}$	$4,66 \times 10^{-07}$	$4,66 \times 10^{-08}$
Benzo(a)pyrene	$2,96 \times 10^{-23}$	$9,10 \times 10^{-08}$	$1,01 \times 10^{-06}$	$3,33 \times 10^{-19}$	$1,10 \times 10^{-06}$	$1,10 \times 10^{-06}$
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	$1,21 \times 10^{-17}$	$1,92 \times 10^{-06}$	$1,12 \times 10^{-06}$	$1,15 \times 10^{-16}$	$3,04 \times 10^{-06}$	$3,04 \times 10^{-06}$
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	$1,50 \times 10^{-17}$	-	$3,83 \times 10^{-07}$	$1,45 \times 10^{-16}$	$3,83 \times 10^{-07}$	$3,83 \times 10^{-09}$
Indene(1,2,3 cd)pyrene	$3,24 \times 10^{-18}$	$9,51 \times 10^{-09}$	$8,45 \times 10^{-07}$	$3,13 \times 10^{-18}$	$8,55 \times 10^{-07}$	$8,55 \times 10^{-08}$

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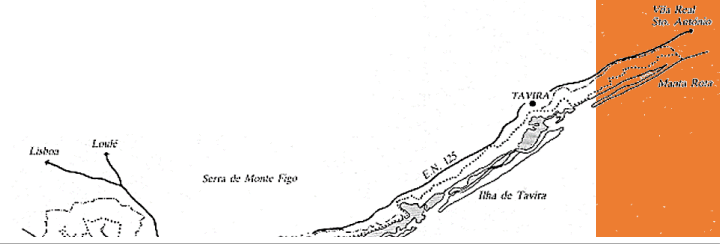


Table 3: Willingness to pay for a 1 in 1,000,000 risk reduction, by health threat (two scenarios, income = \$42,000) <sup>a</sup>

Profile	Sudden Death Now			10 year latency; sick 5 years, then death		
Health Threat	30	45	60	30	45	60
Age now	30	45	60	30	45	60
Breast Cancer	7.87 (4.65, 11.34)	8.39 (5.89, 11.25)	6.98 (4.56, 9.57)	8.66 (6.6, 11.04)	6.64 (4.08, 8.35)	4.44 (2.93, 6.03)
Prostate Cancer	7.38 (4.22, 10.74)	7.78 (5.29, 10.58)	6.4 (3.82, 9.08)	7.25 (5.26, 9.42)	5.65 (4.1, 7.44)	4.05 (2.62, 5.69)
Colon Cancer	4.46 (1.76, 7.32)	4.88 (3.09, 6.91)	3.47 (1.72, 5.35)	6.32 (4.67, 8.15)	4.76 (3.6, 6.03)	3.09 (2.03, 4.26)
Lung Cancer	.95 (-2.3, 3.14)	0.97 (-1.05, 2.74)	0.22 (-2.49, 1.29)	2.36 (0.8, 3.99)	0.78 (-0.53, 1.92)	0.04 (-2.34, .3)
...* smoker	10.59 (7.18, 14.26)	11.05 (8.32, 14.21)	9.62 (7, 12.79)	12.43 (9.75, 15.7)	10.93 (8.58, 13.59)	9.24 (7.22, 11.86)

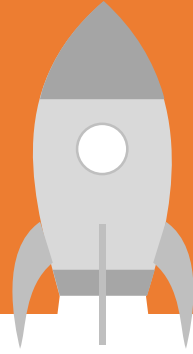
*Amount a population would be willing to pay to save one statistical life in a year =*

$$= WTP \cdot ELCR \cdot res$$

e.g., 8.66 (\$/pm/res) · 1.1 (pm) · 600 (res) = **5 700 \$/year**

**Or for the total population, = M€ 1.25/year**





Thank you!!