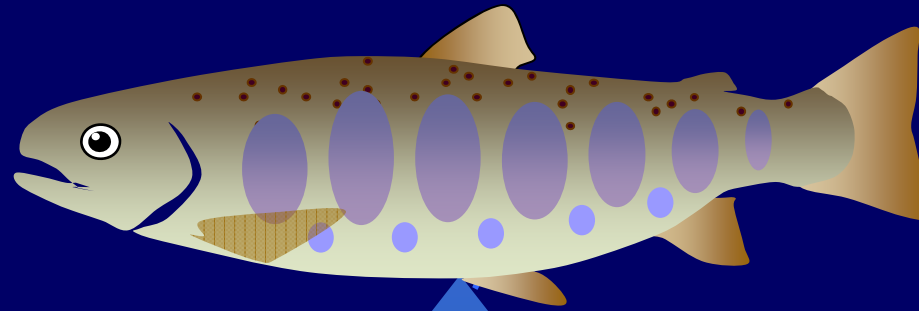


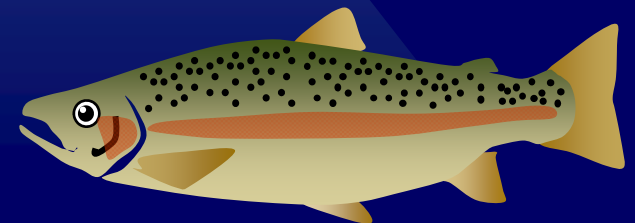
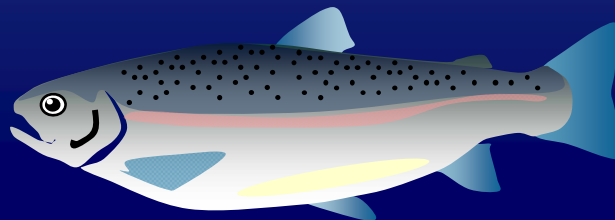
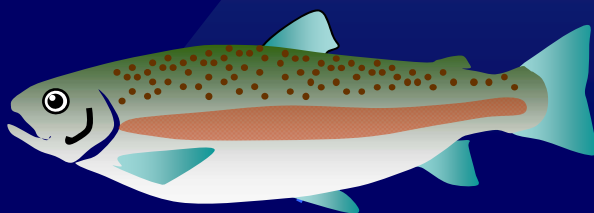
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Germ Cell Transplantation in Fish

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Tuna

Mackerel

Body weight;

300 kg

300 g

Body length;

3 m

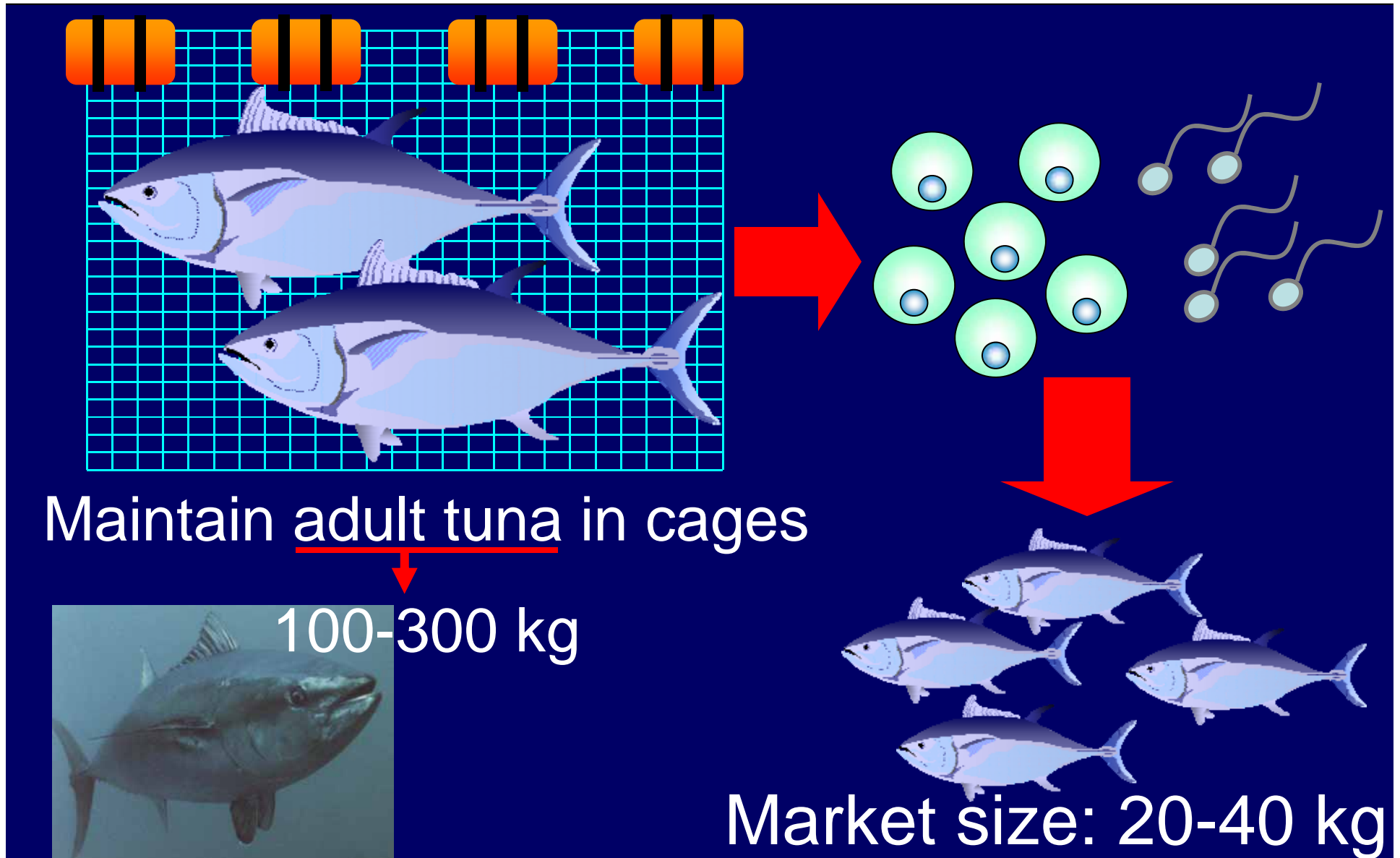
30 cm



Scombridae family

Aquaculture of tuna

***conventional aquaculture is capture-base**





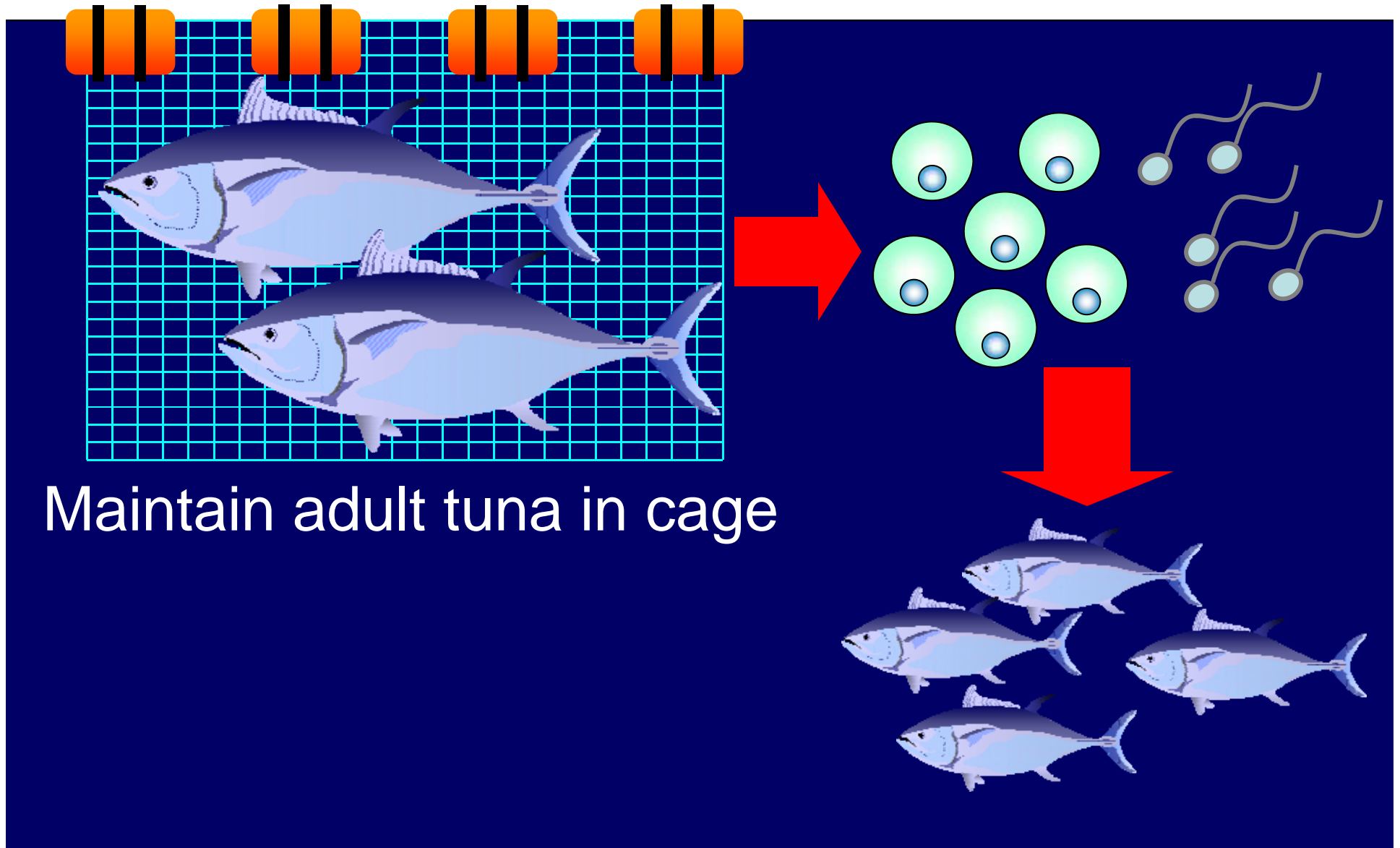
Maintenance of adult tuna requires a lot of space, cost, and labor

Mackerel can spawn in a small fish tank

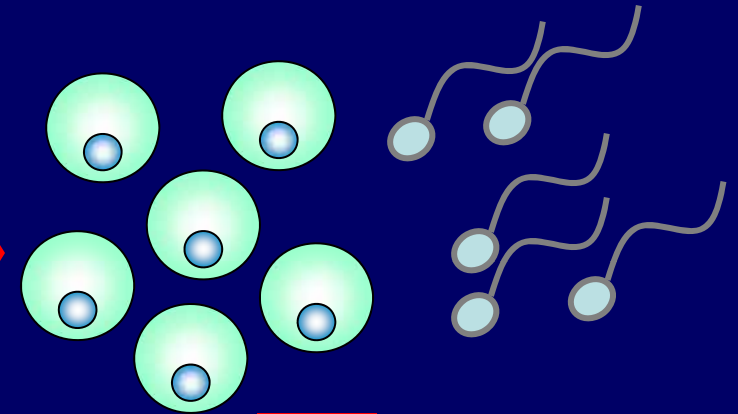
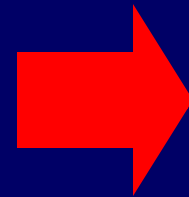
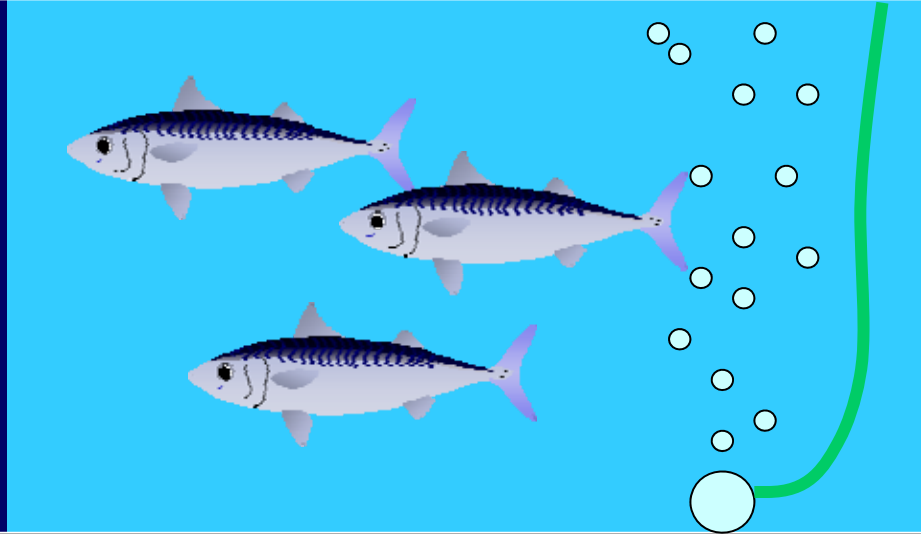


If we can obtain mackerel that produce tuna gametes

Aquaculture of tuna



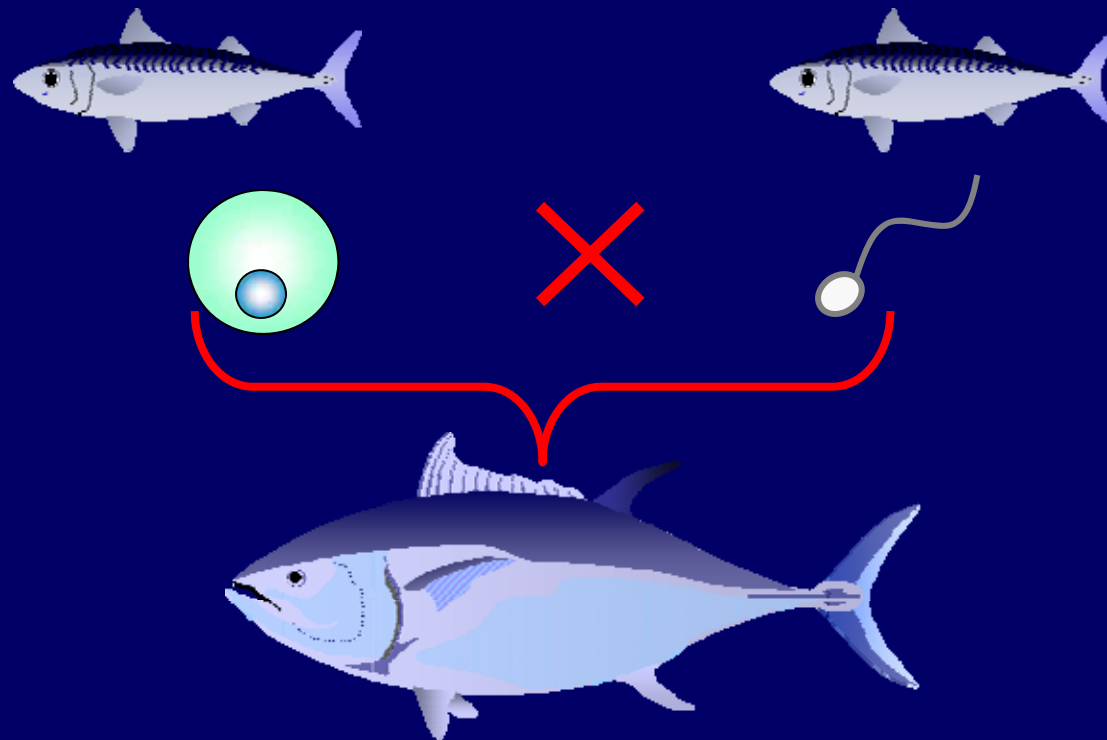
Mackerel as surrogated broodstock



Egg taking in small tanks

*save a lot of space, labor, and cost.

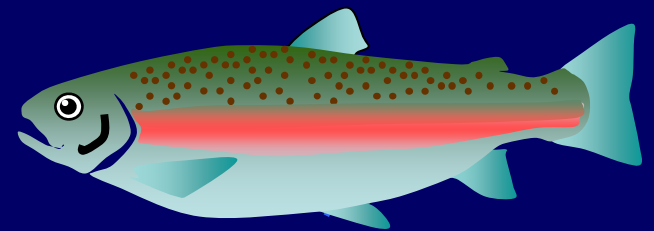
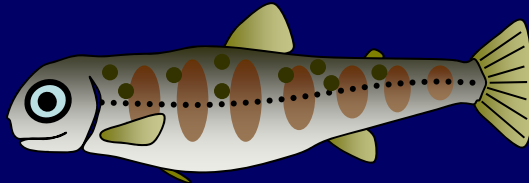
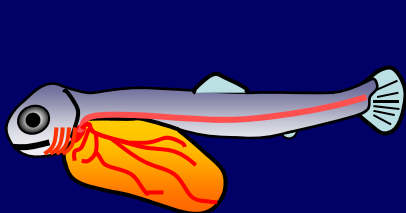
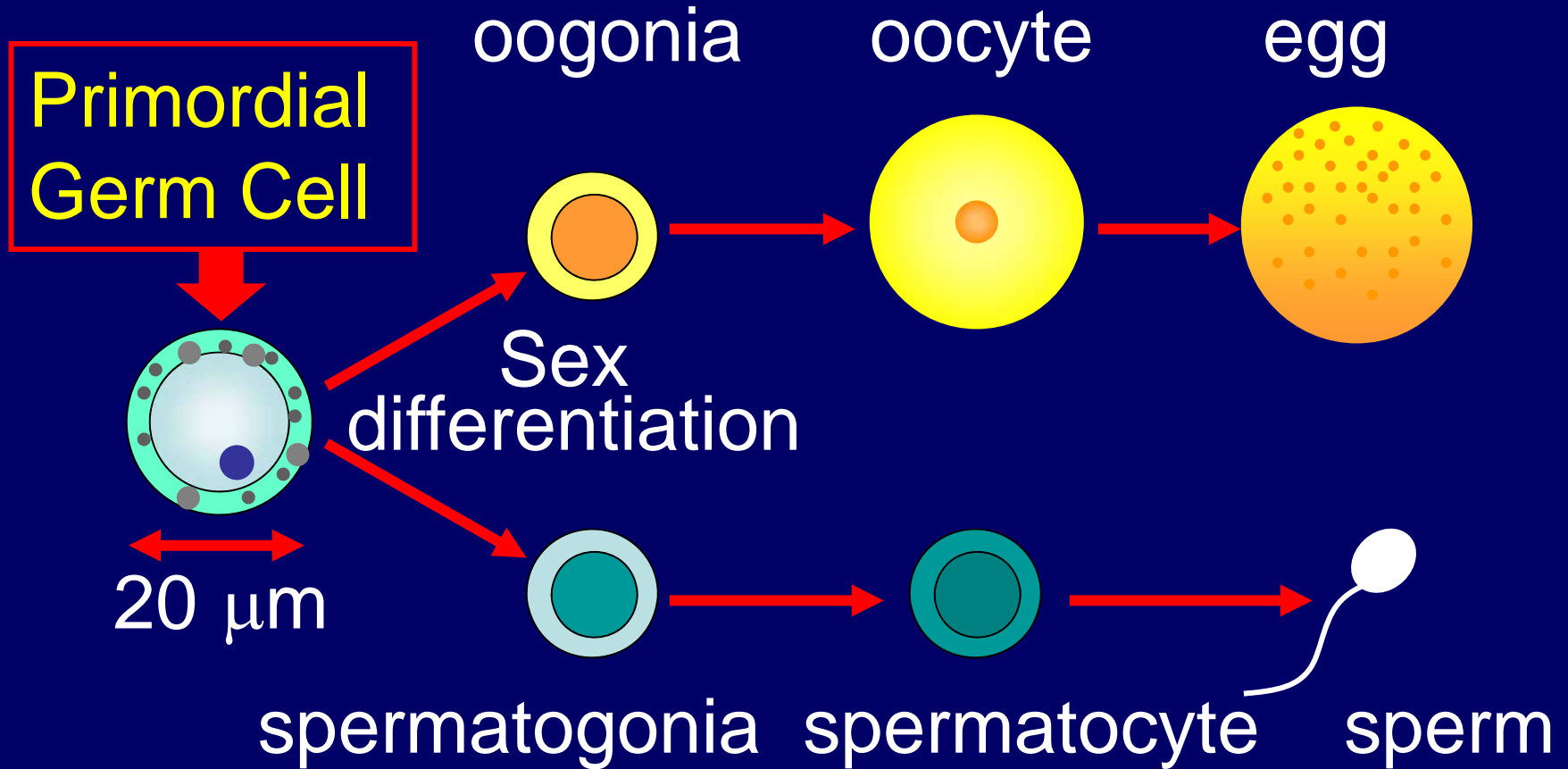
*environmental manipulation and hormonal treatment can be easily performed.

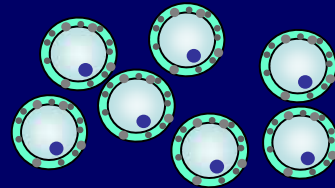
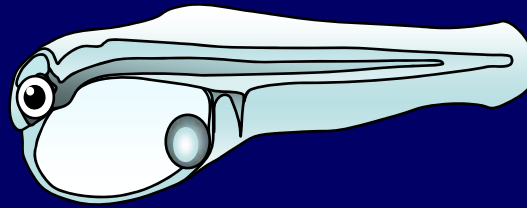


How can we obtain mackerel that can produce tuna eggs and sperm???

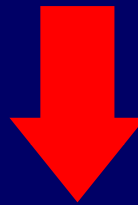
1. Isolate the **progenitor cells** of eggs and sperm from tuna.
2. Transplant them into recipient mackerel.

What are the **progenitor cells** of eggs and sperm?

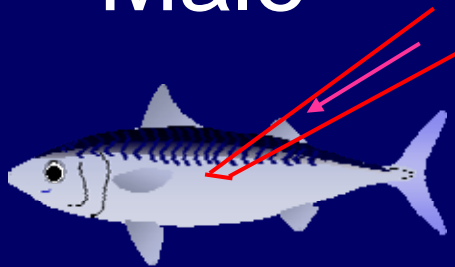




Primordial
germ cells



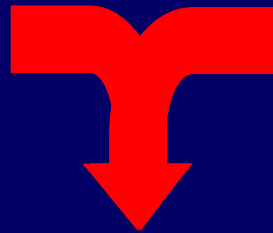
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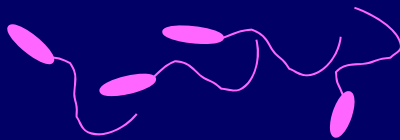
Female



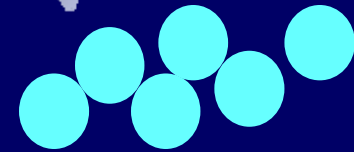
recipients



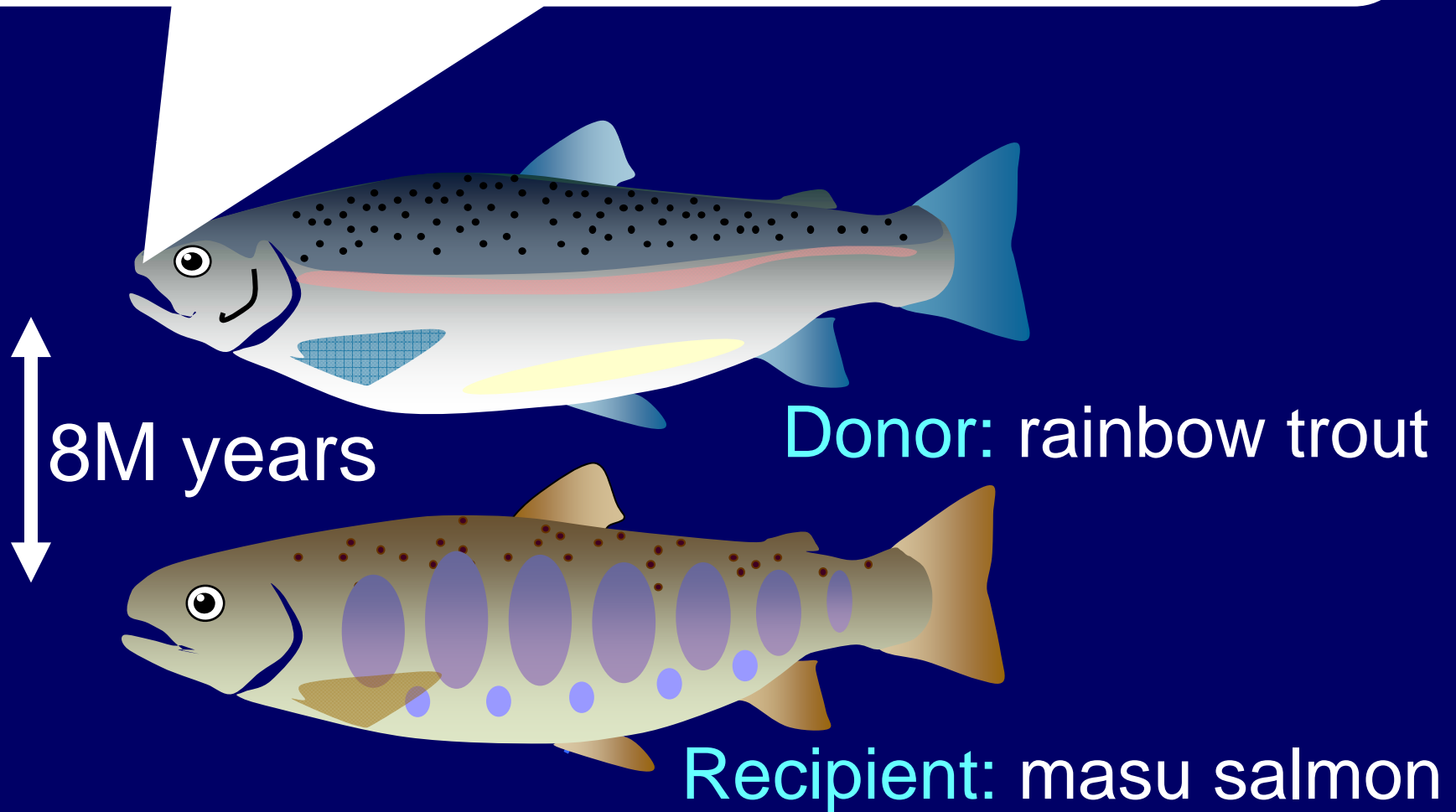
Donor sperm

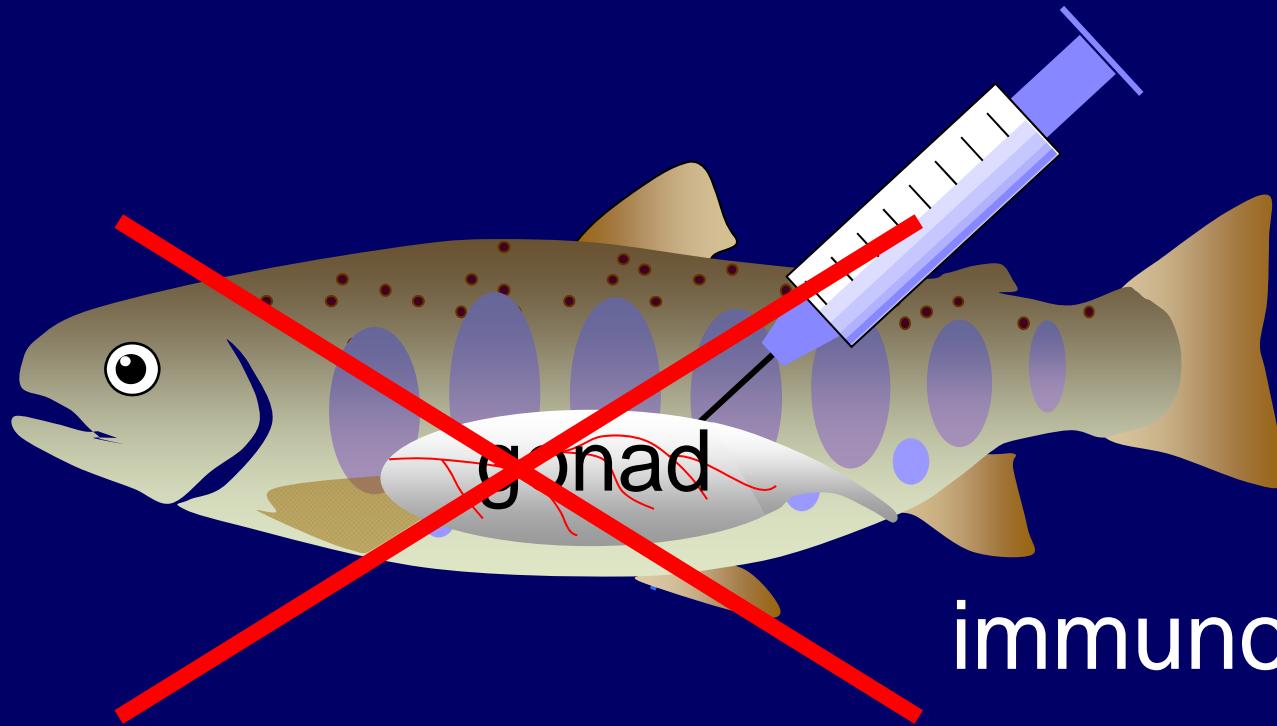


Donor egg

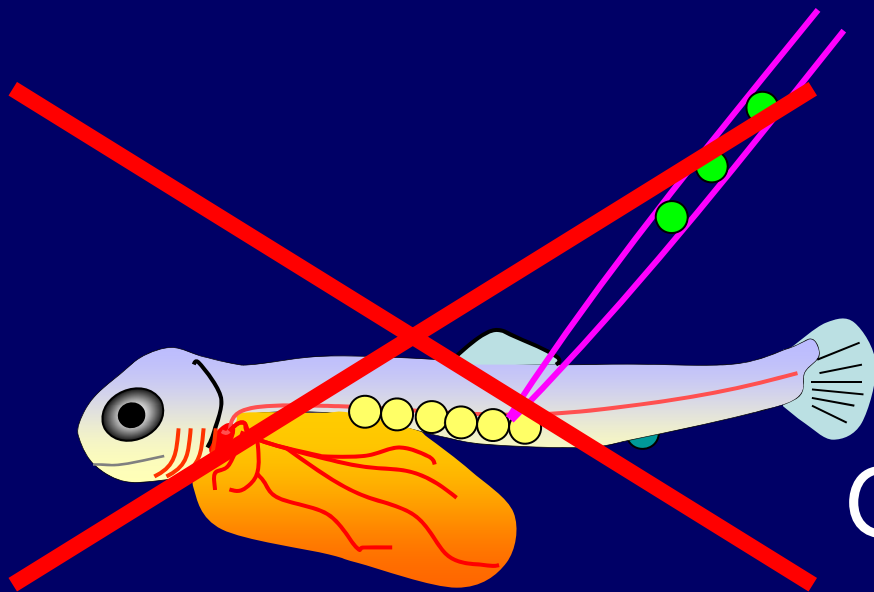


How can we **transplant** primordial germ cells into recipients?





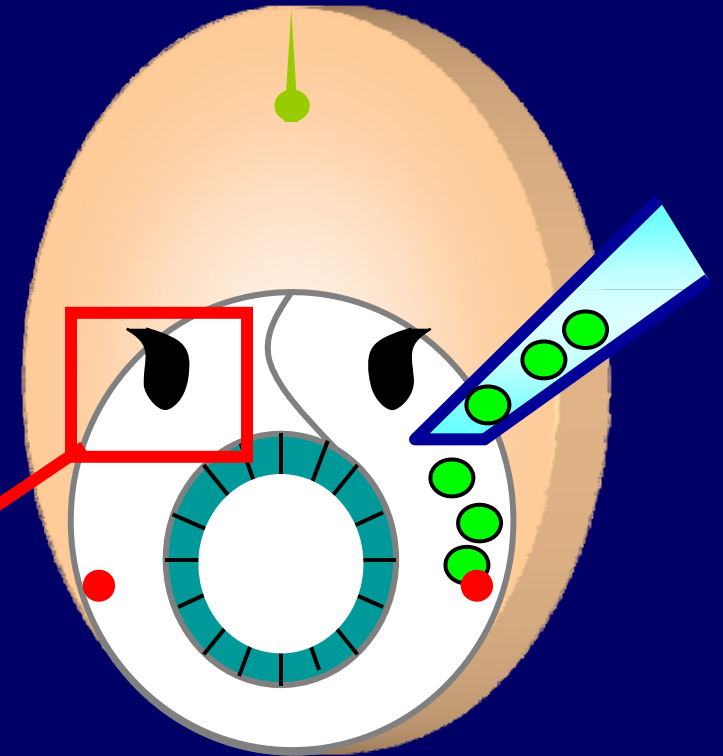
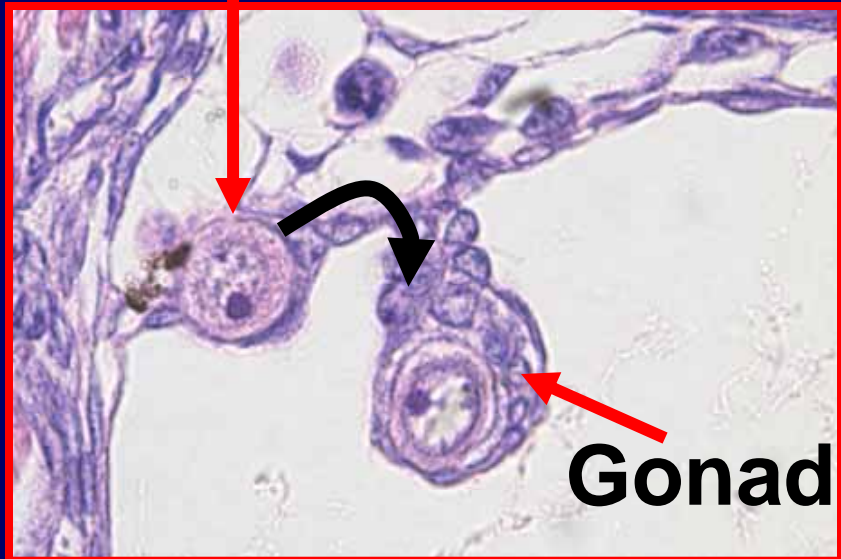
immunorejection



Gonads are too small

Migration of Primordial Germ Cells

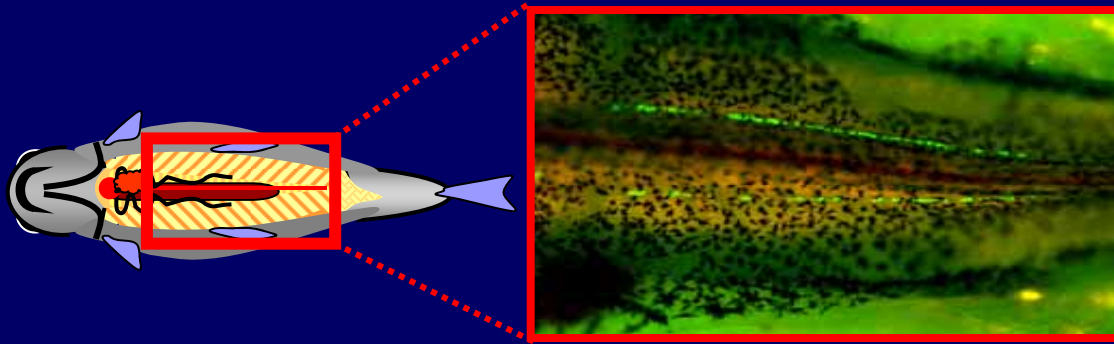
Migrating primordial germ cells



Cross section of a hatchingling

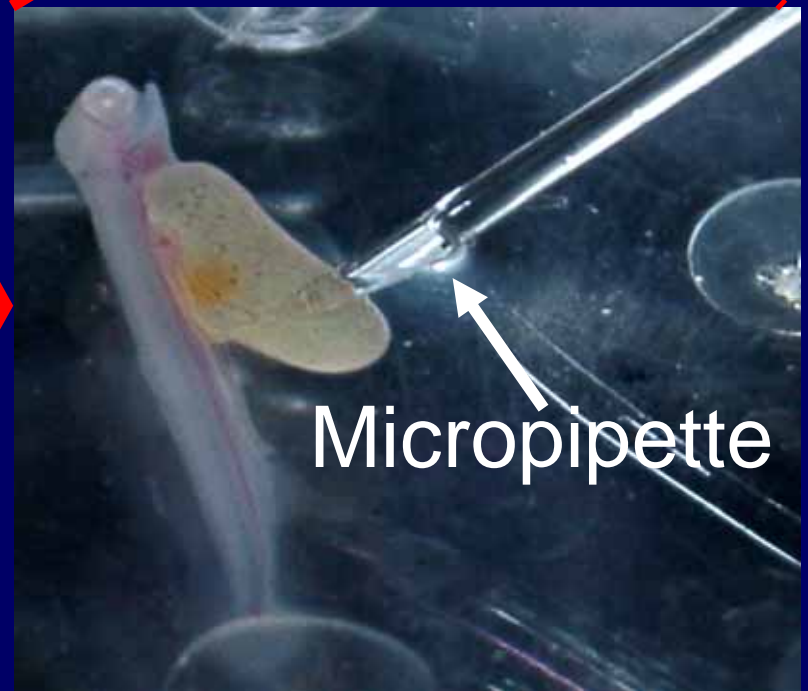
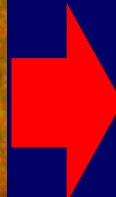
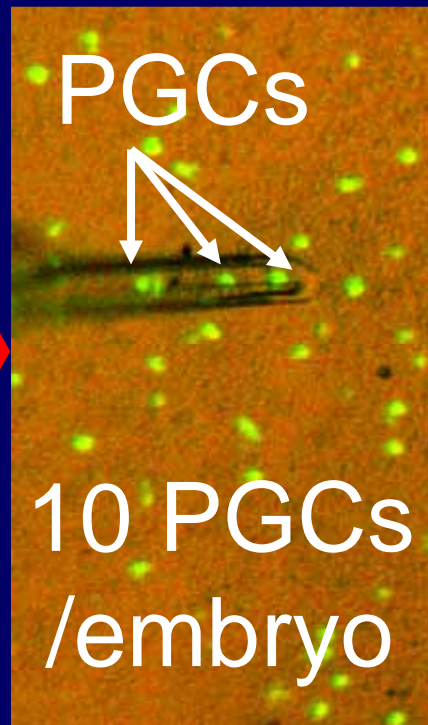
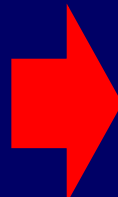
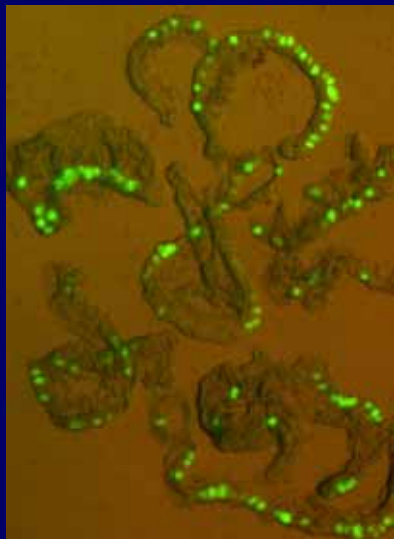
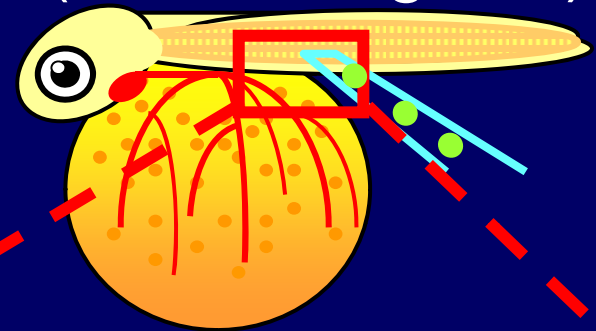
Primordial germ cells emerge in **extragonadal areas** and then **migrate** to the immature gonads

PGCs Transplantation into the Peritoneal Cavity of Hatched Embryos



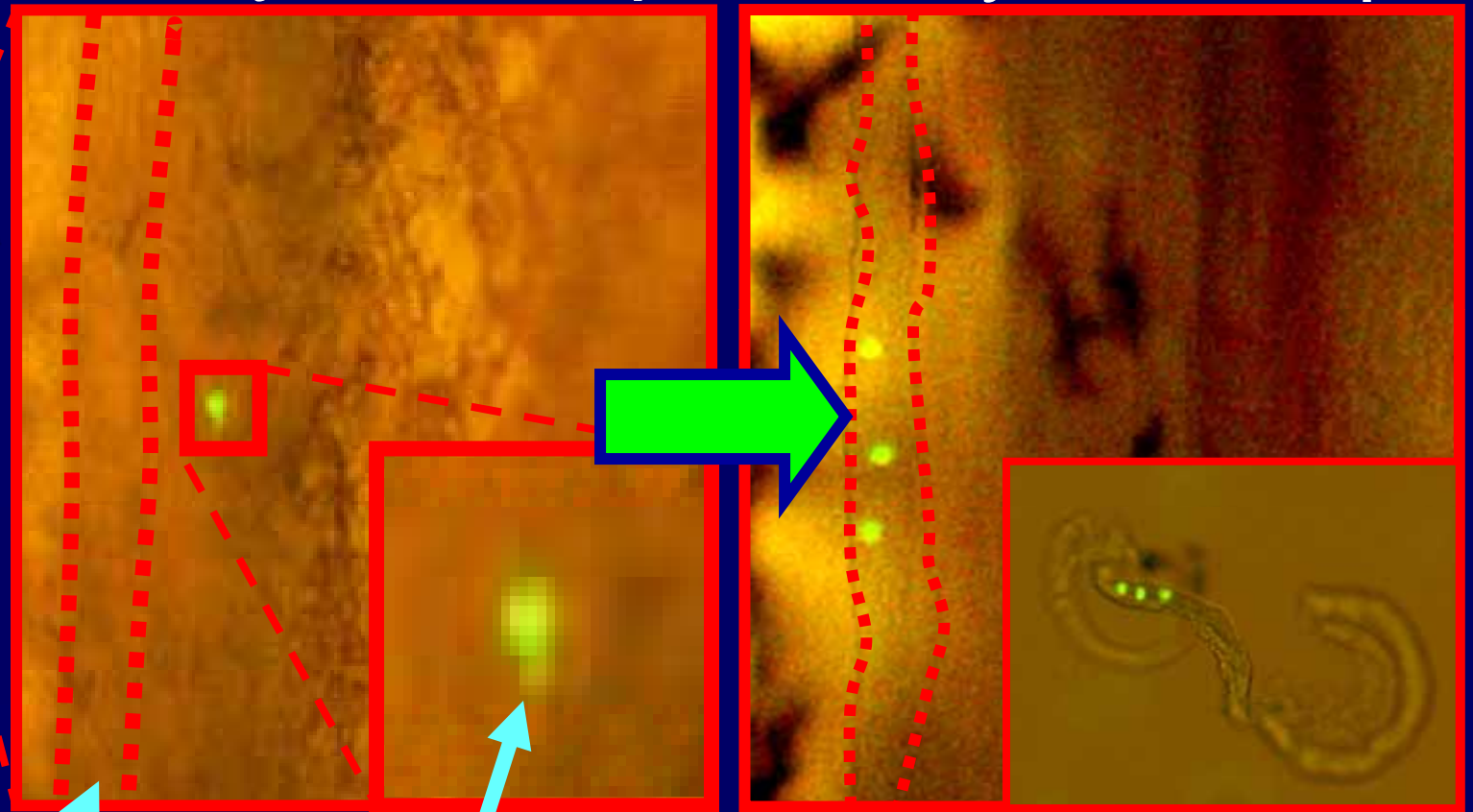
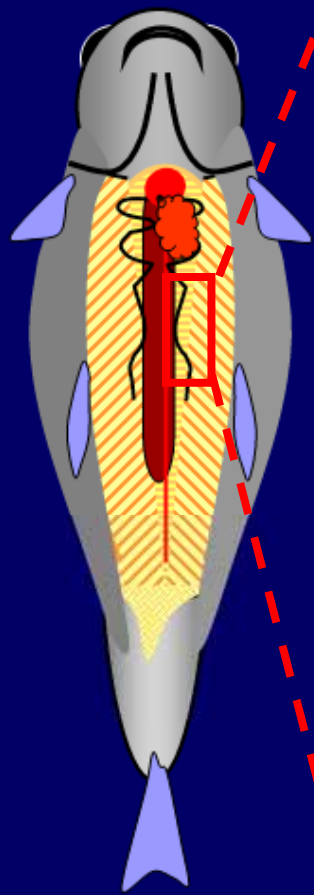
vasa-Gfp rainbow trout

Xenogenic recipient
(non-transgenic)



Behavior of Transplanted PGCs in Recipient Fish

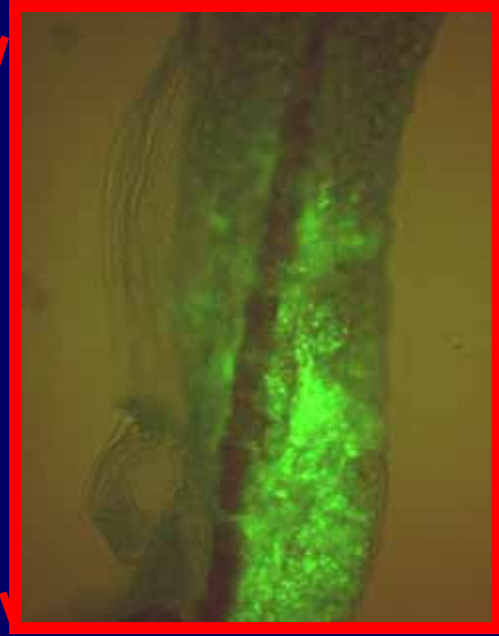
10 days after t.p. 30 days after t.p.



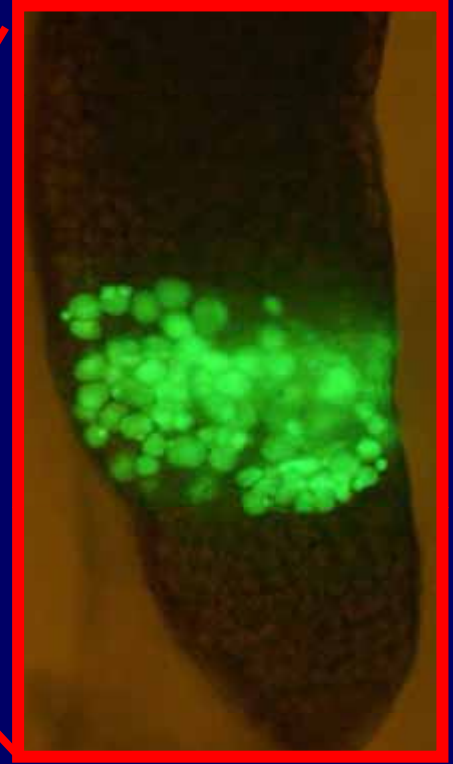
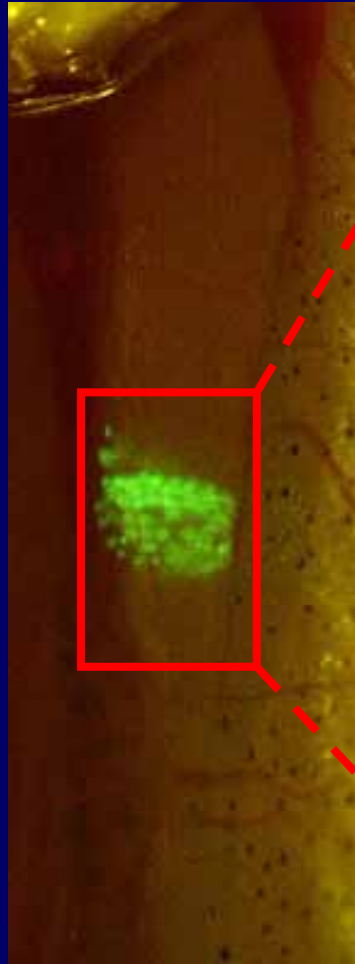
Immature gonad

Pseudopod

Takeuchi et al., Biol Reprod, 2003



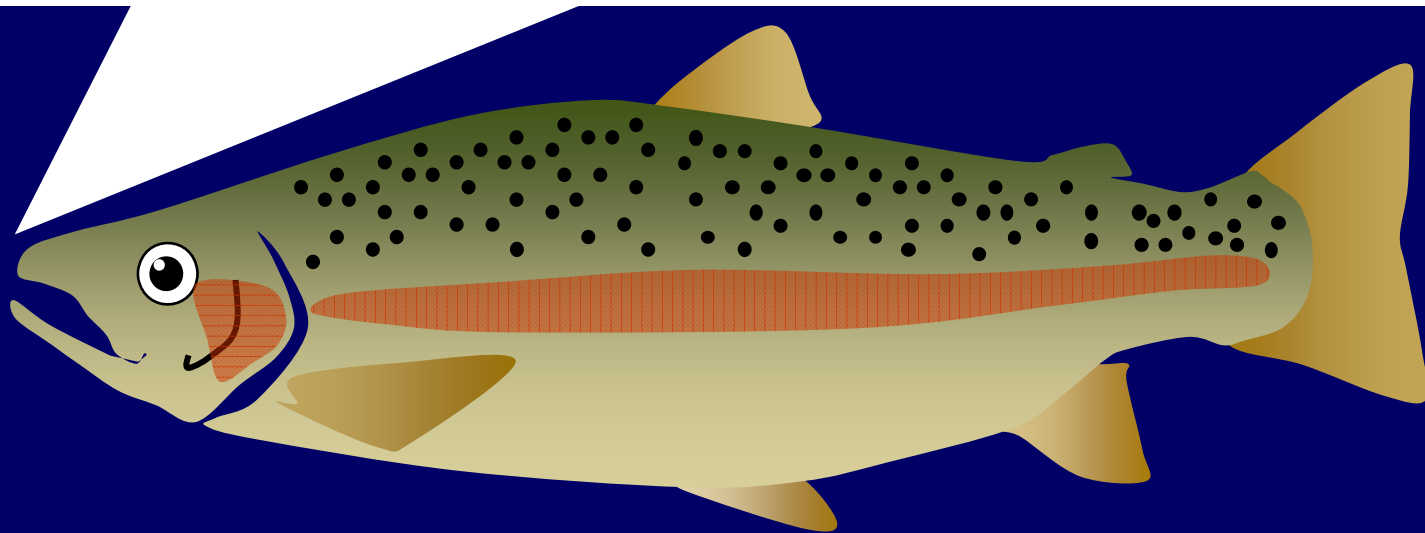
Male



Female

Transplanted primordial germ cells proliferated and started meiosis in gonads of xenogeneic recipients

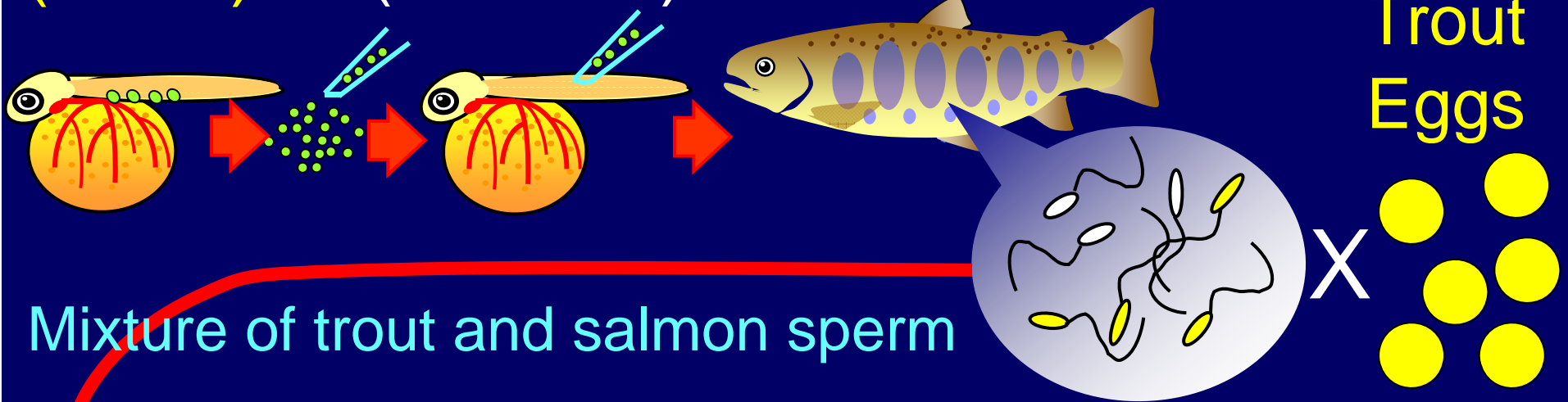
Can the transplanted PGCs differentiate into **functional gametes** in the gonads of xenogenic recipients?



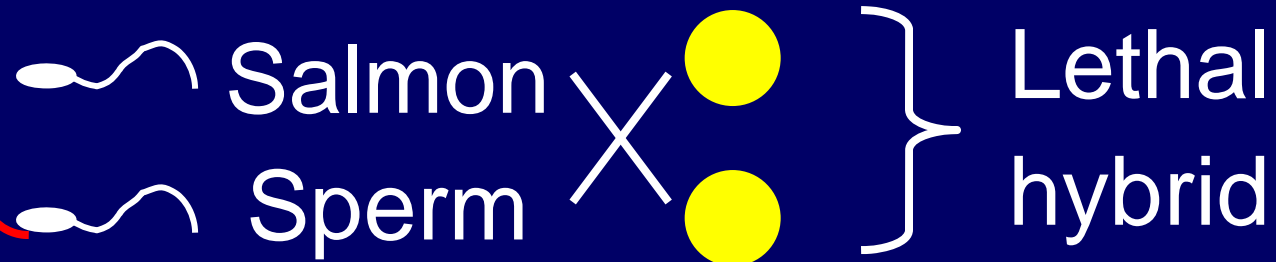
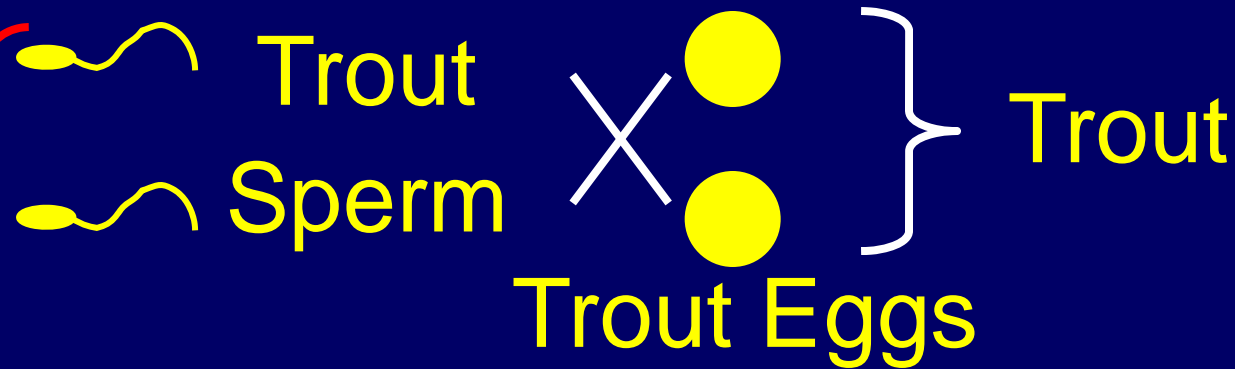
Donor
(Trout)

Recipient
(Salmon)

Mature
Recipient



Mixture of trout and salmon sperm



34 days post-fertilization at 10°C

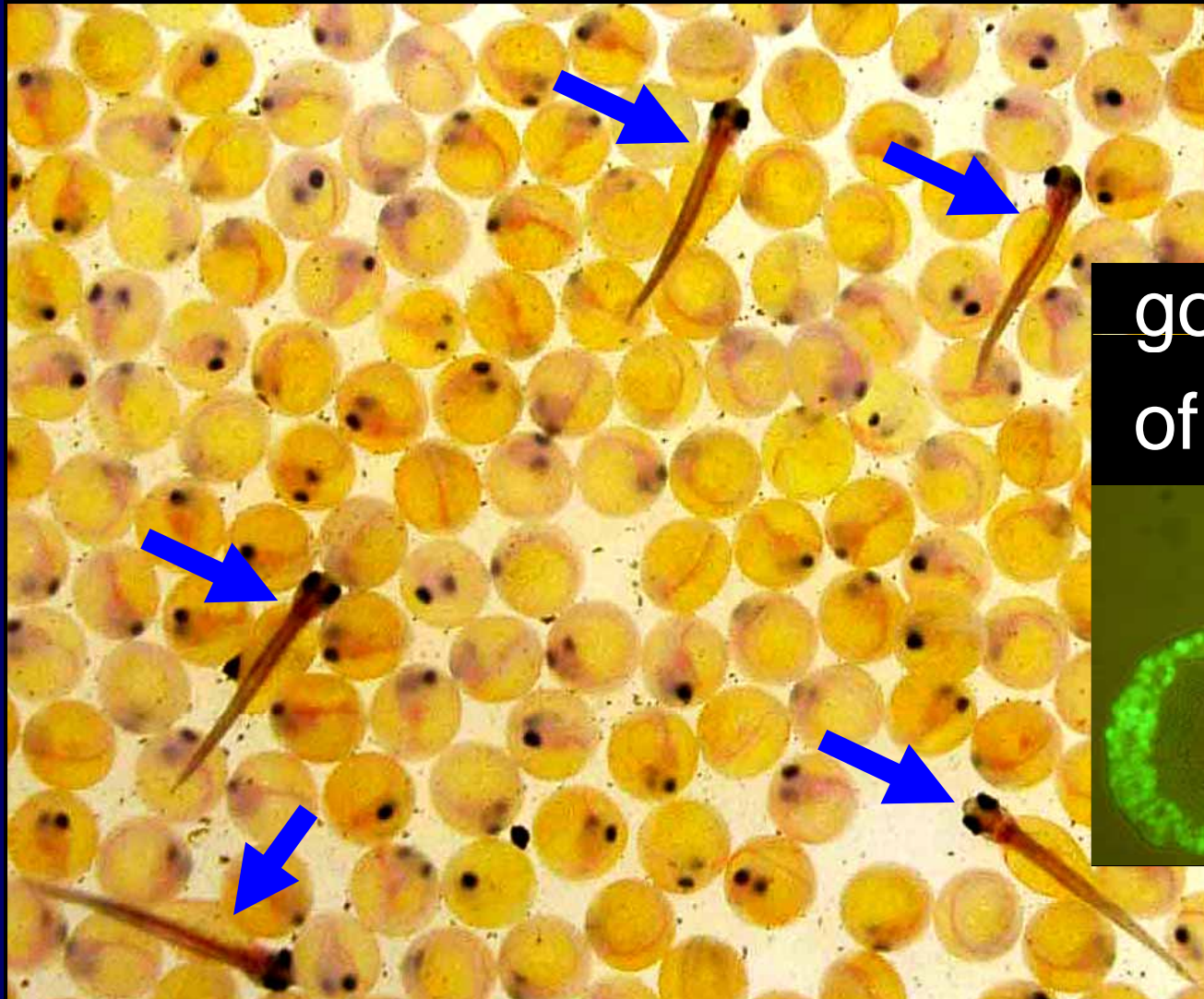
Trout embryos



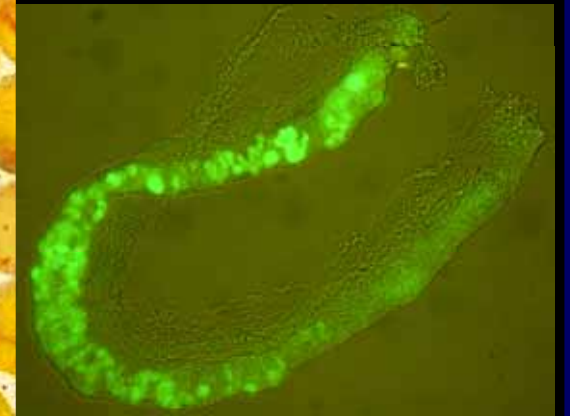
Trout/salmon hybrid

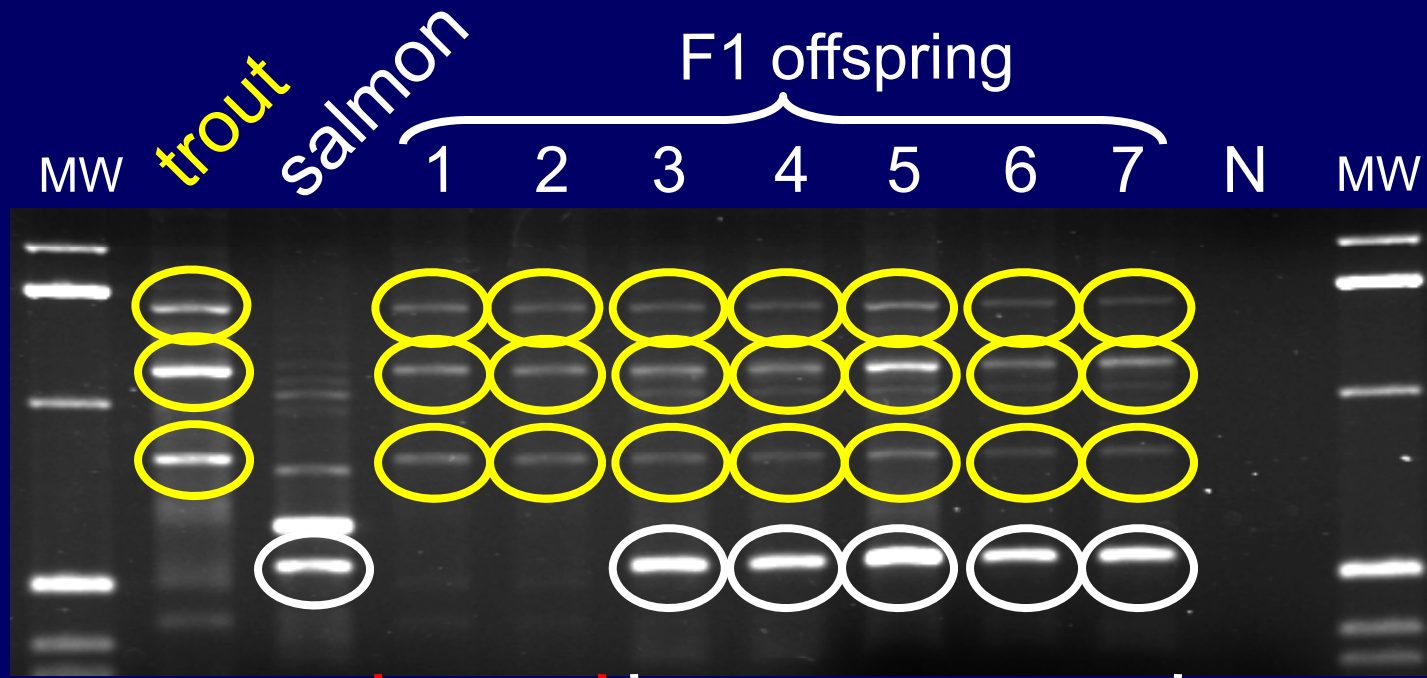


F1 embryos (34 dpf) derived from recipient salmon



gonad
of hatchlings





hatchlings



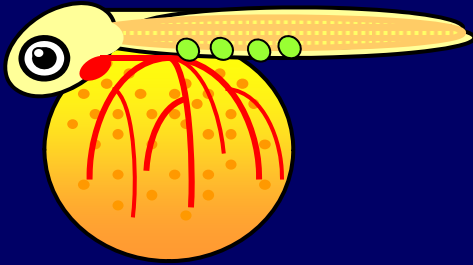
un-hatched

Rainbow trout juveniles produced by
surrogated masu salmon

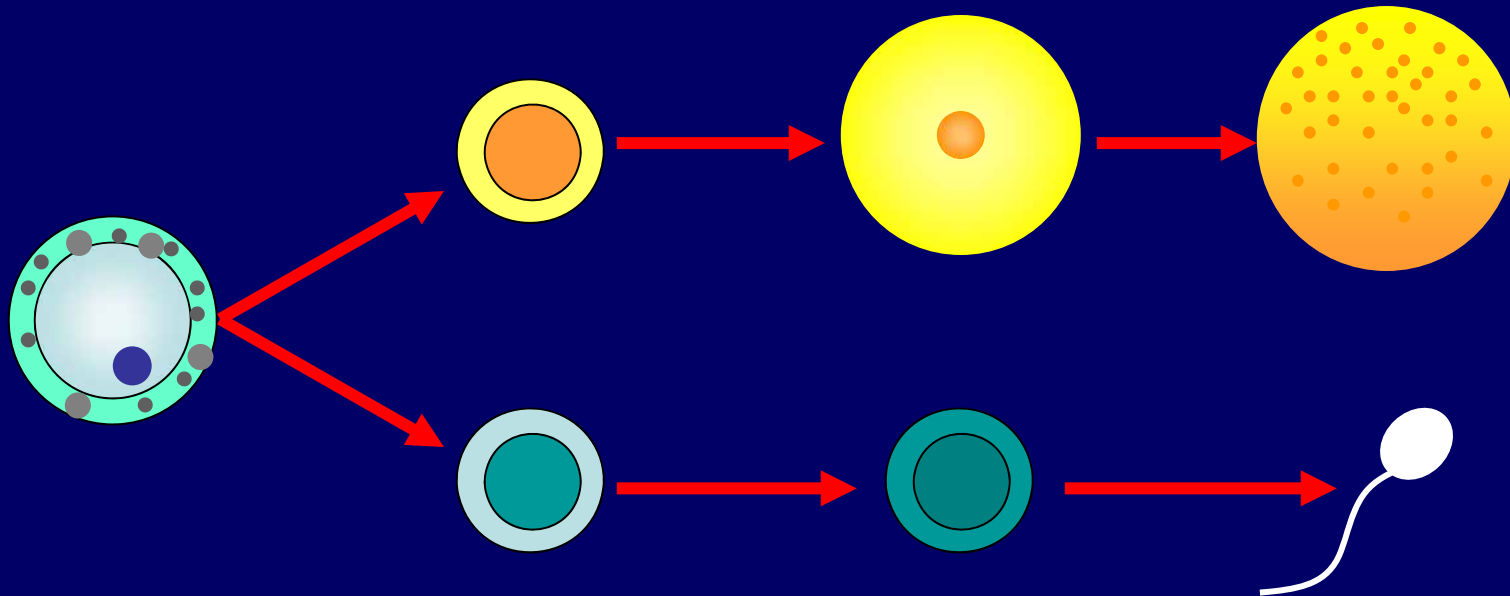


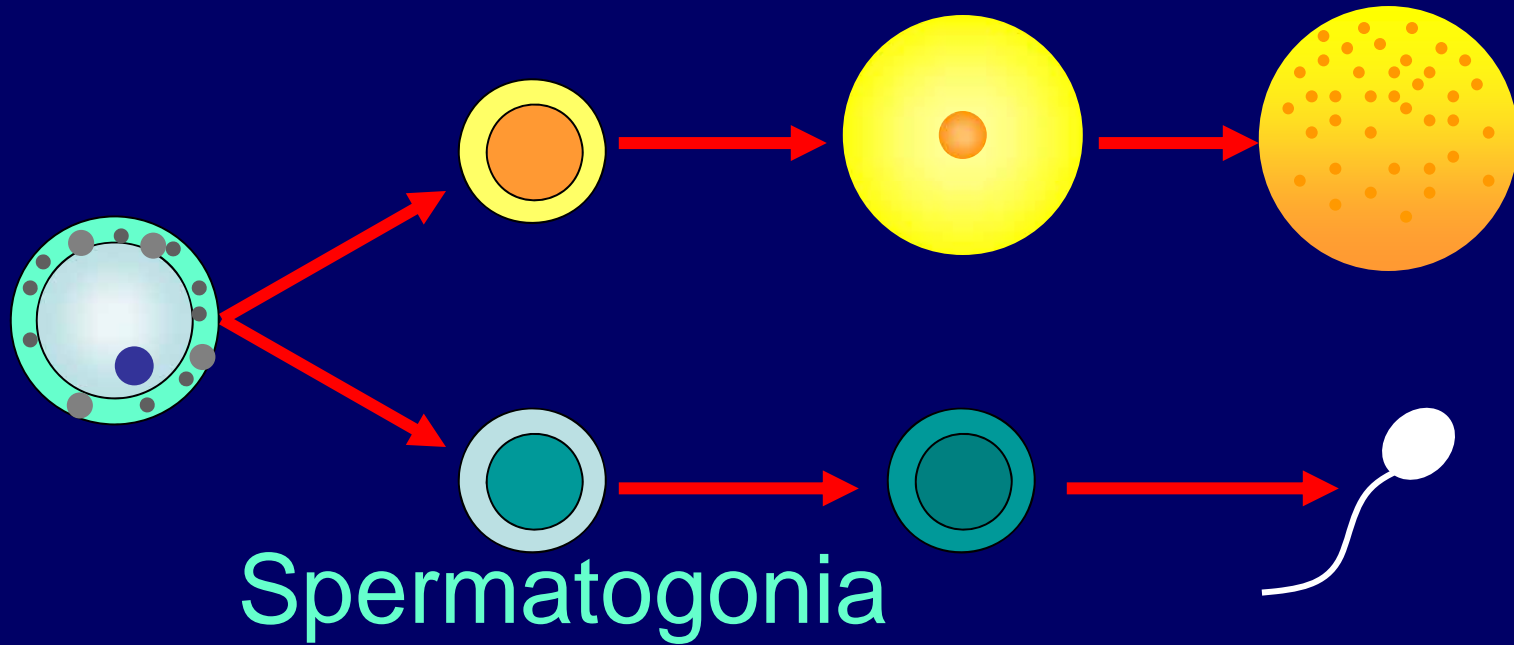
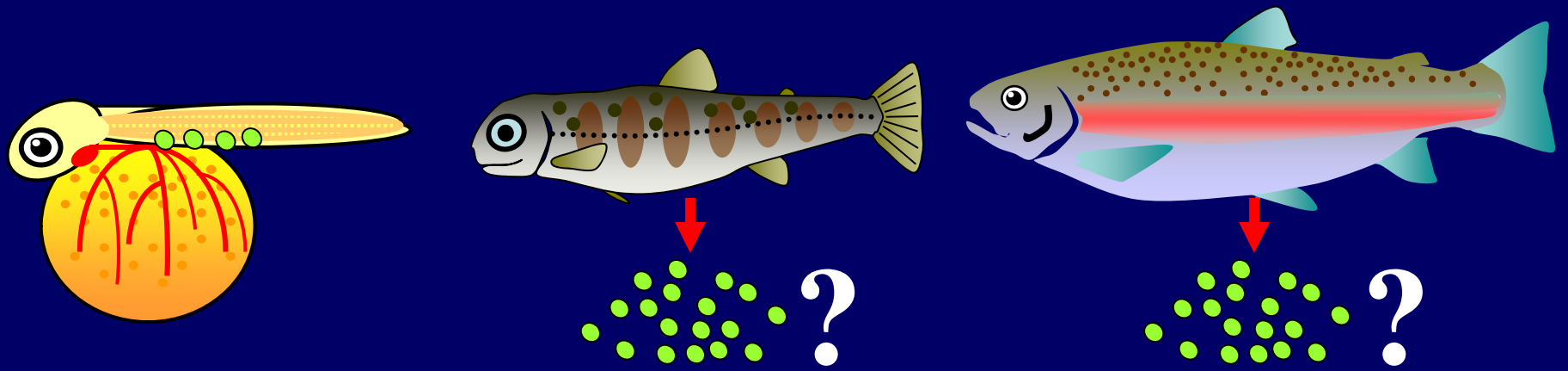
Donor-derived offspring from inter-species
germ-cell transplantation were successfully
produced

Takeuchi et al., Nature, 2004



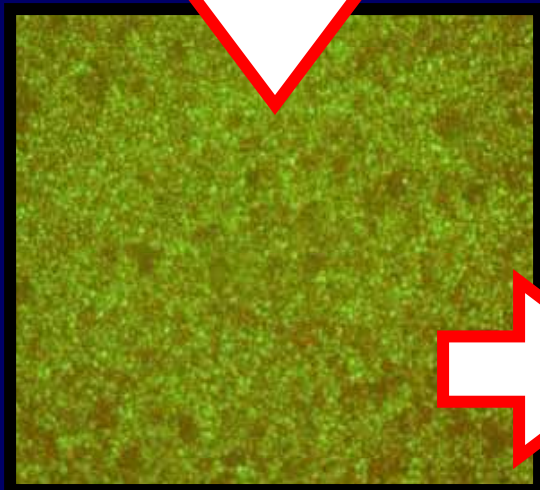
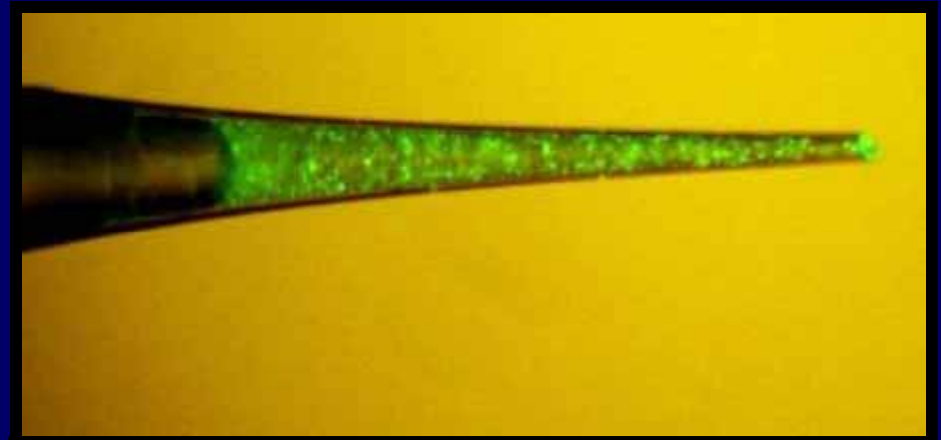
- 1) Number of PGCs is limited (20-30 from one embryo)
- 2) Difficult to capture newly hatched embryos of commercially important species



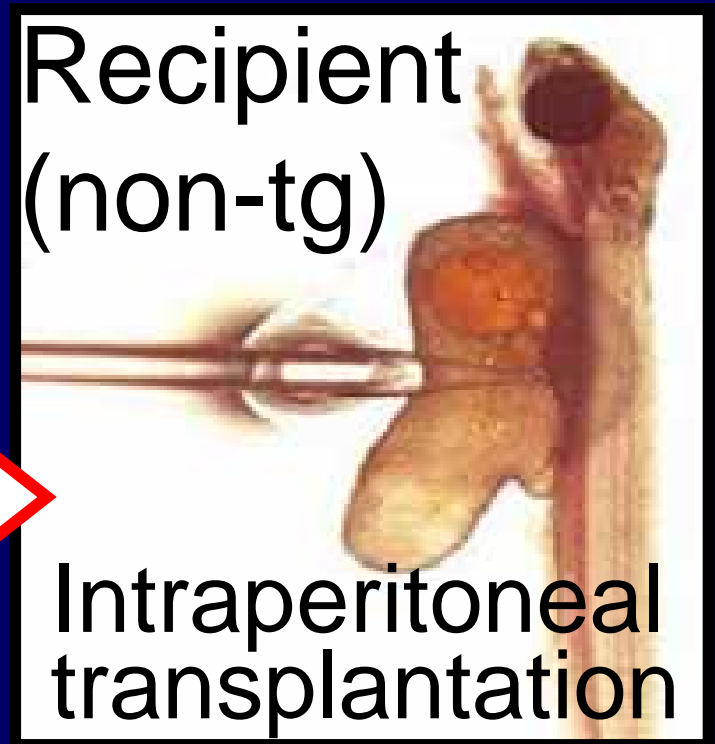


*Possessed by any age of male fish

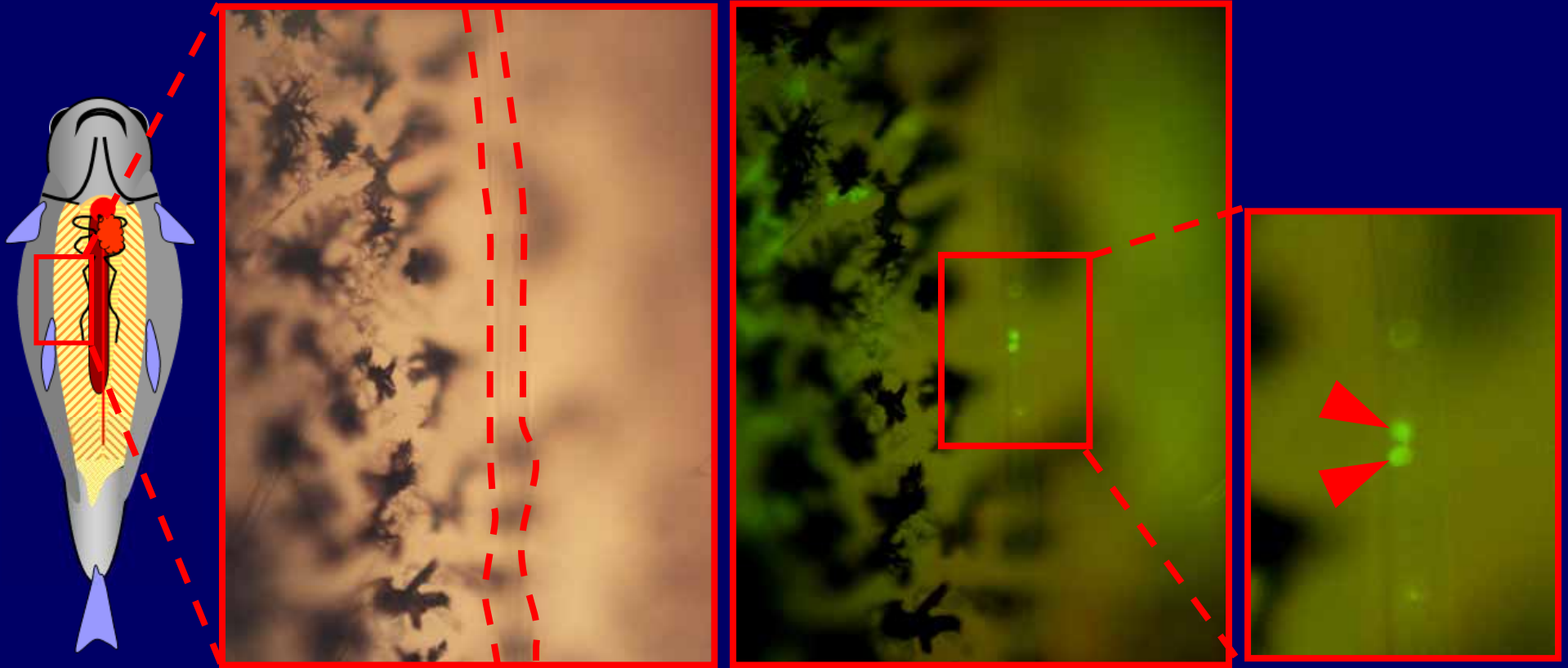
Intraperitoneal Transplantation of Testicular Germ Cells



Testicular cell suspension



Incorporation of Spermatogonia in Allogenic Genital Ridges

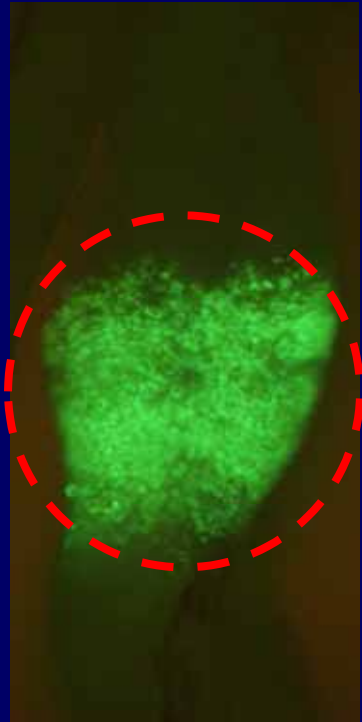


Bright field view

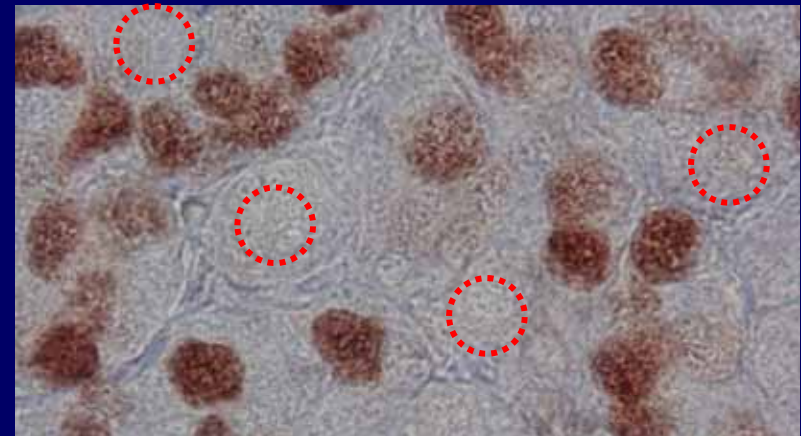
Fluorescent view

18 days after transplantation

Proliferation of Donor-Derived Spermatogonia in a Recipient Testis



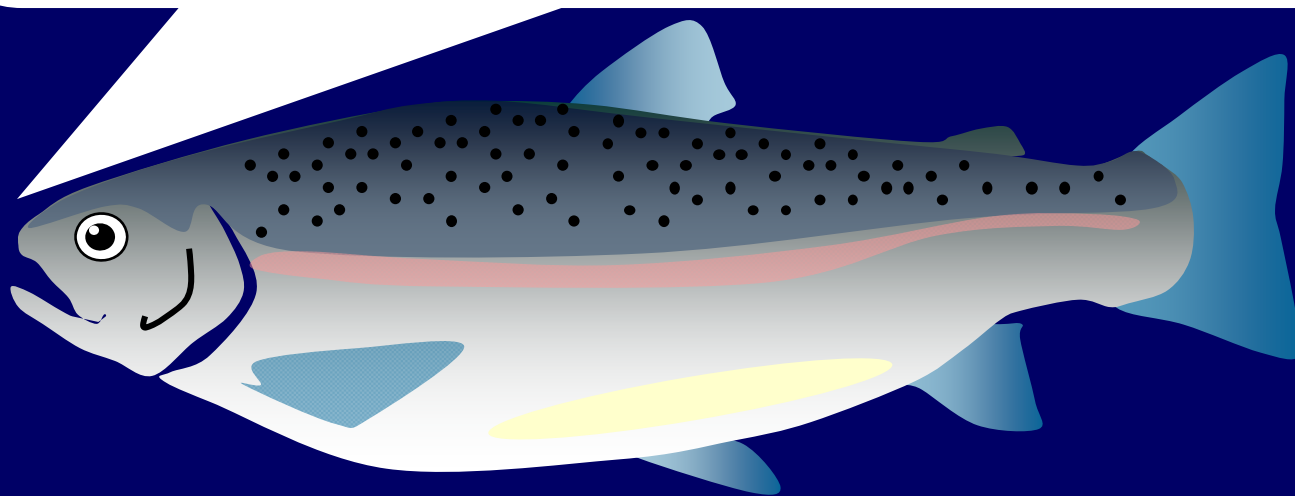
Testis of 6-month-old recipient



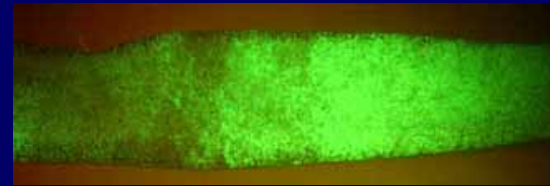
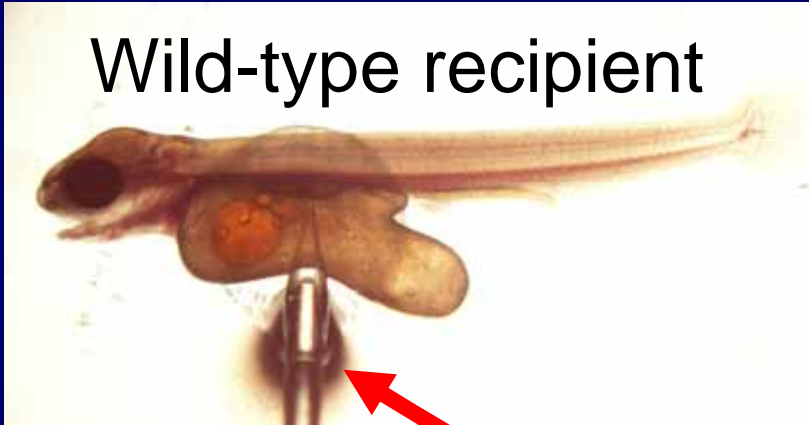
IHC with GFP-specific antibody

○: Endogenous germ cell

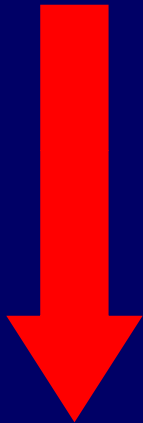
Can donor-derived
spermatogonia **mature** and
produce normal sperm in
recipient gonads?



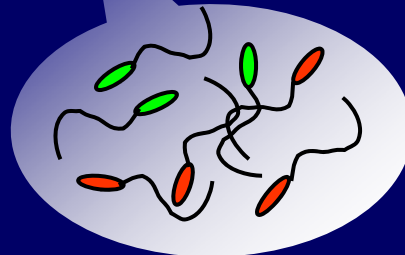
Wild-type recipient



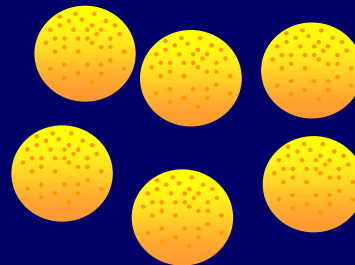
vasa-GFP transgenic
Albino



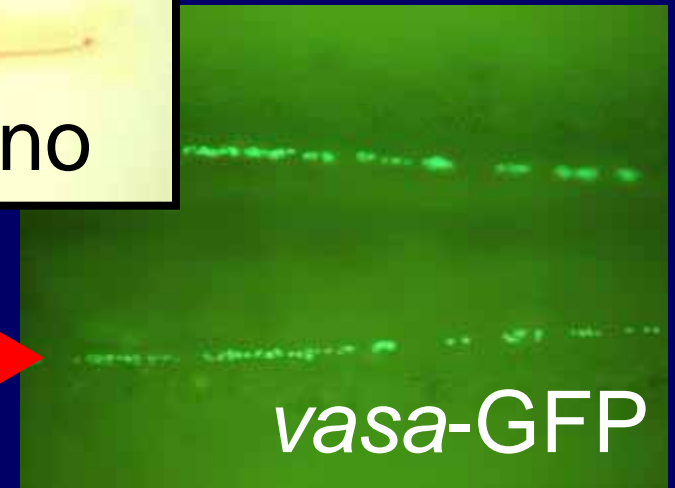
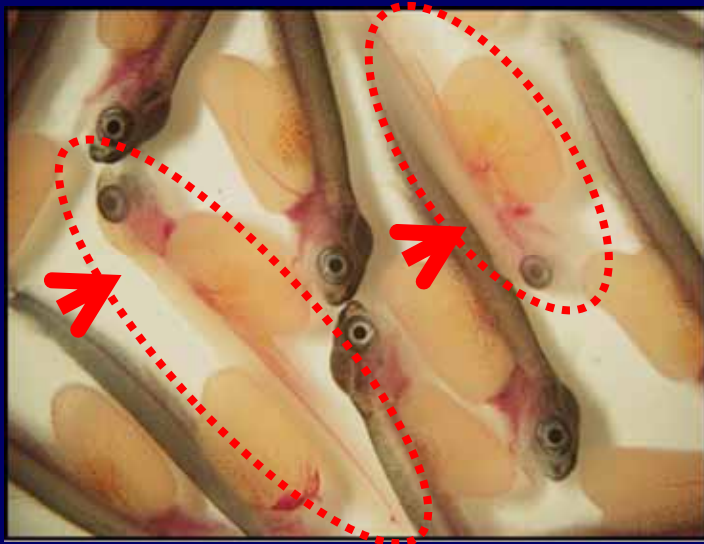
If the recipients produce donor-derived sperm, F1 embryos with albino body color and green germ cells will be obtained.



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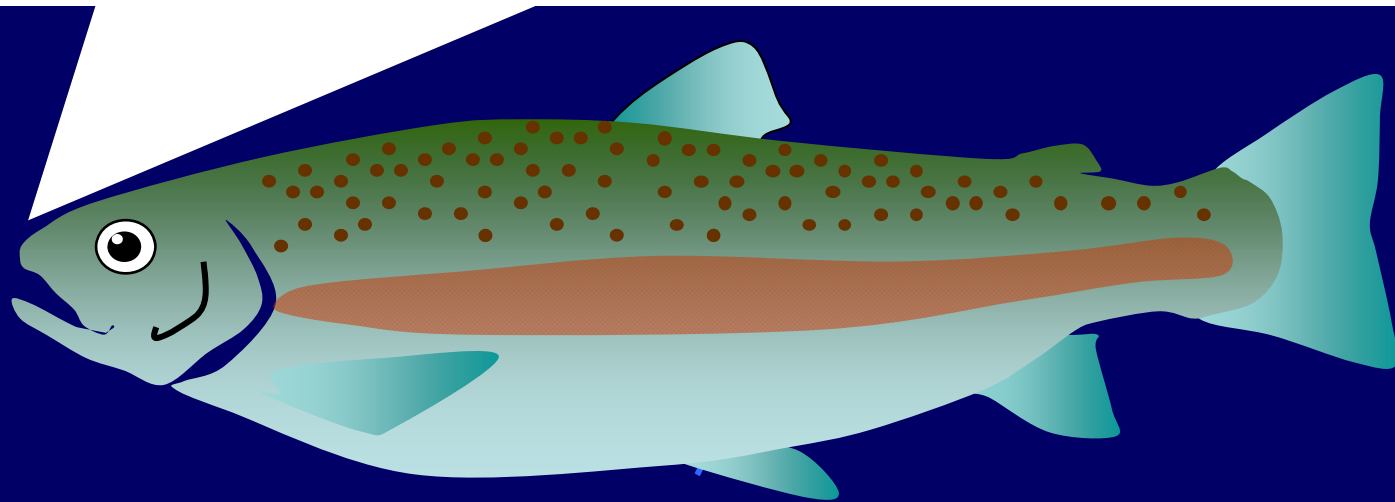


Wild-type
eggs

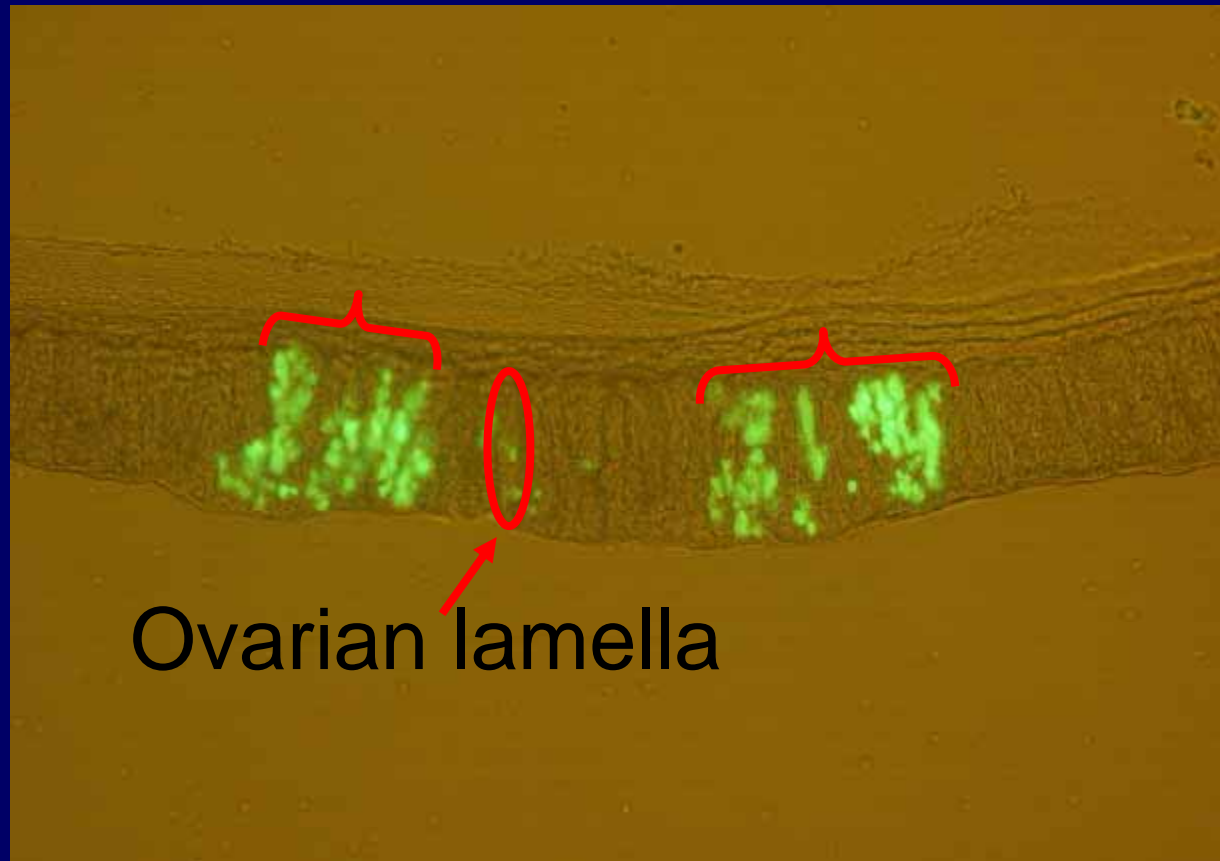


Donor-derived spermatogonia resumed spermatogenesis and produced functional sperm in the recipient testes

Can donor-derived testicular
germ cells colonize in **female
recipient gonads?**

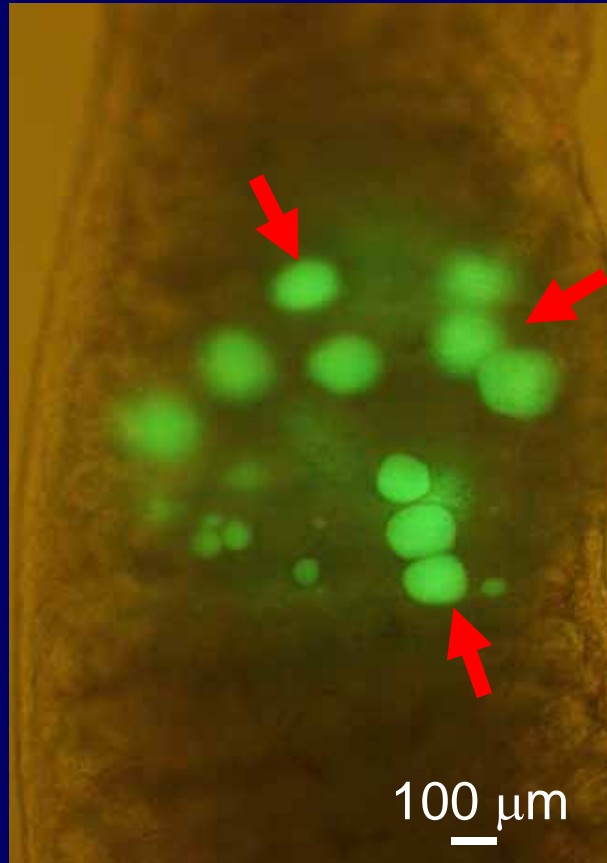


Proliferation of Spermatogonial Stem Cells in Ovaries

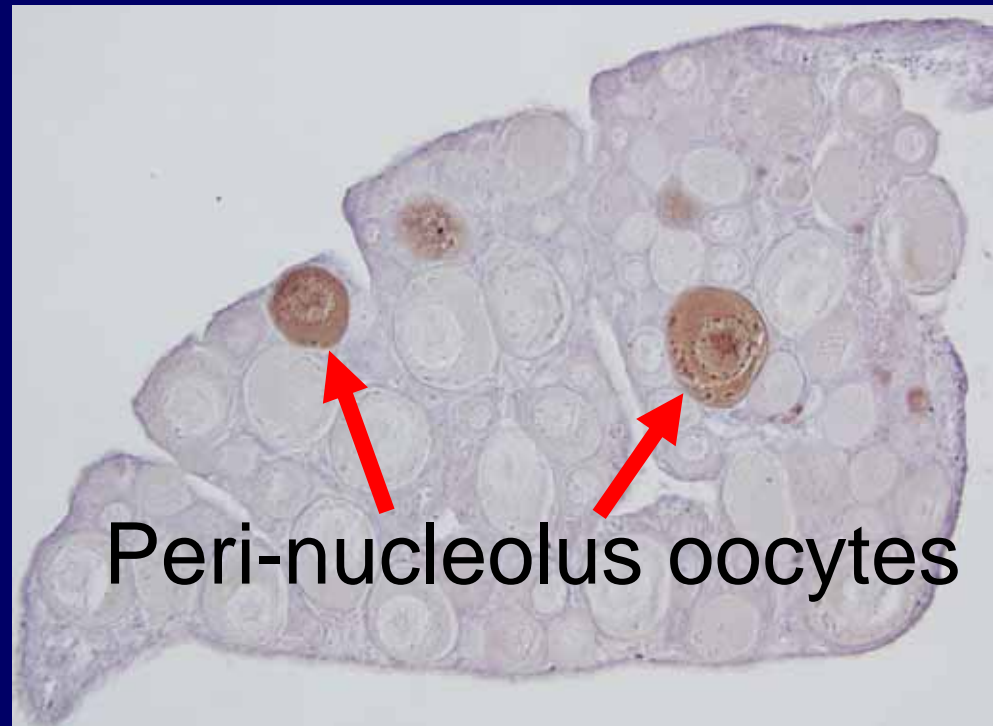


2 months after transplantation

Differentiation of Spermatogonial Stem Cells in Ovaries

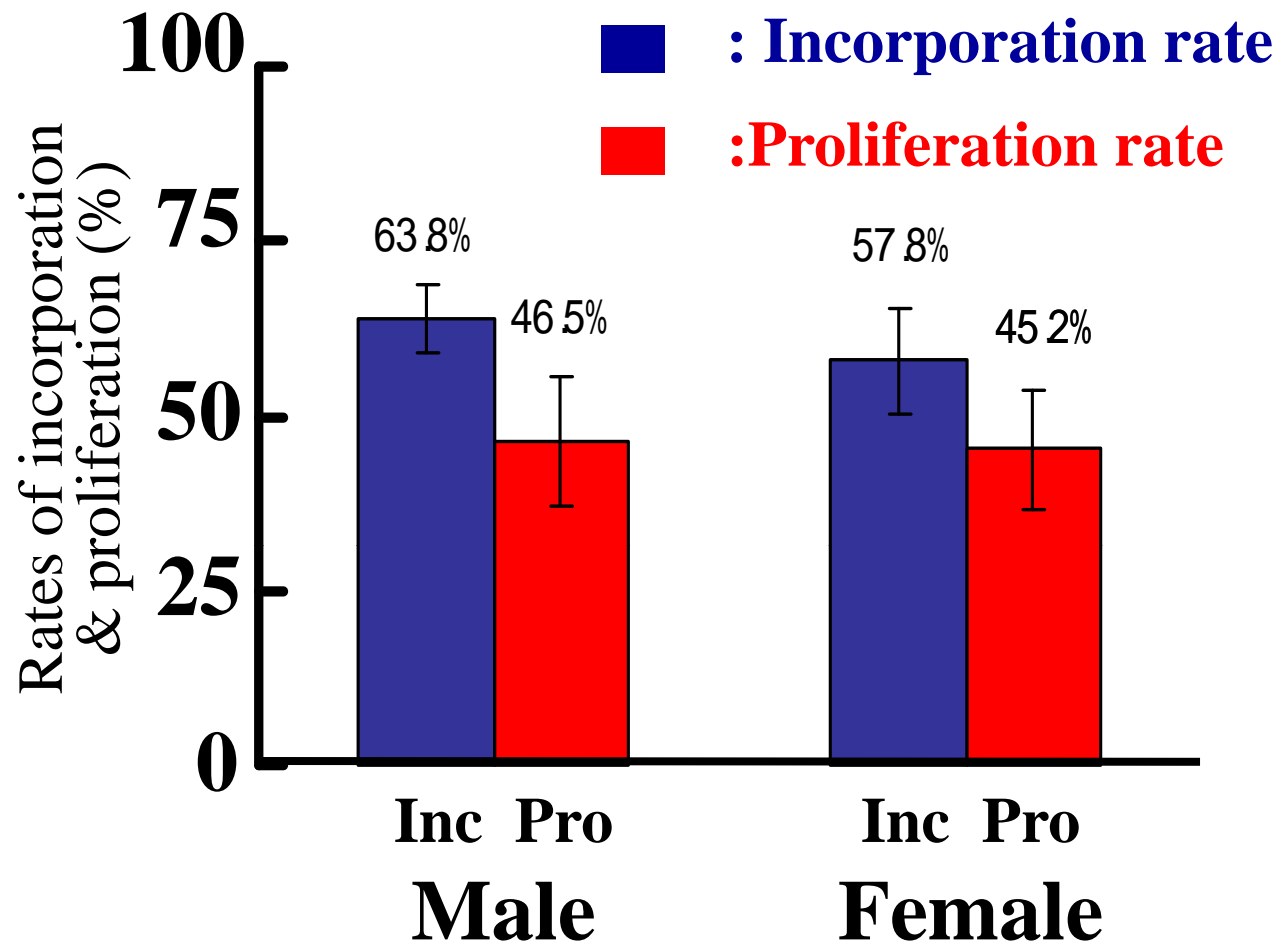


Ovary of
6-month-old recipient



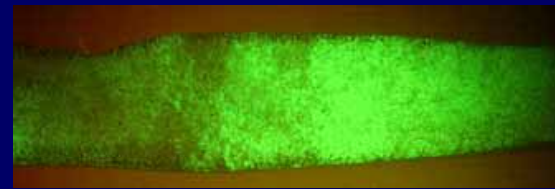
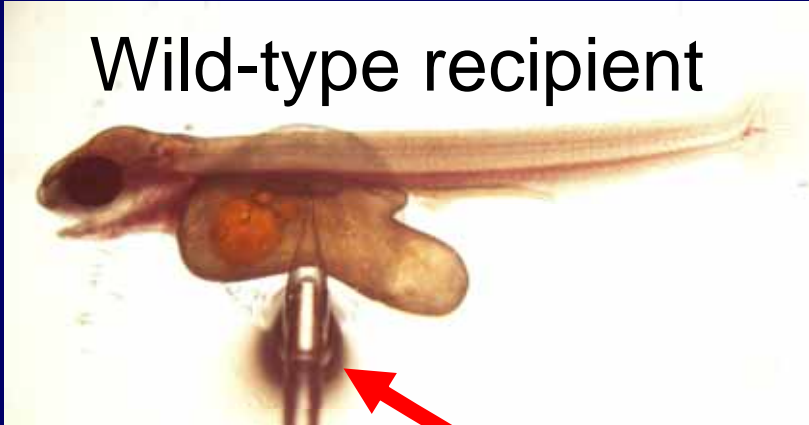
Peri-nucleolus oocytes

IHC with antibody
specific to GFP

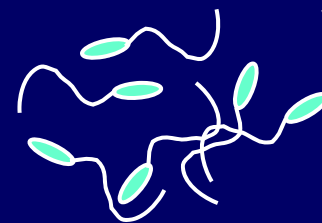
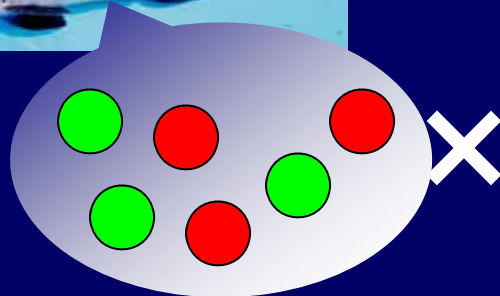


There were no significant differences in incorporation and proliferation efficiency of spermatogonia in male and female recipients

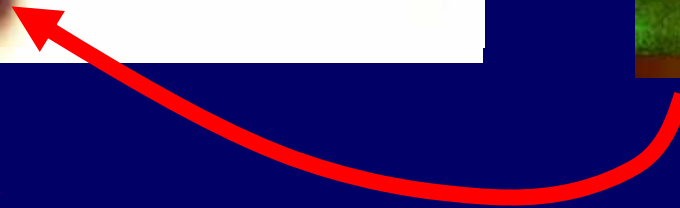
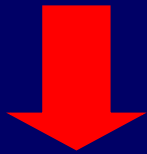
Wild-type recipient



vasa-GFP transgenic
Albino

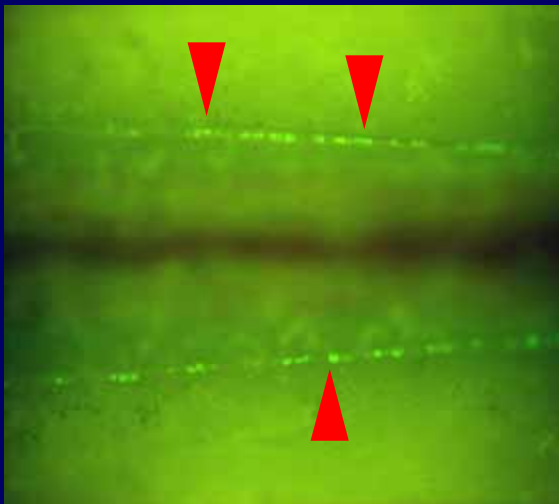


Wild-type
sperm



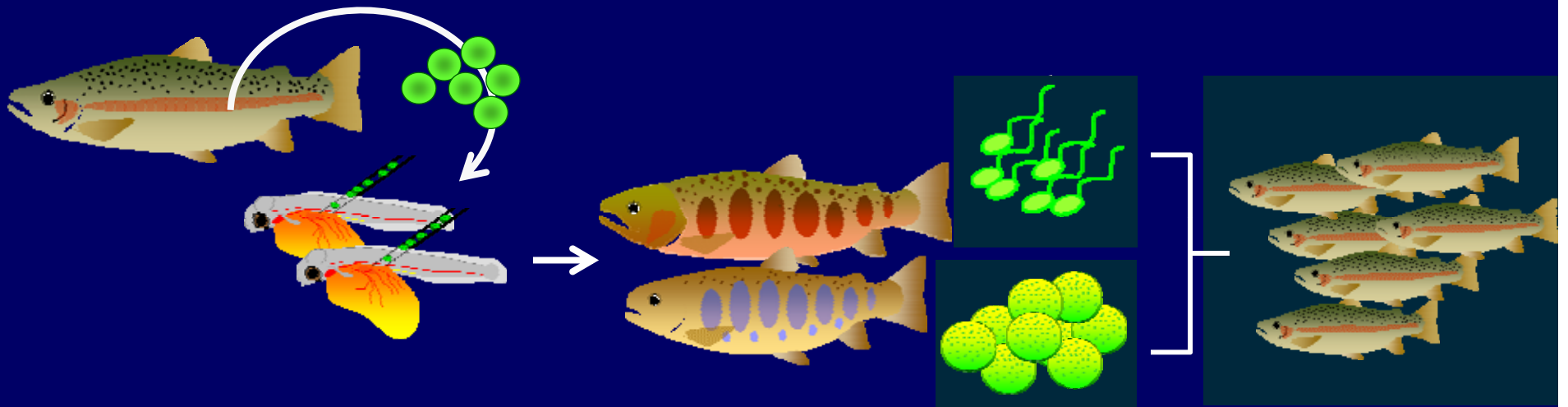


F1 offspring developed from spermatogonia-derived eggs

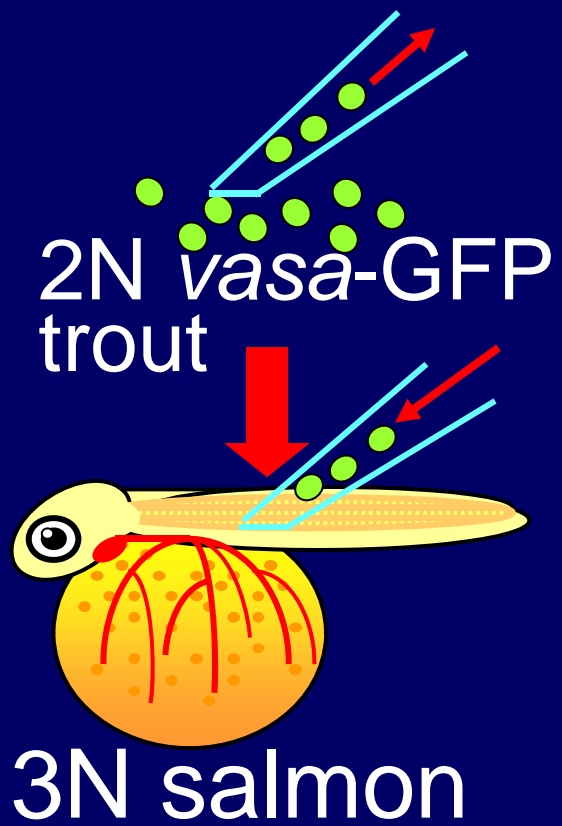
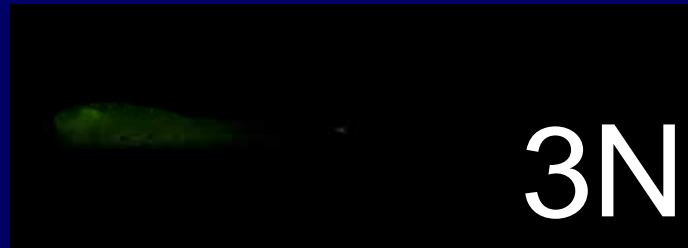


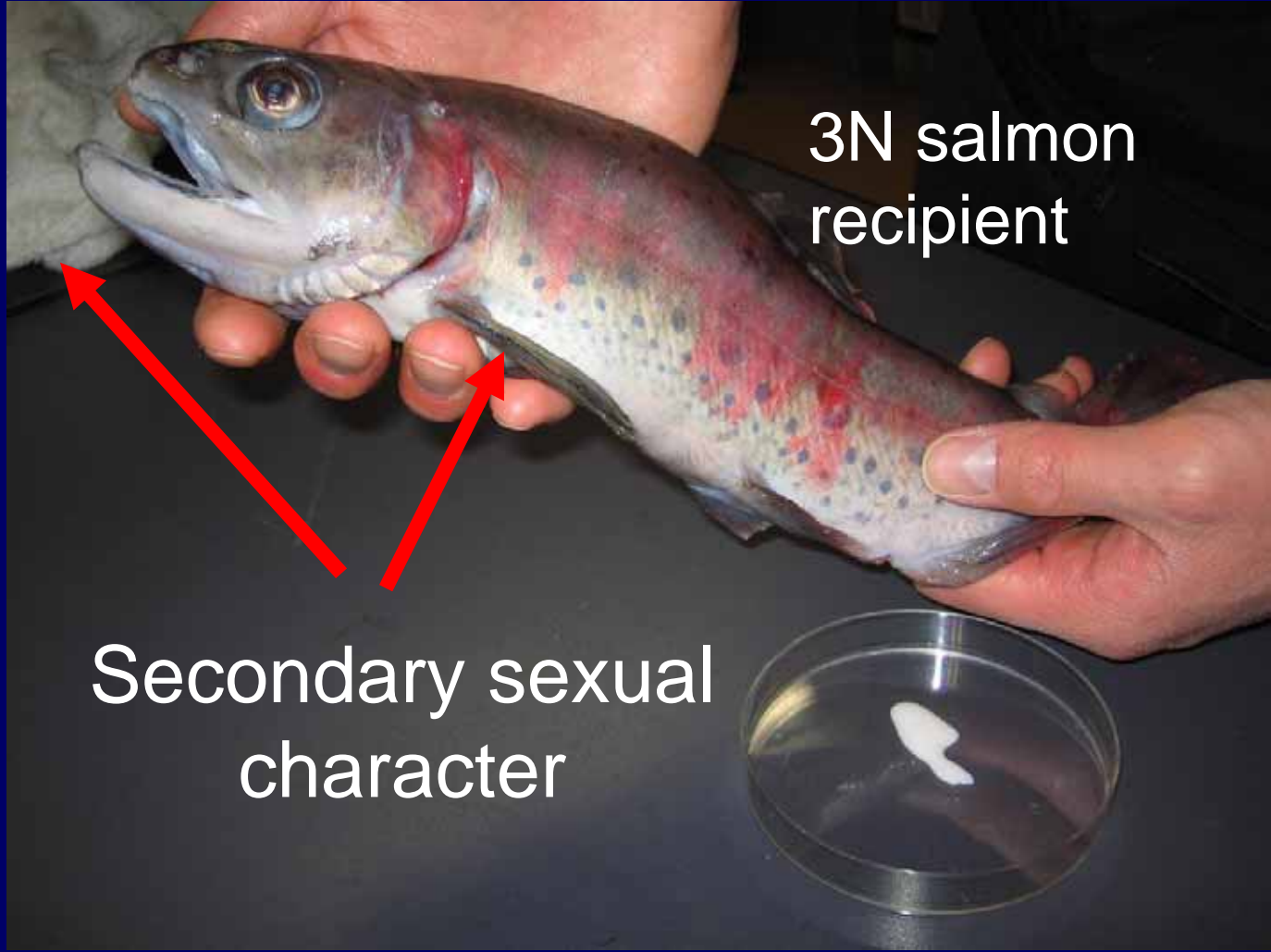
Spermatogonia can produce functional eggs

Okutsu et al., PNAS, 2006



Making salmon that produces only trout gametes





3N salmon recipient

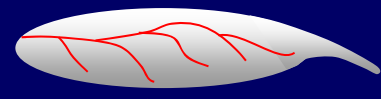
Secondary sexual character



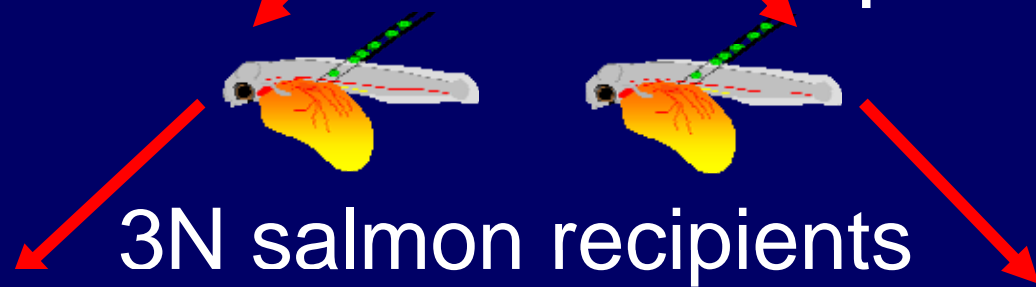
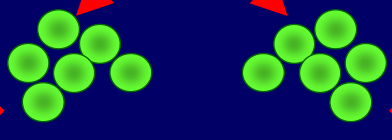
2N male trout (fertile)



3N control salmon



2N trout spermatogonia



3N salmon recipients



3N female salmon



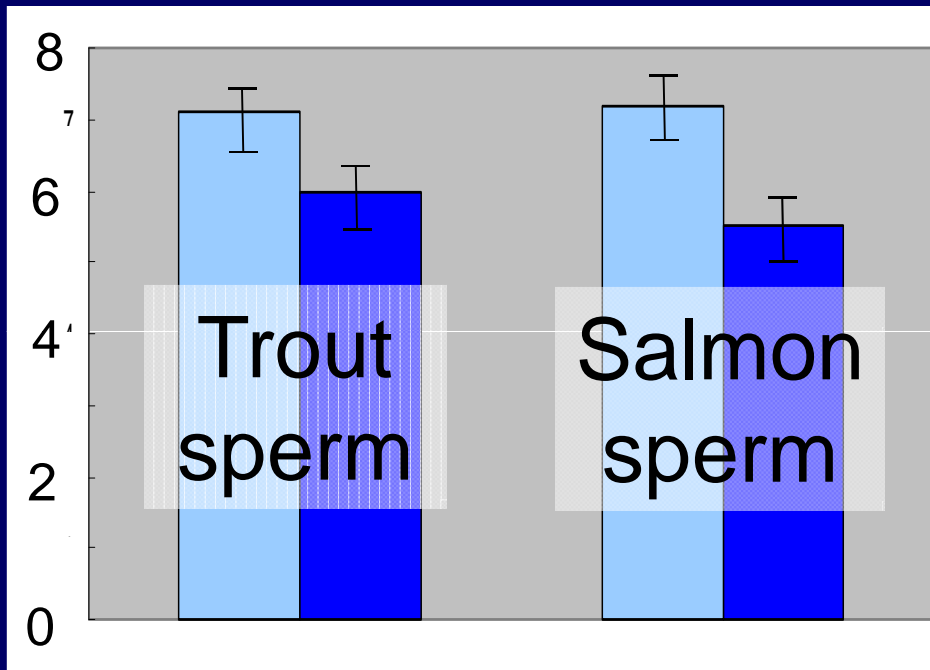
3N male salmon



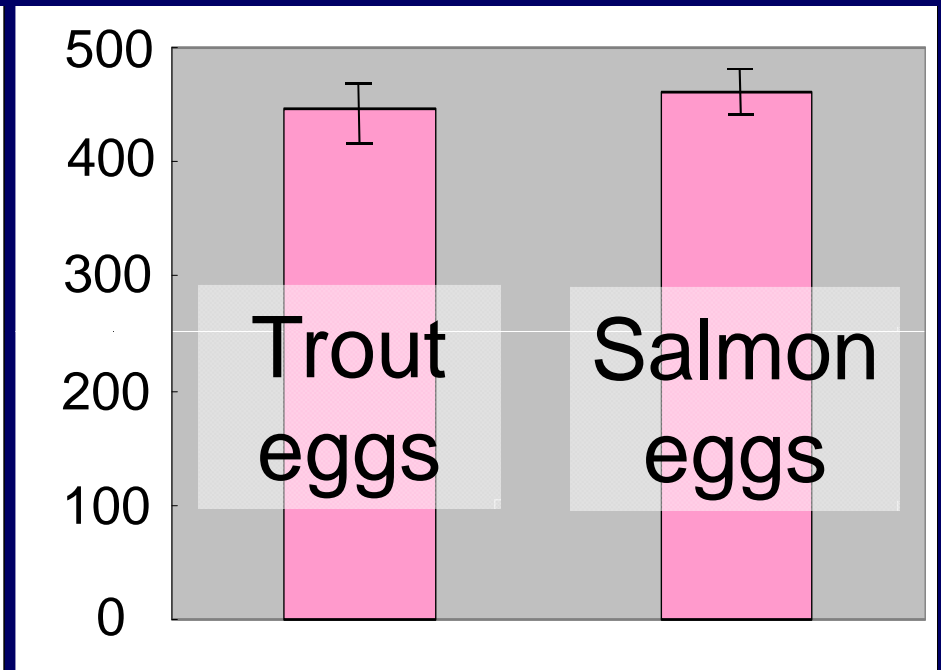
Progeny test

Gametes obtained from masu salmon

Male salmon



Female salmon



3 N recipients Control

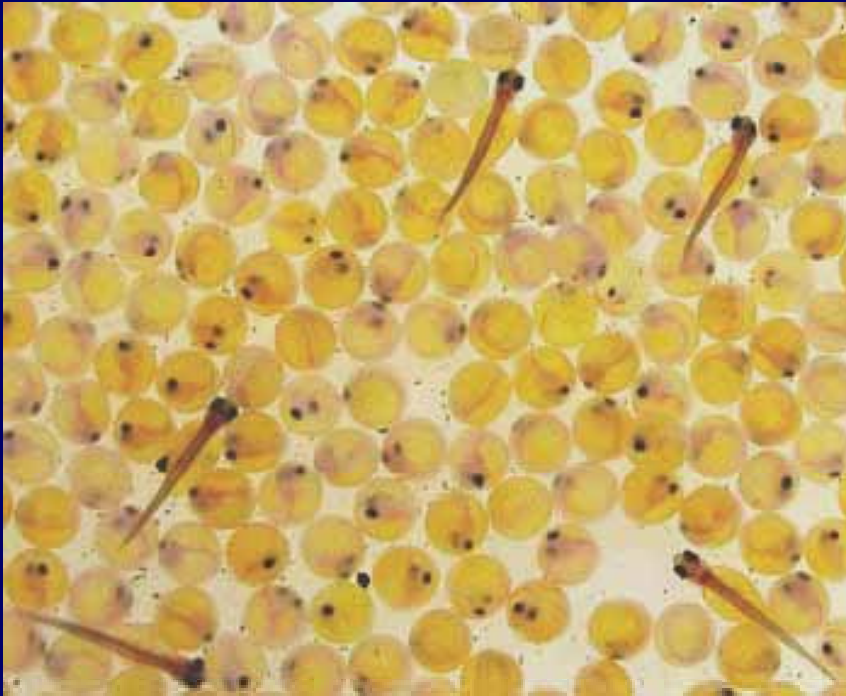
■ Milt volume (ml)

■ Sperm number

(X10⁹)

3 N recipients Control

■ Egg number

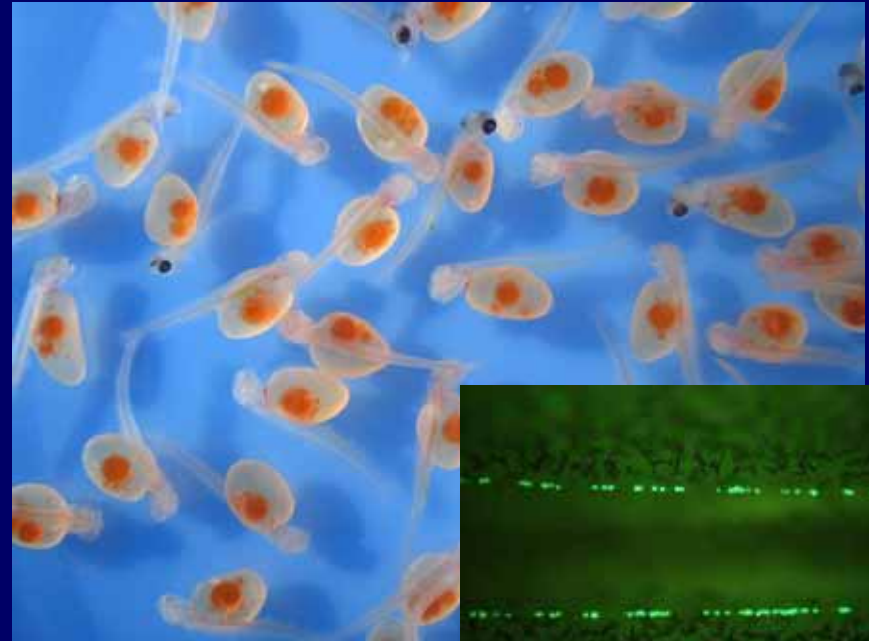


Trout germ cell (2N)



2N-salmon recipient

(Donor-derived F1
: 0.4%)

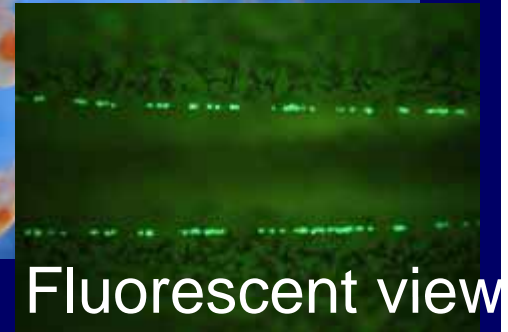


Trout germ cell (2N)



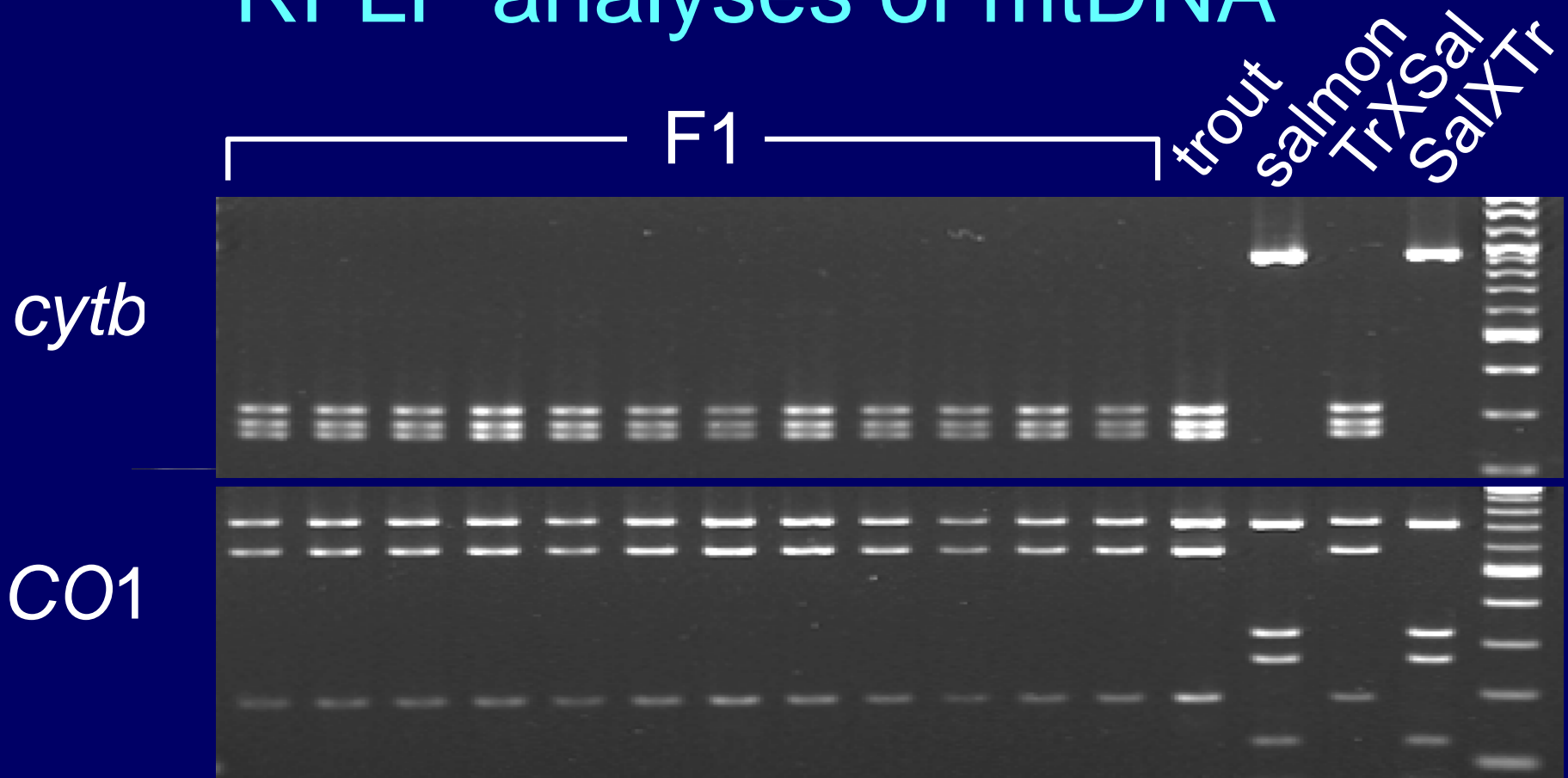
3N-salmon recipient

(Donor-derived F1
: 100%)



Fluorescent view

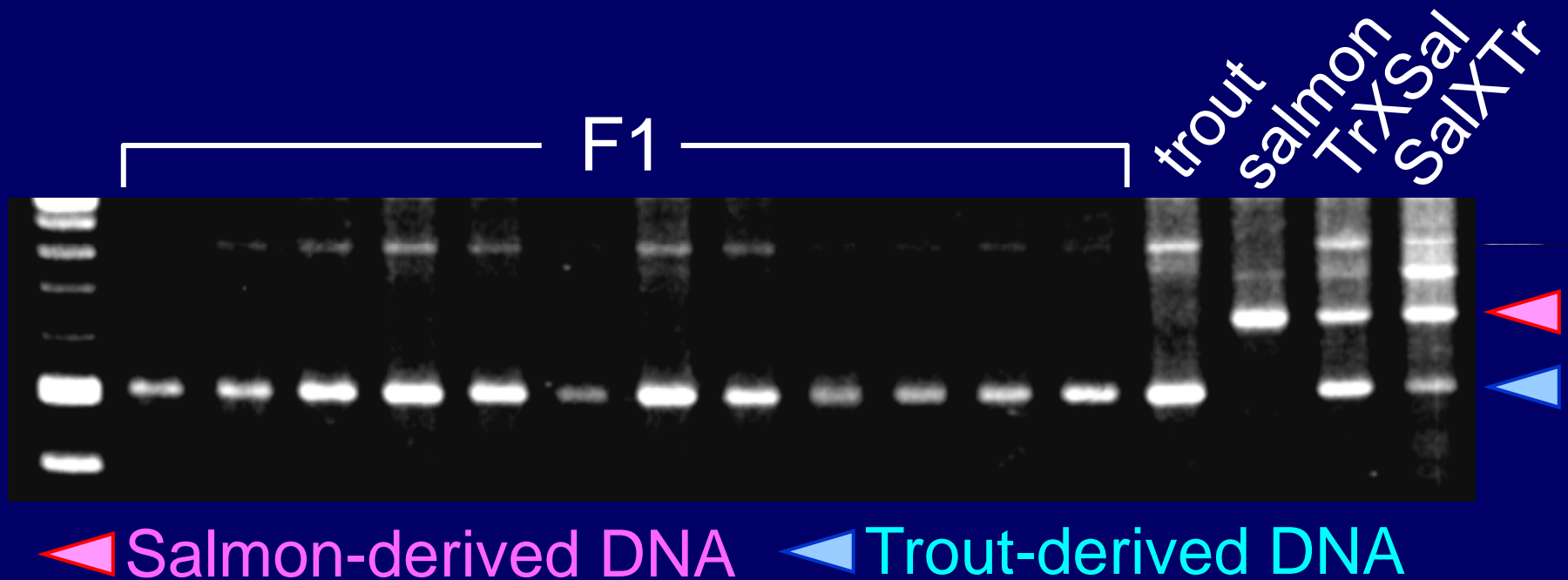
RFLP analyses of mtDNA



All F1 fish derived from salmon recipients possess rainbow trout-derived mitochondria

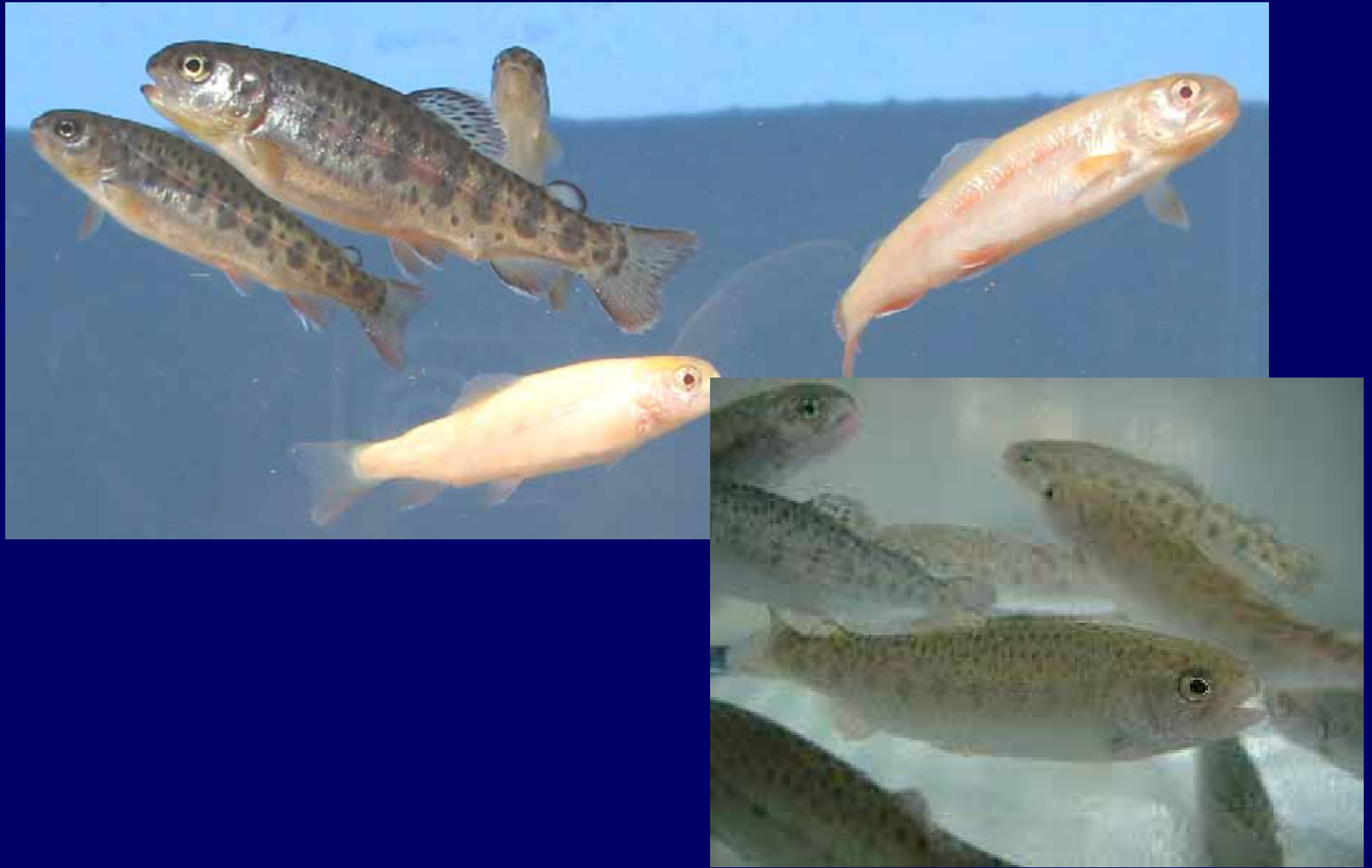
→ Triploid salmon recipients produce only trout eggs

Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPD) analysis of 3N-recipient salmon-derived F1



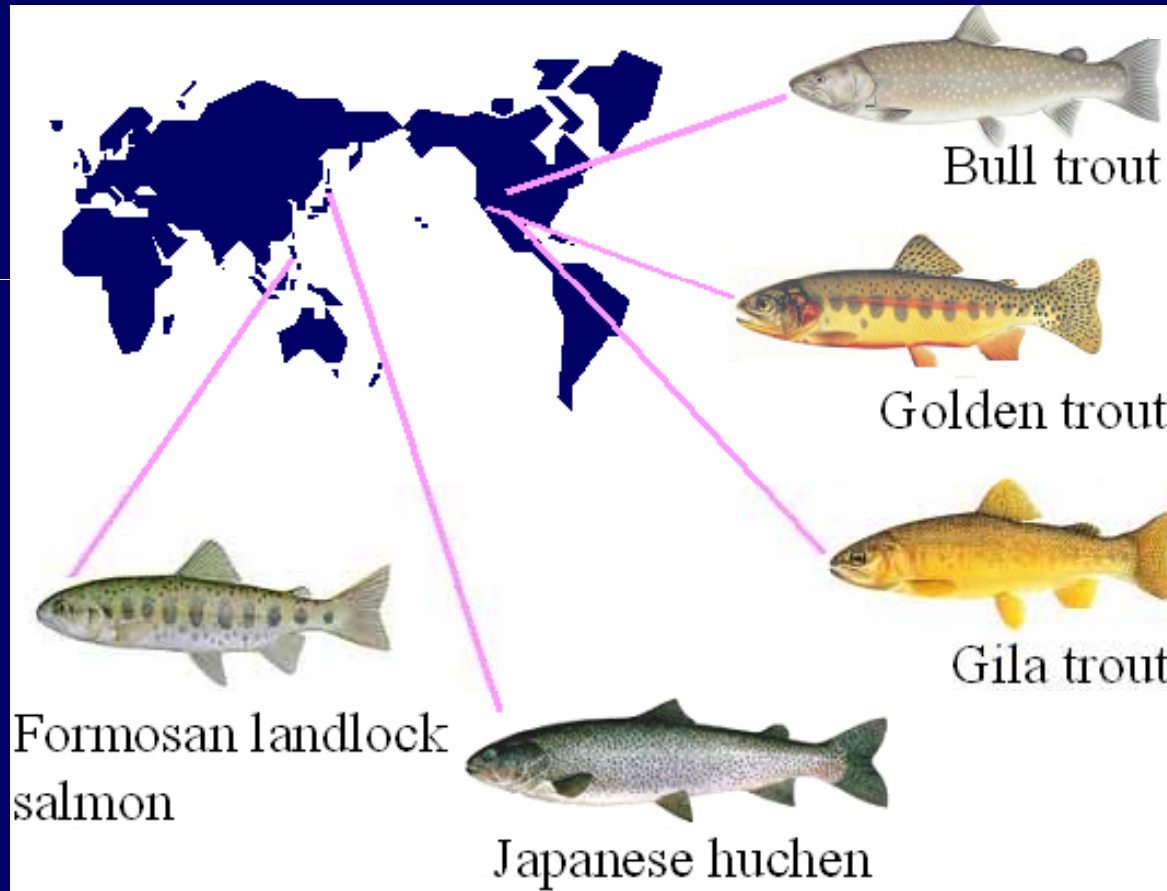
→ Triploid salmon recipients received trout germ cells produced only trout offspring

Trout offspring from triploid salmon parents



Okutsu et al., Science, 2007

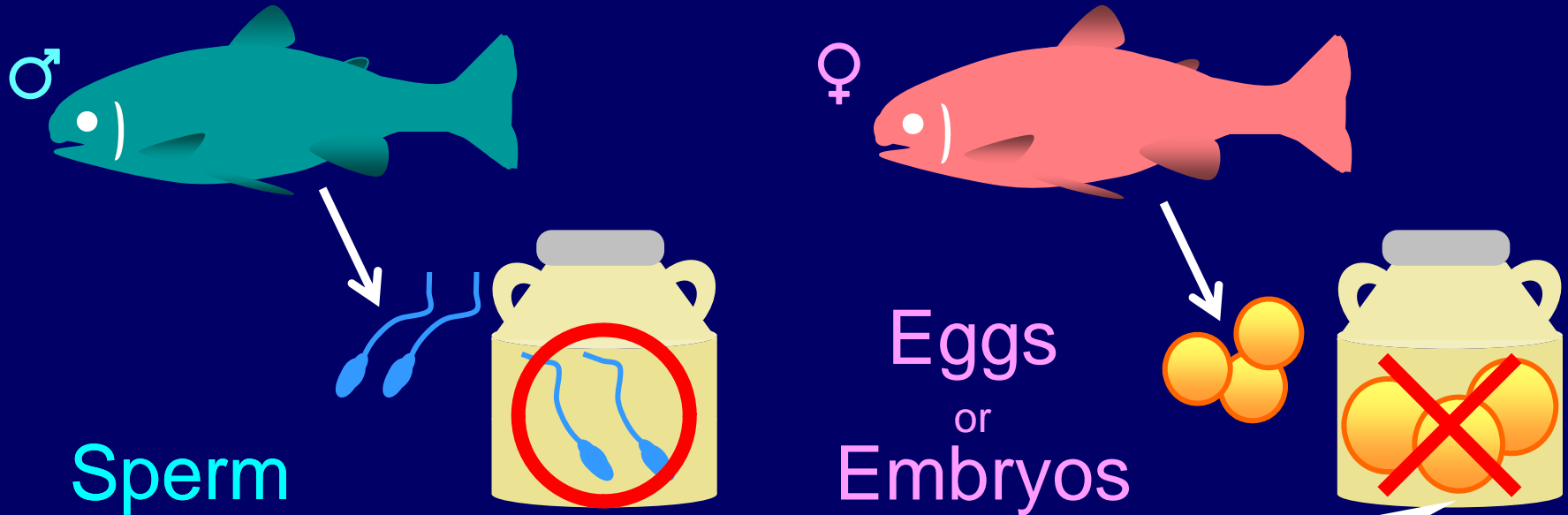
World salmon crisis



Over-fishing
Habitat
destruction

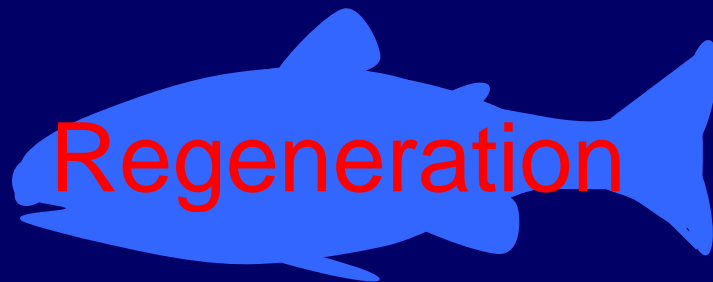
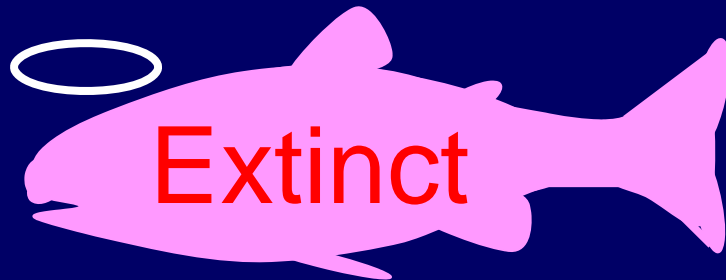
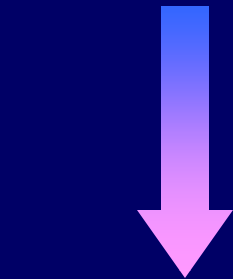
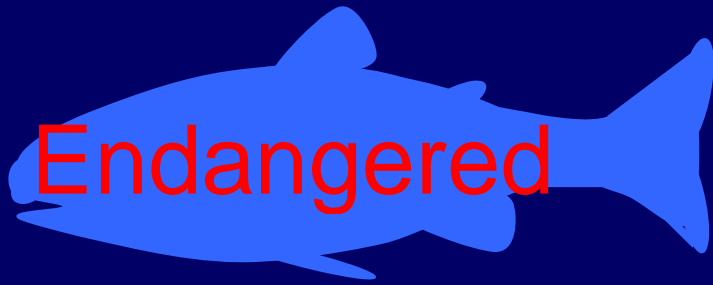


Preservation of genetic information in fish

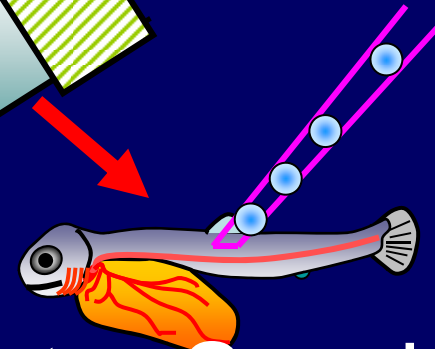
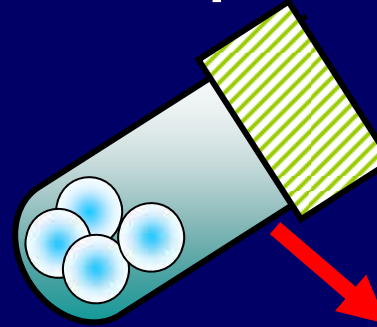
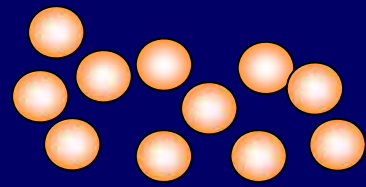


Due to their large size and high yolk content

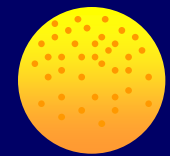
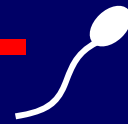
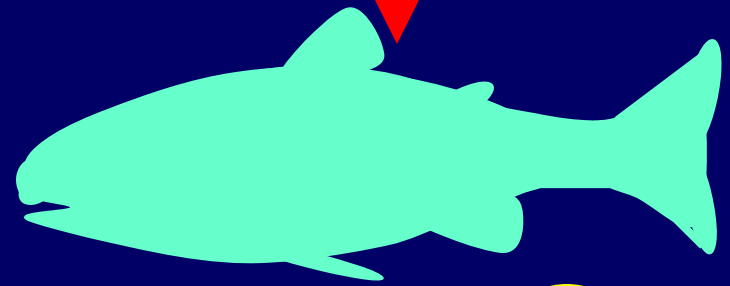
Maternally-inherited cytoplasmic compartments (mitochondrial DNA) can not be preserved!



Cryopreservation
of spermatogonia



Inter-Species
Transplantation

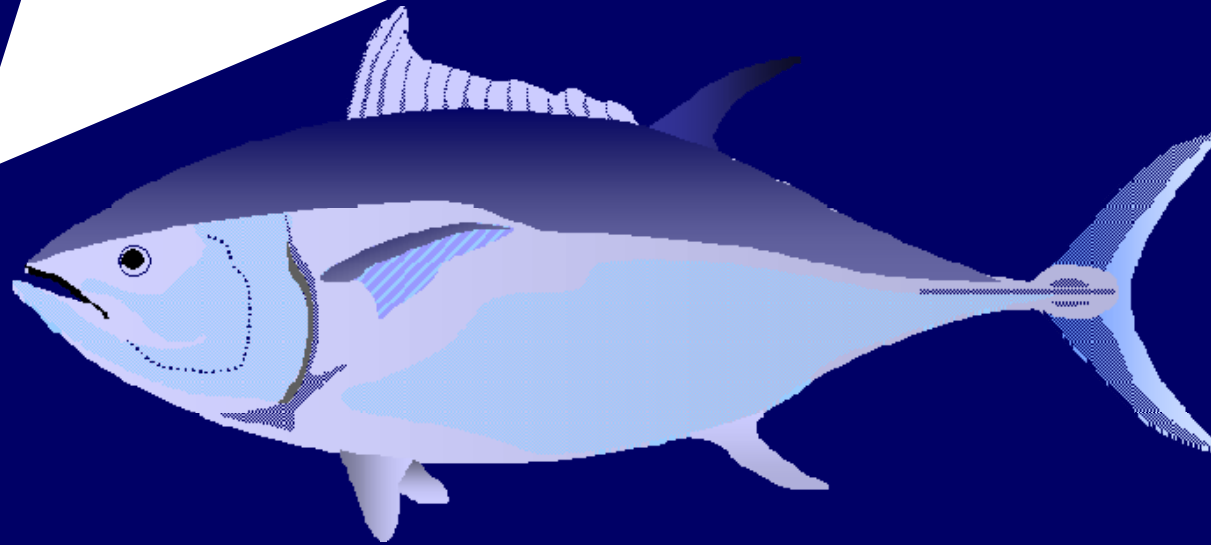




Sockeye

	Male	Female	Total
2006	1	2	3
2007	2	2	4

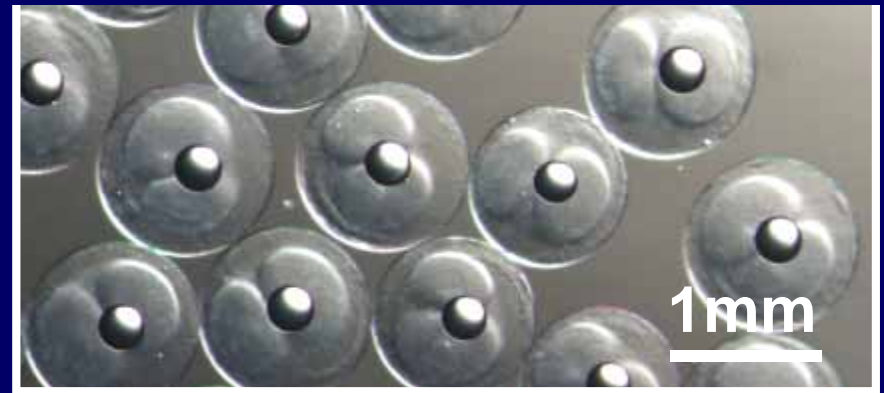
**Can spermatogonial
transplantation be applicable to
marine fish?**



Application of germ cell transplants to marine fishes

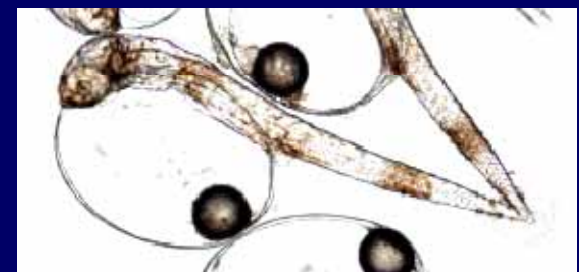
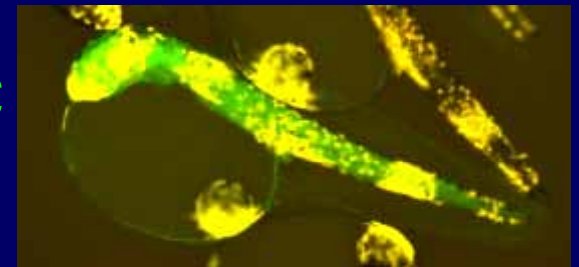


Nibe croaker (*Nibe mitsukurii*)



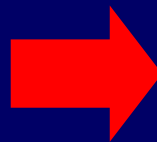
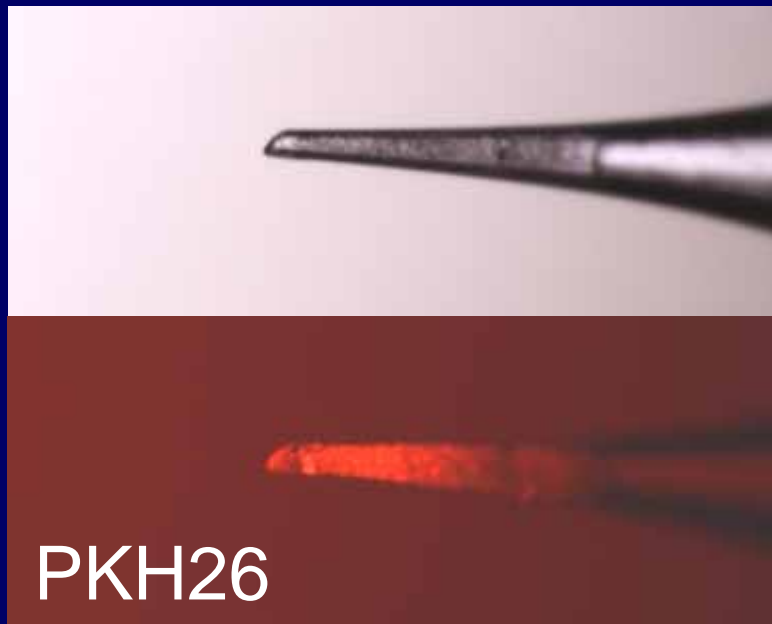
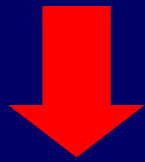
Donor: HSC-GFP-transgenic
(heterozygous)

Recipient: triploid sterile
non-transgenic





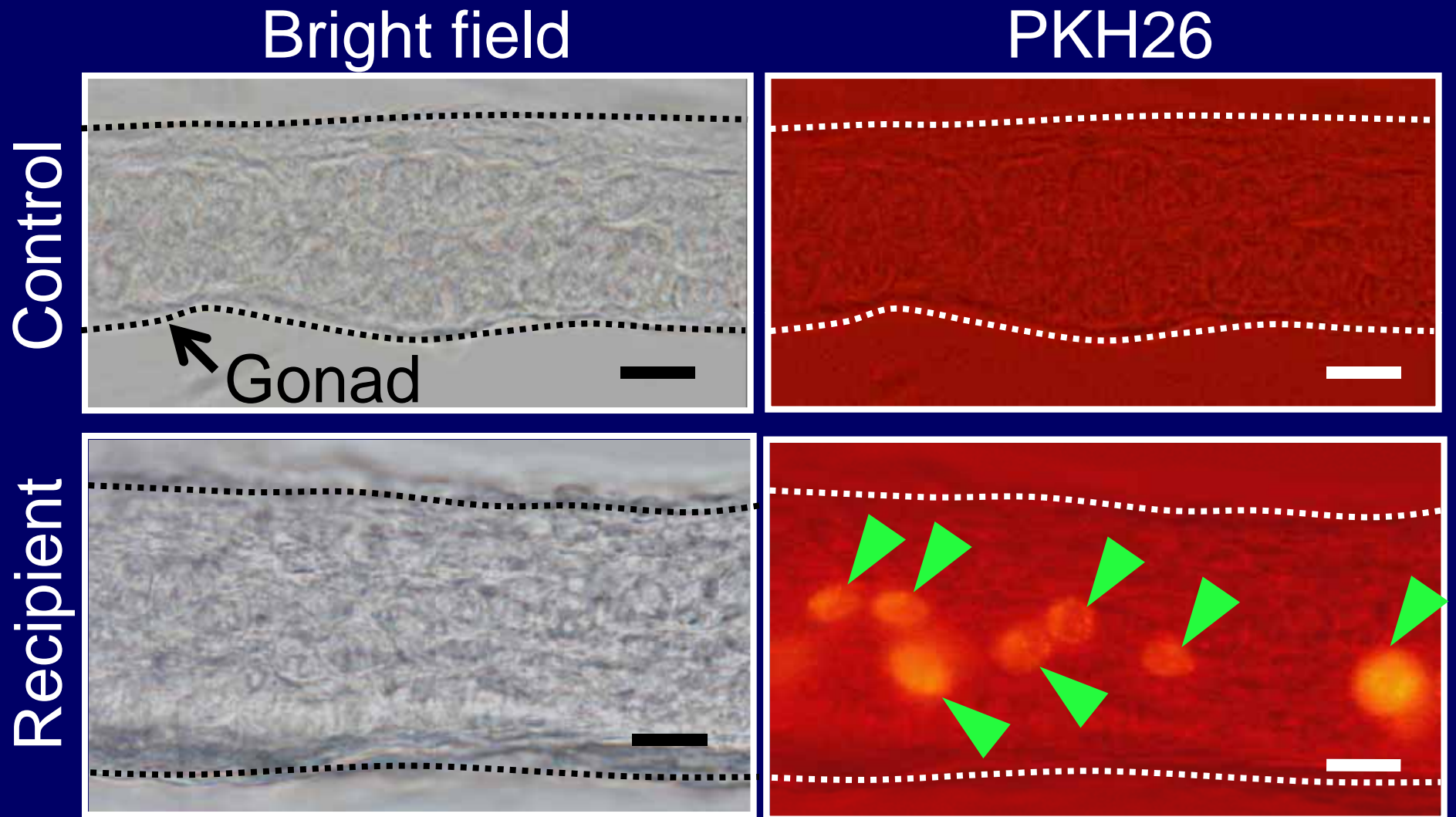
donor testicular cells
labeled with PKH26



Croaker larva
(TL=4mm)

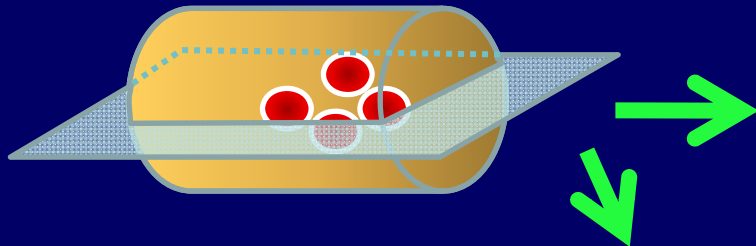
Microinjection into
body cavity
Survival: 30-50%
(2 weeks after TP)

Fluorescent observation of gonads at 3 wks after TP

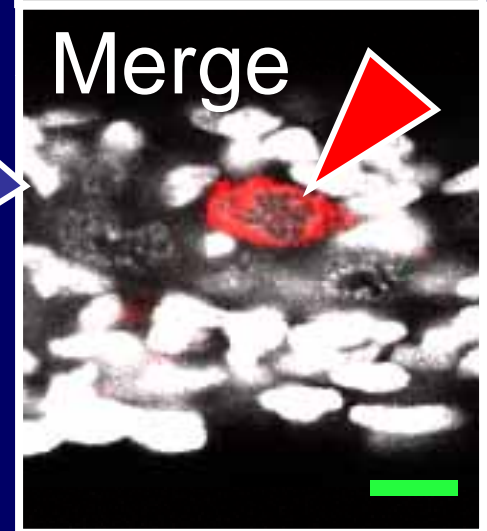
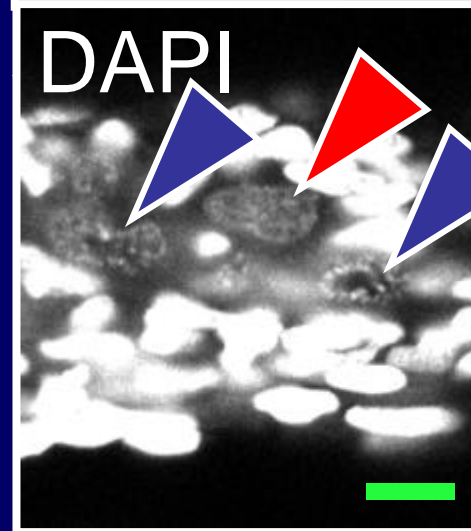
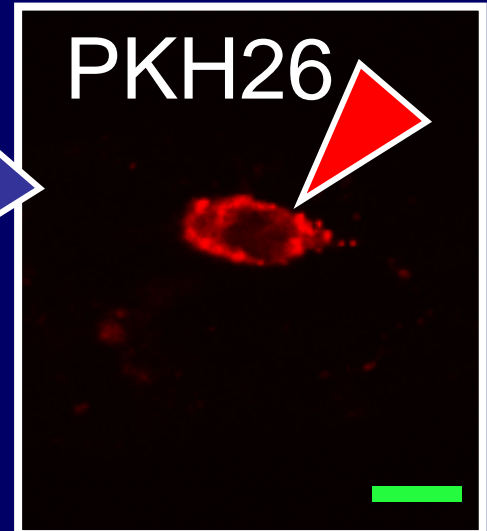
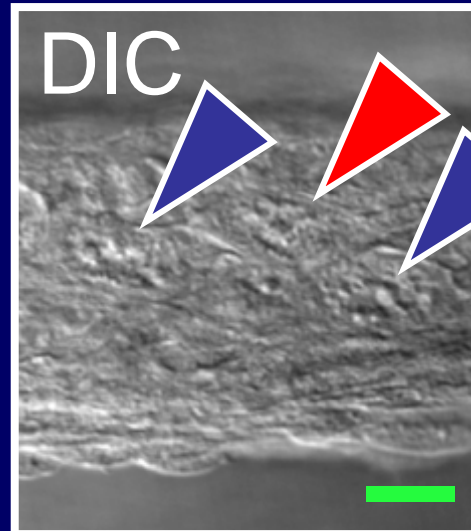
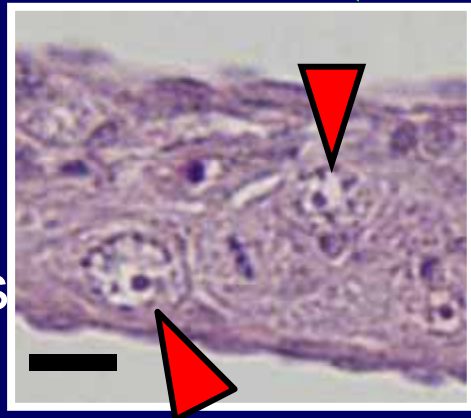


(Scale bars : 20 μm)

PKH-positive cells
were germ cells?
Confocal
microscopic analysis



(Scale bars
: 10 μm)



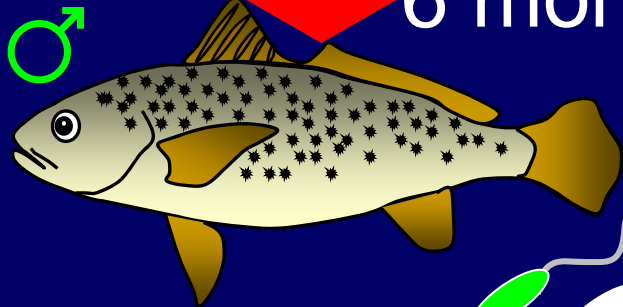
*no PKH(+) somatic cells were observed

PKH (+) cells found in the recipient gonad
were surely donor-derived germ cells

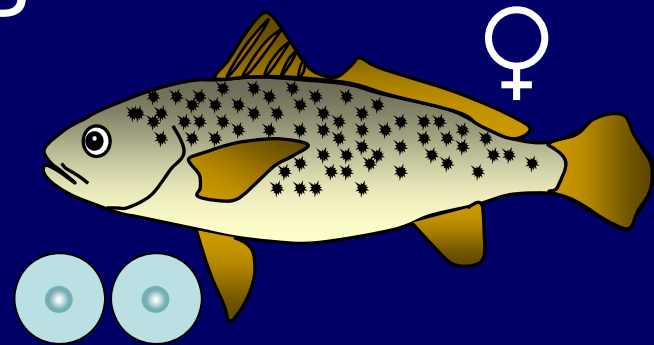
Progeny test using ♂ recipient and wild-type ♀



6 month after TP



Donor-derived sperm
(heterozygous GFP)

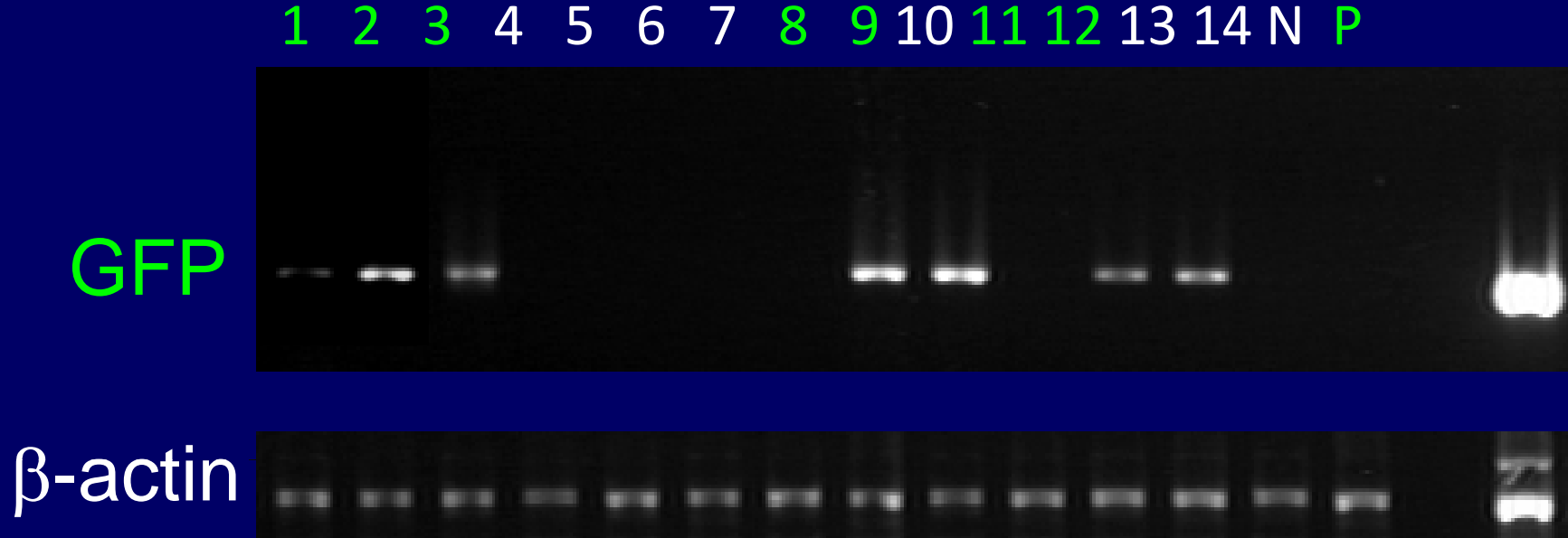


Wild-type eggs

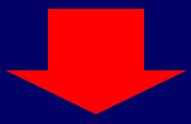


F1 embryos

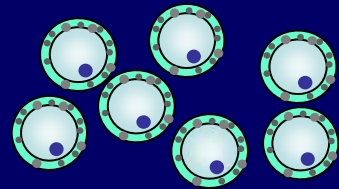
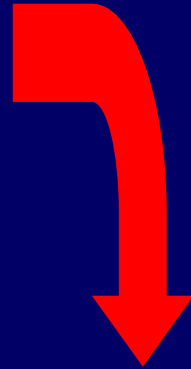
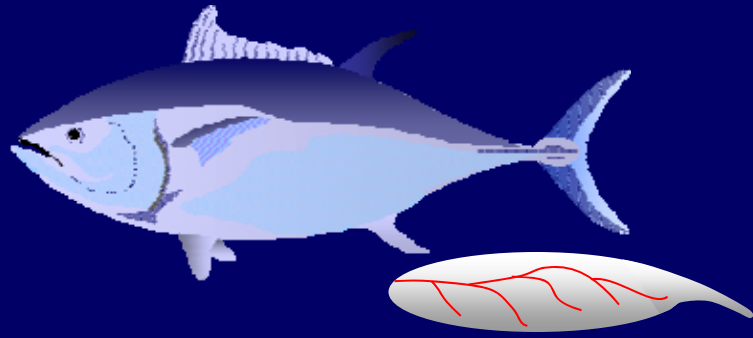
Genomic DNA extraction & PCR for **GFP** gene
If the male recipient produces only donor-derived sperm, 50% of F1 embryos should be GFP-positive



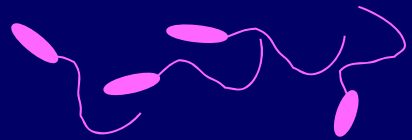
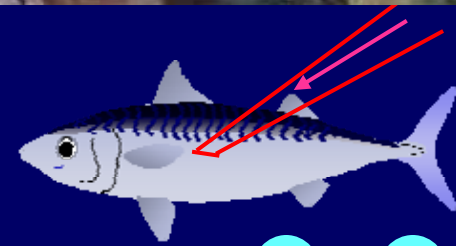
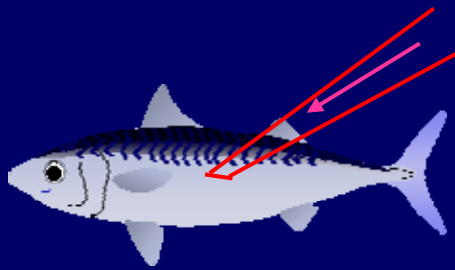
Triploid nibe croaker recipients only produced donor-derived functional sperm



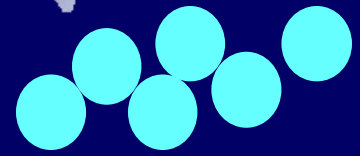
Germ cell transplantation is applicable to marine fish species



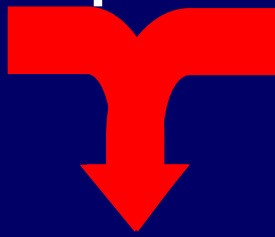
recipients

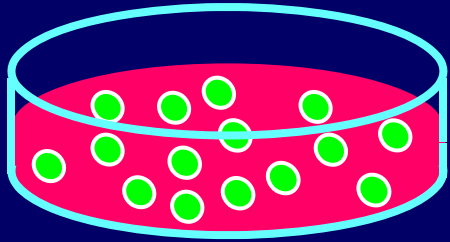


Donor sperm

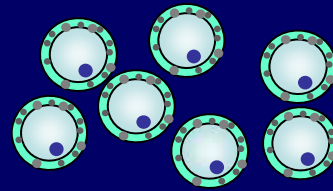
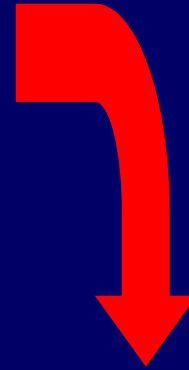


Donor egg

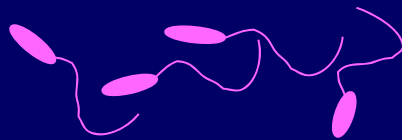
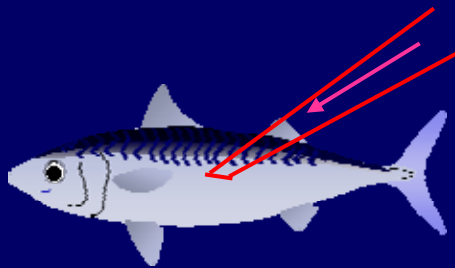




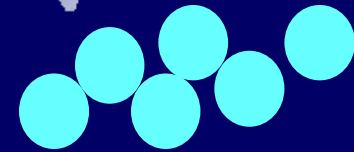
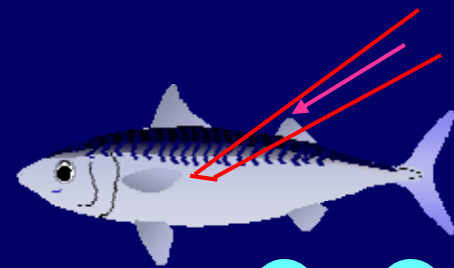
in vitro
cultured
germ cells



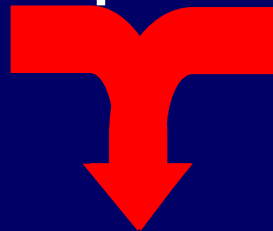
recipients



Donor sperm



Donor egg





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