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**Abstract** 

One of the main challenges for spiny lobster aquaculture is the successful development of

formulated feeds that are attractive, readily consumed by lobsters and promote optimal growth and

survival. In a 54-day growth trial, we investigated the performance of four moist formulated feeds

containing A) non-homogenised flesh ingredients; B) fish meal only; C) 10% krill meal; or D)

homogenised flesh ingredients; and a reference diet of shucked blue mussel (Mytilus

galloprovincialis) flesh, on growth, nutritional condition and feeding behaviour of juvenile tropical

spiny lobster (Panulirus ornatus) reared either communally or individually. Growth and survival

achieved by lobsters fed mussel were significantly higher than all other treatments. However,

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