

# The Road from Approval to Compliance

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# Ballast water treatment



- 2004 Ballast Water Management Convention
- 14 guidelines
- G8 'Type approval'
- G9 'active substances'

# Ballast water treatment



- Entry into force 12 months after ratification by 30 states representing 35% of world merchant shipping tonnage
- 30 sept 2010:  
27 states  
25.3%



# Goal of the International Ballast Water and Sediment Convention

- Reduce the number and rate of invasions of species outside their native range

## Challenges in developing BWMS

- Be very efficient in removing or killing organisms, without posing an environmental risk at discharge

# From Approval to Compliance

## ■ Check Efficacy:

- Was the treatment successful?
- The search for the most insensitive species

## ■ Check Environmental Risk:



- Is there residual toxicity?
- The search for the most sensitive species



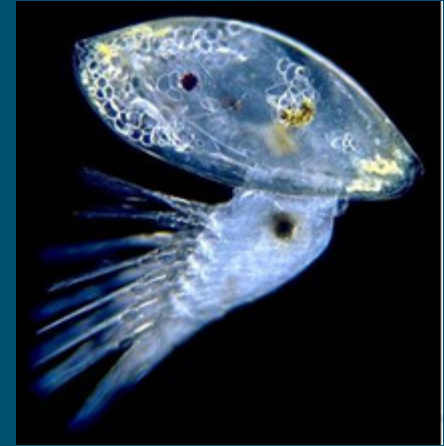
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# Efficacy testing – Regulation D-2

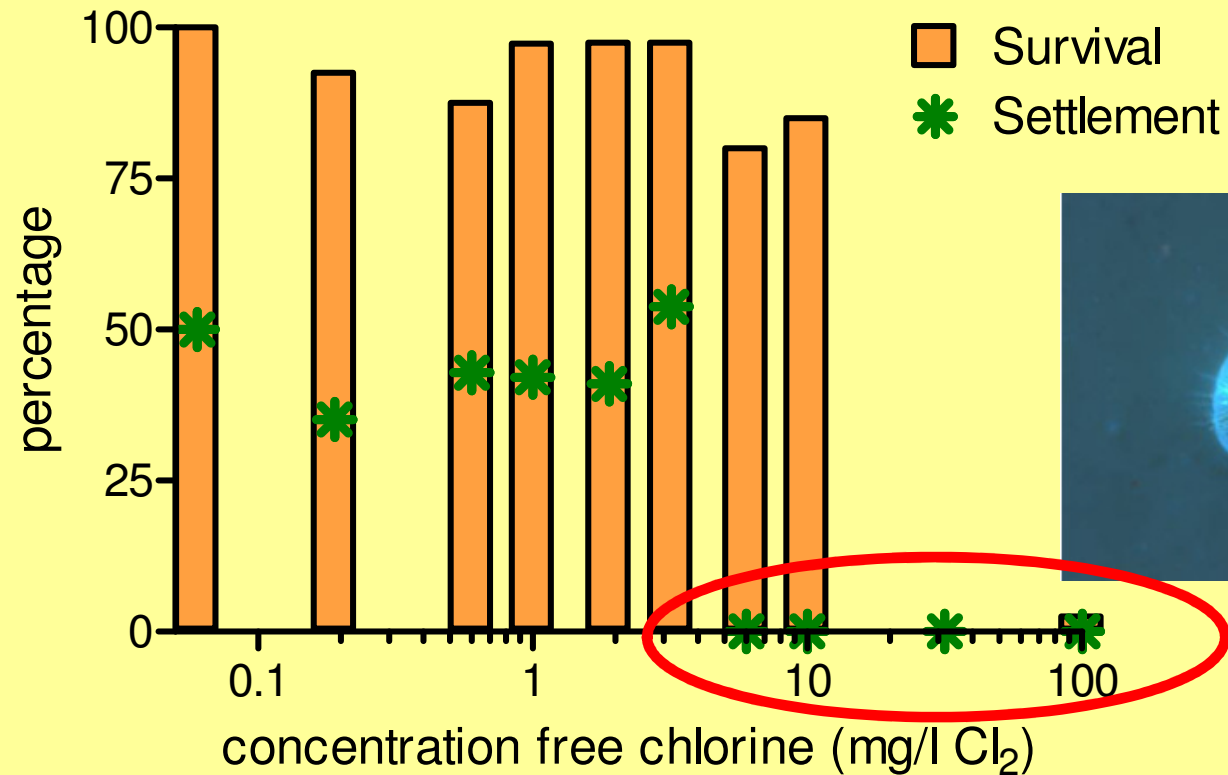
| ORGANISMS  | Start of experiment<br>(inlet water)                     | Discharge<br>After treatment | Discharge<br>Control water |
|--|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10-50 µm  | 1000 viable/ml<br>(10 <sup>6</sup> viable/l)             | <10 viable/ml                | >100 viable/ml             |
| >50 µm    | 100 viable/l<br>(10 <sup>5</sup> viable/m <sup>3</sup> ) | <10 viable/m <sup>3</sup>    | >100 viable/m <sup>3</sup> |
| <i>Vibrio cholerae</i><br>(O1, O139)   | -  | <1 cfu/100 ml                | >10 cfu/100 ml             |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i>  | -  | <250 cfu/100 ml              | >2500 cfu/100 ml           |
| <i>Enterococci</i>   | -  | <100 cfu/100 ml              | >1000 cfu/100 ml           |

# Efficacy testing - Barnacles



Cyprid larvae  
survived chlorine  
treatment

# Efficacy testing - Barnacles





# Efficacy testing - Algae



After treatment  
staining showed only  
non-viable algae



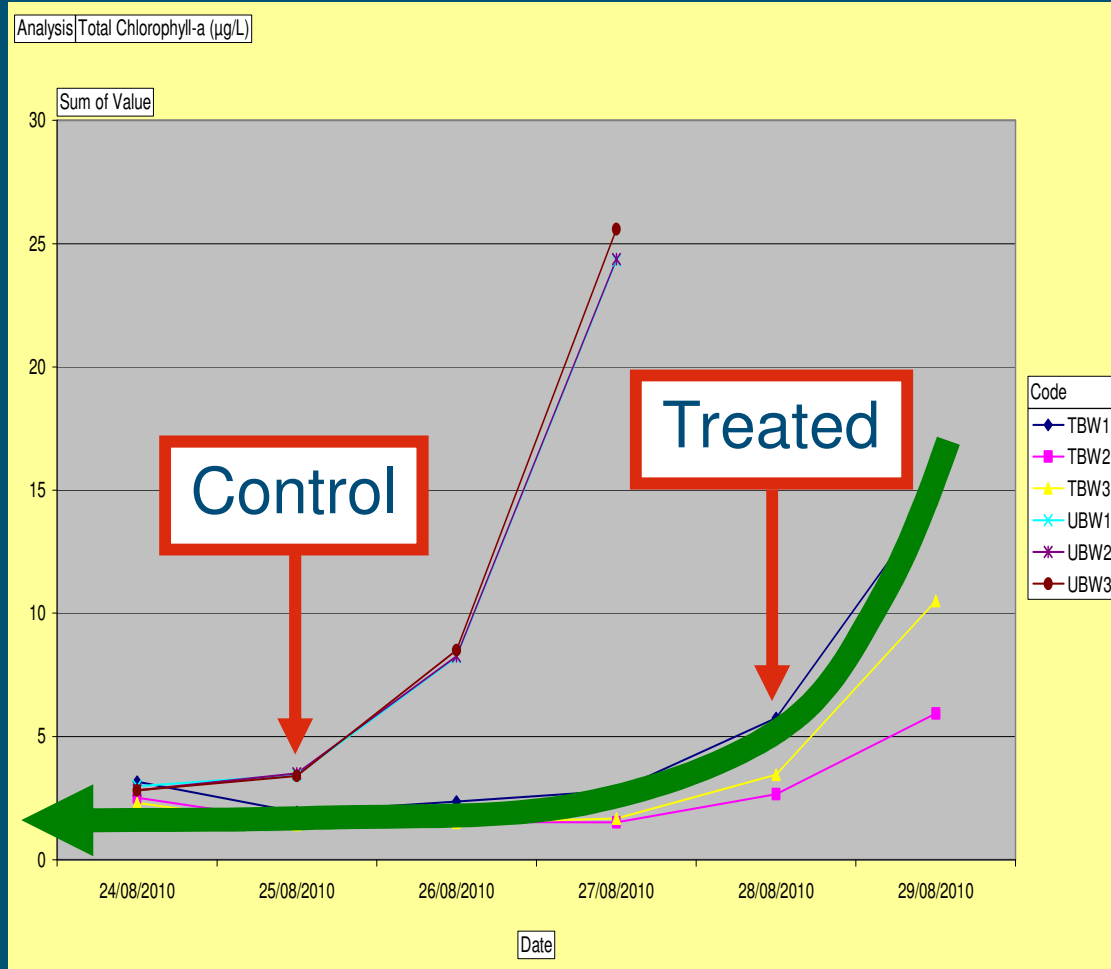
Staining technique:  
Neutral red



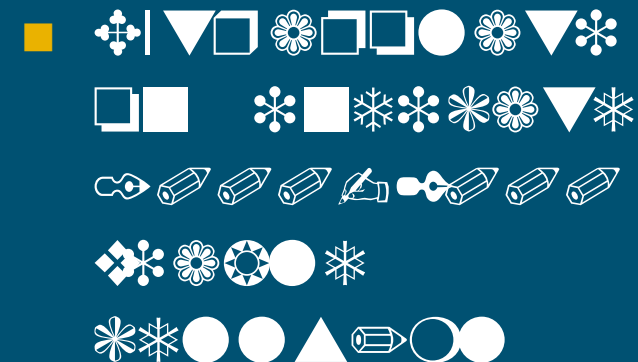
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# Efficacy testing - Algae

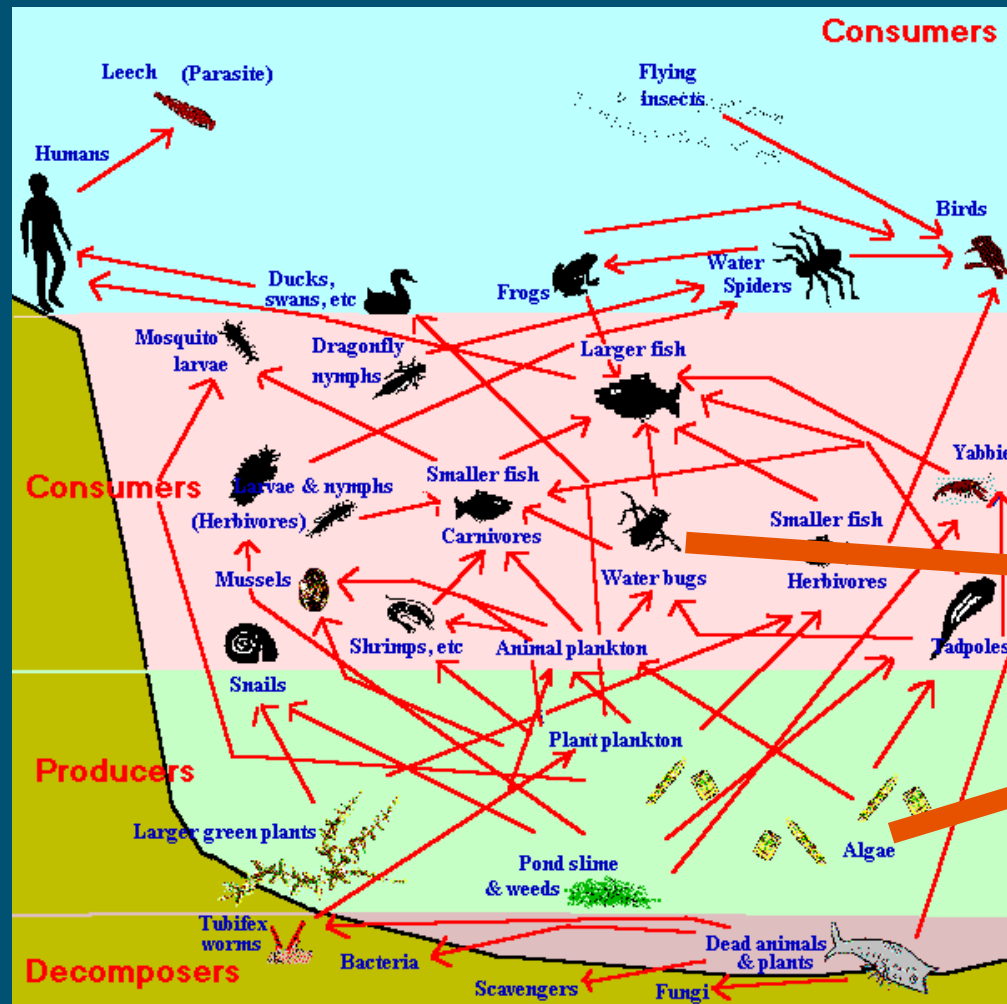


- Re-growth tests show vigorously growth after a few days



# Environmental Risk – Toxicity testing

Determining  
no negative  
effect to  
environment

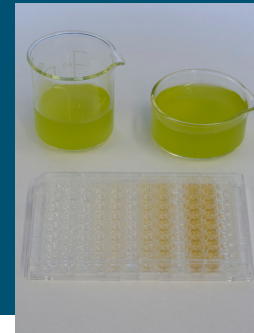
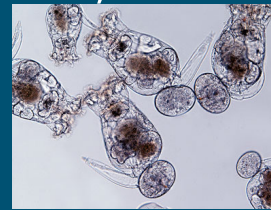
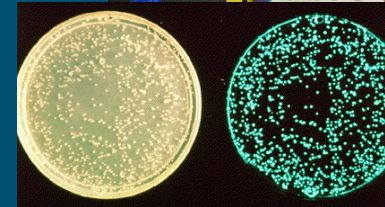
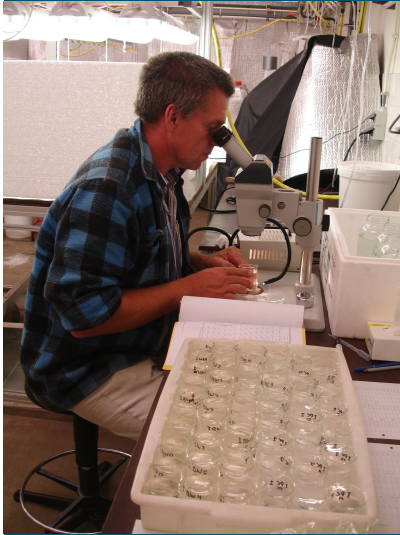


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# Environmental Risk - Bioassays

- Bacteria
- Micro algae growth inhibition
- Crustacea (Daphnia, Artemia, Acartia)
- Rotifera
- Oyster larvae
- Fish



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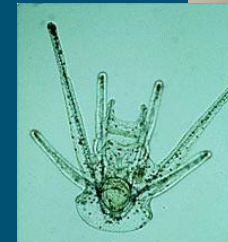
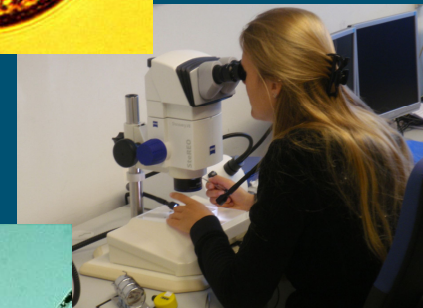
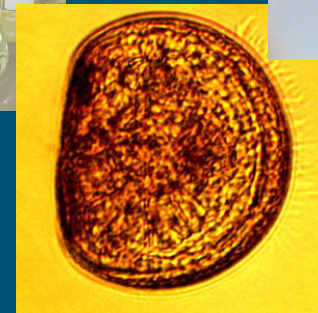
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# Environmental Risk - Bioassays

## Endpoints in tests:

- Mortality
- Immobility
- Development
- Reproduction/growth inhibition
- Luminescence inhibition
- Morphological change



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# Ecological risks - Bioassays



Standardised  
'Easy to use'  
Comparable results  
QA  
Accepted



Single substance  
Lab conditions  
Effluents difficult  
Timing  
Field relevance?



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# Compliance monitoring

Two questions:

- Was the treatment sufficient?
- Is there no risk at discharge?



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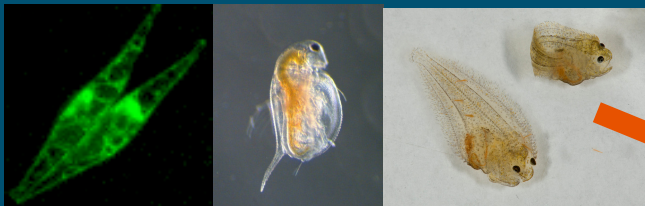
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# Compliance monitoring – Type Approval

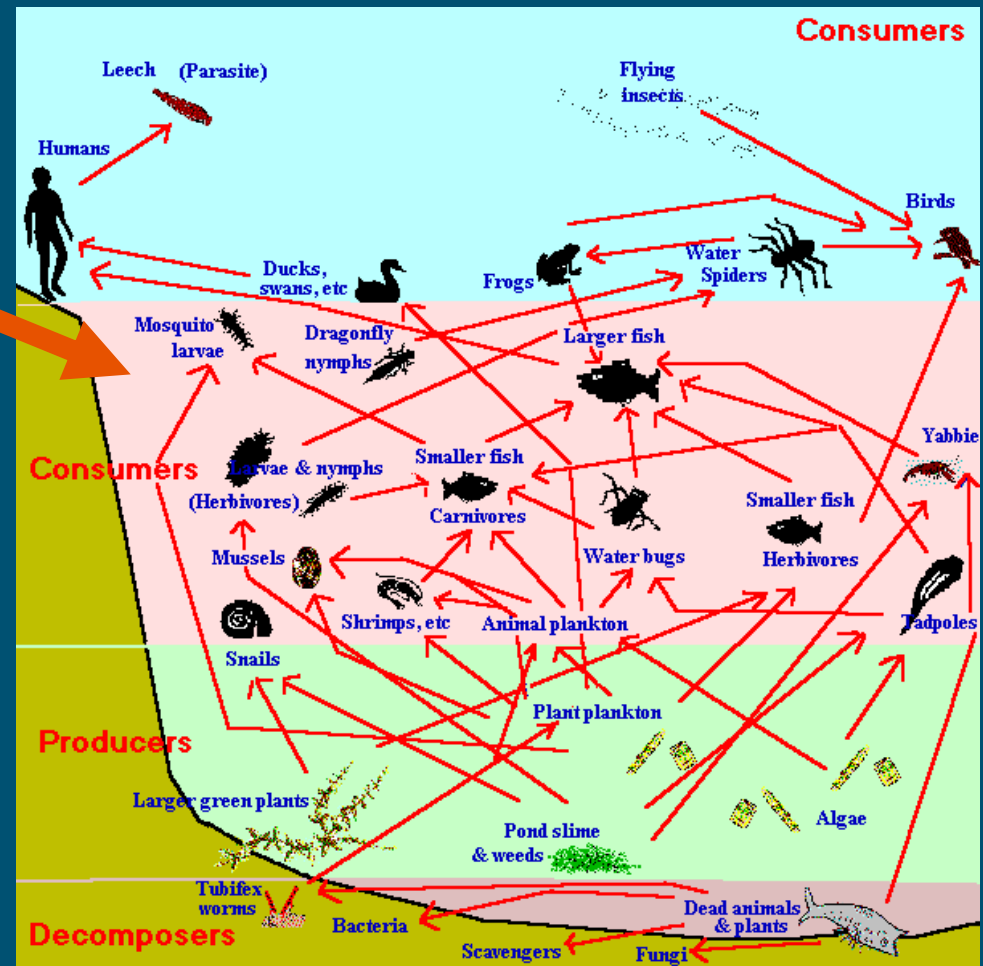
Standardized test requirements  
vs.  
Variability in harbour conditions



# Compliance monitoring – Type Approval



- Bioassays vs. wide variety of ecosystems



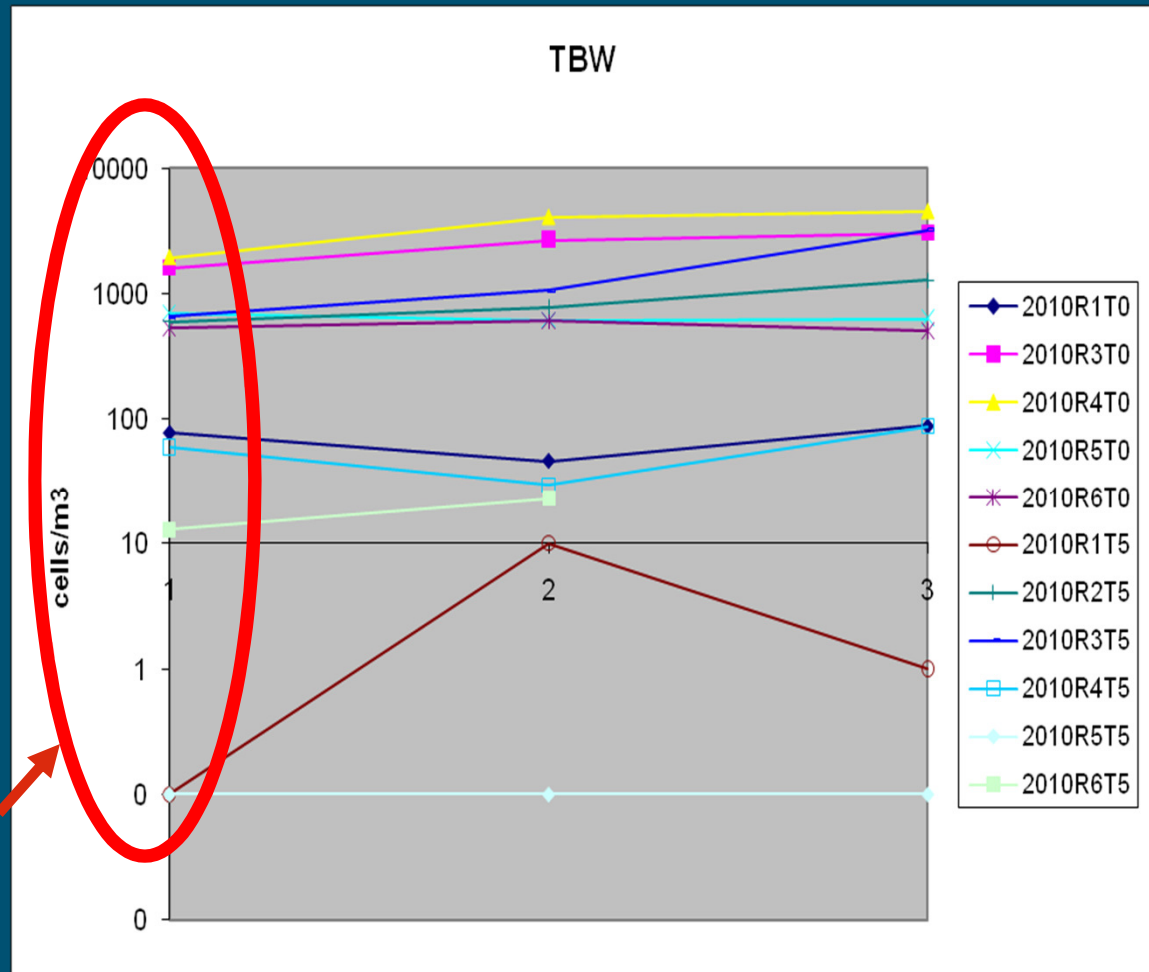
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# Compliance monitoring – Efficacy testing

- >50  $\mu\text{m}$  from land based testing
- Replicates begin-middle-end

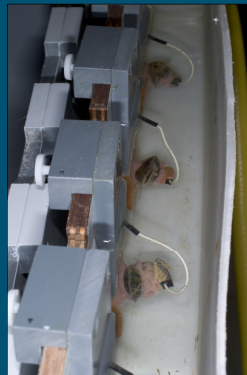
One sample already indicative for success





# Compliance monitoring – Environmental Risk

- Chemical analysis
- Bioassays
- Screening assays
- BEWS

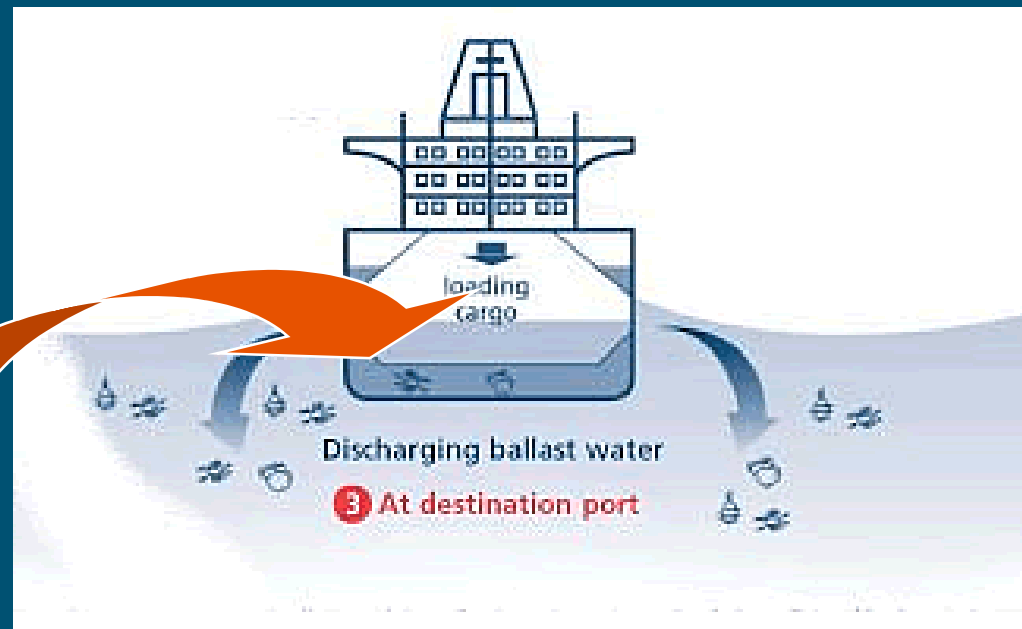


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# Blowing smoke

- What about toxicity of the water taken in?



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