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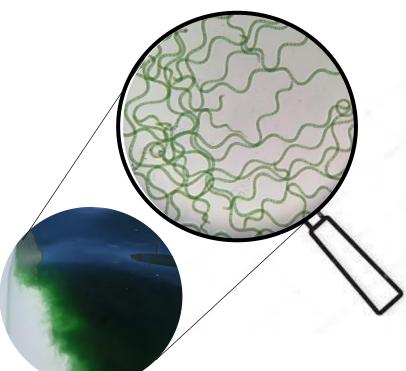
#### **Beyond Organic Spirulina: Paste NEW and Powder PT BIO 03**

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# FACTS about Spirulina

- Arthorspira platensis (classified as Food by EFSA and FDA)
- Green-blue color (due to chlorophyll and phycocyanin)
- Has been consumed for centuries Aztecs
- Considered a Super Food
- Considered the food of the future by the US Department of Agriculture and the United Nations
- Sustainable Protein Source Low water and land footprint



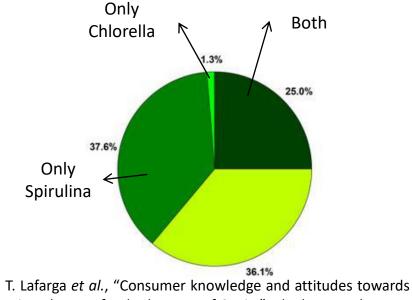




# Why Spirulina?

- Increasing demand for EU Spirulina
- Sustainable and Artisanal Production
- Quality and Certifications of the Product

Have you heard about Spirulina or Chlorella?



T. Lafarga *et al.*, "Consumer knowledge and attitudes towards microalgae as food: The case of Spain," *Algal Res.*, vol. 54, p. 102174, Apr. 2021. DOI:10.1016/j.algal.2020.102174.

• The market size for *Spirulina* is 4x higher than for *Chlorella vulgaris* 

### *How to be different?*





# How to Market our Spirulina?

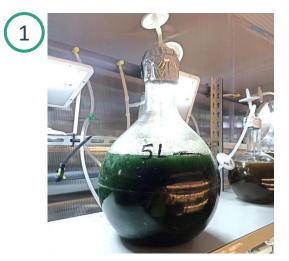
- Cold supply chain Novel and New
- Capacity to deliver tons of paste in EU
- Paste 5 20 % w/v
  - ✓ Maintains the nutritious profile
  - $\checkmark$  Mild flavor
  - ✓ Easy to use
  - ✓ Resistant to pH, temperature and salt
  - ✓ Alternative to B2B Food Market and to B2C consumers







# Allmicroalgae Spirulina production



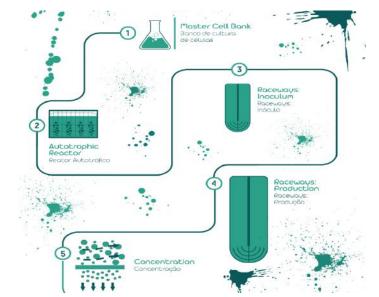


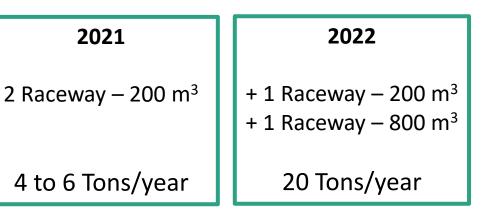
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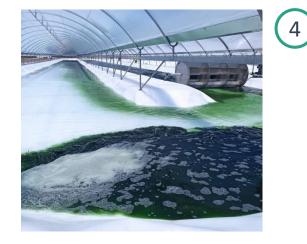
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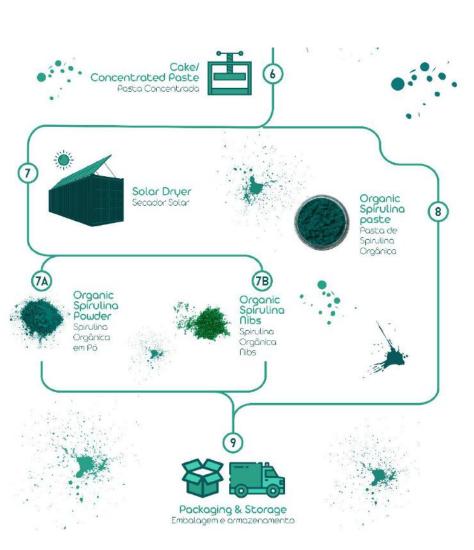
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### **Artisanal processing**

- Low temperature drying
- Solar dryer



- More nutritious product
- Milder flavor
- Production capacity

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# Spirulina products

### Food and Nutraceuticals

- Spirulina spray dried Powder BIO
- Spirulina Low Temperature dried
  Powder BIO
- Spirulina paste BIO
- NIBs, Flakes BIO

#### Key Nutritional Aspects:

- ✓ High Protein (60-70%)
- ✓ Well balanced amino acid profile
- ✓ Phycocyanin (12-16 %)
- ✓ Iron
- ✓ Vitamin B12
- ✓ Alpha-linoleic acid (ALA)





# Spirulina products

### Feed

- Improvement of chicken eggs quality
- Higher milk production on cows
- Improvement of milk quality

B. W. B. Holman and A. E. O. Malau-Aduli, *"Spirulina* as a livestock supplement and animal feed," J. Anim. Physiol. Anim. Nutr. (Berl)., vol. 97, no. 4, pp. 615–623, Aug. 2013. DOI:10.1111/j.1439-0396.2012.01328.x

#### **Product nutritional profile**

- High protein < 60%
- Phycocyanin < 12%





### **Bioactive properties**

- Positive effects
  - Allergic rhinitis
  - Diabetes II treatment
  - Anemia
  - Chronic periodontitis
  - Pulmonary disease
  - Muscle and skeleton damage
  - HIV treatment
  - Hepatic-protective





### **Bioactive** properties

- Cognitive effects
  - Anti-fatigue effects
  - Help the treatment of neurologic diseases
- Child and pregnant effects
  - Improvement of fine motor skills
  - Improvement in concentration
  - Improvement in cognition
  - Neuroprotective effect





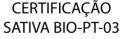


### PhD research



- Grow an 100% organic Spirulina with a high-protein and phycocyanin content
- Refine the Spirulina into organic high-value food ingredients
- Formulate new organic vegan products
- Life cycle assessment of the products to evaluate sustainability











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### **Research & Development Unit**





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