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Abstract

The protocol summarises the procedures used for analytical control. The protocol describes the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the optimization of advanced tertiary treatment of water, based on a comprehensive quality and risk assessment.

Guidelines

RECOMMENDED/ACCEPTED VALUE:

Total coliforms: Amount0 MPN/ mL  
E.coli: Amount0 MPN/ mL  
Fecal enterococci: Amount0 MPN mL


Materials

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Parameter	V (mL) x R	S	Processing	Analytical method	Result	LOD / LOQ	Goal value
Total coliforms, Fecal enterococci and Escherichia coli	100 x 3	No	None	Colilet 18 system (IDEEX) method – Total coliforms and E.coli  Enterolert E system (IDEEX) method – Fecal enterococci	Most Probable Number (MPN/mL)	1	0 MPN /100 mL

**Table 1: Samples, Processing and Analysis of the different parameters analysed.**  
**V, volume; R, Replicates; S, Shipment conditions; LOD / LOQ, Limit of Detection / Quantification**

**Materials:** Sterile bottles, IDEEX kit, Colilert-18 reagent, Microbiological incubator.

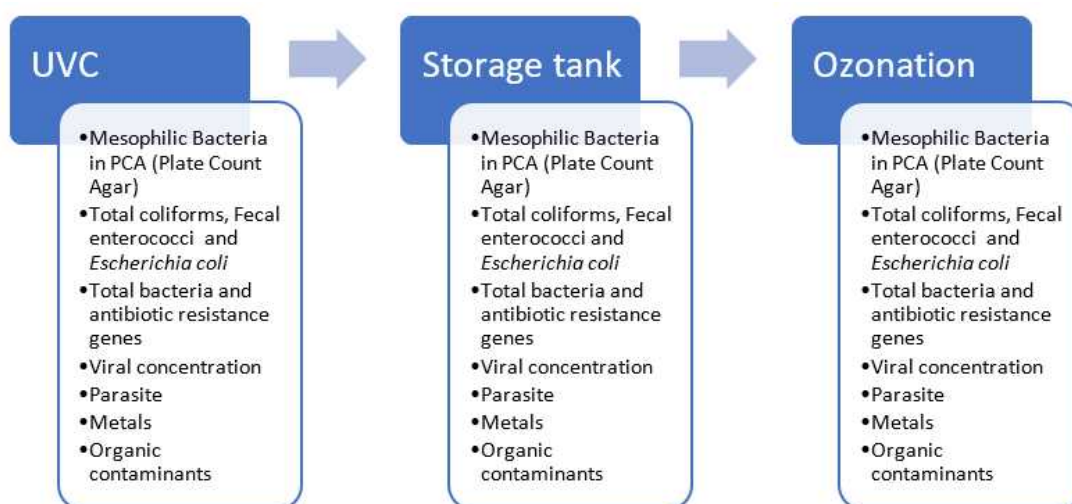
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## WATER PRODUCTION FOR AQUAPONICS

- 1 The water production for AWARE main activities includes three stages – disinfection by ultraviolet C radiation (UVC), storage for 🕒 12:00:00 - 🕒 24:00:00 (according to water load and season) and ozonation. The water quality is monitored at these three stages, for the parameters indicated in Figure 1 below.

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**Figure 1.** Treatment and storage of municipal treated wastewater used for integrated aquaponics and an indication of the comprehensive quality and risk assessment.

### 1.1 Sampling, Processing, and Analyses

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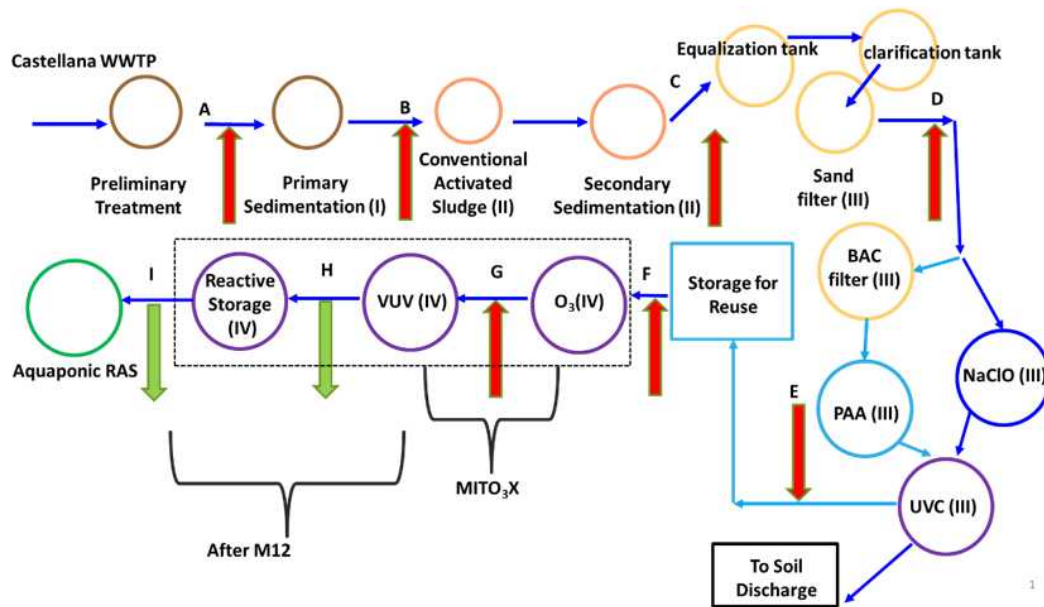
Water samples are collected (see Figure 2) and processed within a 🕒 06:00:00 interval, before being shipped for the partner responsible for the analyses (Table 1). In case no processing is needed, samples are frozen and stored at 🌡️ -80 °C within 🕒 03:00:00 .

For each sampling event, the date, day of the week and hour; the temperature and rain.

Sampling points, indicated in Figure 2 were designated from A to I:

- Influent of primary treatment (A)
- Influent of biological treatment (activated sludge) (B)
- Treated secondary effluent (C)
- Sand filter effluent (D)
- UVC effluent (E)
- Storage for reuse tank effluent (F)
- Ozonation effluent (1 dose, e.g., 🧪 5 mg O<sub>3</sub>) - MITO3X technology - (G)
- Effluent of the vacuum UV oxidation (VUV) (H)

- Effluent of reactive storage / Influent of the recirculation aquaculture system (RAS) (I)



**Figure 2.** Diagram representing the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), advanced treatment and sampling points.

**Methods:** The section below summarises the procedures used for analytical control – detailed protocols are annexed to this protocol.

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**2 Total Coliforms, Fecal Enterococci and Escherichia coli:**

## 2.1 Analysis: Enumeration of culturable mesophilic bacteria at 37 °C

## 2.2 Method:

A	B	C
1	Total coliforms E.coli	<b>Colilet 18 (IDEEX) method</b>
2	<b>1</b>	100 mL of each water sample poured in sterile bottles from IDEEX kit
3	<b>2</b>	Adding of Colilert-18 reagent
4	<b>3</b>	Mix sample + reagent poured into the QuantiTray/2000 System
5	<b>4</b>	Incubation 18 hours, 35 °C ± 0.5 °C



A	B	C
6	<b>5</b>	Results analysis

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- UNI EN ISO 9308-2:2014 Water quality - Count of Escherichia coli and coliform bacteria - Part 2: Most probable number method.
- EN ISO 11133:2014 - Microbiology of food, animal feed and water. Preparation, production, storage and performance testing of culture media.

A	B	C
1	Fecal enterococci	Enterolert E system (IDEEX)
2	<b>1</b>	100 mL of each water sample poured in sterile bottles from IDEEX kit
3	<b>2</b>	Adding of reagent
4	<b>3</b>	Incubation 24 hours, 41 °C ± 0.5 °C
5	<b>4</b>	Results analysis

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- UNI EN ISO 7899-1:2001 - Water quality - Research and enumeration of intestinal enterococci
- Miniaturized method (Most Probable Number) for surface and wastewater.
- EN ISO 11133:2014 - Microbiology of food, animal feed and water. Preparation, production, storage and performance testing of culture media.


2.3 **Observations:** Samples were processed and analysed withinDuration  12:00:00 after 12h collection.

**Parameters framed by Legal and Regulatory Requirements:**9h

3 Using the EU Drinking Water Directive:

Mesophilic Bacteria in PCA (Plate Count Agar) – 0 CFU/  100 mL

Total coliforms and *Escherichia coli* –Number /  100 mL (0 MPN/  100 mL )

Fecal *enterococci* –Number/100 mL (0 MPN/  100 mL )



Viral concentration - There are no legal requirements for viruses. They are not included in any regulation now.

Parasite - EU legislation (2020/741)

Metals - DIRECTIVE 2008/105/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 16 December 2008 on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy

Organic contaminants - DIRECTIVE 2008/105/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL of 16 December 2008 on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy.

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