

## "Use of natural bioactive compounds to mitigate

oxidative stress and increase fruit set in avocados"

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### Brown Seaweed Geographic distribution



Source: researchgate.net

	Specie	Physic-Chemical Composition			Bioactive composition			
Product Name		SG (density) (g/cc)	рН	Dry Matter (g/L )	Fucoidan (g/L)	Phlorotanins (g/L)	Laminarin (g/L)	Mannitol (g/L)
Super Fifty® Prime	Ascophyllun nodosum	1.23	5-6	500	73	35	8	12
Commercial Brand 1	Ascophyllun nodosum	1.11	8	220	22	13	3	11
Commercial Brand 2	Ascophyllun nodosum	1.13	5.6	308	N/D	0.9	N/D	2
Commercial Brand 3	Ascophyllun nodosum	1.2	7.7	398	N/D	3.1	N/D	6.6
Commercial Brand 4	Ascophyllun nodosum	1.26	7.4	466	5.1	16	N/D	N/D
Commercial Brand 5	Ascophyllun nodosum	1.14	N/A	250	17.8	10.5	2.5	N/D
Commercial Brand 6	Ecklonia maxima	1.02	5-Apr	23	1.25	0.2	1.03	2.5
Commercial Brand 7	Ecklonia maxima	1.01	5-Apr	25	N/D	0.18	0.65	N/D
Commercial Brand 8	Macrocystis	0.99	N/A	56	0	0.5	N/D	0
Commercial Brand 9	Druvillea a.	1.12	4.5	294	N/D	1.8	N/D	6.3

Source: Internal QC analysis

### Bioactive compounds with multiple metabolic functions.



## Highly effective on gene modulation of plant metabolism

- Reduction of ROS (oxidative stress)
- Cell wall strengthening.
- Water channel regulation (drought stress).
- Stomatal adjustments (drought stress).

- Antioxidants induction
- Photosynthesis activation
- Improve shoot meristem activity
- Plant hormonal response

### Oxidative stress Abiotic Stress conditions



" Is a complex chemical and physiological phenomenon that accompanies virtually all biotic and abiotic stresses in higher plants and develops as a result of overproduction and accumulation of reactive oxygen species (ROS)"



as signalling molecule for plant development

- Pollen tube development.
- Seed germination & root hair growth. (Ref: Sing et al, 2016, Frontiers in plant science)

<u>In stressed crops</u>, higher ROS accumulation is toxic, induces oxidative reactions in plants

Impaired growth & development.

• Increased cell death and crop losses. (Ref: Petrov et al, 2015, Frontiers in plant science).

## Oxidative stress Crops Failing To Reach Their Genetic Potential



### **Potential yield loss:**

- 70% due to Abiotic Stress.
- 10% due to Biotic Stress.

### Average production:

• ~20% of genetic potential.

### **References:**

(1) FAO stats 2013, (2) Bray et al 2002, (3) Buchanan et al 2000.



## **Scientific Validation**



### Scientific Validation Oxidative Stress in Drought Conditions

Sponsors & Participants

- Potsdam University (Germany), Crop Strengthen project, EU funded, 2020
- https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/cropstrengthen/overview
- BioAtlantis Ltd. (Ireland) and Enza Zaden R&D B.V.,(Netherlands.)



Project Goals	<ul> <li>Develop novel methods for increasing crop strength and resistance to stress by alternative genetic and genomic, non-GMO, technologies.</li> <li>Assess Super Fifty® pre-treatment on drought tolerance for 10 days in Tomatoes (cv. Heinz 1706)</li> </ul>
Materials & Methods	<ul> <li>Transcriptomics &amp; Bioinformatics</li> <li>RNA-seq using Next Generation Sequencing (NGS).</li> <li>Differential gene expression analysis (DGE).</li> </ul>

#### Scientific Validation **Oxidative Stress in Drought Conditions**



	UP regulate d-Genes	Function	
	PsaW, PsaF, PsaH	Photosynthesis	
	PYL8 RCAR3	Stomatal movement	
	XTH1,2, PME12	Cell wall strength	
	АРХ	ROS Detoxification	
	TIP2.1, XIP 1.1,1, SFP5	Regulation of water channels	

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T2

50 %

lower

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T2

### **Scientific Validation Oxidative/herbicide stress tolerance in Arabidopsis**



Treatments	ТО	T1	T2	Т3	
Foliar spray	H20+H20	H20 + PQ (10µM)	SF + PQ (10µM)	SF + H20	
Visual Results	H <sub>2</sub> O+H <sub>2</sub> O	t <sub>2</sub> O+PQ	SF+PQ	SF+H20	
Trypan blue staining - dead cells (dark blue)	H <sub>2</sub> O+H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub> O+PQ	SF+PQ —	SF+H <sub>2</sub> O	
Parameter	Total Gene Expression (TTM values)				
Photosynthesis	19172	8971	21234	22464	
Carbohydrates M.	105	72	184	186	
ROS Detoxific.	1335	854	1911	1837	
Autopahgy	150	277	83	80	
Conclusion	Super Fifty® pre-treated plants reduce damage on the leaves and ion leakage by 98%				

Source: International Journal of Molecular Science, Neerakkal, et al, 2020



## **Field Validation in Avocados**



## Field Trial, 2 Year Validation

### **TRIAL INFORMATION**

**SuperFifty**®

Goal	Evaluate foliar application during Bloom-fruit set and overall yield	
Grower/ Location	Agrícola Lomas de Pocochay, La Cruz, Chile	
Orchard info	<ul> <li>110 ha orchard.</li> <li>Hass/Dusa</li> <li>Planted 2017 (2 Ha)</li> <li>Spacing 6x3 m</li> <li>555 plants/ha</li> <li>Irrigation system: Netafim sprinkler 35 L/Hr.</li> </ul>	



## SuperFifty®

## Field Trial, 2 Year Validation



## BioAtlantis Company Introduction

- Irish science-based company founded in 2004, located in Tralee, County Kerry.
- Our Mission is to develop technologies based on beneficial compounds extracted from natural resources,



- Strong focus in R&D and scientific validation
- Largest extraction facilities in the British isles
- Global presence in more than 35 countries



# Nga mihi nui !!!

# Thanks a lot !!!

# Muchas gracias !!!



