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Here are the initial results from my shelf-life extension experiment using CitroBio that you requested. Remember that for each day, Trial 1 represents Florida red grouper (*Epinephalus morio*) treated with Citrobio (recommended concentration; 10 minute soak); Trial 2 represents red grouper treated with plain tap H2O (control); Trial 3 is Key West pinks (*Penaeus duodarum*) treated with Citrobio; Trial 4 is pinks treated with H2O (control). Within these trials, each successive swab is a 10% dilution of the one before.

Day 1 (instantaneous)		Day 2 (after 24 hrs.)		Day 3 (after 48 hrs.)	
Trial 1, Swab 1 Trial 1, Swab 2 Trial 1, Swab 3 Trial 1, Swab 4	APC 204 40 4	Trial 1, Swab 1 Trial 1, Swab 2 Trial 1, Swab 3	APC 220 58 8	Trial 1, Swab 1 Trial 1, Swab 2 Trial 1, Swab 3	APC 320 60 8
Trial 2, Swab 1 Trial 2, Swab 2 Trial 2, Swab 3 Trial 2, Swab 4	720 312 52 6	Trial 2, Swab 1 Trial 2, Swab 2 Trial 2, Swab 3	488 100 12	Trial 2, Swab 1 Trial 2, Swab 2 Trial 2, Swab 3	960 236 32
Trial 3, Swab 1 Trial 3, Swab 2 Trial 3, Swab 3 Trial 3, Swab 4	17 11 0 0	Trial 3, Swab 1 Trial 3, Swab 2 Trial 3, Swab 3	8 1 1	Trial 3, Swab 1 Trial 3, Swab 2 Trial 3, Swab 3	5 0 0
Trial 4, Swab 1 Trial 4, Swab 2 Trial 4, Swab 3 Trial 4, Swab 4	102 25 4 0	Trial 4, Swab 1 Trial 4, Swab 2 Trial 4, Swab 3	268 50 10	Trial 4, Swab 1 Trial 4, Swab 2 Trial 4, Swab 3	43 16 0

Remember also that the 48 hr. numbers were read a little early (5 hrs to be exact) so that I could show them to you when we met. That probably explains why total counts go down from 24 hrs.

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Grouper	Day 1 (instantaneous)		Day 2 After 24 hrs.		Day 3 After 48 hrs.	
	Citrobio	Water	Citrobio	Water	Citrobio	Water
Dilution	APC	APC	APC	APC	APC	APC
100% Swab 1	204	720	220	488	320	960
10% Swab 2	40	312	58	100	60	236
1% Swab 3	4	52	8	12	8	32
0.01% Swab 4	4	6				

Shrimp	Day 1 (instantaneous)		Day 2 After 24 hrs.		Day 3 After 48 hrs.	
	Citrobio	Water	Citrobio	Water	Citrobio	Water
Dilution	APC	APC	APC	APC	APC	APC
100% Swab 1	17	102	8	268	5	43
10% Swab 2	11	25	1	50	0	16
1% Swab 3	0	4	1	10	0	0
0.01% Swab 4	0	0	5-55-5		1	

Note: the 48 hrs numbers were read a little early (5 hrs) due to have to present results to Citrobio representative. Actual 48hour numbers would be expected to be higher.

The test was done using .10 lb of Florida Red Grouper (Epinephalus morio) & .10 lb of Key West Pinks (Penaeus duodarum) using plain tap H_2O as a control.

Mix .25 oz of 20% Citrobio in 1 gallon of water and let soak for 10 min.

The dilutions are done in order to find a media point where the count of bacteria is either not too small or too big. These serial dilutions thereby allow counting CFUs (Colony Forming Units) from plates with intermediate densities (optimum for accuracy) and allow tracking increasing bacterial loads accurately through time.