



PRAZIVETIN®

**Effective Protection for Gilthead Sea Bream
against gill fluke infestations**



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PRAZIVETIN

500 mg/g premix for medicated feeding stuff

Composition

Each g contains:

Active substance: Praziquantel 500 mg.

Target species

Gilthead sea bream (*Sparus aurata*).

Indications for use for each target species

For the treatment of ectoparasitic infestations of the gills caused by the monogenean *Sparicotyle chrysophrii*.

Adverse events

Gilthead sea bream (*Sparus aurata*):

None observed.

Dosage:

300 mg/kg bodyweight (bw)/day (equivalent to 150 mg/kg bw/day praziquantel) for 3 consecutive days incorporated in the feed.

Administration and duration of treatment

In-feed use.

Medicated fish feed containing the veterinary medicinal product is to be prepared only by approved feed manufacturers licensed to prepare medicated fish feeds, based on veterinary prescription.

Recommended method of incorporation to the feed

The veterinary medicinal product may be incorporated by surface-coating on extruded feed pellets produced beforehand by

a) mixing the pellets with the veterinary medicinal product with the addition of fish oil

or

b) by mixing the veterinary medicinal product with fish oil and spraying the oily mix onto the feed pellets (under vacuum or not).

The incorporation rate in feed depends on the feeding rate of the fish according to fish size and water temperature. For example, for fish fed at a feeding rate of 1.5% of fish bodyweight per day, the recommended incorporation rate is 20 kg of veterinary product per ton of feed, which will yield a dose rate of 300 mg PRAZIVETIN per kg biomass per day.

If different feeding rates are applied, adjust the recommended incorporation rate according to the instructions provided in the summary of product characteristics (SPC).

Feed the medicated feed at a reduced feeding rate such as 60% of that recommended by the feed manufacturer for its non-medicated feed for a particular size range of fish and seawater temperature.

The medicated feed should be formulated in a pellet size which allows uptake also by the smaller fish in the population and reduces losses because of chewing. Use pellet size at least one size smaller than recommended by the manufacturer for its non medicated feeds for a particular size range of fish.

Further courses of treatment may be necessary, depending on the risk of re-infection and confirmation of infection. Factors such as water temperature should also be taken into account when planning treatment schedules. Studies that examined the life cycle of the parasite, recommend that the following treatment intervals should be considered where further courses are considered necessary: 8–14 days at 26 °C, 9–21 days at 22 °C, 11–28 days at 18 °C and 14–35 days at 14 °C.



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Withdrawal periods

120 degree days.

Shelf life

Shelf life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 2 years.

Shelf life after first opening the immediate packaging: 3 months.

Shelf life after incorporation in pellet feed according to directions: 3 months.

Special warnings

Incorporation of the premix in feed pellets of inappropriate sizes may lead to reduced intake and therefore reduced efficacy.

Unnecessary use of antiparasitics or use deviating from the instructions given in the summary of product characteristics (SPC) may increase the resistance selection pressure and lead to reduced efficacy. The decision to use the veterinary medicinal product should be based on confirmation of the parasitic species and burden.

PRAZIVETIN should be used with concomitant good husbandry measures such as net changing.

Special precautions for storage

Keep the bags tightly closed in order to protect from moisture.

This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special temperature storage conditions.

Benefits

As a feed based treatment, the use of PRAZIVETIN against Sparicotylosis is not restricted from equipment/personnel/weather conditions, permitting the simultaneous treatment of several cages at the same time and at the appropriate time intervals in conformity with the biological cycle of the parasite, for an effective control of re-infections and parasite abundance in farmed sea bream stocks.

Packaging

2 kg low density polyethylene (LDPE) bags presented in a cardboard box containing 8 bags.

20 kg low density polyethylene (LDPE) bag presented in a tri-walled paper sack with inner polyethylene (PE) lining.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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