

WAYS TO GROW AZOLLA CAROLINIANA IN THE ZARAFSHAN VALLEY CONDITIONS

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Abstract. The article presents the results of laboratory experiments to determine the optimal conditions for growing the aquatic plant *Azolla caroliniana* in different concentrations of cow dung (5-, 10-, 15 g-m²) + KNO₃ (2 g/l). The results of the formation of plant biomass depending on the concentration of the nutrient medium and the density of plants before and after cultivation are highlighted.

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The interest and need for natural food in the world have always been distinguished by the high importance of artificial products, which today increasingly cover many areas. Scientific substantiation of the biological potential of water basins, its correct orientation and distribution of resources, or accurate prediction of the future basin always requires reasonable implementation.

Improving the quality of daily feed rations is becoming an urgent task for increasing the production of livestock and poultry products in Uzbekistan, in particular, the composition of feed rations for livestock and poultry does not meet modern requirements.

In the future, the use of *A. Caroliniana* in various sectors of the economy is a matter of time, so it is necessary to study the bioecological properties of this plant, and this plant is being introduced in Uzbekistan for rational use. It has been distributed for several years in several reservoirs of its regions, mainly due to its good growth in stagnant or slow-flowing waters (Shoyakubov, Dosmetov, 2001).

Azolla is mainly found in the freshwater basins of tropical countries and is native to Vietnam. However, A.N. Krishtofovich testified that azole was also common in Central Asia in ancient times, and its remains were also found in Ustyurt (Oligocene).

Azolla-Anabaena is a symbiotic organism consisting of two plants according to its structure: the crustacean - *Azolla* and the blue-green algae *Anabaena* in its body (Lumpkin, Rlucknett, 1982).

Azolla was first used in practice by a peasant woman named Ba Xen, who lived in the Thai province of Vietnam (Mishustin, Shilnikova, 1968). He achieved very high results using azole in practice. After the woman's death, Thai-Bin peasants erected a statue of the woman under the name "Queen of *Azolla*." Every autumn, on the day of his death, farmers held ceremonies to worship the statue. There was no information about *Azolla* in Vietnam other than this province. *Azolla* is known only to Thai-Bin farmers and is kept a secret. During this time, the study of the development and distribution of azole propagation was banned, which lasted until August 1945, after which the secrets of azole reproduction, distribution and importance in the national economy were revealed.

Azolla caroliniana is a small, 0.7-1.8 cm long floating plant. It also grows and reproduces in water bodies in Uzbekistan. As a result, it covers the surface of the water and prevents light from entering the ponds. Under favourable environmental conditions, azole is rapidly and rapidly transitioning to vegetative reproduction. Carolina azole sporophyte consists of a branched floating 25 mm long root. At the top of it are two rows of

small (0.5–1mm) leaves, as if covered with a tile-like twig. From some joints of the branches can be seen long roots hanging in the water (Dosmetov, 2002).

The structure of the azole leaf indicates a high degree of specialization. Each leaf consists of two segments. The upper segment is green and is located on the surface of the water table. The lower segment is at the bottom of the water and we think it serves to suck up the water. Sometimes the development of courses on the lower segment side is also observed.

Azolla can reproduce several times continuously vegetatively without forming reproductive organs and produces large amounts of green biomass.

In Uzbekistan, *Azolla caroliniana* is propagated mainly vegetatively. Once the lateral branches of the mother plant have matured, they can easily begin to separate from the mother body. Separated side branches begin to grow independently, dispersing using a stream of water. If the mother plant initially had a single main root, then new roots (rhizoids) begin to form during the growth of the side branches. Another characteristic of the vegetative reproduction of azoles is that the mother body (plant) completely divides into a young body (plant). Then, when the lateral branches form roots, the mother root loses its properties, separates from the body and sinks to the bottom of the water, rots and becomes an organo-mineral substance (Dosmetov, 2002).

The importance of azole in the national economy is not limited to its assimilation of atmospheric nitrogen, it also serves as a nutritious supplement in animal husbandry. In several countries, fish, pigs, ducks and black cattle are fed with azole biomass.

We carried out research work to propagate *A. filiculoides* in the reservoirs of the Samarkand region, to study its bioecological properties, to use it in poultry farming and wastewater treatment.

Research materials and methods. The object of study is *Azolla caroliniana* Willd (*Azolla caroliniana* of the sea urchin) is a plant of the class Polypodiopsida, Salviniiales family and family Azollaceae.

Various, organic and organometal nutrient media were prepared for the cultivation of azole, crystallizers, glass-plastic were used. Growth and vegetative propagation of azole were observed in the above devices.

To determine the yield of azoles per 1 m², a method of weighing its wet biomass was used.

Research results and their discussion. For aquatic plants, water is not only an important environmental factor necessary for life but also a direct habitat in which the whole set of factors is formed in contrast to terrestrial plants.

Although *Azolla* is a tropical plant, it usually lives well in stagnant or slow-flowing cool waters. Taking into account these features, we also used special devices to propagate this plant in Uzbekistan. We also dealt with the selection of the necessary nutrient media and the determination of the density of the initial seedlings to accelerate the mass reproduction and increase its efficiency.

Azolla gets the nutrients it needs from water. Its nutrient environment is almost the same as that of other aquatic plants, but the nitrogen demand of azoles is not derived from water, which is fully satisfied by the nitrogen accumulated by the blue-green algae *Anabaena Azolla*, which is its symbiosis.

To study the effect of *Azolla* nutrient content on the dynamics of biomass formation, we conducted experiments in duralumin containers, outdoors (water depth 15-25 cm, water surface area 1 m²). In this case, the nutrient medium was used in 3 different variants (5, 10 and 15 g / l) prepared from the decomposed manure of cattle. KNO₃ (2 g / l) was added to all food options. Wet biomass of 1 m² of azole was injected into the device at a rate of 800 g. The temperature of the nutrient medium was 15-28^oS, pH 6.5-7.5, light 400-450 W / m² FAR. Harvesting additional biomass every day also hurts productivity and plant growth. Therefore, additionally, grown biomass was obtained every 3 days (Table 1).

The 1st table

Dynamics of biomass formation in different nutrient media by *Azolla caroliniana* Willd

№	Type of nutrient medium	The amount of biomass is g / m ²		Daily growth of biomass		30-day growth of biomass	
		First	At the end of the experiment	G	%	g	%

1	5 g / l	800	1553 ± 55	25,1 ± 3	3,3	753 ± 42	94,1
2	10 g / l	800	1340 ± 60	18,7 ± 4	2,3	540 ± 45	67,5
3	15 g / l	800	1130 ± 77	11,7 ± 2	1,4	330 ± 50	42,3

According to the analysis, the average daily increase in biomass density in 5 g / l + KNO₃ (2 g / l) cow manure nutrient medium was 25.1 (3.3%) and the monthly biomass growth was 753 (94.1%) for *Azolla caroliniana* cultivation. found to be acceptable.

The rapid growth of plants growing on the surface of the water depends not only on the composition of the nutrient medium but also on the density of the seedlings in which the plant is first planted.

To study the effect of azole on the density of the initial seedlings, we conducted experiments in duralumin containers, in the open air (water depth 15-25 cm, water surface area 1 m²). In this case, a nutrient medium prepared from the decomposed manure of cattle (5 g / l) was used. Wet biomass of 1 m² of azole was planted on the device at the rate of 200, 400, 600, 800, 1000 and 1200 g. The temperature of the nutrient medium was 15–28^oS, pH 6.5–7.5. Harvesting additional biomass every day also hurts productivity and plant growth. Therefore, additionally, grown biomass was obtained every 3 days (Table 2).

The 2nd table

Effect of seedling density on *Azolla caroliniana* Willd yield

№	The initial density of biomass, g / m ²	After the experiment (after 30 days)			Increase in raw biomass at the end of the experiment	
		Crude biomass, g/m ²	Daily gain		g/m ²	%
			g/m ²	%		
1	200	1260 ± 79	32 ± 4	10,7	960 ± 40	320
2	400	22815 ± 70	77,2 ± 5	15,4	2315 ± 46	463
3	600	1890 ± 59	39,7 ± 6	5,7	1190 ± 60	170
4	800	1780 ± 66	26 ± 4	2,6	780 ± 35	78
5	1000	1720 ± 80	17,3 ± 5	1,4	520 ± 50	43,3
6	1200	1950 ± 70	15 ± 2	1	450 ± 44	30

Experiments have shown that azole grows relatively well and has a high yield (22815 g / m²) when the density of the first planted seedlings is 400 g / m². When the density of the first planted seedlings was low (200 g / m²), the daily yield was only 32.0 g / m². This means an average daily increase of 10.7%. The optimum density of the seedlings is 400 g / m², and from 600 g / m², the density begins to negatively affect the yield. As the density of seedlings increases (800-1200 g / m²), the growth of azole becomes more difficult and in turn, the formation of biomass decreases. The main reason for this is that, as mentioned above, the plants condense and climb on top of each other. As a result, due to the lack of light to the plants exposed to sunlight, there are no conditions for the process of photosynthesis to take place and for the plant to reproduce. As a result, the process of photosynthesis and metabolism in these plants is disrupted, the production of azole biomass is reduced, the lower layers of the plant sink to the bottom and die.

Thus, determining the optimal level of seedling density is of practical importance for azoles, as well as other algae and aquatic plants.

Conclusion. Thus, in the conditions of the Samarkand region, we consider it optimal to use 5 g / l + KNO₃ (2 g / l) nutrient medium of rotten cattle manure in special devices for azole augmentation in laboratories and limited water basins and the optimum density of seedlings is 400 g / m².

Various effluents, organic and mineral substances in collector-groundwater are sufficient for mass reproduction, water environment (pH), light, water and air temperature, azole development and optimal for obtaining biomass from it.

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