## Background

## Microalgae Processing

## Main Benefits of Biofertilizers

Reliance on Chemical Fertilizers





Contributes to environmental pollution.

**Growing World Population** 





Human population increasing 1.1% per year.

**Barriers to Sustainable Agriculture** 

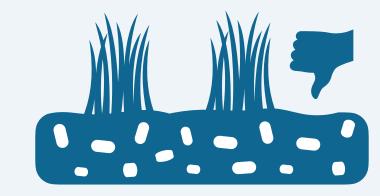
Availability and Cost-Effectiveness of Biofertilizers





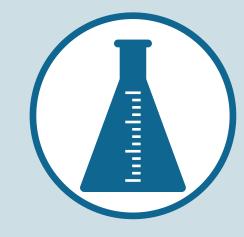
Alternatives exist, but not yet widespread and competitive.

Soil Degradation



Depletion of nutrients and organic matter.

**Cultivation** 



In open ponds or photobioreactors.

Harvesting & Dewatering



Through gravitybased or mechanical methods.

**Cell Disruption** 



Through mechanical or non-mechanical methods.

