

Cryptosporidium



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What is *Cryptosporidium*?

 "Crypto" is a parasite that can cause illness in humans and animals.

Multiple species isolated and named.



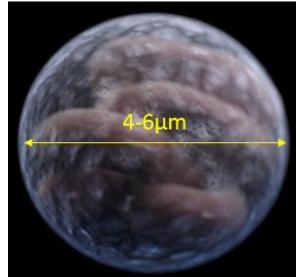


Crypto treatment challenge:

Resistant to chlorine

- **♦ Remove** = coagulation / filtration
- Deactivate = Ultra Violet light

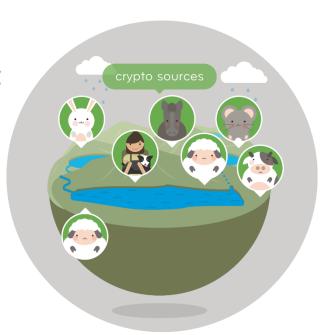






Crypto in the Environment

- Sources are numerous and varied
- Prevalence differs widely in the environment
- Survive for several months
- <u>Detected</u> in water samples across the world





What does Cryptosporidium mean to Dŵr Cymru?

Strategic Response 1:

Safeguarding clean drinking water through catchment management.

 Innovative solutions for reducing the risk of *Cryptosporidium* in a catchment.

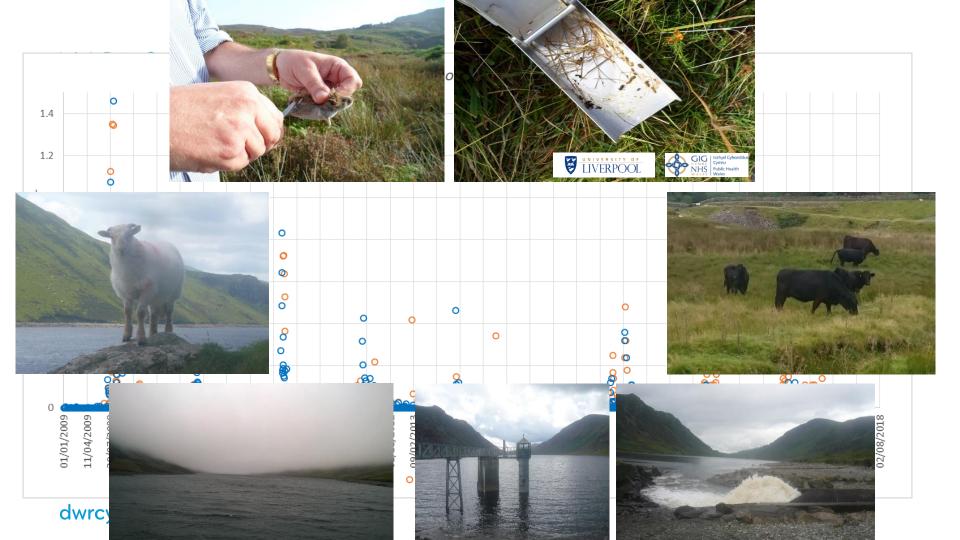




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Research / Evidence Based Approach to inform Welsh Water 2050

- Environmental fate of Crypto?
- How long does it persist in the environment?
- How does it degrade?
- How far is it transported?
- Settlement or suspension of Crypto in the reservoir?

Outcome – Can we manage the reservoir to reduce the *Crypto* peaks?

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Catchment Management Solution Considerations

- Should we fence? Add buffer strips?
- Should we manage livestock in the catchment?
 - remove / reduce
 - influence stock health
- Could we try to manage wildlife?
- Other options?
 - control reservoir dynamics
 - legislation / regulation

