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Ecopath's estimates of consumption (food intake) can be obtained by selecting Consumption under the Parameterization node in the Navigator window.

The consumption of a living group is the product of its biomass ( $B$ ) times its consumption/biomass ratio ( $Q/B$ ). The food intake is a rate expressed, e.g., as  $t/km^2$ / year. The consumption table also displays all flows to the detritus group(s).