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The effect of white kwao keur (*Pueraria mirifica*) on growth performance, feed utilization and some blood constituents in hybrid catfish (*Clarias macrocephalus* x *Clarias gariepinus*) was investigated on 1 month old fish with the average weight of  $1.06 \pm 0.01$  g/fish. The isocaloric diets of 2,800 kcal/kg feed digestible energy with seven levels of *Pueraria mirifica* (0, 200, 400, 800, 1,200, 2,400 and 3,600 mg/kg) were studied. The first period of experiment (day 1 – 30) fish were fed with 32 % crude protein diet and fed with 28 % crude protein diet in second period (day 31 – 60). The result showed that in first period, growth performance and survival rate was not significantly different ( $p>0.05$ ) but hybrid catfish fed with diet supplemental *Pueraria mirifica* 400 to 1,200 mg/kg feed showed the better feed efficiency, feed conversion, protein efficiency and net protein utilization ( $p<0.05$ ). Red blood cell, hematocrit, hemoglobin and hepatosomatic index (HSI) of groups fed with 800 – 2,400 mg/kg. kwao keur were higher than the others ( $p<0.05$ ). The result from second period showed that growth performance, protein efficiency and net protein utilization of fish fed with *Pueraria mirifica* 800 mg/kg feed were highest ( $p<0.05$ ) but no difference on feed conversion and cost for fish product ( $p>0.05$ ). High levels of white kwao keur in feed show effect on increasing of hematological values ( $p<0.05$ ) but no difference on hepatosomatic index of fish ( $p>0.05$ ). Protein digestibility of test diet were not significantly difference ( $p>0.05$ ) among the different level of *Pueraria mirifica* in the diet. The results could be reveal that to supplement *Pueraria mirifica* 400 to 1,200 mg/kg feed in hybrid catfish diets demonstrated the better growth performance and feed utilization.

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