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MORPHOLOGY OF VIMBA VIMBA (L., 1758) OF LUBIE LAKE (UPPER DRAVA RIVER)

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ABSTRACT

Vimba vimba in Poland is classified as a critically endangered species. The most important causes of such a situation are damages of habitats including those concerning natural reproduction. In 2000 and 2001 18 specimens of Vimba were collected from Lubie Lake situated in the Drawa River system. Meristic and biometric traits were estimated. The fish was classified as species Vimba vimba (Linnaeus, 1758) and nominative subspecies Vimba vimba vimba (L., 1758). The results allowed to compare populations designated as stationary and migratory (anadromous). Traits that distinguish the stationary form the migratory one are: longer head, longer tail trunk, longer pectoral fins and higher dorsal fin. As to the head itself the migratory Vimba have shorter preorbital space than the stationary ones and the latter have longer "cartilaginous nose".