



82. WHITE BREAM / GUESTER (*Blicca bjoerkna*)

IDENTIFICATION: The white bream looks like the bream and is therefore often mistaken for this fish. The white bream reaches a length of about 30 cm. It is considerably smaller than the bream. Because of their bony meat, white bream are not very popular. In managed lakes, professional fishermen try to regulate white bream stocks, because they compete for food with other, more valuable types of fish.

HABITAT: The white bream is found in slowly moving waters of bigger rivers. Sometimes, however, they can be found also in lakes.

FOOD: Young white bream prefer plankton while older ones are bottom feeders.

SPAWNING: The white bream spawn from May through June. Like other cyprinids, they then try to find shallow bank areas covered with plants to deposit their eggs.