



71. DACE / HASEL (*Leuciscus leuciscus*)

IDENTIFICATION: The dace is similar in appearance to the chub; the body is spindle-shaped and compressed slightly laterally. The mouth is small, with a slightly projected upper jaw. The back is blue-black, often a steel-blue hue; flanks and belly yellowish to white; dorsal and tail fins gray to dark gray; pectoral, pelvic, and anal fins dull yellow to orange-red; and the front edge of pectoral fins occasionally has a gray tinge.

HABITAT: The dace is typically found in the middle reaches of rivers and brooks, it also occurs in the near of the inlet and outlet of lakes.

FOOD:

- (1) **Diet:** It feeds on larvae and flying insects falling into the water.
- (2) **Value:** The food value is similar to that of ide and chub.

SPAWNING: Dace spawn from March to May when males display a breeding dress of many small sexual tubercles.

GENERAL: Recommended rod and bait for dace are the same as for ide.