

THE DANUBE RIVERS TOGETHER FOR CLEAN WATER

Huchen *Hucho hucho*

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Sterlet *Acipenser ruthenus*

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Zope *Aramis ballerus*

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HUCHEN

Hucho hucho
Bedroht durch:

... die Unterbrechung der Flussläufe
durch Wehre und Kraftwerke.

Der Huchen wandert zum Laichen flussaufwärts und legt in eine Grube im Flussbett bis zu 1000 Eier. Oft werden die Laichplätze durch Schotterbaggerungen zerstört oder Hindernisse entlang des Flusses verhindern die Laichwanderung.

Fischaufstiege helfen dem Huchen in seine Laichgebiete zu kommen! Halten wir dem Huchen den Weg frei!



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STERLET

Acipenser ruthenus
Bedroht durch:

... die Regulierung der Gewässer.

Der Sterlet bewohnt Flussabschnitte mit flachen, strömungsruhigen Uferzonen. Durch Flussbegradigungen und Uferbefestigungen werden aber gerade diese Uferzonen unserer Gewässer zerstört.

Er ist einer der letzten überlebenden Vertreter der Familie der Störe in unserer Donau! Erhalten wir seinen Lebensraum!



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ZOPE

Aramis ballerus
Bedroht durch:

... das Abtrennen der Altarme vom Hauptstrom im Zuge von Regulierungen und Kraftwerkbau.

Die Zope nutzt die offenen Altarme und vernetzten Nebengewässer zur Nahrungsaufnahme und als Standplatz. Zum Ablaichen auf dem Kiesbett muss die Zope jedoch in den Hauptstrom.

Fördern wir die Vernetzung der Alt- und Nebenarme mit dem Hauptstrom!



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Danube Salmon *Hucho hucho*

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Blue Bream *Abramis ballerus*

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Beluga Sturgeon *Huso huso*

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DANUBE SALMON

Hucho hucho

Under threat from:

- ... over-exploitation, pollution and river engineering.

The Danube Salmon is a monster of the river. Growing up to 150 cm, it vigorously defends its territory and is a voracious predator, eating fish, amphibians, reptiles, waterfowl and even small mammals. It is one of the world's most endangered fish. Due to complex requirements for spawning and hatching, re-introductions often fail.

Protecting its natural environment and providing access routes upstream is the only way to protect the Danube Salmon!



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STERLET

Acipenser ruthenus

Under threat from:

- ... river engineering.

The Sterlet is one of the last surviving sturgeons in our Danube. They are amazing swimmers. Distinguished by their narrow, pointed snouts, four long barbells (to locate food) and a shark-like tail, they grow up to 70cm long and live mainly in brackish freshwater.

River straightening and impoundment has destroyed much of their habitat. They need our protection!



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BLUE BREAM

Abramis ballerus

Under threat from:

- ... river engineering and hydro power stations.

The Blue Bream's preference for a quiet life means it is under threat! Requiring open brackish backwaters and linked side-arms, much of its habitat has been destroyed. A member of the carp family, it is recognised by its feather-like tail, upturned mouth and beautiful bluish-black silver flanks.

Let's protect and restore the natural mosaic of Danube channels for the Blue Bream!



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BELUGA STURGEON

Huso huso

Under threat from:

- ... the disruption of migration routes and river flows.

The "Giant of the Danube", the Beluga is the world's largest freshwater fish, growing more than 5m long. It is also one of the longest living – up to 100 years – and most valuable – its caviar can reach huge prices. Sadly, the mighty fish is also one of the most endangered animals in the world.

We need to create uninterrupted routes from the Black Sea to spawning grounds if it is to survive in the wild.

