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Leuciscus idus

Description

Potentially released as an aquarium release or from aquaculture.

Identification

Can reach 102 cm in length. Chunky bodied fish with back and belly distinctly arched. Small, bluntly pointed head and definitively forked caudal fin. Silver morph: greyish-olive back, silver-white sides and belly, reddish pelvic and anal fins

Golden morph: bright orange back, silvery-orange sides and belly, bright orange dorsal and caudal fins

Habitat

Native to areas across Europe from Scandinavia to Siberia. Found in clean, clear pools of medium to large ponds, lakes, and rivers. This species can tolerate higher levels of salinity than any other fish species in its family.

Reproduction



Spawns in schools over weed beds or gravel in shallow areas. Produces thousands of pale yellow eggs c. 2mm in diameter. Hatching occurs in one to two weeks, producing young fish 8-10mm long. Matures at 3-4 yrs.

Impact

Due to this species' tolerance to a range of habitats, it is believed that this fish has the potential to become more of a problem than common carp if established.

Similar

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Currently there are no known methods for control. Preventative measures

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