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ICHTIOFAUNA DORZECZA WIERZYCY

THE ICHTHYOFAUNA OF THE WIERZYCA RIVER DRAINAGE BASIN

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ABSTRACT

In 1997 and 1998 the ichthyofauna of Wierzyca River (Northern Poland, tributary of Vistula River) and its tributaries was investigated. On 49 sampling sites 3895 individuals of 30 species of fishes and 2 species of lampreys were caught. The most numerous were fishes from phytophils and psammophils groups. Pollution, numerous dams built in the river course and agricultural exploitation of the river drainage basin probably caused changes in original compilation and distribution of fishes. The presence of *Barbus meridionalis peteryi* (the most northern site in Poland) were stated.