



PROTECTED FISH

KNOWING HOW TO IDENTIFY IT

Long and round snout
(unlike sculpin)

Tapered body
(unlike Eurasian ruffe)



Absence of barbel
(unlike common barbel)

Rough skin

3 or 4 black strips



IF YOU OBSERVED IT, PLEASE INFORM:

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RHONE STREBER PROTECTION

IT IS EVERYONE BUSINESS!



A National program

After two European LIFE programs and a first national program, the government pursues its actions to protect the species starting a second national program for 10 years from 2020 to 2030.



Financial partners

The national program funding is ensured by public and private funds.

A local community engaged on the Rhone river territories

Research laboratories, river associations, local authorities, French electricity generation company (CNR), French multinational electric utility company (EDF)... Everyone come together to improve our knowledge around this species and protect it.

And you, us, all together...

Our life style, our way of consumption, our hobbies are impacting the rivers and the Rhone Streber. Respect freshwater ecosystems, do not moving river stones, talk about it around you... are small easy acts for biodiversity.



A SPECIES THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION



THE RHONE STREBER
The sentinel of our rivers





DISCOVER THE RHONE STREBER

A fish which exists only on the Rhone watershed and nowhere else in the world

The Rhone streber is an endemic fish of the Rhone river and its tributaries. Still very abundant and widespread in 1950, its distribution range has decrease of 90% in a century. It is one of the most threaten species in France. **If the Rhone streber would disappeared in the Rhone watershed, it would be nowhere to be seen on Earth!**

A discrete and solitary fish

Poorly known until 1990, the Rhone Streber has never aroused interest. It remained motionless and solitary during the day, laying on river bed, camouflaged by its body color. It becomes active during the night where it looks for food. It breeds during the spring on pebble area in white and good quality water.

An endangered fish

Present historically in the Rhone river and numerous tributaries, it disappeared from several waterways. The fragmentation of his habitat by dams and weirs, combined with water pollution and some human's activities has led to its decline.

The Rhone Streber was present on...



**NOWADAYS
THE RHONE STREBER
LIVES ONLY
HERE**



A sentinel fish, synonym of good quality rivers

Liking clear and cool waters, pebbles and diversified habitats, but always well oxygenated, its presence indicates good quality rivers.

Its presence or absence, as the fluctuation of its populations, provide us insight about the health status of the river. When its population decreased or disappeared, it is not a good signal! It is the reason why the Rhone streber is considered as a sentinel species.



**PROTECTED
RIVERS MEANS
RHONE STREBER
SAVED, SO...**

- **Let's save water** to leave some in our rivers, especially during the summer.
- **Don't pollute the rivers.**
- **Let's respect Rhone streber habitats:** avoid to stamp on pebbles, to move rocks from the river bed...
- **Avoid to put obstacles impacting its movements:** the Rhone streber, like many other animals, needs to move to eat, to breed... the installation of fish-ways on dams and the removal of weirs is helping to recolonize its past territory.