

Ruffe, *Gymnocephalus cernuus* (LINNAEUS, 1758)  
(Pisces: Percidae) - a New Species to the Struma  
River Basin (Studena Reservoir, West Bulgaria)

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**Abstract:** Two specimens of Ruffe (*Gymnocephalus cernuus*) were caught in the Studena Reservoir in the late August of 2005. This is the first finding of the species in the Struma River basin (Aegean Sea Watershed). Probably it had been accidentally introduced together with other valuable fish species.

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