

The Food of Chub (*Leuciscus cephalus*) from the Middle Stream of the Iskar River (Bulgaria)

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Abstract: The food composition during the period of 2001, 2002 and 2003 of the 325 chubs were determinate. The rest of 288 stomachs (88.62%) were full. The algae (58.57%) had the highest contribution (58.57%), followed by macrophytes (8.32%), insects (24.73%) and remains from terrestrial vascular plants (2.26%). The main food of the chub with size from 101 mm to 300 mm consisted of micro- and macroalgae, insects (larvae, adults and different parts of their bodies) and macrophytes. Besides these components, the food of larger specimens with size between 301 mm and 400 mm included fishes as well.

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