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OUTLINE OF THE HISTORY
OF FISH SPECIES CONSERVATION IN POLAND

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ABSTRACT

The history of fish species conservation in Poland originates as early as in the Middle Ages. At that time precious species (e.g. Atlantic sturgeon – *Acipenser sturio*) might be fished only with the king's or prince's permission. Between restituting Poland's independence in 1918 and the present time several important legal acts regulating the conservation of native fishes have been passed. At present all (four) lamprey and 22 fish species (14 freshwater and 8 marine ones – occurring in the Polish zone of the Baltic) are covered with strict species protection.