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### **ICHTIOFAUNA RZEKI WARTY**

#### FISH FAUNA OF THE WARTA RIVER

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Fish distribution and community structure were investigated in 1996-98 at 71 sites located along the 808 km long Warta River, a right side tributary of the Odra River, Poland. Fish fauna, represented by 30 species in total, appears to be very impoverished. Generally a low number of species was locally captured. Three phytolithophils, i.e. roach, perch and bleak composed almost 75%, while obligatory riverine fish only 7,5% of all fish in Warta. Migratory species were drastically rare. Such *status quo* results from the existence of two dam reservoirs without fish ladders, and from strong pollution of the river.