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**ICHTIOFAUNA RZEKI RAWKI
ZMIANY I PERSPEKTYWY**

ICHTHYOFAUNA OF THE RAWKA RIVER
CHANGES AND PROSPECTS

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ABSTRACT

The third series of fish stock inventory research undertaken in the Rawka River (1995) proved the river's catastrophic condition, despite its whole course being legally protected (Rawka Aquarian Reserve). As compared with respective inventory research carried out in the sixties and eighties a few, mostly typically riverine, species disappeared but much more pronounced negative changes were recorded in the density of most populations and also in the ranges of their occurrence. Despite rather intensive stocking no success in hindering the decline of fish stock was observed. The river is still strongly polluted (also with heavy metals), its 90 km course is impounded with 14 sluices and dams and, besides, it is exposed to large scale poaching.