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## ZAŁOŻENIA DO REGIONALNEJ OCHRONY GATUNKOWEJ RYB

PREMISES TO THE REGIONAL CONSERVATION OF FISH SPECIES

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## ABSTRACT

The study discusses factors causing the disappearance of species and their local races. Examples connected with the destruction of natural habitats, expulsion by introduced species, with habitat changes due to chemical pollution, with hybridization with other species and subspecies, and with overfishing, are described. In the conservation of species the conservation of habitats is most important. This type of protection should become the basic task in the strategy of conserving water habitats. Active forms of conservation and restitution of cohorts from populations of too low abundance may not produce satisfactory results and, as the most expensive and very work-consuming, should be applied as the last resort left, when all other methods fail. A few basic fields of activity for the regional conservation of fish species are proposed.