



#### **70. IDE / ALAND / ORFE (*Leuciscus idus*)**

**IDENTIFICATION:** The body of the ide is somewhat hump-shaped and compressed slightly laterally. Jaws are equally long, and the mouth is small. The tail fin is forked. The color can vary, but, normally, the back is gray-black and the flanks dull white, shading into silver toward the belly. The dorsal and the tail fins are gray-blue; all other fins are reddish.

**HABITAT:** The ide is a cyprinid which can be found in freshwater streams and lakes. Ide favors clear, deep waters.

**FOOD:**

- (1) **Diet:** Ide feed on insects, larvae, worms, snails and fish fry.
- (2) **Value:** Fishermen do not favor ide because the meat is bony.

**SPAWNING:** Ide spawn from April to July when the male displays a bright breeding dress. Females deposit the eggs on stones and water plants in the shallows.

**GENERAL:** The ide can be caught with fly and spinning rods. Recommended bait includes worms and grasshoppers.