

Common nase ( *Chondrostoma nasus* ) is a species of freshwater fish from the family Cyprinidae (Cyprinidae). Mumps occurs in western, central and eastern Europe. It is also found in northern Europe in Lithuania and in the south in Bulgaria. It does not occur on the Iberian, Apennine, Balkan, Scandinavian and British Isles peninsulas.

Common nase inhabits piedmont rivers lying in the so-called the land of grayling and barbel, with a strong and fast current. In Poland, we can meet her mainly in the southern tributaries of the Vistula, such as San, Oslawa, Dunajec, Wisłok, Wisłoka.

In the Sanocki Powiat, common nase occur abundantly in the rivers San, Oslawa and Sanoczek. In Ukraine, in the Żydaczowski District, it occurs particularly frequently in the Stryj River.

The fish live in large groups, in shallows usually not exceeding 2 meters deep, with a sharp current and stony, sandy or slightly muddy bottom. On average, Common nase reaches 25 to 50 cm in length and weighs a maximum of 2 kg. The longest individuals grow to 60 cm.

The common nase body is elongated, laterally flattened with a spindle-like structure. It has a small head, lower mouth (in the shape of a slit) with characteristic hard cartilaginous lips, of which the bottom with a sharp edge acts as a scraper.

The characteristic tail fin deeply indented in the moon-like shape distinguishes the pig from other carp fish. Dorsal and abdominal fins mounted on one line.

The back has a gray-green color, the sides are lighter with a silvery gloss, the abdomen is white or yellowish. The coloration of the sides and bottom of the head is greenish gray with an orange coating.

The even and anal fins are red, the caudal fin is reddish brown, and in its lower part more reddish.

Scales covering the body are firmly set, small, with rounded shapes. The lateral line runs straight along almost the entire length of the body and is slightly bent just off the head.

During the breeding season, the body color becomes more intense and a dark band forms on the sides. In males, characteristic horny warts (pearly rash) appear on the head, sides of the body and on the fins. In females, the rash is limited to the head only.

The common nase for spawning migrates upriver to areas with better oxygenated waters. She starts breeding from March to May when the water temperature reaches 12-18 °C.

The spectacular migration of common nase to spawning grounds, when the moving groups count up to several thousand fish, is often compared to salmon spawning in Alaska. This natural phenomenon, unique on a European scale, takes place just below the surface of the water, on a sandy and gravelly ground, or

on a stone surface like on the Oślawa River. During spawning, fish often jump out above the water surface.

Spawning takes place in shallow, rocky streams and rivers. Reproduction takes place in a sandy or gravelly ground.

30 thousand fish. eggs with a greenish color. Hatching of young fry takes place after about 10 to 30 days. The fry initially hides under stones. The fish ripens after about 4-5 years and lives up to 17 years.

The fish is mainly herbivorous, feeds on plant debris and other plant food (diatoms, algae, etc.) found at the bottom, scraping them with lips from the surface of stones and etching at the bottom of the river. It also feeds on small animals living on the bottom of the river. Looking for them at the bottom, he can even move small stones.

The Social Fisheries Guard operating together with the National Fisheries Guard operating in the Sanocki Powiat for several dozen years, during the spawning period, pigs carry out protective measures that have led to virtually the disappearance of poaching. Until recently, despite the protective period, this fish fell victim to poachers, who later used it often as food for farm animals.

Spawning of the common nase in the rivers of the Sanok powiat and the Jewish District will be immortalized on the "tapes" of the promotional and educational film that will be implemented as part of this Project.

The spawning of the common nase can be seen in an amateur film recorded by a social security guard in Sanok:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqUoILfehk4>