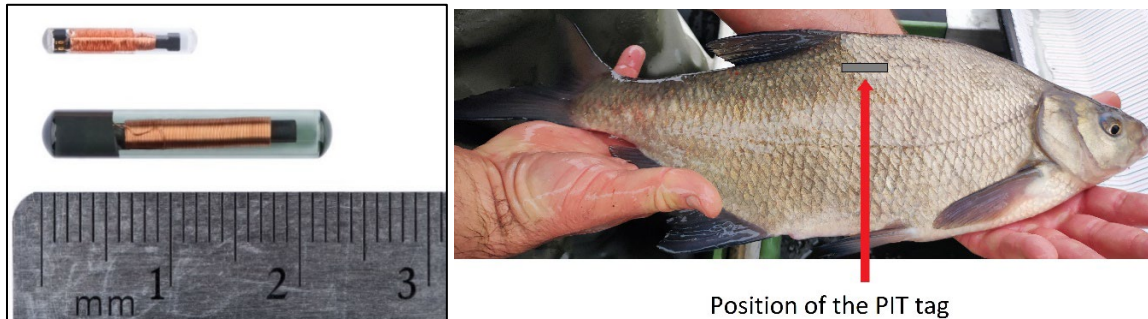


INFORMATION ON THE MARKING OF FISH in the Danube & connected tributaries



The Institute of Hydrobiology and Aquatic Management at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, is conducting fish ecological studies at the Danube and its tributaries/ side arms in the section between Altenwörth and the area of the National Park Donauauen as part of a research project (<https://cdl-meri.boku.ac.at>). **Duration:** Until September 2028

As part of the research, fish are tagged with a "Passive-Integrated-Transponder" (PIT-tag for short). These are small "chips" that have been specially developed for use on wild animals (comparable to the "chipping" of pets). These chips do not have their own battery and are therefore harmless to the environment. The chips have a length of 12 or 23 mm and are injected under the skin of the fish below the dorsal fin (see picture). In principle, all fish species are marked, but primarily adult specimens of large-growing species (nase, barbel, bream, chub, ide, catfish, pikeperch, danube roach, vimba bream, pike, carp, etc.).

The marking of the fish is done to collect information on migration behaviour of the different species. The overall goal of the project is to develop habitat measures that are as effective as possible, to further restore the Danube ecosystem and also to sustainably and effectively protect fish populations and improve fish stocks.

The chips are absolutely harmless to humans - even if accidentally eaten! Should you discover one of the chips when gutting or eating a fish, we kindly ask you to fill in the **feedback form** and either return it to the address given or hand it in to the fishing tackle dealer.

Feedback of PIT tag findings (chips) in harvested fish

Fish species:	
Fish length [mm]:	
Catch date:	
Fishing beat:	
River kilometer (Danube), description of the fishing site (e.g.: on the left bank, 1km above the Greifenstein station, bay).	
Remarks (if available coordinates, external conspicuousness, sex, etc.):	
Contact information:	

Please stick the PIT tag here with an adhesive tape.



Adress for returning PIT tags (chips):

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