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Ensuring the Success of Eel Restocking

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The European eel, which was very abundant a few decades ago, is currently facing decline due to numerous factors (pollution, hydroelectric power generation, etc.). To reverse this trend, Europe and France are implementing measures to reduce sources of mortality or to benefit the species.

Restocking essentially involves transferring young eels—known as glass eels—from estuarine areas to receiving sites, which offer the most favorable habitats.

This transfer, the result of close cooperation between fishermen, fish wholesalers, scientists, and government agencies, prevents mortality associated with migration. By establishing areas with reduced mortality rates, restocking is expected to yield greater benefits than natural colonization. The goal is to help increase the number of healthy spawners returning to the sea while the habitats and water quality are being restored. Restocking, which has been practiced for decades in northern European countries, is accompanied by rigorous scientific monitoring in France.

Eel Restocking: A Necessary Management Measure in Europe and France

Restocking remains:

– a European requirement: Regulation (EC) No. 1100/2007 requires EU countries to set aside 60% of their glass eel production for restocking in European waters;

– a national commitment: the French Eel Management Plan (PGA) calls for setting aside between 5% and 10% of the national glass eel production for restocking in French watersheds;

– an emergency measure until longer-term solutions prove fully effective.

France is the leading supplier of glass eels within the European Union.

It sets aside 60% of its production to enable member states to carry out their restocking programs. Each year, in accordance with the PGA's objectives, between 5% and 10% of national production is released as fry into various river basins across the country, along the Atlantic coast.

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