



88. MODERLIESCHEN (*Leucaspis delineatus*)

IDENTIFICATION: Small fish with a length of no more than 15 cm, slender body. Fishing laws grant them all-year protection. Moderlieschen are popular aquarium fish.

HABITAT: Small, still waters and river bays with little current. They stay close to the water surface. In some years, masses of Moderlieschen can be found, in other years, only few are found. Such variation in stock is typical of small short-lived species.

FOOD: Moderlieschen feed on zoo-plankton and insects floating on the water.

SPAWNING: They spawn from April through June. Eggs are deposited on the stems of water plants by the female and then watched by the male.