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BONY FISH BONES
FROM ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES**

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The editorial board of „*Studii de Preistorie*” (Studies in Prehistory) reaches a long-planned milestone, achieves a long-pursued goal and, at the same time, fulfills a duty of honor by initiating the „*Supplementum*” series. We open this new publishing avenue with the declared scope of encouraging detailed specialty and interdisciplinary studies in the field of archeology, and as a more focused vehicle of dissemination for the results of these studies.

The series is opened by the first atlas of identification of fish remains from archeological sites ever to be published. The author of this atlas, Dr. Valentin Radu, is the only Romanian specialist working in the field of archeoichthyology, to whom we owe our better understanding of, and new perspectives on, the interactions of human communities with the aquatic environments over bygone millenia. These environments – rivers, lakes, ponds, or swamps – whether located in the immediate vicinity or farther away from settlements, provided important food resources and not only. In-depth knowledge of the exploitation and management of these resources and environments represents an important step in understanding of the life style of prehistoric populations.

This atlas is meant to facilitate taxonomic identification of the fish remains discovered on archeological sites, and by that to broaden the scope of studies of prehistory. One of the lesser emphasized corollaries of this endeavor for modern archeological field studies is the necessity of careful and detailed sampling of remains of the aquatic fauna. In a very timely manner, Dr. Radu's contribution builds successfully on the „*Atlas of compared anatomy*” published by Gheție et al. (1954) more than half a century ago.

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PRÉFACE

La publication d'une nouvelle série « Supplementum » dans la revue *Studii de Preistorie* est une bonne nouvelle pour la communauté archéologique, et son premier volume consacré à l'archéozoologie mérite d'être largement diffusé.

Avec cet atlas d'identification des poissons osseux issus des sites archéologiques, Valentin Radu inaugure de la plus brillante manière le premier numéro de cette nouvelle collection.

Il comble une lacune importante pour l'Europe centrale, car, s'il existait déjà ce genre d'atlas pour les mammifères, les oiseaux ou même les batraciens, ce n'était pas encore le cas pour le vaste domaine des poissons.

Cet atlas consacré aux poissons d'eau douce les plus communs de Roumanie, et les plus importants dans la paléo-économie des sites archéologiques, présente les principaux ossements retrouvés sur les anciens gisements; les nombreux et excellents dessins, figurant les os sous leurs différentes faces, seront d'une aide précieuse à tous les chercheurs confrontés à des problèmes de diagnose, qu'ils soient archéologues ou archéozoologues.

Les 26 taxons du Danube représentés débordent par ailleurs les frontières de la Roumanie, et cet ouvrage sera apprécié par tous ceux qui, dans l'ensemble de l'Europe, sont appelés à déterminer des restes osseux de poissons d'eaux douces.

Nul doute que Valentin Radu, archéoichtyologue de haut niveau de par sa double formation en zoologie et en archéologie, était particulièrement habilité à la réalisation de cet ouvrage, grâce à sa parfaite maîtrise de ces faunes dulçaquicoles.

On ne peut que se réjouir de cet ouvrage de grande qualité, et souhaiter que cet effort soit poursuivi, et pourquoi pas étendu par la suite à d'autres faunes, comme par exemple les poissons de mer.

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Octobre, 2005

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Family	Species	Vernacular name	Individuals observed
Acipenseridae	<i>Acipenser ruthenus</i>	sterlet	2
	<i>Acipenser stellatus</i>	stellate sturgeon	2
Salmonidae	<i>Salmo trutta lacustris</i>	trout	4
Clupeidae	<i>Alosa pontica</i>	Danube shad	5
Esocidae	<i>Esox lucius</i>	pike	24
Cyprinidae	<i>Abramis brama</i>	bream	41
	<i>Alburnus alburnus</i>	bleak	4
	<i>Aspius aspius</i>	asp	9
	<i>Barbus barbus</i>	barbel	5
	<i>Blicca bjoerkna</i>	white bream	12
	<i>Carassius auratus</i>	goldfish	2
	<i>Chalcalburnus chalcooides</i>	Danubian bleak	
	<i>mento</i>		5
	<i>Chondrostoma nasus</i>	nase	3
	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	common carp	34
	<i>Leuciscus idus</i>	ide, orfe	13
	<i>Pelecus cultratus</i>	ziege	3
	<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>	roach	14
	<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>	rudd	3
	<i>Tinca tinca</i>	tench	4
	<i>Vimba vimba carinata</i>	Baltic vimba	3
Siluridae	<i>Silurus glanis</i>	wels catfish	22
Percidae	<i>Acerina schraetser</i>	schreatzer	4
	<i>Aspro zingel</i>	zingel	2
	<i>Gymnocephalus (Acerina) sp.</i>	ruffe	4
	<i>Perca fluviatilis</i>	perch	14
	<i>Stizostedion lucioperca</i>	pikeperch	25

Table 1. Species illustrated in this book.

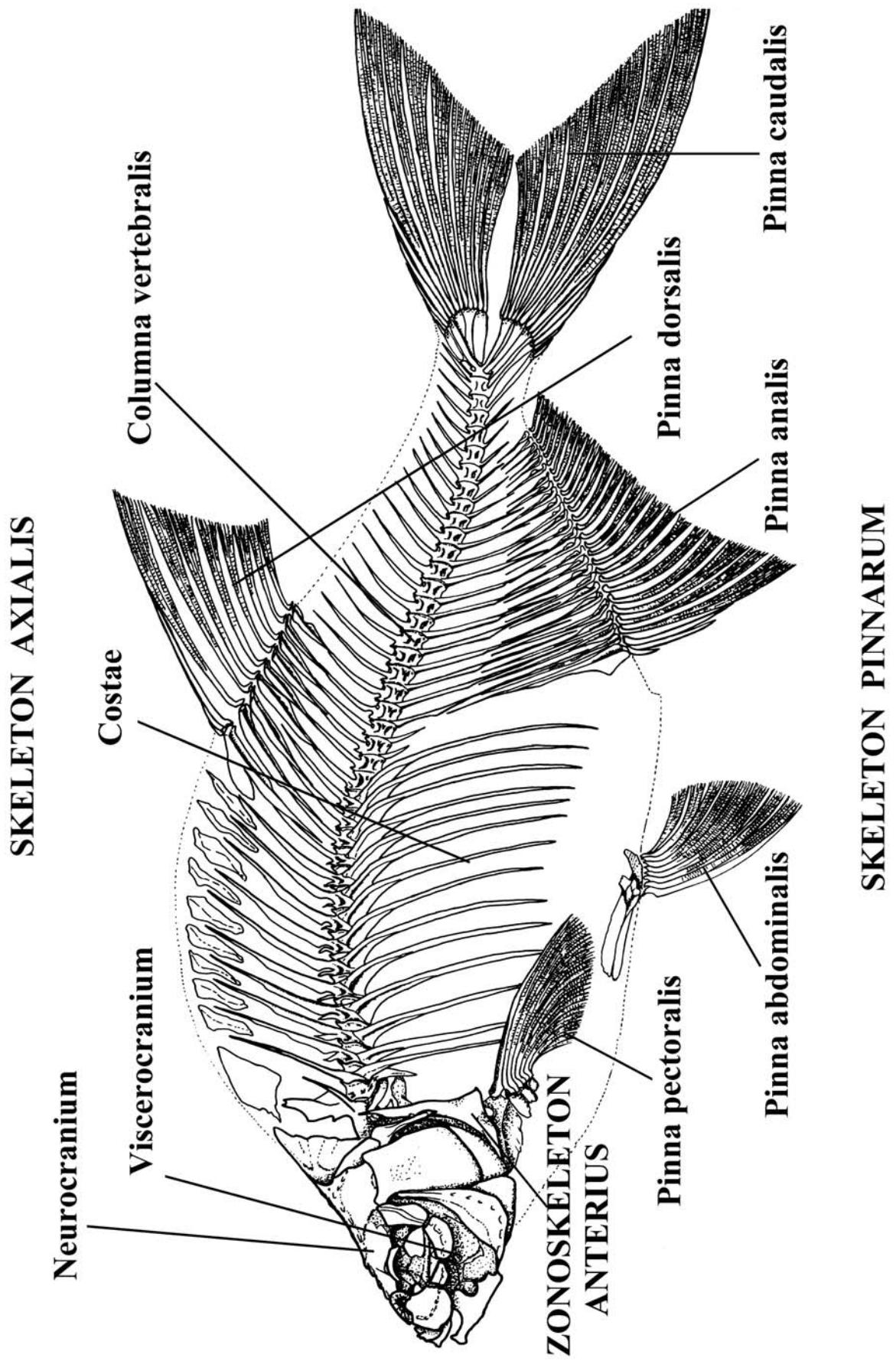


Fig. 1. Bream, *Abramis brama* (lateral view). Whole skeleton.

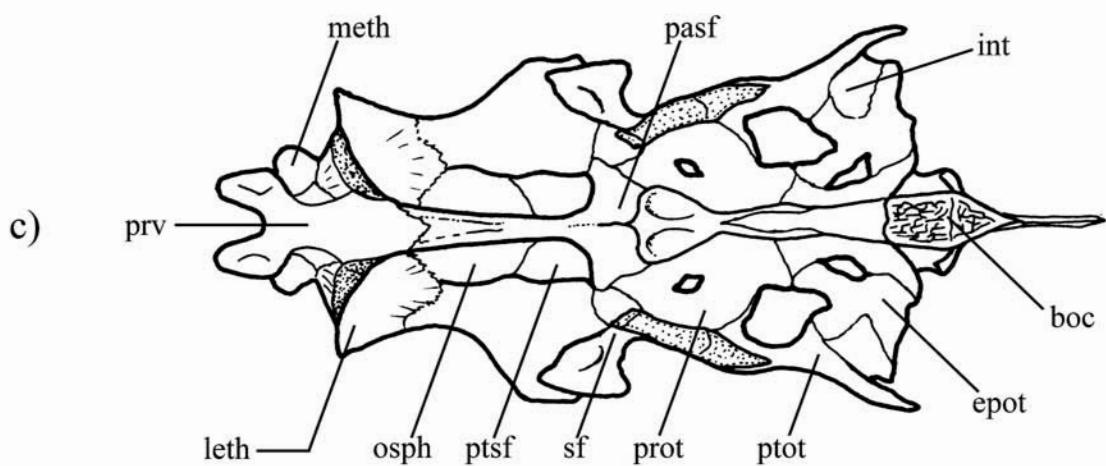
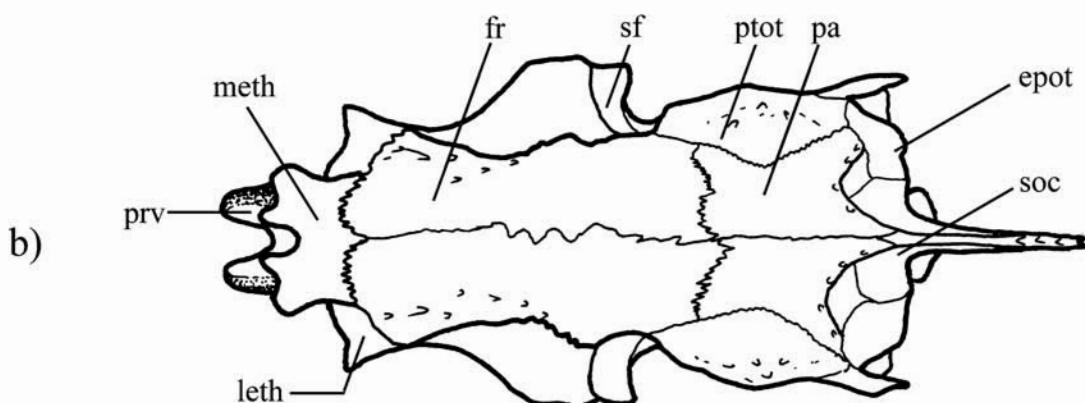
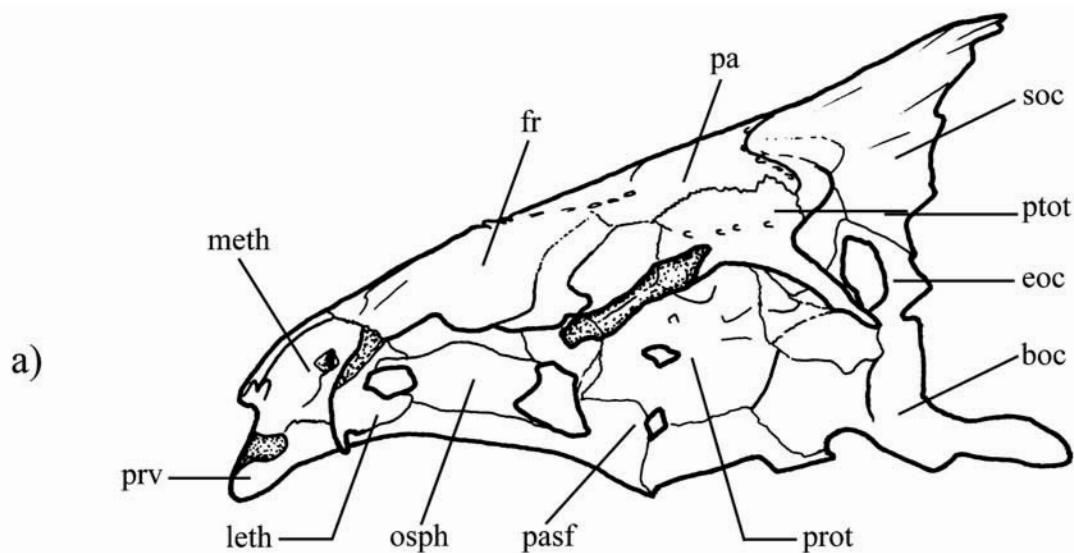


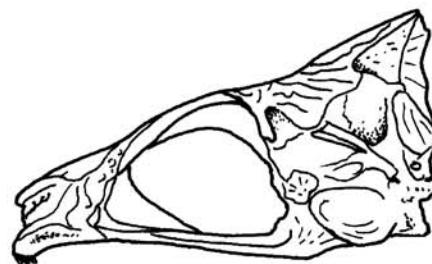
Fig. 2. Bream, *Abramis brama*. Neurocranium.
a) Lateral view. b) Dorsal view. c) Ventral view.

NEUROCRANIUM

NORMA LATERALIS



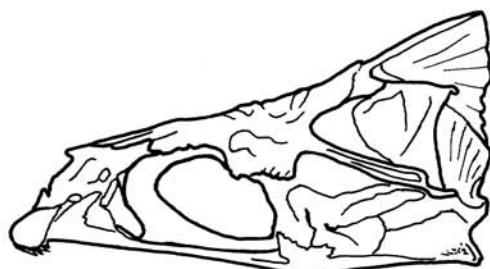
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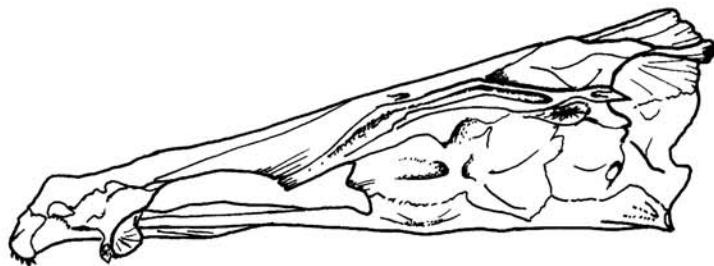
Gymnocephalus sp.



Aspro zingel



Perca fluviatilis



Stizostedion lucioperca

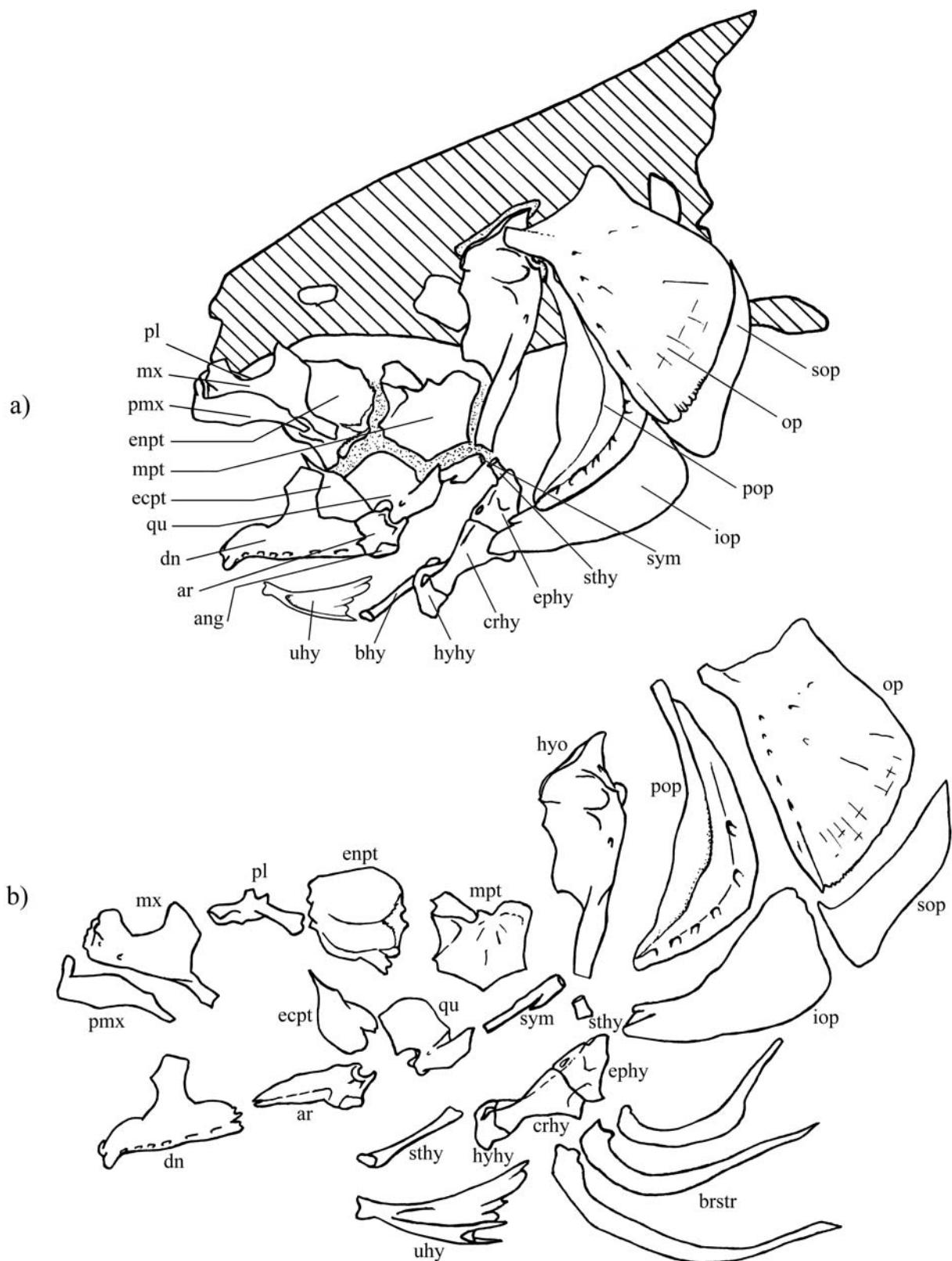


Fig. 3. Bream, *Abramis brama* (lateral view). Head bones.
a) Elements of the left side of head in connection. b) Exploded view of the head.

MAXILLARE

NORMA MEDIALIS



Salmo trutta lacustris



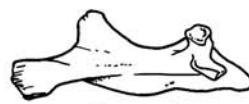
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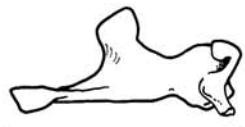
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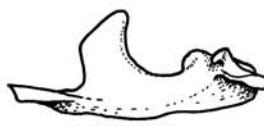
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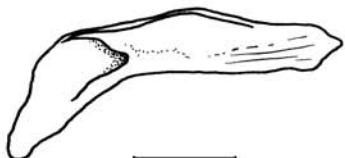


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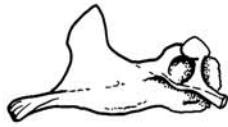


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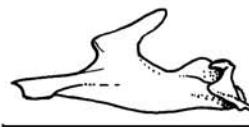
NORMA SUPERIOR



Silurus glanis



Rutilus rutilus

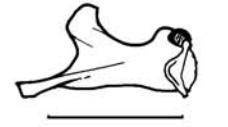


Scardinius erythrophthalmus

NORMA LATERALIS



Acerina schraetser



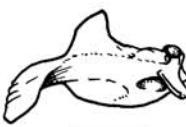
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Leuciscus idus



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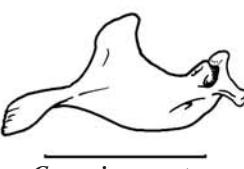
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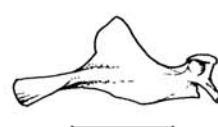
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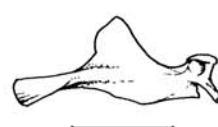
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Tinca tinca



Aspius aspius