

as a new host for the European bitterling



We report for the first time that the freshwater mussel *Microcondylaea bonellii* (Férussac, 1827) functions as a suitable host for the European bitterling *Rhodeus amarus* (Bloch, 1782). Given the recent expansion of *R. amarus* in Europe, the possible physiological cost (e.g. competition for oxygen, reduction in water circulation, and consequent impairment of filter-feeding) of this interaction may further affect the already poor conservation status of *M. bonellii* populations.

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