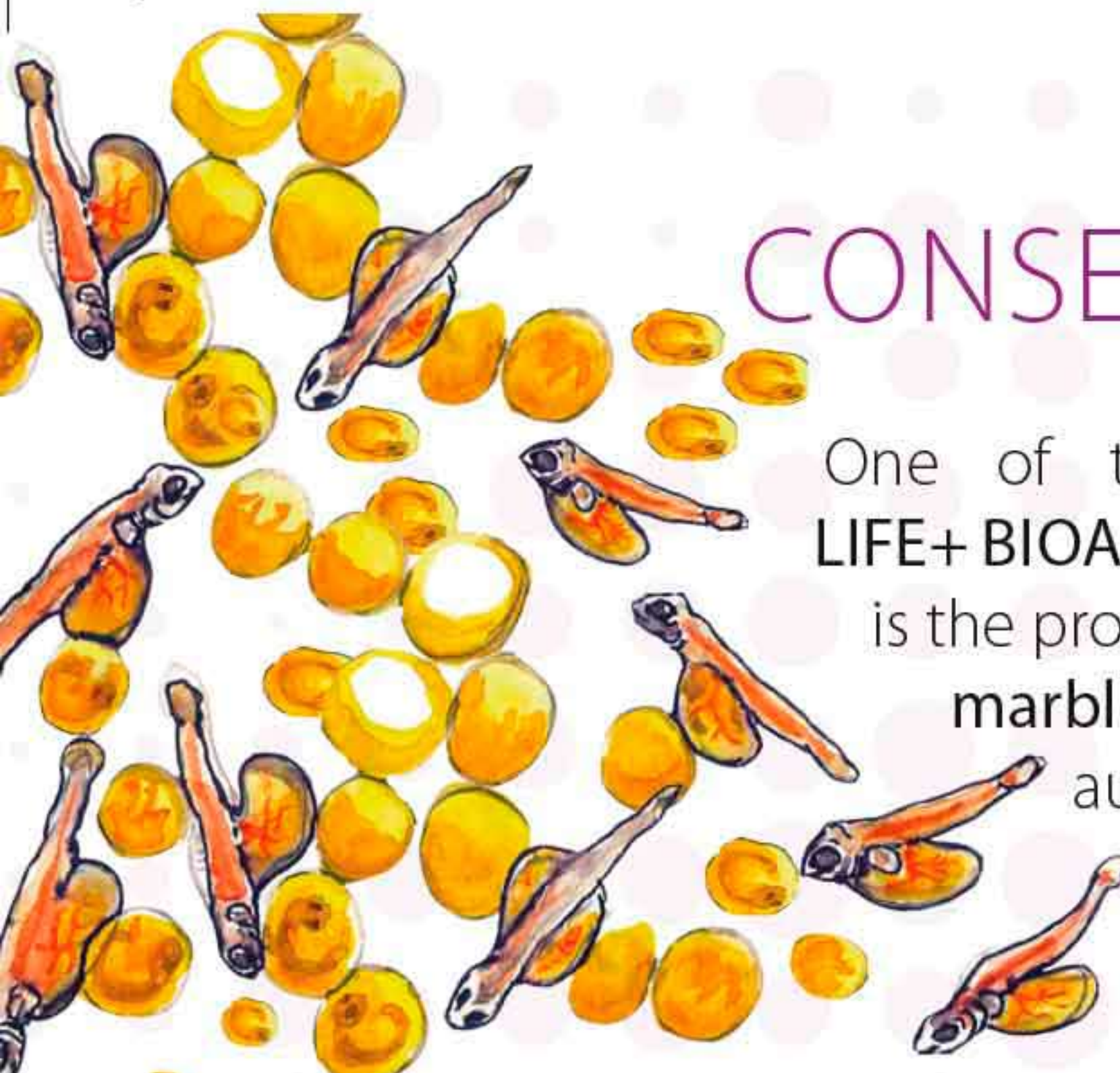




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Marble trout - Photo: Cesare Puzzi



CONSERVATION ACTIONS FOR THE MARBLE TROUT

One of the aims of LIFE+ BIOAQUAE project is the protection of the **marble trout**, an autochthonous salmonid endemic of the Po basin

whose conservation is endangered because of **habitat loss** and of crossbreeding with an alloctonous species, the brown trout.

In the framework of this action, it has been built a **fish hatchery** where pure marble trout are raised and then released to strengthen the marble trout populations inside and outside the park.

Juvenile trouts born inside the hatchery have been **released** in streams where brown trouts have been removed in order to support marble trout populations and **safeguard** its **genetic makeup**. Breeding, rising and release of marble trouts will continue also after the end of the project.

The fish hatchery is set up in Ghiglieri, Piantonetto valley (Orco Valley) and is open to tourists and schools for guided visits with official guides and park wardens. Inside the hatchery there are informative panels and

outside a **didactic tour** on conservation of aquatic ecosystems is allested.

For information on guided visits to the hatchery www.bioaquae.eu



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