

**SEDIMENT PREFERENCE, HIDING BEHAVIOUR  
AND GROWTH RATE: PAWNS IN THE GAME OF SURVIVAL  
OF JUVENILE *CHICOREUS RAMOSUS* (LINNAEUS, 1758)**

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**ABTRACT**

Juvenile *Chicoreus ramosus* preferred sediment with a grain size (granule or cobble) which gave the best possibility for hiding in laboratory experiments (ANOVA). Experiments on feeding and hiding in relation to light revealed significant nocturnal behaviour (ANOVA). Very high growth rates were demonstrated by length increments and number of whorls in juveniles (4 months old).