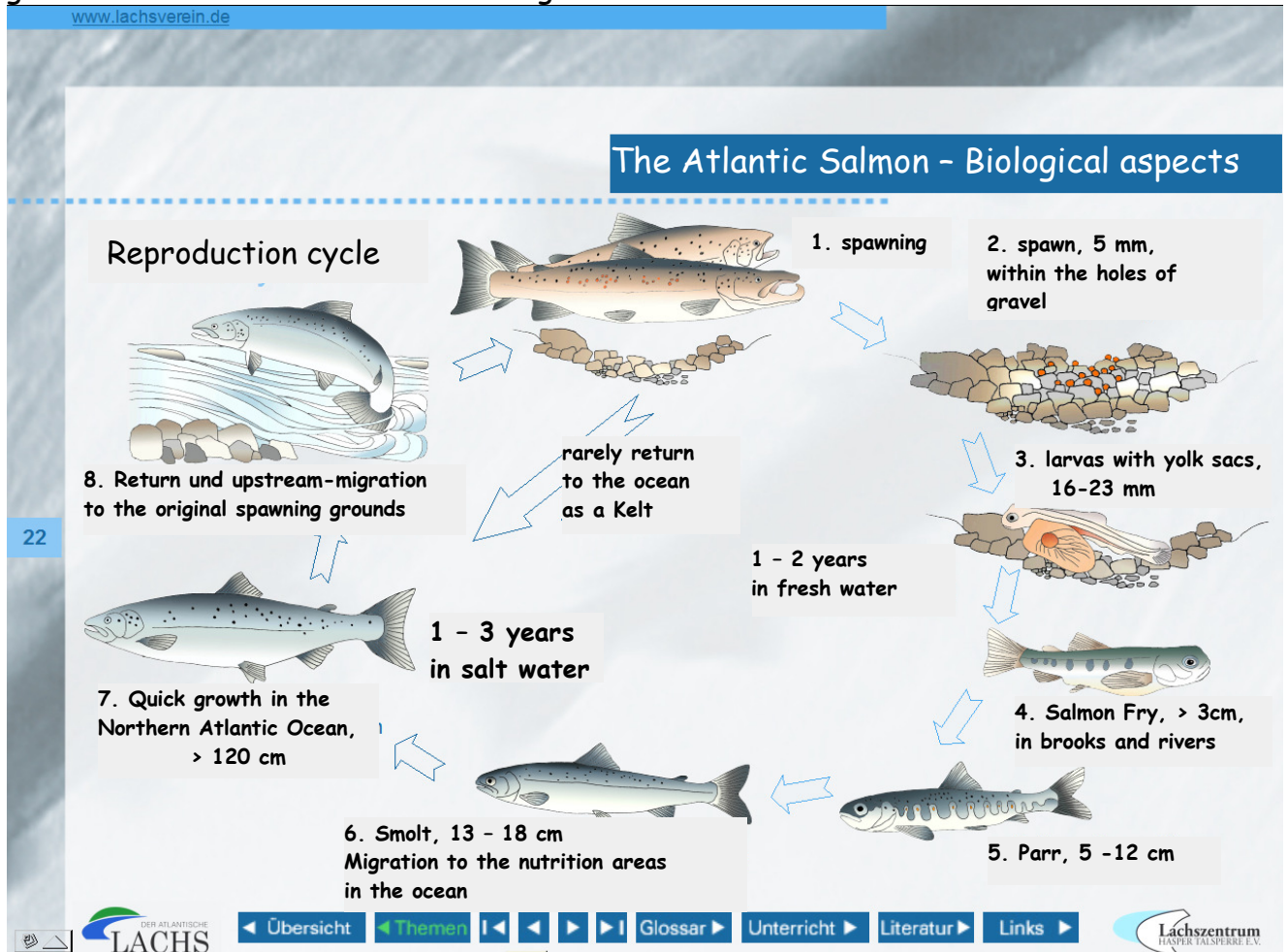


Having had some free-time to eat our lunch packets it was already time to return to the coach and set of for a hour ride to the "Hasper Talsperre".

When we got of the bus at 14:15 we where all very hot, the air-conditioning in the bus wasn't working properly because some of the boys had left the hatch in the roof open. Stefan Jäger - one of the men responsible for the centre - invited us to some cool drinks and if the mood amongst us was a little bit down from the long bus ride it sure got better after we all had something to drink.

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One of the volunteers showed us tanks with salmon they had artificially bred from fish from both England and Norway. They told us that it was easier to breed the fish themselves instead of just getting fish from the other countries because the fish's life cycle needs to be adjusted to the environment. The staff at the centre was also proud to say that after 10 years of research they had found a way to train the fish to eat food fast enough to keep up with the growth rate of their bodies, and that last year they had only lost two fish. The reason for them having to breed fish, the man said, was that the waters and lakes in Germany, as in several other places in Europe were heavily polluted and as a result the fish was extinct.



Other factors included overfishing and destruction of the habitat. Some of their aims for the future of bringing the fishing society back to the lakes of Germany was to improve the habitats in the waters and fronting interest and acceptance in the public, to intensify contacts within political and economical circles.



After seeing the minnows in the tanks we were split into two groups. Group A went up a big dam (that was built between 1901 and 1904) together with Stefan Jäger. Group B got to sit in the shade of a big tree and relax, getting to know the other participants on their exchange a little bit better. When group A was done with the dam it was the other group's turn, Mr. Jäger gave us some more information about the fishing society and the fish that were now living in the lake on the other side of the dam (there were in all 3 different species).



When we got back down from the dam the bus that was taking us "home" was already there. We all got in after quickly checking that everyone was present. On the way home it started raining for every one's enjoyment.