

# FISHY CLUES TO SEEING IN DARK

THE tiny zebrafish could hold the key to correcting or restoring sight in humans.

The 2in tiddler, common in aquariums, has a special eye cell that uses ultraviolet light to let it see in the dark and spot plankton and insects.

Human peepers block ultraviolet. But researchers say zebrafish eyes are similar to ours and could provide clues on how to improve our sight.

Professor Tom Baden of Sussex University said: "Zebrafish have an



**SHARP-EYED:** The tiny zebrafish 'acute zone' in their eyes, which is an evolutionary forerunner to our own.

"Because of this similarity, they are really good models to help us understand how the human eye might work."