

Culturing Microworms

Anguillula silusiae

Ideal for baby aquarium fish

Microworms are an easily bred nutritious live food that is suitable for all baby aquarium fish. Experience has shown fry that are fed Microworms in conjunction with fine dry foods will grow more quickly than if fed dry food alone.

Temperature

Best temperature 10°C to 25°C (worms will breed faster at the higher temperature range).

Culture Preparation

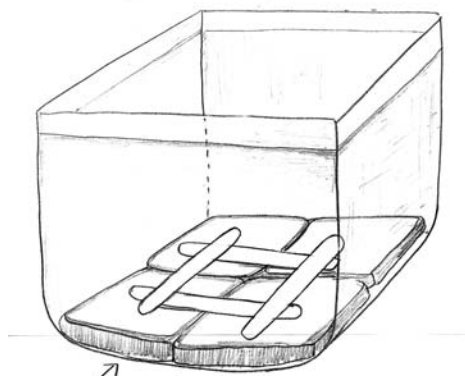
Obtain a clean one-litre plastic ice cream container. Place a layer of white bread on the bottom and dampen with water. No excess moisture should be visible. Empty contents of Microworm starter culture onto the bread. Place several ice cream sticks in criss-cross on the surface and cover container with lid, or preferably a sheet of glass. After approximately 5 to 10 days (this is dependant on temperature), worms will have bred into several millions and will swarm onto the sticks allowing easy removal and feeding to your baby fish.

To feed

Remove a stick that is covered by Microworms and scrape underside onto container edge. This will dislodge any surplus culture medium. Swirl stick into the fry-rearing tank. Microworms will be dislodged and fish will start feeding immediately (any small amount of medium entering the tank is harmless). Some Microworms will climb up sides of the ice cream container and these can be removed with your finger and fed directly to fry.

General Information

If the mixture becomes too wet, add crumbled dry white bread. When the population declines or if bread develops mould growth (usually after approximately 6-8 weeks), prepare another container, as described under "culture preparation", and add a small amount of Microworms. Allow 5-10 days for culture to mature. Repeat as needed and your Microworms supply can go on indefinitely.



Place several ice cream sticks in criss-cross pattern on the surface of the bread to begin culture preparation