

Banggai Cardinal

Pterapogon kauderni



Range

This elegant marine species has only recently been discovered. Originating around the Banggai Islands in Indonesia, it has become a popular aquarium fish, ideally suited to the slightly more experienced hobbyist.

Maximum Size

8cm

Water Quality

- pH: 8.0 – 8.4
- Specific gravity: 1.020 – 1.025
- Temperature range: 24°C - 26°C

Feeding

Banggai Cardinals will thrive best when fed live or frozen brine shrimp, and frozen mysis shrimp.

Temperament

Banggai cardinals are a peaceful fish, but will pick on their own kind on occasion and are very reclusive when boisterous fish are present. Be sure to provide a dark, ledge like shelter under which they can hide, and lower the lighting when first settling them into their new home, in order to reduce stress. They are mainly nocturnal, and so will appreciate low lighting conditions.

Breeding

It is possible to breed Banggai's in captivity. A mouthbrooder, it is the male who incubates the eggs, then holds the brood in his mouth for up to 4-5 weeks. The fry will take newly hatched brine shrimp.

General Information

An unusual marine species, the Banggai Cardinalfish will make an attractive addition to the established home aquarium.

