

Borneo Sucker

Pseudogastromyzon myersi



Common Names

Hillstream Loach, Myer's Hillstream loach, Butterfly Pleco or Chinese Hillstream Loach

Natural Range

China

Maximum Size and Longevity

Maximum size 6cm, with a life span of 2-4 years.

Water Quality

- Temperature: 20°C - 25°C.
- PH: 6.0– 7.5
- General Hardness: 50 ppm – 150 ppm

Feeding

Diet should consist of sinking dried foods, regular meals of live or frozen daphnia, brine shrimp or bloodworm. We use and suggest Aquarium Industries natural frozen range. The presence of algae is also essential to maintain optimum health. Having areas with a lot of rock, wood and other surfaces will help encourage algae growth, which is beneficial to their diet.

Compatibility

P. myersi is a very peaceful community fish, which will spend its time on the bottom of your tank cleaning all available surfaces.

Colour and Varieties

Borneo suckers naturally occur in a number of different colour variants, which results in a diverse array of colours or patterns.

Sexing

This species has minimal sexual dimorphic traits (i.e. both sexes look very similar), although, males are usually larger than females and will display more colouration and prominent nasal tubercles when breeding.

General Information

Borneo suckers are a good addition to community aquariums, and an interesting oddity which is also a useful scavenger. As they prefer well-oxygenated water, their aquarium should be well aerated and have good water movement (e.g. power head/filter). A water temperature of 20 -25°C is preferable to maximise dissolved oxygen level, an important prerequisite for keeping this fish.

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