

## Danios

### *Brachydanio sp.*



Left:  
Giant Danio

Right:  
Assorted Long  
Fin Danio



#### Natural Range

Danios are mainly found around flood plains in Eastern India, and in shallow slow or non-existent flow streams that have a lot of over-hanging vegetation. They are also found in mature rice paddies.

#### Tank Range

Danios will hover around the top and middle of a tank.

#### Maximum Size and Longevity

Most types of Danio will have a life expectancy of about 5 years if kept healthy and happy. The general size limit for these is about 6cm, but some (e.g Giant Danio) will reach up to about 8cm or more.

#### Water Quality

- Temperature: 18°C - 24°C.
- pH: 7.0—7.5
- General Hardness: 100—150 ppm.

#### Feeding

Danios are omnivorous and will thrive on any aquarium food. They are not fussy at all, and feed ferociously at the top of tank. A good floating flake or crumble such as Tetra Crisps and TetraMin are ideal. To ensure that they have a completely balanced diet, add Aquarium Industries Frozen Brine Shrimp or Tropical Mix.

Danios are almost always the first fish in a community tank to attack the food. Keep this in mind when you are feeding community tanks.

#### Compatibility

Danios are amongst the most peaceful of all fish. Although they will always chase each other around the tank and nip, they will never harm or take chunks out of each other. They are a very active fish, and swim vigorously around the tank all the time. This helps the other fish in the tank become active too.

#### Colour and Varieties

There are very many types of danios that we stock here at Aquarium Industries; including Zebra Danio, Gold Zebra Danio, Leopard Danio, Pearl Danio, Giant Danio. These also come in Long fin types as well— e.g. Long fin Zebra, Long fin Gold Zebra and Long fin Leopard Danio.

#### Sexing

Males have a more streamlined body and the colours will be brighter than the females.

Females will have a fuller body and be slightly longer.

Danios are one of the easiest egg scattering fish to breed. Several hundred non-adhesive eggs are laid and fall to the bottom of the tank. Take care though— if the eggs are not removed the parents will eat the eggs after spawning.

#### General Information

The Danio is probably the perfect aquarium fish for a beginner. It is always on the move, adding action and colour to the aquarium. They are hardy and undemanding with regards to both food and water quality.

Ease of aquarium keeping = 1  
(1 = easy, 5 = difficult).