

Elephant Nose

Gnathonemus petersi



Natural Range

Central Africa

Maximum Size

About 20cm

Water Quality

- Temperature: 20°C - 26°C.
- pH: 6.5—7.5
- General Hardness: 50—150 ppm.

Feeding

Prefers live food including chopped earthworms. Will also take AI Naturals Range Frozen Brine Shrimp and Bloodworms.

General Information

This species makes a fascinating aquarium inhabitant. It is a hardy and peaceful fish with a most unusual lip protrusion, “the elephant nose” which it uses to probe in its search for worms and other food. *G. petersi* is capable of emitting an electrical discharge; however, it is of such low intensity that it can't be felt by humans.

The Elephant Nose is nocturnal by nature and as a result is seen to become more active at dusk. In aquarium it adjusts to day time feeding and displays well, even in the day. Presently these fish are not being bred commercially so all the ones offered for sale are wild caught.