

Chocolate Gourami

Sphaerichthys osphromenoides



Natural Range

Malay Peninsula, Sumatra and Borneo

Maximum Size and Longevity

Grows to approximately 6cm and may live up to 5 years.

Water Quality

- Temperature: 25°C - 28°C.
- pH: 4.5—6.0 until settled. This can then be raised slightly.
- General Hardness: Low—20-70 ppm.

Feeding

Live and frozen foods in the form of brine shrimp and daphnia until settled in. Aquarium Industries Frozen Brine Shrimp is an excellent choice. Once settled, they will accept dry foods. As they have a small mouth, ensure that the food is of a correct size.

Compatibility

This shy, peaceful fish is best kept with others who have the same peaceful behaviour.

Colour and Varieties

Chocolate brown with pale, irregular vertical bars.

Sexing

A Mouth brooder that is difficult to breed. The males may get more colour, while the females are plumper.

General Information

Chocolate Gouramis are wild caught and, being naturally shy, they must have cover amongst which they can hide. Subdued lighting is beneficial.

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