

Gulf Saratoga

Scleropages jardini



Natural Range

Northern Australia around the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Maximum Size

Grow to about 90cm and over 5kg.

Water Quality

- Temperature: 22°C - 28°C.
- pH: 7.0
- General Hardness: 50—200 ppm.

Feeding

A predatory fish which prefers live food in the form of fish, insects, etc. When settled they will learn to take frozen and fresh food such as prawns, mussels, strips of meat.

Compatibility

Both Australian Saratoga species are aggressive and territorial and must be kept singularly in aquariums.

Colour and Varieties

S. jardini shows a pink/red crescent at the base of its scales

General Information

Saratogas make spectacular aquarium display fish, but obviously only small or medium sized specimens should be kept in aquariums. Their tank should be as large as possible, preferably about 1.5 to 2 meters long to allow for growth and adequate room to swim. Their aquarium must be covered, as saratogas are expert jumpers. Because of their large size they have not been spawned in aquariums. They are mouth brooders and in nature the breeding females incubate up to approximately 100 eggs in spring.