

Kuhlii Loach

Pangio kuhlii



Natural Range

Found in Indonesia and Malaysia.

Maximum Size and Longevity

This particular loach can grow up to 11 cm. They live for up to 10 years if kept under the correct conditions.

Water Quality

- Temperature: 24°C - 29°C.
- pH: 6.0—7.0
- General Hardness: up to 250 ppm.

Kuhlii loach prefer acidic water with relatively low mineral content or medium to soft water

Feeding

Kuhlii loaches are omnivorous and a scavenger fish that will eat left-over food on the bottom of the tank and in amongst the gravel and sand. For this reason they are easily fed on food like flakes, pellets and enjoy eating frozen food such as bloodworm. They also feed ferociously on live foods like brine and live worm.

Compatibility

Due to their peaceful nature, they are an excellent addition to any tank. They mix well with Livebearers, some Barbs, Danios, Gouramis, Rainbowfish, and some Cichlids that are of similar or smaller sizes, as well as Catfish and

other loaches (clown loach). These loach are best kept in schools. It is highly recommended that they be sold in a school of 4 or more.

Colour and Varieties

The Kuhlii Loach is a small eel-like fish. They are brown in colour and have pale yellow vertical lines down the body. They have barbells surrounding their mouths which are used to find food in gravel and hard to reach places.

Sexing

It is generally quite hard to tell the difference between a male and a female Kuhlii loach. In some cases the male will have larger paddle-like pectoral fins and a bulkier dorsal muscle. The females will have a plumper belly due to developing eggs but this is only obvious in sexually mature fish. This species has been bred in aquaria but this rarely occurs.

General Information

Kuhlii loaches are a perfect addition to any tank and are fast enough to evade attacks from larger more aggressive fish. They do better in tanks with lots of hiding places with a soft substrate, and for this reason they can be hard to find once you have put them in.

