Petenia Splendida Red Snook

Natural Range
Central America

Maximum Size and Longevity
Maximum length is between 40-60cm and life span of 5-10 years.

Water Quality
- Temperature: 24° C - 26° C.
- pH: 7.0—7.5
- General Hardness: 150—250 ppm.

Feeding
The Red Snook is a big fish with a big mouth, and will happily take small to medium sized live foods, floating/sinking pellets and frozen foods.

Petenia splendida will benefit from a varied diet, and feeding foods rich in beta carotene will intensify their red colouration. AI Naturals Range Frozen Brine Shrimp and Krill are both ideal for this fish, as they contain naturally occurring beta-carotene. As the Snook is very greedy, feed one whole cube. Only partially defrost the cube before feeding, as they like their food to be ‘chunky’.

Compatibility
A moderately peaceful species by Central American standards, the Red Snook can be added with minimal fuss into a community tank with other mildly aggressive species, or fish larger than its mouth.

Colour and Varieties
Petenia splendida have two naturally occurring colour morphs, a silver/green form and a red form.

The red form is less common in the wild than the silver/green, but is more popular in the aquarium trade, so we tend see it far more commonly available.

Sexing
This species shows no sexual dimorphism other than size. Males will be larger than females.

General Information
Petenia splendida has a very unique extendable jaw structure which allows them to extend or open their mouth to engulf unsuspecting fish. This jaw structure needs to be taken into account when managing a community tank, to prevent the loss of smaller fish due to predation.

The Red Snook is a great looking, reasonably peaceful Central America cichlid, which can be kept with similar sized fish in a community environment. We highly recommend this fish to aquarists interested in keeping larger American cichlids.

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