

Red Rainbow

Glossolepis incisus



Natural Range

Red Rainbows inhabit margins of lakes that are heavily vegetated with dense bog wood surrounding the lake. They originate from the area around Lake Sentani in Irian Jaya.

Maximum Size and Longevity

These rainbows will live for up to 5 years and will grow to a size of about 15cm's in the wild but in a tank they will only get to about 10cm.

Water Quality

Red Rainbows are fairly undemanding as to water quality:

- Temperature: 22 - 28 °C
- pH: 7.2—7.8
- GH: 100 - 200ppm

Feeding

These rainbows are an omnivorous fish and will take most types of foods. They do however prefer frozen or live foods like brine shrimp, live worm and daphnia.

Compatibility

Red Rainbows are a peaceful fish that are not aggressive to others; they will mix well with other rainbows and fish of the same sizes, like bosemanni rainbows, banded rainbows and chequered rainbows

Colour and Variety

These fish are stunning to look at. The males have a deep body and are a bright red colour (hence the name) that will change depending on the mood of the fish. The females are completely different, they have a silver to olive green body and are more slim than males.

Sexing

The males are bright red and the females are a silver to olive green colour.

General Information

They are a timid fish that usually like to school. Plenty of hides and vegetation should be provided for these beautiful rainbow fish.

Ease of aquarium keeping = 2 (1 = easy, 5 = difficult).

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