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Natural Range

Lake Tanganyika—Africa

Maximum Size and Longevity

Up to 30cm

Water Quality

- Temperature: 22°C - 26°C.
- pH: 7.5—8.0
- General Hardness: 250—350 ppm.

Feeding

In nature they eat aquatic snails and other invertebrates but in aquariums will take virtually any fish food. We recommend TetraCichlid Mini Granules.

Sexing and Breeding

Synodontis multipunctatus has a fascinating breeding behaviour. The breeding catfish lay their eggs in the spawning area of mouth brooding cichlids, where the cichlids pick up the catfish eggs and brood them in their mouths. As a result, this interesting catfish is sometimes called the “Cuckoo Cat”. The Catfish fry are quite easy to rear on small live foods, like brine shrimp.

General Information

This hardy and peaceful catfish makes an ideal addition to the African (Rift Lake) Cichlid tank. Other catfish can be very disruptive as they do not “understand” the African Cichlids’ social behaviour. *Synodontis multipunctatus* however, lives easily with Africa Cichlids and indeed relies on them for breeding purposes.