

Tandanus Catfish or Eeltailed Catfish

Tandanus tandanus



Natural Range

Tandanus Catfish occur throughout lakes and streams in south east Australia.

Maximum Size and Longevity

Tandanus Catfish can grow to about 80cm in length and a weight of more than 7 kg! They can live for up to 8 years if kept in a healthy environment.

Water Quality

Tandanus Catfish are tolerant of a wide range of water qualities:

- Temperature: 15 - 26 °C
- pH: 6.5—7.5
- GH: 50 - 150ppm

Feeding

Tandanus Catfish are big eaters and will eat a lot of different foods. They will eat brine shrimp, bloodworms, live worms, beefheart and live foods such as shrimp, yabbies and fish. They will also eat flake, crumble and other dry foods.

Compatibility

In an aquarium they will like to be kept alone but if your tank is big enough they can be kept with other larger fish such as Murray Cod and the different perches (silver and gold). They should never be put in a tank with smaller fish, as they can eat them.

Colour and Variety

The colour of Tandanus Catfish is an olive type colour with darker greenish patches mottled over the body especially, when young. They have a large eel like tail, with large pectoral dorsal fins. They may develop a more silvery shade as they grow older.

Sexing

The only way to know if you have a male or female Tandanus is to flip the fish over and look at the papilla. If your fish is a male, the papilla will be long and cylindrical. The female's papilla will be triangular in shape. There aren't any known physical differences apart from this. They are known to build nests out of gravel.

General Information

As these catfish are a scaleless fish, care should be taken when treating for any illness. Treating with copper will harm these fish.

Important note: Tandanus have spines that can inflict painful wounds if handled.

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