

## Flying Fox Siamese (S.A.E)

### *Crossocheilus oblongus*



#### Natural Range

This attractive fish originates in fast flowing waters in South East Asia, from Thailand to Indonesia.

#### Maximum Size and Longevity

The Siamese Flying Fox grows up to 15cm in size, and can live as long as 10 years.

#### Water Quality

- Temperature: 24°C - 26°C.
- pH: 6.5—7.5
- General Hardness: 50—150 ppm.

#### Feeding

This active community fish is a tireless algae eater which is effective on even the most stubborn types of algae, and it won't harm plants. This makes it a perfect addition to tropical tanks. They will also accept prepared foods.

#### Colour and Varieties

A slender fish with a distinct black horizontal stripe from nose to the fork of the tail with silver white underside with a pair of short forward pointing barbels.

#### Sexing

Sexing is difficult as no external differences are visible, other than that the females may be slightly fatter.

#### General Information

Also known as the Siamese Algae eater (S.A.E) the Siamese Flying Fox is best kept in schools of 6 or more. As it is a strong jumper, the use of a cover glass is recommended.

The Siamese Flying Fox is a useful addition to your tank, as it is one of the best algae eaters available. An attractive community fish, it is very popular and available throughout the year.

Another similar looking species is the Flying Fox (*Ezalzeorhynchus kalopterus*) The Flying Fox is a close relative of the popular Red Tail Black Shark and the Rainbow Shark. It is more solitary than the Siamese Flying Fox and is just as efficient at eating algae.

The two species are often confused but are actually easy to tell apart; the Flying Fox has black coloured dorsal, ventral and anal fins - The Siamese Flying Fox does not.