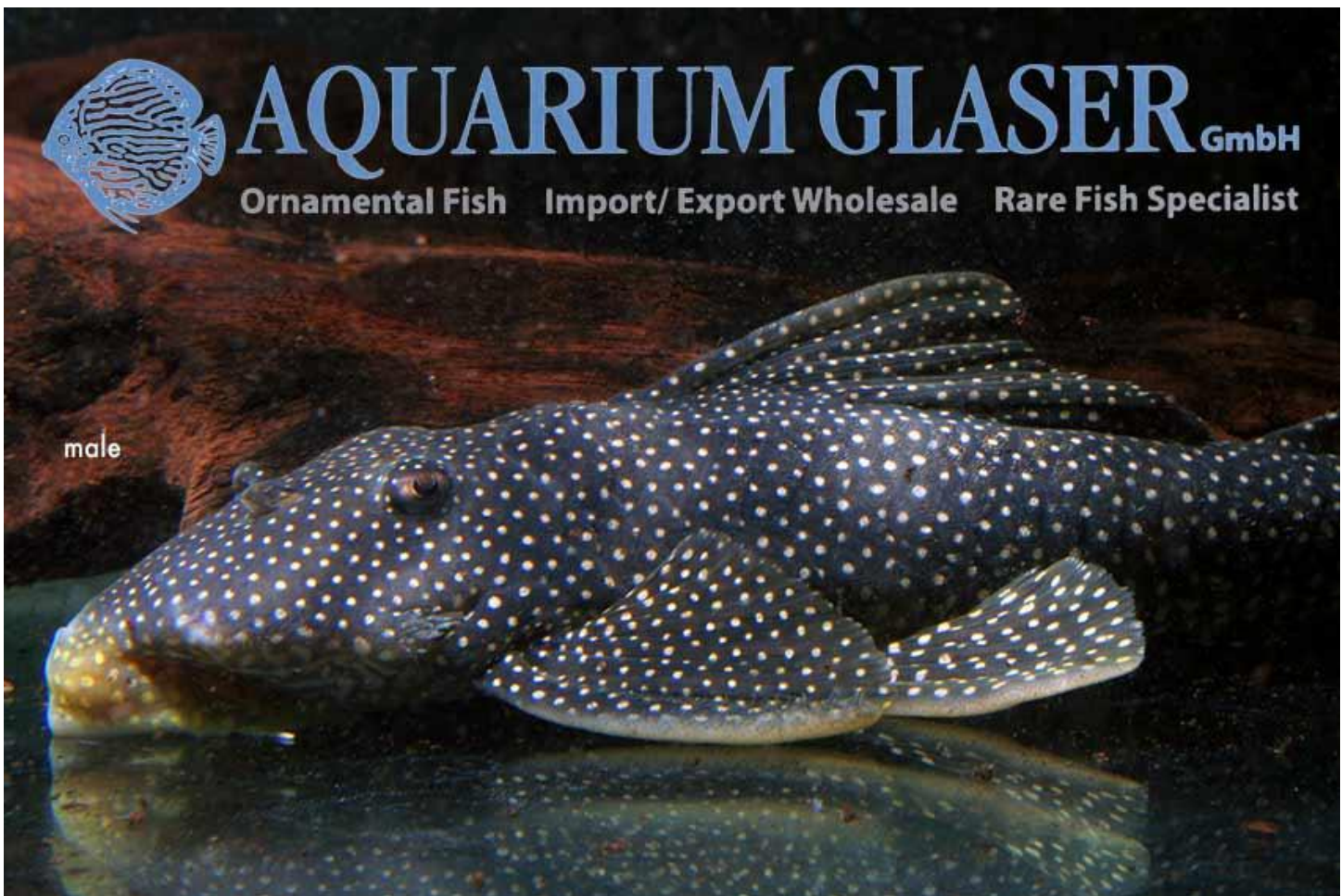


Ornamental Fish from all over the world



Scobinancistrus "L253"



This beautiful loricariid originates from the Rio Xingu. It becomes collected upstream from Altamira. In all probability the species can attain a maximum length of about 35 cm, but there are no reliable information on that topic available. The pretty pair we have currently in stock (and which made a good job as photo model) is around 16-20 cm long; we have also three additional specimens of that size in stock.



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male

female

The sexes are difficult to tell apart in L253. The main difference is the body shape. Our female has moreover light, yellowish-white spines in the pectoral, ventral, and caudal fin, but this is almost for sure an individual exception.

So far nothing has been published on a successful breeding of L253. However, the closely related species *Scobinancistrus aurantiacus* is bred even commercially in small numbers. That species is a typical cave brooder.



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male

female

For our customers: the animals have code 26480-L 253-7 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

Lexicon: Scobinancistrus: means "rasping Ancistrus"; Ancistrus is another genus of catfish. aurantiacus: means "the orange coloured".

Suggestion of a common name: Slender peacock pleco

Text & photos: Frank Schäfer

Allenbatrachus grunniens



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Nobody would keep this fascinating frogfish from South East Asia due to its coloration. The bizarre shape and the expressive eyes nevertheless make it a desirable species for the aquarium.

This frogfish lives in the wild in river mouths; although it is possible to keep the fish in pure freshwater, it is better to add some salt (5-15 g/litre). The broad mouth characterizes *A. grunniens* as a predatory species. Among each other and against fish that do not fit as food the species is completely peaceful. This frogfish attains a length of approximately 30 cm.



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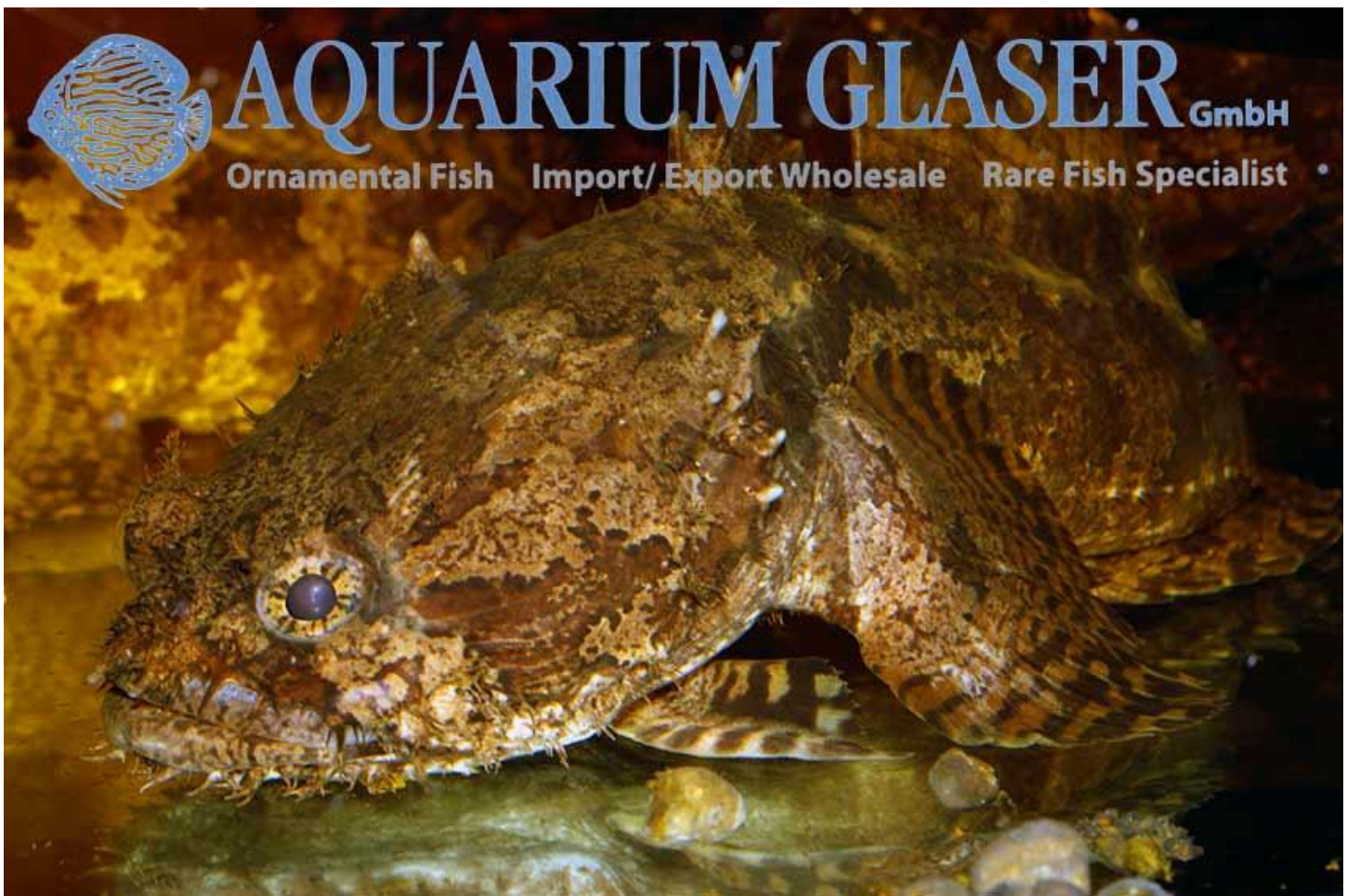
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One should be very careful when catching the fish, as the dorsal spines and probably also the spines on the opercle are poisonous. Generally

speaking, the venom is not very strong, but painful and there is also always the danger of allergic reactions.

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Lexicon: Allenbatrachus: combined from the Name Allen (dedication name for George Allen from Humboldt State University) and the genus name Batrachus, another genus of toadfish. grunniens: means "the grunter".

Common name: Grunting toadfish

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