

# Ornamental Fish from all over the world



## Pterophyllum leopoldi



This is the third commonly accepted species of angelfish. The two other species are *Pterophyllum altum* and *P. scalare*. However, traditionally *P. leopoldi* is named "Dumerili" in hobby and trade, but *P. dumerili* is a synonym of *P. scalare*.

*P. leopoldi* originates from Brazil. Here it lives syntopically with *P. scalare*. *P. leopoldi* always swims with a characteristic "head-up" position, which reminds one very much of the flag cichlids of the genus *Mesonauta*. In fact, the genera *Mesonauta* and *Pterophyllum* are close relatives to each other. This typical swimming position even led to an anatomical detail: the lower filament of the caudal fin is always longer than the upper filament in *P. leopoldi*. This feature can be even used for determination!



We are able to offer once more wild collected specimens of *P. leopoldi*. The species attains a maximum length of about 15 cm. Regarding the keeping conditions: there are no major differences compared to that of the common angelfish, *P. scalare*.

For our customers: the fish have code 699003 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

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