

Ornamental Fish from all over the world

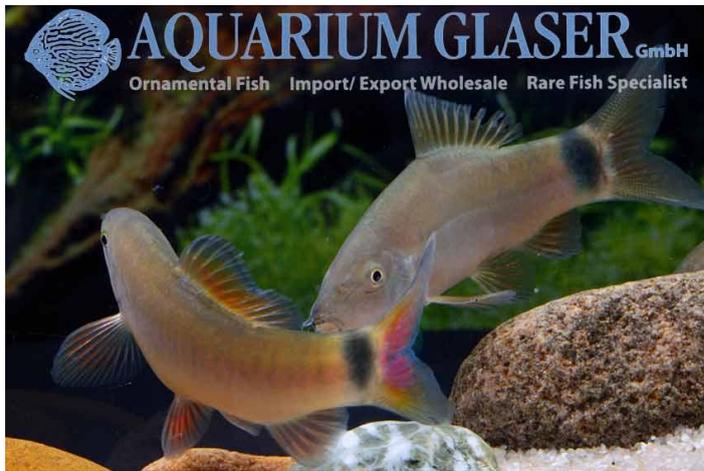


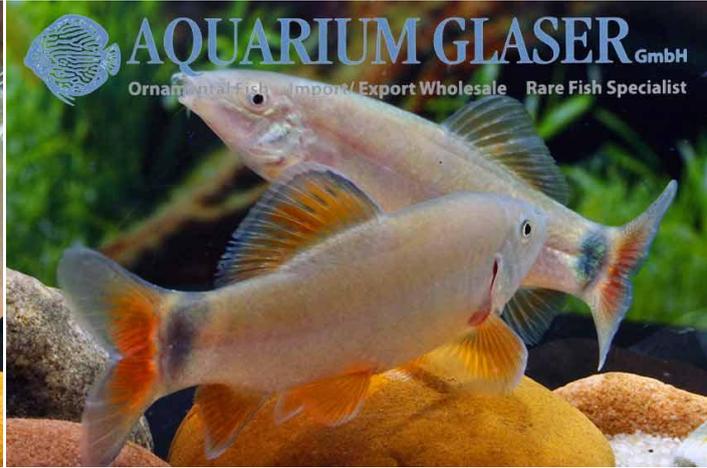
Yasuhikotakia eos





This beautiful and interesting loach, which can attain a maximum length of about 12 cm, originates from Thailand. This type of loach is said to be sometimes very aggressive. *Y. eos* is considered as one of the most aggressive species of all. However, in most cases this is a mistake of the keeper. *Y. eos* is an extremely social animal. As soon as a group has been put in a new tank they animals fight out a hierarchy. These fights are performed by strong pushes with the body and by producing loud clicking sounds. The dominant alpha animal can be recognized by the bright red fins. Inside the social group of these loaches hardly ever serious injuries appear; only the finnage becomes a bit tattered, but this recovers fast.





If this type of loach is kept in only small groups or as individual animals they try to get the social contact from other tankmates. All these loaches (genera *Botia*, *Chromobotia*, *Sinibotia*, *Yasuhikotakia*) have a razor-sharp, erectile, sickle-shaped thorn under the eye. If that thorn is used against other fish it can produce very serious injuries. So one should keep this type of loach always in larger groups of 8-12 individuals.



Lexicon: *Yasuhikotakia*: Dedication name for the Japanese scientist Yasuhiko Taki. *eos*: after the Goddess of dawn, due to the bright coloration of body and fins.

Common name: Sun-Loach

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Apistogramma urteagai



This pretty dwarf cichlid from the Madre de Dios region in Peru is offered only very occasionally. The species is quite undemanding and thus a perfect subject for beginners who want to collect first experiences in keeping and breeding dwarf cichlids. *A. urteagai* does not require any special water conditions, this is another advantage of the species.



For our customers: the fish have code 630433 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

Lexicon: Apistogramma: ancient Greek, means "with unreliable line". It is not known whether the lateral line organ or the pattern is meant.
urteagai: dedication name for Urteaga Cavero, one of the discoverers of the species.

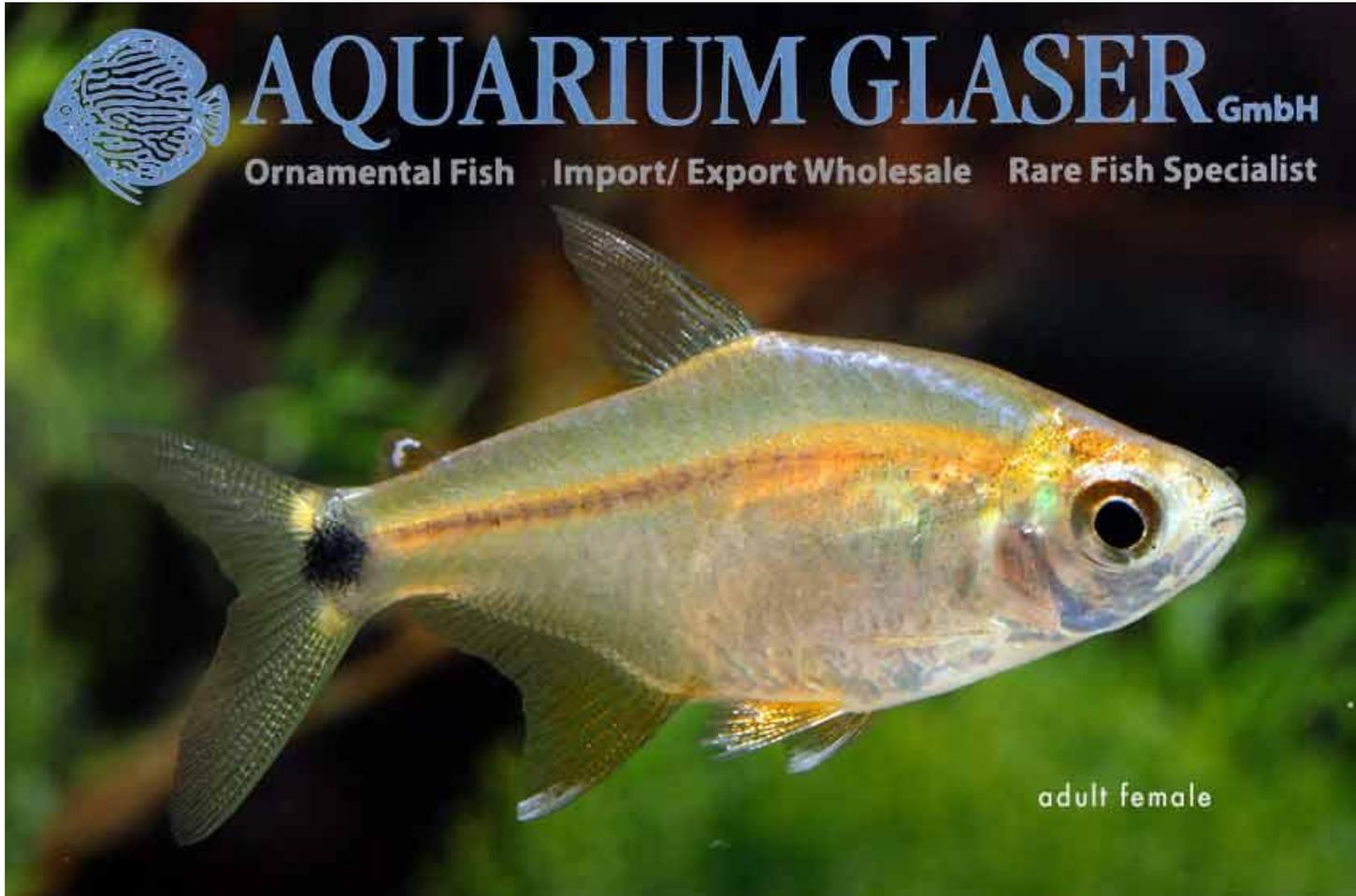
Suggestion of a common name: Madre de Dios dwarf cichlid

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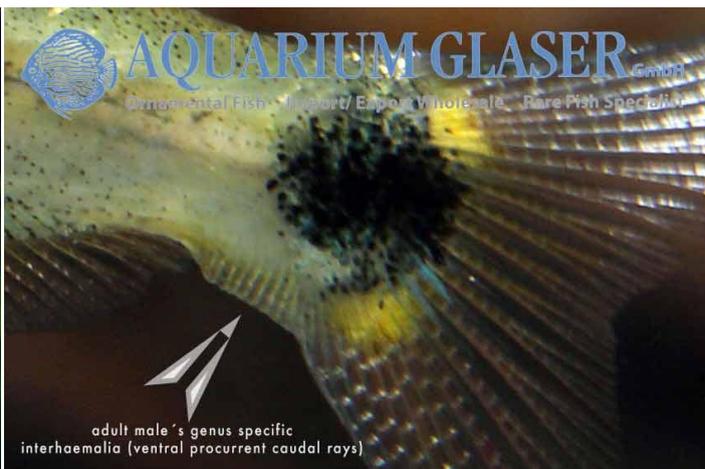
Serrapinnus sp. aff. *kriegi* "Peru"



The tetras which were called "Cheirodon" for decades are splitted now in several genera: Nanocheirodon, Compsura, Odontostilbe, Serrapinnus, and Cheirodon. They all have a generalized pattern with a black caudal spot and light spots above and below it.



We currently received a pretty species of that group from Peru. Sadly we were not able to determine it yet. Initially we thought they might belong to the species *Cheirodon luelingi*, but this could not be verified. Obviously our fish represents a (at least for Peru) new species of the genus *Serrapinnus* (this genus is defined by a strange, saw-like structure right before the ventral border of the caudal fin, which is formed from the so-called interhaemalia), which is very close to the well known *S. kriegi* from Paraguay.



So we call our fish now *Serrapinnus* sp. aff. *kriegi* "Peru". Our largest specimens are about 4 cm long and obviously sexually mature. The animals are absolutely peaceful, very lively and healthy.

For our customers: the fish have code 217053 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

Lexicon: Serrapinnus: means "saw-fin". kriegi: dedication name for the German zoologist Hans Krieg (1888-1970).

Suggestion of a common name: Peruvian Threespot Tetra

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