

Ornamental Fish from all over the world



Ompok cf. fumidus



We don't always get what we want. Initially we ordered the Malayan Giant Catfish *Wallago leerii* for one of our customers. But we received a species of *Ompok* from our Singapore supplier instead. However, this error is understandable. Even professional scientists have in the past confused both genera quite often and described a number of (now) *Ompok*-species as members of *Wallago*. Nevertheless the error of our supplier is an advantage for us, for *Ompok* are very interesting and hardly ever available catfish.

First a short note how to distinguish *Wallago* and *Ompok*: *Wallago* has always 5 rays in the dorsal fin, *Ompok* always 4. This can be easily seen on our photos.



Ompok belongs, like glass catfish (*Kryptopterus*), Giant Catfish (*Wallago*) and Wels catfish (*Silurus*) to the family *Siluridae*. Maximum length in most species of *Ompok* is around 15 cm, only *O. bimaculatus* from India is said to reach up to 45 cm.



The determination of the species is not easy in our fish, for we know nothing about the origin of our specimens. There are not less than 27 valid species of *Ompok* and most of them look extremely similar to each other. Nevertheless we think that our fish most likely belong to the species *Ompok fumidus*, which has a wide distribution over the Malaian Peninsula, Sumatra, Borneo, Riau Island and Thailand. *O. fumidus* becomes only about 15 cm long (the largest reported specimen had 145 mm without the tail fin). It is usually found in shallow brooks with peat water. In our fishhouse the fish proved to be very peaceful, but, however, small fish will serve as food.



All in all Omopok cf. fumidus is a very interesting new importation. This "Wels catfish en miniature" enables even aquarists with comparatively small tanks to keep this type of catfish.

For our customers: the fish have code 439763 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade. Available in very small numbers only!

Text & photos: Frank Schäfer



...and please do not forget to visit our [homepage](#) to get weekly updates !



GET IN TOUCH ON OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE.

... to any place around the world

This newsletter is a free service of Aquarium Glaser GmbH. If you want to unsubscribe this newsletter click here: [unsubscribe from newsletter](#) If you want to change your email address, please do it on our newsletter-website. A distribution of this newsletter in total or parts is only allowed with the permission of Aquarium Glaser GmbH. If you have any question, comment or inspiration, please contact us under info@aquariumglaser.de

Aquarium Glaser GmbH
Liebigstraße 1
D-63110 Rodgau, Germany
Telefon: +49 (0)6106 / 690 1 0
Telefax: +49 (0)6106 / 690 1 11
Email: info@aquariumglaser.de

Managing Director: Ursula Glaser-Dreyer

Registergericht: Amtsgericht Offenbach
Registernummer: HRB 2 1967
Umsatzsteuer-Identifikationsnummer according § 27 a Umsatzsteuergesetz: DE 113530316

All texts, pictures and other works published on the internet page are subject to the copyright of Aquarium Glaser GmbH, Rodgau, if not otherwise indicated. Any duplication, distribution, storage, communication, broadcast and reproduction or transmission of the contents without written approval from Aquarium Glaser GmbH is prohibited.

Newsletter Modul powered by [Aspiria Informationstechnologie](#)