

# Ornamental Fish from all over the world



Betta splendens KOI



For the first time ever we could import a few specimens of this spectacular new sport. This is the first sport of *Betta splendens* that has been selected especially for the look from the top. Alike in Koi only very few specimens among thousands of offspring have a coloration that make

a common *Betta splendens* an extraordinary *Betta splendens* KOI. This is the reason why the price of the fish is very high.



However: we find the fish in lateral view also very attractive - aren't they?

For our customers: the animals have code 390075 on our stocklist. Only very few specimens available! Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

Text & photos: Frank Schäfer

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*Lepidocephalichthys guntea* - the ideal aquarium loach



**There is hardly a second species of loach that is as good suited for the home aquarium as *Lepidocephalichthys guntea* is. The species becomes usually 6-8 cm long, only in very rare occasions larger specimens up to 15 cm have been reported in literature. The animal has a huge distribution area over the north of India and the adjacent countries. Here it often has to live under conditions that can be survived only due to the ability to breath atmospheric air.**



The fish are completely peaceful against conspecifics and all other species of fish. Plants are not affected, but should be well rooted, for the loaches dig a bit of course. The water temperature can lie between 16 and 30°C, this is the span that the fish have to face in nature, too. The water chemistry, eg hardness and pH are of almost no meaning. Any tap water the fits for human consumption is also suitable for keeping *Lepidocephalichthys guntea*.



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female



male



The sexes can be distinguished best by view from top. Males look quite famished compared with the females and have comparatively larger pectoral fins. The coloration of *Lepidocephalichthys guntea* varies a lot and this fact led to numerous synonyms. The coloration is not sex-specific or population-specific and also varies mood-dependent.



**There are no reports of a successful breeding known by us, but it should not be very very difficult. It is recommended to try to imitate a rainy season for breeding. This means to make large waterchanges with cool (18°C) and soft water after a period that simulates the dry season (no waterchange for some weeks at high temperatures).**



All in all: what the Peppered Corydoras (*Corydoras paleatus*) is for community tanks with South American fish, can be *Lepidocephalichthys guntea* for community tanks with Asian fish: a very hardy, nice bottom dweller that feeds reliably on all left over food of its tankmates.



For our customers: the animals have code 424003 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

Lexicon: *Lepidocephalichthys*: means "fish that looks like a *Lepidocephalus*"; *Lepidocephalus* is another genus of loach. *guntea*: after the vernacular name of the species in Bengal.

Suggestion of a common name: Panther loach

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*Hypselecara temporalis* OYAPOC



The Emerald cichlid has become a bit out of fashion. This is a quite sad thing, for this impressive large cichlid - males can become up to 30 cm long, females always stay much smaller - is one of the most beautiful species of cichlid of South America. For the first we can offer now German bred specimens of the population from the Rio Oyapoc. The splendid red colours makes them look like an artificial sport, but they are a true wild form!



**For our customers: the fish have code 683082 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.**



**Lexicon:** Hypselecara: means "deep bodied Acara"; Acara is the Tupi word for cichlid. temporalis: means "with a high forehead".

**Common name:** Emerald cichlid

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