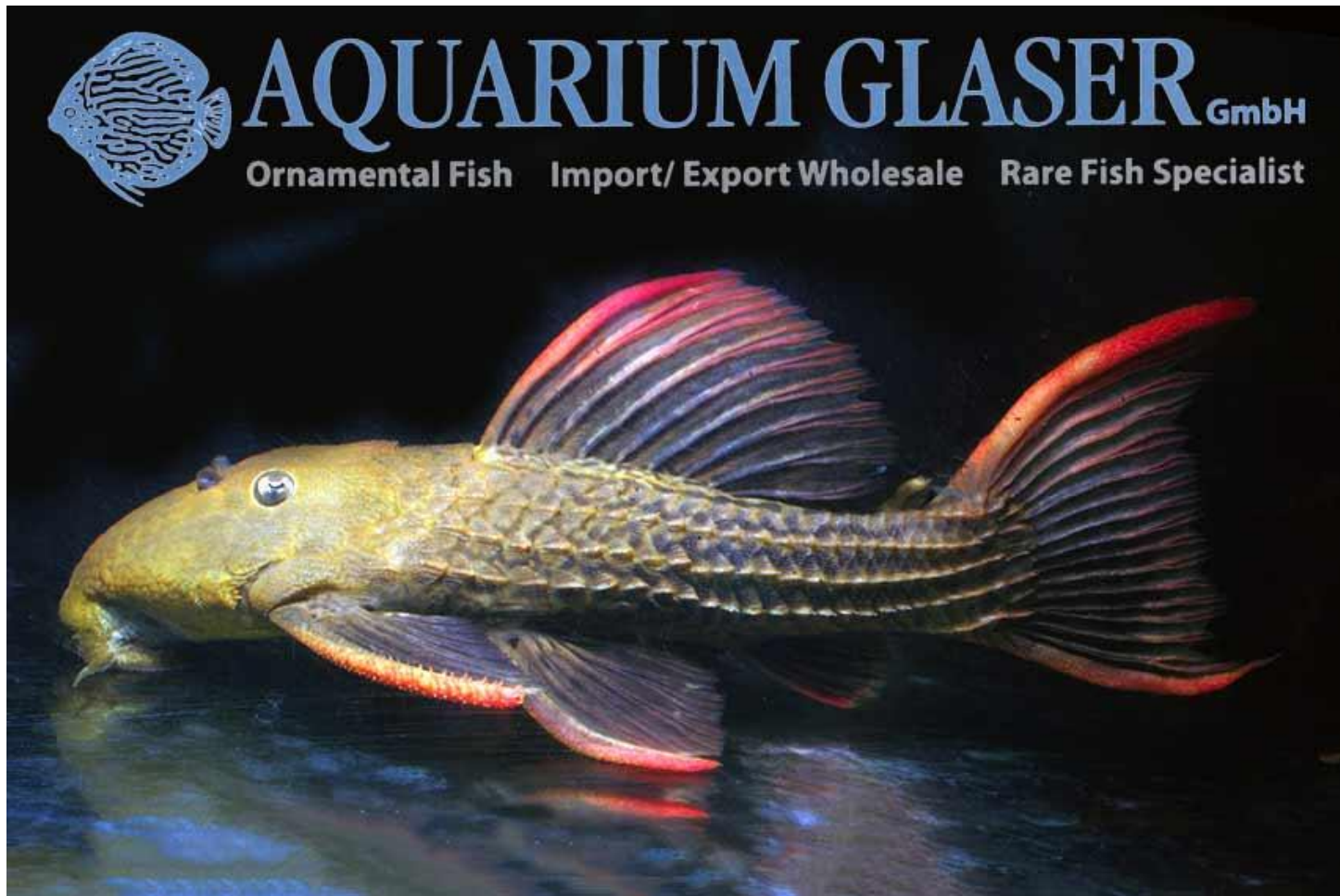


# Ornamental Fish from all over the world



A new Cactus Cat related to L24/L25

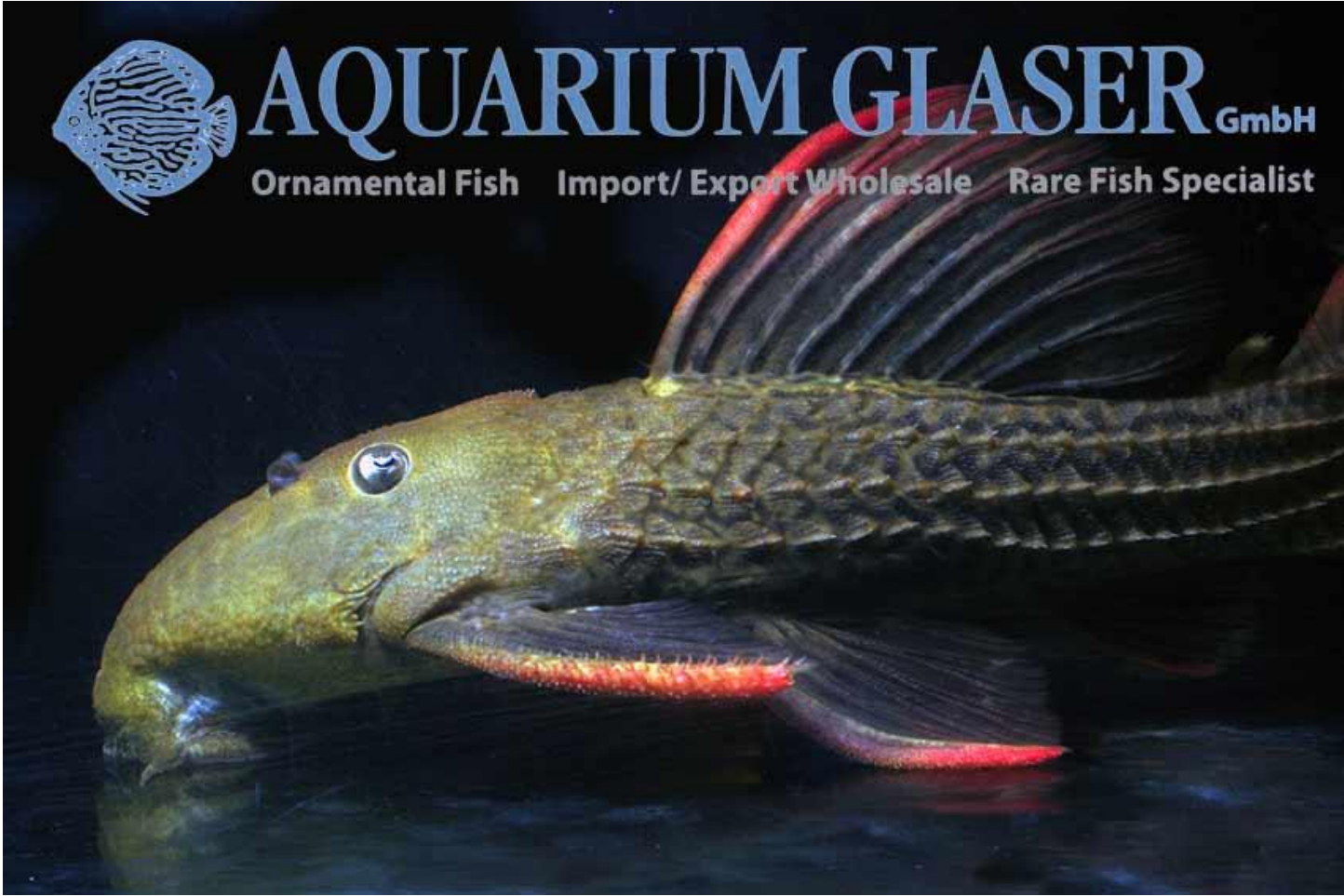


The Cactus Cats L24 and L25 become around 25-30 cm long and are quite popular among hobbyists with spacy tanks. The fish are very colorful and scientifically still undescribed. L24 originates from the Rio Tocantins and Rio Araguaia, L25 from the Rio Xingu. The two can be best distinguished by the pattern of the head: in L24 the head is plainly colored, in L25 are clearly visible dark spots on the head.



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Now we received for the very first time Cactus Cats from the Rio Itacaiúna. The headwaters of that river are the same as the headwaters of the Rio Frisco, which is an affluent to the Rio Xingu. Moreover, both rivers, the Rio Itacaiúna and the Rio Frisco, are connected during the rainy season by a flooded savannah. So one would expect from the Rio Itacaiúna rather L25 than L24 and this is the reason why we listed the new fish provisionally under the name of L25b *Pseudacanthicus* sp. New Itacaiúna.



However, regarding coloration the new fish are much more alike L24 than L25. So DNS-samples have been sent to an institution to clarify the status. It is possible that L24 and L25 represent only colour morphs or subspecies of the same species. Both have also proved already to be somewhat variable. We know already at least 2 morphs of L25 from the Xingu and 4 morphs of L24 from the Tocantins and Araguaia (see [http://www.aquariumglaser.de/en/archiv.php?news\\_id=768](http://www.aquariumglaser.de/en/archiv.php?news_id=768)).

For our customers: the animals have code 26480-L 025B-6 on our stocklist. Only three specimens currently available! Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

Lexicon: Pseudacanthicus: means "false Acanthicus"; Acanthicus is another genus of loricariid catfish.

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*Cichla orinocensis*



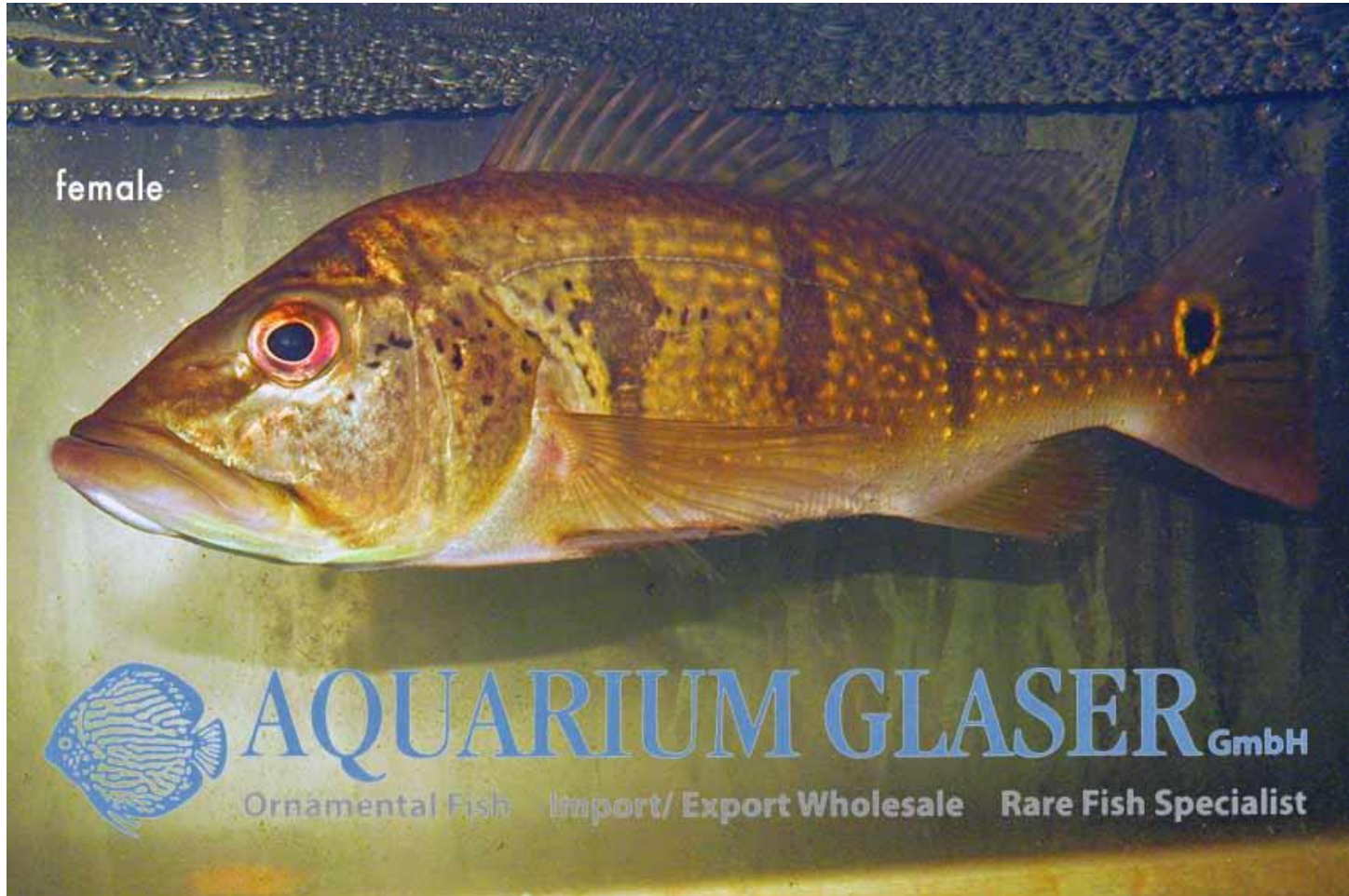


**We currently have this amazing large cichlid in good numbers and an ideal size in stock. The specimens originate from Venezuela and most of them are 3-5 cm long. This is a perfect size for the acclimatization of these fish in home aquaria.**



Besides this we also have a few specimens 5-7 cm long in stock and a wonderful, already mature pair which is 18-25 cm long. One can observe the unique sexual dichromatism of *Cichla orinocensis* in this pair: males look rather like *Cichla ocellaris*, while females have a colour pattern that reminds one in *C. temensis*.





**Cichla orinocensis** is a typical member of its genus and can reach a maximum size of about 70 cm. Maturity is usually attained at a length of 20-25 cm. All species of *Cichla* are - as far as it is known - openbrooders and perform a biparental broodcare.



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Youngsters can be fed with white mosquito larvae and bloodworm; however, feeder fish are ideal. From a size of about 10 cm on the young Cichla can be fed with frozen smelt as the basic food. Smelt can be used even for largest specimens.



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male



For our customers: *C. orinocensis* has code 636551 (3-5 cm), 636552 (5-7 cm), and 636558 (18-25 cm) on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

Lexicon: *Cichla*: this is a name that has been used in ancient Greece for a nowadays unknown fish. *orinocensis*: means "originating from the Rio Orinoco".

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