

Ornamental Fish from all over the world



Satanoperca lilith



This beautiful cichlid from Brazil is only very rarely imported. Currently we can offer some specimens in perfect size.

Despite the frightening name of the fish Satanoperca lilith is a very peaceful and reserved species, it can be even a bit shy. Maximum length reported for the fish is around 20-25 cm, our specimens are currently 10-12 cm and already sexually differentiated.



All species of *Satanoperca* are closely associated to sandy bottom. The tank for these fish should contain fine sand under all circumstances. This substratum is chewed through the whole day for food particles. *S. lith* lives in black water, so it prefers soft and acidic milieu, which must be poor in bacteria.



To the best of our knowledge *Satanoperca* has not been bred in aquaria yet. However, it is very likely the the fish are hollow breeders like their closest relative, *S. daemon*. The sexes look alike in respect of coloration. The best way to distinguish the sexes are the ventral fins which are in males much longer (in specimens of comparable size). Moreover, the attractive filaments of the dorsal fin are more developed in males.



For our customers: the fish have code 687565 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade. Available in very limited numbers only.

Lexicon: Satanoperca: means "Devil perch". lilith: this is the name of a female demon, the companion of the devil. demon: means "demon".

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Black Phantom Tetra



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males

The Black Phantom Tetra belongs to the most common species of fish in the aquarium trade. It originates from the Mato Grosso in Brazil, but all fish in the hobby are bred ones. Wild collected specimens do not appear in the trade, because decades of selective breeding produced so pretty fish that wild fish would be rejected by the customers as bad coloured! Especiallay the attarctive smoky black basic coloration is much paler in wild fish.



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female

male

The Black Phantom Tetra is the type species of the genus *Megalampodus*. That genus has been taken for a while as synonymous with *Hyphessobrycon*. Nowadays most specialists think that *Megalampodus* is a valid genus. One should know that the fish can be found in literature under the names of *Megalampodus megalopterus* and *Hyphessobrycon megalopterus*. Both names stand for the same species of fish.



Black Phantom Tetra become around 4 cm long and are ideal tankmates for cardinal tetras and other, very colourful species of fish, because the rather dull colours of the Black Phantom Tetra makes the other fish shine brighter. Besides this it is fascinating to observe the males displaying with all fins spread. It looks as if the fish would sail around each other.

For our customers: the animals have code 266904 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

Lexicon: Megalamphodus: means "with spacious ways"; this refers to anatomical details. megalopterus: means "with very large fins". Hyphessobrycon: means "small Brycon". Brycon is another genus of tetra.

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Corydoras eques



From the Brazilian state of Amazonas we received again a species of Corydoras, which is long known to science but almost unknown in the hobby: *Corydoras eques*. This unique and extremely colourful species was collected near Anori. This typical schooling Corydoras looks best when it is kept in blackwater. The bright orange band over the neck helps without any doubt to keep the school together in water with bad sight.

For our customers: the fish have code 227814 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

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