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L137 *Hypostomus cf. cochliodon*



The pretty, blue-eyed L137 from the Rio Tapajós is only rarely offered. It is a medium-sized species of *Hypostomus* that can reach a maximum length of about 20 cm. The colour of the fish is quite variable. Specimens exist that have rather brown fins, others have spotted fins and again others have bright orange-red fins. The latter might be confused with the similar "Bruno" from Paraguay (code 27510), but L137 can be always identified by the blue eyes, which are unique within the genus *Hypostomus*.



For our customers: the fish have code 26480-L 137-1 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

Lexicon: Hypostomus: from ancient Greek, means "with inferior mouth". Cochliodon: means "with mussel-shaped tooth".

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Dwarf livebearers



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Heterandria formosa, male

Finally we are able to offer once more both species of dwarf livebearers. Both are German bred ones. Dwarf livebearers are the smallest species of livebearing fish that are commonly kept in aquaria. Males become only 2 cm, females 3 cm long.



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Heterandria formosa, female

Heterandria formosa, also known as the "Least killifish" is the more common species. It originates from Florida and neighbouring states of the USA. It can be kept best at room temperature and does not need an additional heater, whereas *N. elegans*, also known as the "Teddy livebearer" originates from Colombia and needs rather high temperatures, eg 24-28°C.



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Neoheterandria elegans, male

Despite this the two species do not differ in respect to their demands. Even beginners can fulfill them easily. The water conditions (hardness, pH etc.) are of no interest and the fish feed readily on any type of fishfood that is small enough for the tiny mouths. Both species are absolutely peaceful.



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Neoheterandria elegans, female

The females of dwarf livebearers give birth to young fish during a period of several days. Each day only one or two babies are born. So one should keep them in small separate aquaria with dense plantation over that period. The babies should be removed every day.

For our customers: the *H. formose* have code 421482, *N. elegans* 438352 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

Lexicon: Heterandria: means "different man". formosa: means "pretty, nice looking". Neoheterandria: means "new Heterandria". elegans: means "elegant".

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