

Ornamental Fish from all over the world



Moema sp. Venezuela = *Renova oscari*



Yesterday we informed you in our Extra-Newsletter about the arrival of a species of *Moema* from Venezuela, which was unknown to us so far. Some killifish-specialists informed us now that this fish represents a population of the monotypical (= containing only one species) genus *Renova*, which was described scientifically only in 1995. The genus *Renova* differs from *Moema* only in a few minor anatomical details (less vertebrae, different head profile, smaller maximum size etc.).

This species was known among killifish enthusiasts under the name of "Moema from Isla Raton" before it was described scientifically. It is an annual (= lives for only one season), bottom-spawning species. Type locality is the island "Isla Raton" in the Orinoco river. This island is about 14 km long and 6 km wide. Here *Renova oscari* occurs along with the killifish species *Rivulus* sp., *Micromoema xiphophorus* and *Terranatos dolichopterus*.

Thanks a lot to all our readers that helped us to find out the true identity of our fish!

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