

# Ornamental Fish from all over the world



The discus season has started (2)!

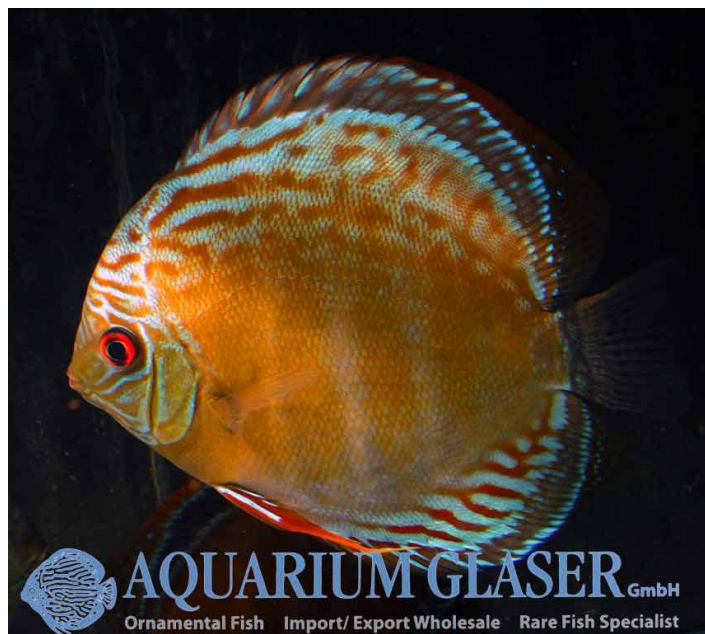


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Despite extremely high water levels (four meter over the normal level of the season) the first wild collected discus of the new season came in. They are very beautiful; today, our focus is on the Blue Discus originating from the Madeira River. This particular variety differs much in coloration individually.



For our customers: the fish have code 731195 on our stocklist.





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We have placed a video of the fish on our Facebook page....just click [here!](#)  
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*Atractosteus tristoechus*



The Alligator gars are so-called living fossils. They developed about 100 million years ago in the upper Cretaceous and haven't changed much since then. Currently two genera live in the New World, namely *Atractosteus* (containing three species) and *Lepisosteus* (four species).





The members of *Atractosteus* can reach about 2 m in length (formerly they are said to have reached even 3 m, but formerly everything was better ;-)) and are thus the largest recent members of the Alligator gars. The three species are very similar to each other and differ only in details which are not observable from outside. Our specimens are currently about 5 cm long and have been bred in Indonesia. We believe the breeders regarding the identity of the species as we have no opportunity to verify or falsify this.



Among the ancient features of the fish are the very strange bony sculation and the remains of a "tail" in the upper half of the caudal fin, which is clearly visible in our baby fish. Gars do not breath only via gills, but also via the swim bladder which serves as a lung. So they can survive even in very oxygen-poor water.





Gars feed almost exclusively on fish, but can be easily accustomed to feeding by forceps. Against conspecifics and other species of fish the gars are absolutely peaceful as long as they do not serve as food. Alligator gars are gorgeous animals for large show aquaria.



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**Lexicon: Atractosteus: means "arrow-bone". tristoechus: refers to the teeth which are arranged in three groups. Lepisosteus: means "bone-scale".**

**Common name: Cuban gar**

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**Goldfish Oranda Tricolor**



In the minds of many keepers the goldfish is a coldwater fish and has its high season in spring time, when the garden pond season starts. This is of course true, but reflects only a part of the reality. The highly developed sports - like the orandas - often are better kept in aquaria than in outdoor ponds. The optimal water temperature for these fish is between 14 and 28°C.

Currently we received very nice three-colored Oranda Tricolor that were bred in Singapore. These animals are colored individually very different and in all probability they will also change some of their colours during their individual lifetime, which can be as long as 30 years.





**The ideal home for such fish is a large tank with soft sand and only a mild current. Goldfish are social animals and absolutely peaceful against all tankmates. One must only take care that no other fish takes the long fins of the orandas as toys and thus jars on the nerves of the poor goldfish permanently. By the way: all goldfish - and so also all orandas - are a perfect weapon against duckweed. No plague of duckweed will ever appear in a goldfish tank, for duckweed is one of the favourite dishes of goldfish.**

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