

# Ornamental Fish from all over the world



Barbus hulstaerti Lompole



Once more we received a small jewel from the Congo basin. Again, a somewhat larger number of the Butterfly Barb *Barbus hulstaerti* could be imported, which was lost in the hobby for a long time. The colour variety with the large spot on the side is called "Lompole" after the collection site.



The lively fish reaches 3-4 cm in length and fascinates by its wonderful colours. Males and females can be distinguished by the different coloration of the dorsal fin.

In their area of origin they live in flat, shady and comparatively cool jungle waters. The discovery site data indicate with water values of pH around 6; and a total hardness under 5° dGH no excessive problems for their maintenance.



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**Due to the complicated political situation in the Congo the availability of wild collected specimens is not secured, therefore ambitious breeders should take care of this swimming gem to secure their existence in our aquaria.**

**For our customers: the fish have code 101862 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.**



**Lexicon:** Barbus: means "the bearded". hulstaerti: dedication name for the collector, R. P. Hulstaert.

**Common name:** Butterfly barb

**Text:** Klaus Diehl, photos: Frank Schäfer

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**Biotodoma cupido** Peru



The small cichlid *Biotodoma cupido* - the species can attain a maximum length of about 12-15 cm, but is sexually mature already at 6-8 cm total length - is probably the species of cichlid with the widest distribution in Amazonia. However, experts are merrily discordant whether all the different looking populations represent only varieties of the same species or represent different species on their own.



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May that be as it is: the specimens originating from the vicinity of Iquitos in Peru can be easily recognized by the large, bronze- or copper-colored spot that is exhibited by the male and that makes the fish very attractive. Females lack this spot and have also a differently-shaped dorsal spot.



**The fish are very peaceful - except when they start breeding. Then the openbrooding species becomes very aggressive against tankmates. These fish prefer floating water in the wild. Otherwise they are very adaptive and can be found even in tidal zones.**



**For our customers: the animals have code 634005 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.**

**Lexicon: Biotodoma: means "house of life"; formerly scientists believed the species would be mouthbrooding. cupido: after a Roman God of love.**

**Common name: Cupido cichlid.**

**Text & photos: Frank Schäfer**

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