

Elephant Nose

Gnathonemus petersi



Size

About 20cm

Range

Central Africa

Water

pH 6.5—7.0

General Hardness about 100—150ppm

Temperature

25 - 27°C

Food

Prefers live food including chopped earthworms. Will also take frozen daphnia, brine shrimp and bloodworms.

General Comments

This species makes a fascinating aquarium inhabitant. It is a hardy and peaceful fish with a most unusual lip protrusion, “the elephant nose” which it uses to probe in its search for worms and other food. *G. petersi* is capable of emitting an electrical discharge; however, it is of such low intensity that it can't be felt by humans.

The Elephant Nose is nocturnal by nature and as a result is seen to become more active at dusk. In aquarium it adjusts to day time feeding and displays well, even in the day. Presently these fish are not being bred commercially so all the ones offered for sale are wild caught.

care sheet



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