

Pictus Catfish

Pimelodus pictus



Appearance

The Pictus Catfish has a striking appearance, with black spots on a silvery white background and long whiskers. It makes a fascinating addition to community tanks.

Range

Colombia, South America.

The Pictus Catfish is not commercially bred so the industry relies on wild caught specimens all the way from South America.

Size

Grows to about 10cm—12cm

Water Parameters

Pictus Catfish can be very adversely affected by poor water quality. It is important to ensure that water parameters are suitable, and that tank maintenance is performed regularly.

Hardness between 70 - 150 ppm, pH 6.0, - 7.0 and a temperature between 22°C and 24 °C.

Feeding

This species is a “greedy feeder” and provides a lot of fun for the aquarist as it gulps huge mouthfuls of food.

They will eat any fish food, but prefer a carnivorous diet.

Temperament

The Pictus Catfish is extremely hardy, active and peaceful. In nature it is somewhat nocturnal.

When first introduced to the aquarium it may tend to hide until it becomes accustomed to its new surroundings. However, once acclimatised it is quite capable of looking after itself in a community tank, with a generally peaceful nature.

Larger specimens are capable of eating smaller fish, so care must be taken when selecting tank mates.

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