

Ornamental Fish from all over the world

Pseudocrenilabrus multicolor victoriae

This extreme beautiful small cichlid has changed its name quite often. Initially it was introduced to the hobby under the name *Pseudocrenilabrus philander dispersus*. The natural distribution area of this subspecies is Uganda.

Only bred specimens are traded. The fish are agamous maternal mouthbrooders, which means that the males and the females do not build up pairs for a longer period and that the female alone takes care for the brood. In contrast to many other species of mouthbrooding cichlids the female even picks up the freeswimming youngsters in case of a potential danger. This unique type of broodcare belongs to the things every enthusiast should have observed at least once in life.

Pseudocrenilabrus multicolor victoriae becomes sexual active at a length around 5 cm, but very old specimens might reach even 10 cm. Usually the size of fully grown fish is in between the two extremes, e.g. 7-8 cm. The tank for *Pseudocrenilabrus* should contain parts with fine sand, for here the male builds up the nesting pit. Plants become destroyed only in case they are in the way.

Pseudocrenilabrus are completely undemanding regarding the water chemistry and food, keeping and breeding thus is pretty easy and can be done even by beginners.

For our customers: the fish have code 566403 on our stocklist. Please note that we exclusively supply the wholesale trade.

Lexicon: *Pseudocrenilabrus*: from ancient Greek, means "false *Crenilabrus*". *Crenilabrus* is another genus of fish. *multicolor*: Latin, means "with many colours". *victoriae*: refers to Lake Victoria, where the species occurs.

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Maximum size	8-10 cm
Size available	6-8 cm
Origin	Nachzucht / bred

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