

Ornamental Fish from all over the world

Phenacogrammus cf. nigropterus

This new African tetra, presented by Dieter Bork in "Das Aquarium" 12/01 as "pastel-congo-tetra", comes from Lake Maindombe (also known as "Lac Leopold II") in the Democratic Republic Congo (Zaire). Ornamental fish breeder Winter was able to multiply them in a bigger number of pieces. The fins of the males are pulled out beautifully and nicely coloured (the "fringed" pulled out and dark lined back fin of full-grown animals reaches to their tail fin). The colouring of the females is plainly less spectacular (silver-grey body and "short" transparent fins). During the often noticeable courting the males develop bright yellow-orange fins, the body colouring is also getting more intensive and the usually hardly visible oval shoulderspots is becoming plainly wider and deep black. The spawn grains are conspicuously big (approx. 1.2-1.4mm), crystal-clear and not adhesive. The growth of the babies is very slow. Altogether it is a very attractive, lively, peaceful, easy to handle, new tetra, which neither bothers other fish nor plants and whose whole beauty is showed to advantage under slightly muffled light. (Photo von F.Schäfer, Text von P. & M. Hoffmann)



Maximum size	6 cm
Size available	cm
Origin	Kongo

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