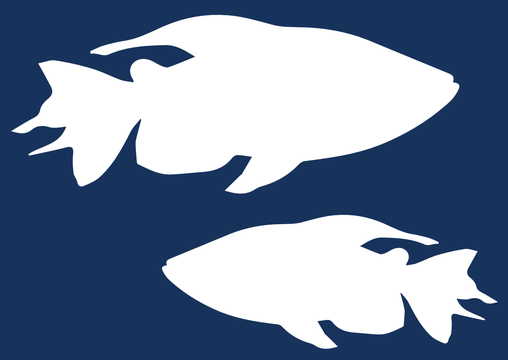


CONGO TETRA

Phenacogrammus interruptus

FLUVAL

Having been bred in captivity for many generations, Congo Tetras available today pale in comparison to their wild-caught counterparts. Nevertheless, they remain a jewel of the tetras.



SKILL LEVEL

Moderate

Not recommended for beginners: sensitive to water parameters, and tankmates must be chosen carefully.



DIET

Omnivore

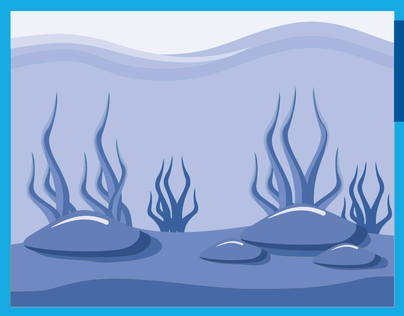
In the wild, typically feeds on crustaceans, small worms, insects, zooplankton and algae. Not a fussy feeder: readily accepts a variety of small pellets, flakes, freeze-dried and frozen foods.



DISTRIBUTION

Africa

Congo River basin.



MIN. AQUARIUM SIZE

40 US Gal / 160 L

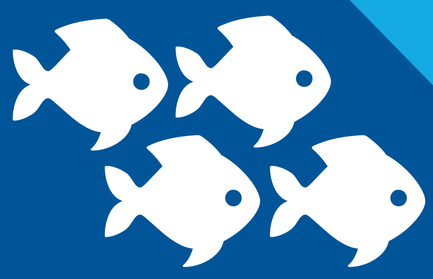
Best kept in planted aquariums with driftwood branches and plenty of swimming space. African biotope tanks are recommended.



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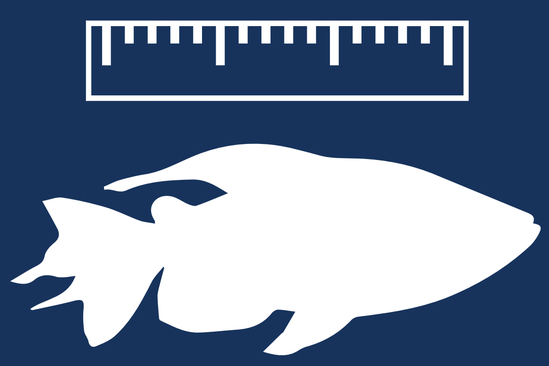
Peaceful

Actively shoals: a fantastic display species if conditions are adequate.



COMPATIBILITY

Best kept in groups of 6 or more with other species of similar dispositions. May frighten timid species with large adult size and active nature, but can itself be intimidated by more boisterous species. Do not keep with fin-nippers.



MAX LENGTH

3.5" / 9 cm



WATER

Temp: 74-80°F / 23-27°C
pH: 6.0-7.5
Hardness: 3-18 dH

