

Red-tailed Black Shark (Epalzeorhynchus Bicolor)

Distribution: Originally from Asia, but possibly now extinct in the wild, this is due to the destruction of natural habitats

Water temperature: 22-26 degrees Celsius

Max size: 5-6 inches

Ideal tank size: 210 litres and above

A very popular addition to the aquarium hobby. This fish starts out very friendly, active, shoaling, and has great character. After 4-6 months and adequate growth, the personality can change and aggression can be displayed. This is a very tough fish that can defend itself well.



Due to the potentially aggressive behaviour this fish should be kept alone, more than one in the same tank will lead to dominance issues. Medium-large Cichlids would make ideal tank mates.

Bogwood and rocks should be arranged to create a few different hiding spots.

Sinking pellets, brineshrimp, bloodworm and other live/frozen foods should be provided. Algae wafers are also enjoyed.