

Butterflyfish (Pantodon Buchholzi)

Distribution: Cameroon, Nigeria, Zaire

Water temperature: 23-30 degrees Celsius

Max size: 3.5-4 inches

Ideal tank size: 65 litres and above

Dance like a butterfly, sting like a baby Arowana! A very flamboyant looking fish that has the optimum body shape for preying on small top-swimming fish and insects. The hinge-like jaw is a giveaway as to the way this fish likes to eat, fast and ferociously.

They should be kept in small groups of 3-6 with no other top-swimming fish, equal/larger sized bottom-mid dwelling fish should be fine.



A heavily planted tank with floating plants will give great cover for this camouflaged species. As with other top-swimmers, substrate choice is not too important.

They eat flies, mealworms and small brown crickets. Some of these may be served live or dried. Other freeze-dried foods and flake are also accepted.