

Zebra Pleco (Hypancistrus Zebra)

Distribution: Brazil

Water temperature: 26-32 degrees Celsius

Max size: 2.5-3 inches

Ideal tank size: 70 litres and above

Due to the huge popularity of this stunning fish and its scarcity in the wild, there is a total ban on collecting and exporting it. The majority of specimens now available are bred in captivity, this has led to a very expensive price.

For a pleco, this fish is relatively small and can be kept in groups of 6-8, ideally in a specialist aquarium. Given the correct setup with adequate caves breeding can occur regularly.



A sand substrate with plenty of rock/slate caves setup closely together to form snug hideaways will help to mimic their natural behaviour.

They eat a variety of fresh, frozen and dried foods including; chopped mussels, lean beef, bloodworm and prepared Cichlid foods.