

Elephantnose (Gnathonemus Petersi)

Distribution: Zaire, Nigeria and Cameroon

Water temperature: 20-25 degrees Celsius

Max size: 7-8 inches

Ideal tank size: 110 litres and above.

A bit of a 'Marmite' species for some, due to the elephant-like trunk and very different appearance. The mouth is at the start of the trunk, which is used to help get food to the right place.

This fish should be kept in groups of six or more in a specialist community aquarium. A naturally timid and delicate species that requires keen care and dedication from the fishkeeper.



Plenty of caves and hiding spots should be provided in a densely planted tank. Territorial disputes can be common, but this is more of a communication method that never usually results in damage.

They eat bloodworm, daphnia, cyclops, glassworm and brineshrimp. These are generally available in frozen, dried or live forms.