

Common Freshwater Stingray (Potamotrygon Matoro)

Distribution: Brazil, Colombia, Peru

Water temperature: 23-25 degrees Celsius

Max size: 60cm disc size + tail

Ideal tank size: 700 litres and above

Surprisingly, a very friendly fish, providing it has been reared by the same owner from a young age. Pups can be hand fed pretty much from birth but using tongs would be advisable!

Given a very large tank, one male could be kept with two females. Sex can be determined from birth, males have claspers (modified pelvic fins) and females do not. Only a specialist community aquarium is ideal.



They spend most of their time scouring the bottom of the tank for food so only a very fine sand substrate is advisable. A few smooth pebbles and driftwood work well for shelter. They generally glide over anything in the tank so a large open area for swimming is also required.

A good quality and varied diet should be provided. They eat cockles, prawns, earthworms, bloodworm, mussels and river shrimp.