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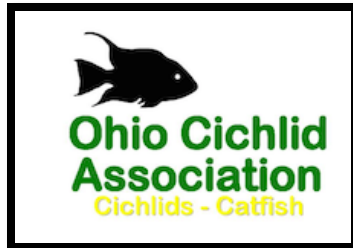
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President's Message

Don Danko



Hope you were able to join us at the January meeting to hear Gary Mendez speak on his 200+ tank hobby! Gary gave a great talk with lots of videos of his impressive collection. He also showed a pic or two of his amazing pond. Thanks much for your enthusiastic and informative talk, Gary!

Carl Olszewski made his debut as Bowl Show Chairman and he had some nice entries to judge. Best of show was Nick Zarzeczny's fabulous Vampire Pleco. Be sure to see what the February classes are inside this bulletin and bring one of your favorites in to show off to your fellow members. If you win best of show for the month, there's a \$20 prize!

Many thanks go out to Ken Walker for conducting the Auction for the month. There were many cool BAP entries, Buck-a-Bag items and Jim Smith Fund donations this month that included Chocolate Cichlids, unusual Cory Cats and many other species. Thanks much to Steve Zarzeczny, Mike D'Aversa from RMS Aquaculture for their donation of *Tatia intermedia*, the Milky Way Wood Cat, and a good sized portion of glass worms. We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support.

A stunning
Geophagus
Altifrons!



Mark Chaloupka and Steve Heinbaugh handed out many Cichlid and Catfish Breeder Award certificates of achievement at the monthly meeting. It is great to see so many members get involved in this recognition program and to share some of the cool species with other members through the BAP auction.

Mark DeWerth ran another outstanding raffle with many awesome items donated by our strong supporters. The final large prize went to new member, Joe Watson. Joe took home a 10 gallon Marineland LED tank setup, donated by the United Pet Group. I think Joe said he was looking for tanks when I spoke with him, so this was good fortune and good timing!

Our Ohio Cichlid Association Winter Auction will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at the Strongsville Holiday Inn. Look for info in this bulletin for details. And in case you're wondering, yes, our monthly meeting is the day before the auction...

I look forward to seeing you at the February 6th at the Ohio Cichlid Association meeting at the Old Oak Bible Church at 7575 Old Oak Blvd in Middleburg Hts. Be sure to bring a friend! Also, check us out on Facebook, www.ohiocichlid.com and on the OCA Forum at <http://www.cichlidae.com/forum/viewforum.php?f=40>.

Regards,

Don



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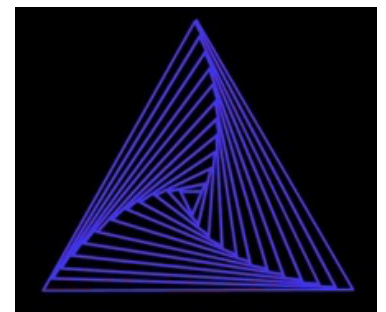
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Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Meeting Starts at:

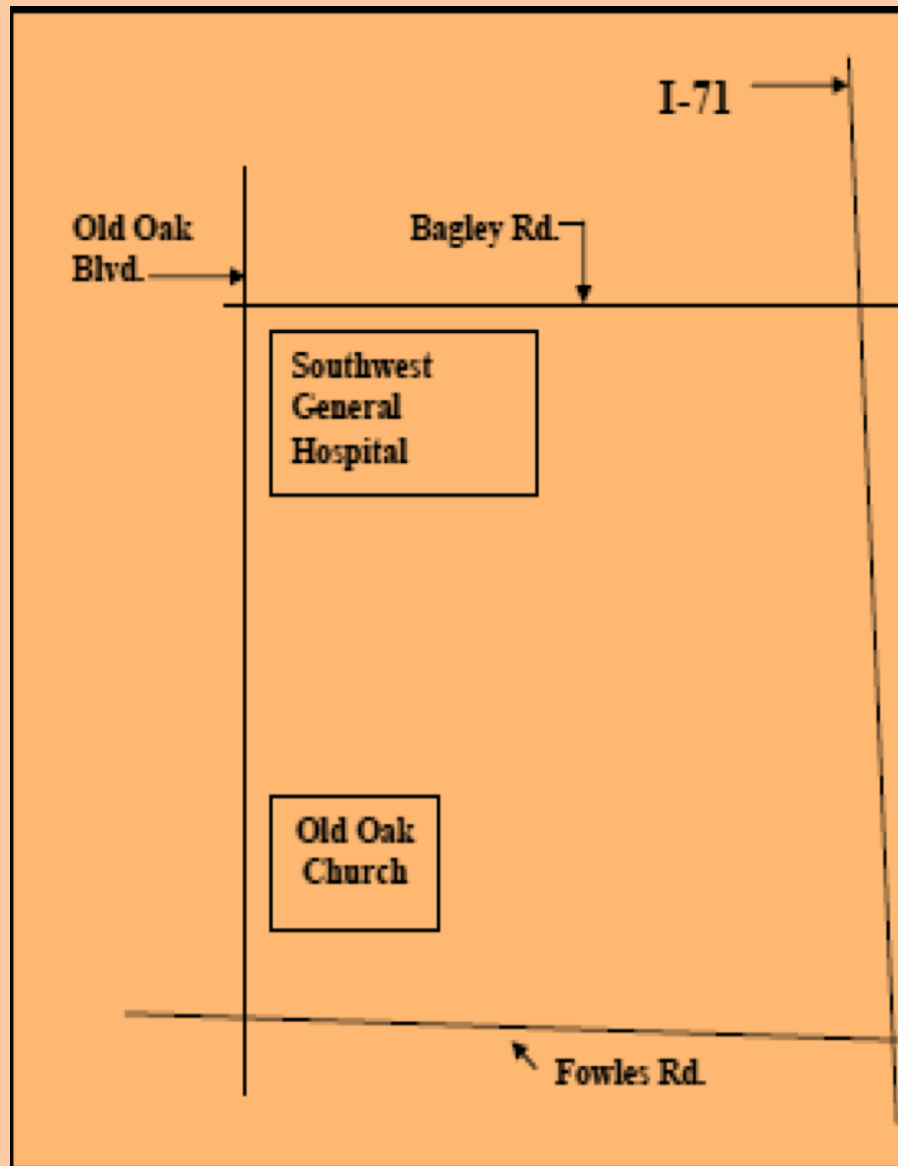
8pm

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Take exit 235 (Bagley Rd.).
Turn Right onto Bagley.
Turn left onto Old Oak Blvd.
Church is about ½ mile on left.

From the South take I-71 North
Take exit 234.
Turn Right onto Pearl Rd. (42)
Turn Left onto Fowles Rd.
Turn Right onto Old Oak Blvd.
Church is on the right 1/10 mile.

Old Oak Church
7575 Old Oak Blvd.
Middleburg Heights, Ohio



Program Preview – January 2015

MARK SABAJ PEREZ

Mark Sabaj Perez was born in Brookfield, Illinois. As an undergraduate at the University of Richmond, in Virginia, he gained valuable early field experience helping in a study of North American chubs and dace. He earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees at Richmond, and his Ph.D., in 2002, from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

From 1995-2000, Mark served as Collection Manager of Fishes for the Illinois Natural History Survey. In 2001 he accepted a similar position with The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, in Philadelphia, which he has held ever since.

Mark has published 45 peer-reviewed papers, collaborating with 67 co-authors. Topics of these studies include descriptions of many new species, mostly catfish, but also including a cichlid, a river ray and two crayfishes. A special project has been a re-organization of the catfish family Doradidae (eg Striped Raphael), which includes descriptions of a new genus and 12 new species.

Mark's field work has taken him to many places in the US and Canada, to Asia and Northern Europe, and all over South America. An expedition to Guyana was covered by National Geographic Magazine in 2002, and more recently, his work in Mongolia has been included in a documentary about the Khangai Mountains.

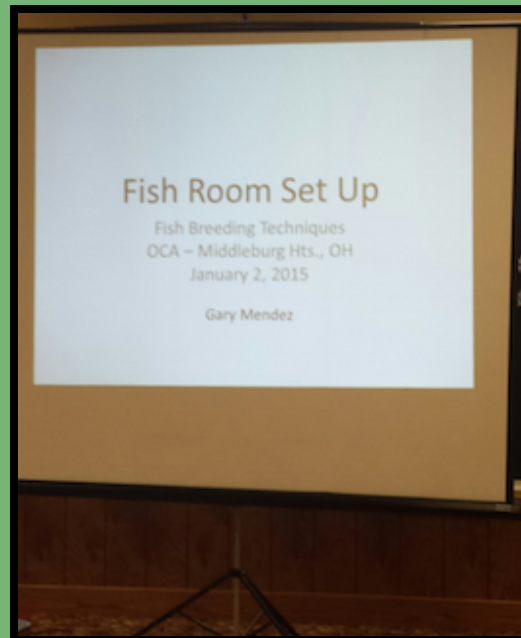
In 2003, the US National Science Foundation funded a huge project that attempts to discover and classify all the world's catfishes. Mark served as Co-Principal Investigator of this endeavor, called the All Catfish Species Inventory (silurus.acnatsci.org). The NSF also funded his current big project, which is to study the Lower Xingu river rapids, in Brazil. Various parts of this habitat will either dry out or become inundated, because of the Belo Monte Dam, which is currently under construction. (For details, go online to Planet Catfish, click "Cool", look under "About".) This work informs the presentation he will be giving us this month:

"Xingu Project: Survey of a Highly Diverse, Globally Unique and Immediately Imperiled Ecosystem."

Next month, Matt Shauer, of NBM Aquatics, will talk Corys.



A Special thanks
to OCA Board
member
GARY MENDEZ
For his
presentation at
the January Club
Meeting
Excellent job!



OCA Social Meeting Program Preview 2015

February 6

Mark Sabaj Perez

The Academy of Natural Sciences, Drexel University, Philadelphia

“Xingu Project: Survey of a Highly Diverse, Globally Unique and Immediately Imperiled Ecosystem”

March 6

Matt Shauer

Of NBM Aquatics

“KISS Corys: Tips for Keeping Breeding and Raising Some of the Most Popular Aquarium Catfish”

April 3

Dan Sharifi

Of Cichlids of the Americas

“Husbandry and Care of New World Cichlids”

May 1

Phil Benes

6000 Gallon Pond

June 5

Dave Schumacher

Of Dave’s Rare Aquarium Fish

“Lake Malawi Mbuna”

July

No meeting

August 7

Dr Ron Coleman

California State University, Sacramento

Costa Rican Cichlids

September 4

Dr. Jay Stauffer

Pennsylvania State University

Plan ahead -
Don't miss a moment!

Membership Reminder

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Thanks, Hilary





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Ray "Kingfish" Lucas

Thanks for 25 years and 500 shows!

Cichlid Breeders Awards Program Through January 2015

Data calculated and stored by Mark Chaloupka

Bryan Davis

Altolamprologus compressiceps "Sumbu shell"	20
Altolamprologus fasciatus	20
Julidochromis marlieri "Gombe"	15
Xystichromis sp. "Kyoga flamenback"	10

Tom & Carolyn Evers

Cryptoheros sajjica	10
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Dennis Kuehn

Sciaenochromis fryeri	15
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Charles Nowakowski

Aulonocara baenschi "Benga peacock"	10
Aulonocara sp. "OB peacock"	10
Geophagus sp. "red head Tapajos"	15
Hypselecara temporalis	15
Metriaclima estherae "red zebra"	10
Metriaclima lombardoi (Kenya)	10

Steve Olander

Labeotropheus trewavasae "Lundu"	10
Pelvicachromis pulcher	10
Pseudotropheus sp. "polit"	10

Eric & Rhonda Sorensen

Aulonocara hueseri "midnight peacock"	10
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Jonathan Strazinsky

Caquetaia umbrifera	20
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Cichlid Breeders Awards Program

Through January 2015

Data calculated and stored by Mark Chaloupka

MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	-	2700
Don Danko	-	2380
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Bryan Davis	65	1335
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Mark Chaloupka	-	1030
John Tesar	-	1020

900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Josh Cunningham	-	930
Tom Swiderski	-	905

800 POINT LEVEL

Dustin Brummitt	-	840
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700 POINT LEVEL

Gary Mendez	-	770
Jeff Yadlovsky	-	740
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	720

600 POINT LEVEL

Jeff Natterer	-	690
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	685
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	-	655
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

500 POINT LEVEL

Bill Schwartz	-	595
Tim Craig	-	540
Jonathan Strazinsky	20	540
Bob Blazek	-	515
Ron Georgeone	-	510

400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	445
George Anagnostopoulos	-	430
Bob Bina	-	415

300 POINT LEVEL

Tyler Toncler	-	390
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	10	345
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Gary Zalewski	-	325

200 POINT LEVEL

James Shakour	-	275
Ken & Karen Grimmett	-	270
Dave Esner	-	240
Ken Walker	-	220
Greg Senn	-	215
Tom & Carolyn Evers	10	210
Dennis Kuehn	15	210
Paul Collander	-	205

100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Jonathan Dietrich	-	180
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Frank Mueller	-	160
Bob Evers	-	155
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Jason Mylnar	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	135
Dan Ogrizek	-	125
Justin Way	-	125
Joe Ring	-	120
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

**BREEDER LEVEL**

Mark Huntington	-	95
Justin Way	-	90
Pete Gembka	-	80
Steve Olander	30	80
Denis Rozmus	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Charles Nowakowski	70	70
Andrew Schock	-	70
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Carl Olszewski	-	65
Dolores Bacisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jim Jensen	-	45
Dave Dimond	-	50
John Kaminski	-	40
Paul Palisin	-	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Jason Gorges	-	30
John Griffith	-	30
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Andy Lacerda	-	20
Scott Meyers	-	20
Bill Sensor	-	20
Anthony Scarton	-	15
Jim & Amy Damm	-	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	-	10
Mike Trader	-	10

The points list for the Breeders Award Program has been updated to include only current members. If you are a current member and your name has been omitted, please see the B.A.P. Chairman at the social meeting so we can correct any errors.

Please remember: You may only turn in a species or strain of fish for B.A.P. points one time. If you need a list of what you have been credited with, see the BAP chairman at the social meeting.

Catfish Breeders Awards Program Through January 2015

Data calculated and stored by Steve Heinbaugh

If your name has been removed from the Catfish BAP list, please check your membership status.

Breeder	Species	Points
Dave Ayres	Ancistrus sp. Pucallpa	10
	Ancistrus sp. Super Red	10
Phil Ayres	Corydoras oiapoquensis	10

Dan Ogrizek	320
Steve Heinbaugh	290
Dave Ayres	240
Phil Ayres 10	200
Don & Marilyn Danko	195
Ken Walker	110
Dan Woodland	100
Matt Urbin	90
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	75
Bryan Davis	60
Phil Hypes	60
Hilary Lacerda	60
Tom & Carolyn Evers	50
Ken Galaska	45
Tyler Toncler	45
John Kaminski	40
Kyle May	40
Karen & Ken Grimmatt	30
Lew Carbone	30
Andrew Schock	30
Tony Poth	20
Josh Cunningham	20
Gary Mendez	20
John Tesar	20
David Toth	20
Paul Palisin	10
Anthony Scranton	10
Jon Dietrich	10
Richard Shamray	10
William Zarzeczny	10
Wayne Corman	10
Mark Chaloupka	10
Bob Evers	10
David Hale	10
Jonathan Strazinsky	10
Bob & Jennifer Tillman	10

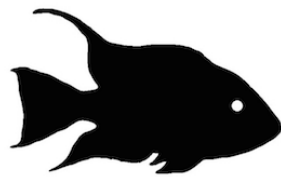


Congratulations!

Matt Urbin
Catfish BAP Trophy Winner
50 Points



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Monthly Bowl Show Program Through January 2015

Data calculated and stored by Carl Olszewski

January's categories were...

Tanganyikan Shell-dwellers
Central Americans under 6"
Loracariids (Pleco types) over 6"

February's categories will be...

Victorian Basin
Angelfish
Synodontis and other Mochokids

January Results

1.	NICK ZARZECNY	15
2.	JUSTIN WAY	10
3.	TONY POTH	7

This Year's Results

1.	NICK ZARZECNY	15
2.	JUSTIN WAY	10
3.	TONY POTH	7

Justin Way shows us what
a true Black Ocellatus
should be!



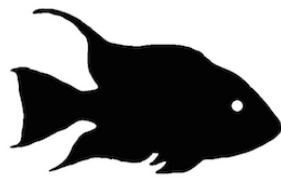
Awesome pleco from the
January Bowl Show.
Entered by Nick
Zarzeczny

Congratulations!

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Bowl Show 2015 Schedule

January

Tanganyikan Shell- dwellers
Central Americans under 6"
Loracariids (Pleco types) over 6"

February

Victorian Basin
Angelfish
Synodontis and other Mochokids

March

Pseudotropheus, Cynotilapia, Melanochromis
South Americans under 6"-- exclude Angels, Discus, Apistos✓
Catfish—exclude Callichthids, Loracariids, Mochokids (see other classes for explanations)

April

Peacocks
Central Americans over 6"
Freshwater Crusta- ceans

May

Tanganyikan Mouth- brooders--exclude Frontosa
South Americans over 6"
Loracariids under 6"

June

Mbuna--exclude Pseudo, Cyno, Melano
Discus, Uaru
Open Catfish, limit 3 per participant (all Cats eligible)

July

No meeting

August

Old World - exclude Rift Lakes and Victorian Basin
Open New World, limit 3
Open Tanganyika, limit 3



See Carl Olszewski with any 2015 Bowl Show questions!

September

Frontosa

Open Old World, ex- clude Malawi, Tang.

Corys and other Callichthyids

October

Malawi “Haps”

Apistos

Fish Photography

November

Female cichlids, limit 3

Telmatochromis, Chalinochromis

Loaches and Botias

December

Tanganyikan “Lamps”—exclude Shell-dwellers

Julidochromis

Open Malawi, limit 3



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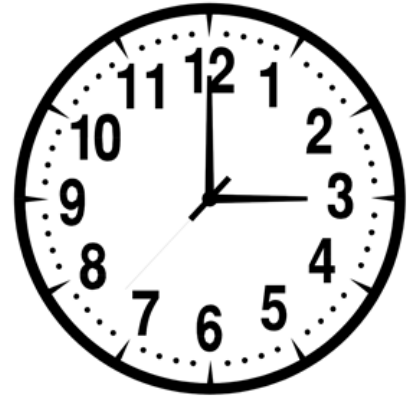
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This Month in OCA History

February

Lew Carbone, OCA Historian



1984: In Issue 5 of the Buckeye Cichlid Lovers' Bulletin, Neadean Gumto and editor Louise Stachowiak publish a questionnaire. Members are asked for their opinions of the bulletin and in what direction they'd like the 6 month-old group to go. *This is but one in a series of events that lead to the founding of the OCA.*

1999: At this month's board meeting, a motion was passed to present a Catfish Breeders Award program proposal to the membership. The proposal was put together by a committee, with the input of January social meeting speaker Shane Linder. It will be published in the Buckeye Cichlid Lovers Bulletin in March and April, and put before the membership at the April social meeting for approval.

2001: Many of the January bulletins arrived at members' home in damaged condition. The problem was discussed at the board meeting, and the following was part of Karen Crumroy's Secretary Report. (It should be noted that Karen was an amphibian enthusiast.)

The place we have them printed takes them to the downtown post office branch to be mailed out and the weirdest thing happened. The same day our bulletin went out there was a very rare shipment of "paper eating newts" that arrived at the post office and of course one of the mail carriers was overwhelmed with curiosity, even though the outer box said "DO NOT OPEN NEAR PAPER PRODUCTS" they figured one fast peek never hurt anyone and well they opened the box to see these wonderful little creatures. And as fast as the box was opened, the smell of freshly printed bulletins entered the box and hundreds of these hungry little buggers were out eating everything. Needless to say most bulletins were saved but some were damaged. So from the bottom of our hearts...IT WAS NOT OUR FAULT! WE'RE SO SORRY!!! PLEASE FORGIVE US AND THE NEWTS.

EXCHANGE Article

"Tilapia"

By William Berg of Sweden

For <http://www.tilapi.ws>

2005

www.aquarticles.com

Tilapia is a genus of large cichlids with more than 100 species. They are naturally found in Africa and in the Levant region in the Middle East, but are found today in many waters around the world as a result of tilapia farming. Tilapia farming has been an important food source in some areas for more than 2500 years.

Tilapia are especially well suited for farming since they are fast growing and hardy. This has made tilapia a very important protein source in some poor areas. For example, tilapia played a very important role for the survival of the people in Taiwan after World War 2. Many hope that tilapia farming will be able to play an equally large role in ending hunger in poor areas today.

The most common 'tilapia' in tilapia farms are not really tilapia, but rather fish of the genus *Oreochromis*. The genus *Oreochromis* and *Sarotherodon* are called tilapia in many languages including English, but are not tilapia in the true sense, since they don't belong to the genus *Tilapia*. This said, true tilapia fish are appreciated as food fish in many countries.

As well as being introduced to many waters around the world, tilapia have established themselves in even more areas after escaping from farms. Tilapia can establish a strong population in a very short time span if the conditions are right, and many biologists fear what these newly established populations can do to the native fishes in the area. The fish is now prohibited in Florida as a result of several populations establishing themselves in the state. Australia is also especially sensitive to the intrusions of these fish, and is already suffering from the effects of many other species that have established themselves on the continent.

But that's enough general information about tilapia cichlids.

Tilapia are easy to keep in aquariums if you can offer them an aquarium that is large enough for them. The smaller tilapia species require a tank of at least 40 gallon / 150 L while the larger species require one of at least 70 gallon / 250 L. They prefer slightly basic water but can without any problem be kept in waters with a pH of 6 to 8.5.

Some tilapia species are aggressive while others are rather friendly. They are best kept with moderately aggressive fish of similar size. Don't keep them with fish that are unable to stand their ground against the tilapia. Suitable companions include non-territorial cichlids, large catfish, garpikes and tinfoil barbs. Most pleco type catfish are also suitable companions.

The aquarium should be decorated with rocks and plants. The bottom is best covered with relatively fine gravel and some flat rocks. Tilapia cichlids should not be kept with sensitive plant species, but rather with hardier species like Anubias, Amazon swordplants, crinum and Java fern.

They are very easy to feed and will accept just about anything you feed them. Tilapia can be kept and breed on nothing but pellets and will usually do very well on that diet, but it is preferable to give them a more varied diet that includes vegetables.

Some tilapia species are mouth-brooders, while many other species are substrate spawners that lay their eggs on a flat rock or in a pit they dig. Many true tilapia species are quite productive since the survival rate of the fry is low in their natural habitat. Oreochromis species are mouth-brooders and usually produce quite small fry batches. They are very easy to breed and will breed without any special needs. The fry must be removed once the female finally releases them, since they will have a very low survival rate if they are left in the same tank as their parents. Oreochromis species are best breed in harem groups.

Substrate breeding tilapia protect their eggs and fry for the first few weeks.

All tilapia fry can be feed newly hatched brine shrimp from day one, and the fry of many species are large enough to accept mashed pellets. It can sometimes be hard to find new homes for tilapia fry so you might want to take this into consideration when you decide how many fry to raise.

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CARL OLSZEWSKI

"The Inca Stone Fish

Tahuantinsuyoa Mancantzatza"



Tahuantinsuyoa Mancantzatza also known as the Inca Stone Fish, comes from the Peruvian Amazon drainage system and was first described by S.O. Kullander in 1986, so it's relatively new to the hobby. It's a dwarf cichlid and a biparental mouth brooder that lays 30-60 eggs on a leaf or other object that they can transport. Males are a little bigger and darker than the females. When I first ordered these fish, I was told they were wild caught and a little research was in order.

I had found that they prefer soft acidic water to thrive in, with a ph of 4.4. which was no problem seeing that I keep blackwater fish anyways. Once they arrived they were pretty much beaten up; all lost a lot of finnage, so into the quarantine tank they went. Once in, they all scattered to hiding places in the tank and that's where they stayed for a couple of days and would not eat.

After two days I raised the temp up from 76* to 82* slowly over the next 48 hours. By now they were use to their surroundings and were adventuring out more and more. At this time I started feeding them bloodworms and brine shrimp, which they took to immediately. Next came the pecking order which at this point I removed two of the worst to another tank and left 2 pair in the 29 gallon quarantine tank. The two pair then resided at opposite ends of the tank.

Now while I was attending The OCA Extravaganza one pair decided to spawn! I didn't even get a chance to watch the process. I had noticed that one of the fishes mouth was bulging and after 3-4 days the fry were free swimming. After a day or two I removed the fry and started them on finely crushed flake food, which they ate vigorously.



Male *T. mancantzatza*

Male Inca Stone Fish

A few days later I got to watch the second pair spawn and this is where I thought it got interesting, the female searches out a suitable spawning site such as a leaf or whatever they can carry. In this case it was part of a silk plant leaf about an inch square. The leaf itself was partially buried in the sand when she started pulling it out. And like all cichlids she cleaned it meticulously to the point where she thought it was good enough.

Next the male came by and started to clean also. When this was done the male started his little dance and the female would swim up to the leaf and lay a string of eggs and the male right behind her would fertilize them. This went on until the entire leaf was filled with eggs. The pair would take turns fanning the eggs and moving the leaf around with them. One time it became funny to watch them fight over where the eggs/leaf would go, I even witnessed them having a tug o war over the eggs to which side they were to go.

After four days the eggs hatch and are taken up by the parents, again they take turns mouth brooding the eggs. Once they're free swimming I start them on a diet of baby brine shrimp then later on finely crushed flake food.

Female *T. mancantzatz*



Female Inca Stone Fish

Overall I really like this fish, although not very colorful, it does have an interesting breeding behavior. As for water conditions, it seems to adapt pretty fast to it's environment and would make a great addition to any tank



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