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BANJO CATFISH *aspredinidae*

ORIGIN: These catfish occur throughout the tropical rivers of South America.

SIZE: Most species reach a total length of 2-6". However some species can reach lengths of almost a foot. These fish do not have scales and will occasionally shed their outer layer of skin like a reptile.

BEHAVIOR: These fish are often perceived as lazy, because they are nocturnal. They spend most of their daylight hours hiding, or lying on the bottom of their tank. They also produce a clicking sound when agitated, by rubbing their pectoral fins along their sides. Due to these spiny fins these fish can easily be caught in a regular net. Use a cup or bag to transfer these fish for cleaning or environment change.

TANK MATES: Appropriate tank mates can consist of small tetras, gouramis, danios, and easy-going barbs. All tank mates need to be larger than the mouth of your catfish, preferably upper to middle tank feeders, and not overly active or curious about other fish, as this may stress out your new pet.

SUBSTRATE: These like many catfish would prefer a sand substrate to burrow into. Under gravel filtration is not recommended for this fish due to messy eating habits resulting in bacterial and ammonia build up in such a set up.

TEMPERATURE: Banjo Catfish prefer a temperature in the high seventies or low eighties.

ALKALINITY: These fish prefer a pH of 6.5 to 6.8.

DIET: These bottom feeders are nocturnal, so feeding in the evening is best. They can be trained to eat dried sinking foods like shrimp pellets, but would much rather eat live prey, such as insect larvae, ghost shrimp, brine shrimp, or live fish (possibly their tank mates if they are appealing and small enough).

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Min. 10 Gal Aquarium (the larger the better)
- Substrate as detailed above
- Information about starting your aquarium if you do not have an existing environment
- Hiding area for during the day
- Live prey, or sinking carnivore pellets
- Over the tank filtration
- Heater to achieve ideal temperature
- Thermometer to monitor tank temperature

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

- Decorative plants
- Decorative aquarium background
- Fluorescent lighting fixture
- Bubble wall or decorative aeration device

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