



FOSSOROCHROMIS ROSTRATUS (MALAWI SAND DIVER)

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FEEDING

Omnivorous, sifts substrate for food particles. Dry and frozen foods.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Large-growing sand-sifter, prefers a very large aquarium and find sand for substrate. Will sometimes bury itself if alarmed. Mature males make magnificent display specimens with their highly ornate markings.

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KEEPING SNAPSHOT

Difficulty: Intermediate
Max Growth Size: 25 cm
Temperament: Territorial, keep with Rift Lake Cichlids

PREFERRED WATER PARAMETERS

Temperature: 23-27 degrees celsius
pH Level: 7.5-8.5
General Hardness: Hard

RANGE

Lake Malawi: throughout the lake

REPRODUCTION

Mouthbrooder: after spawning, the females incubate the eggs in their mouth until the fry are free-swimming. Males will mate with multiple females. The fry are easily raised with first foods such as baby brine shrimp.