



OPHTHALMOTILAPIA VENTRALIS

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

This mouthbrooding Cichlid is one of several species known as Featherfins: mature males have long ventral fins with bright 'egg-dummies' at the fin tips. This species prefers fine sand, it occurs in a wide range of geographic populations.

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KEEPING SNAPSHOT

Difficulty:	Intermediate
Max Growth Size:	15 cm
Temperament:	Territorial, particularly males.

PREFERRED WATER PARAMETERS

Temperature:	23-27 degrees celsius
pH Level:	7.8-9.0
General Hardness:	Hard

RANGE

Africa: Lake Tanganyika

REPRODUCTION

Mouthbrooder, females incubate the eggs in their mouth until the fry are free-swimming.

FEEDING

Carnivorous. Eats all normal foods.



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