



**Genera :** *Corydoras*, *Aspidoras*, *Brochis*

**Family :** Callichthyidae

**Geographic Origin :** South America.

**Common Names :** Bronze, Peppered, Panda *Corydoras*; Hog-nosed *Brochis*

**Compatibility :** These non-aggressive, shoaling fish may be kept with most other species of fish..

**Minimum aquarium size :** The small species of *Aspidoras* and *Corydoras* can be kept in tanks as small as 450mm x 250mm x 250mm (18" x 10" x 10") but will generally thrive better in larger tanks.

**Temperature :** Ideal is around 24°C (75°F) but will tolerate both higher and lower temperatures. Water temperature is often lowered quite drastically to promote the onset of breeding

**Habitat :** Likes a well-planted community tank with a gravel substrate. Some aquarists use a fairly coarse gravel or fine sand believing that it lessens 'wear and tear' on the fishes' barbels.

**Water :** Although generally found in soft water, they very readily adapt to hard water to such an extent, that they will happily breed in hard water.

**Health :** Generally do not suffer with health problems. The nose of the fish is sometimes accidentally damaged and may need treatment in a separate aquarium. If the tank needs to be treated for White Spot (on other fish), ideally, the catfish should be removed before treatment as they may be allergic to the particular chosen treatment.

**Diet :** Catfish, should not only be used for cleaning up uneaten food, but should also be fed separately. This is best achieved by adding food for them just before the lights are turned off at night. They are omnivorous in their diet and particularly enjoy frozen Bloodworm.

**Plants :** All species of tropical plants are acceptable. They are not plant eaters.

**Breeding Notes :** *Corydoras* are egg-depositors, the female carrying the eggs between her pelvic fins to the chosen spawning site. See **Temperature**.

**Availability :** A very wide selection available. Research your selection and then check with shops.

**Show Class :** F.B.A.S. Show Class H *Corydoras* Class Ha *Aspidoras*, *Brochis*