Marbled Hatchetfish (Carnegiella Strigata)

Distribution: Amazon, South America

Water temperature: 24-28 degrees Celsius

Max size: 1-2 inches

Ideal tank size: 100 litres and above

An interesting character in the aquarium that will spend most of the time at the top level of the tank searching for the next meal. An enlarged muscle is responsible for the odd shape of this fish, which allows it to jump out of the water. A close-fitting lid and lots of surface plants help to give this species places to hide.

A minimum group size of 4-6 is ideal for this natural shoaling species.

Tannin coloured water provided by bogwood and a dark substrate will bring out the natural behaviour of this fish. Floating plants and hiding places are also appreciated.

A variety of dry floating foods are accepted as well as mosquito larvae (black or blood).