



Breeders Award Programme

BREEDING RECORD SHEET:- EGGLAYERS

Breeder's Name:	Stuart McKay
Submission Date:	03/08/08

SPECIES INFORMATION

Scientific Name	<i>Ancistrus sp. 3</i>			
Common Name	Common Bristlenose			
Points Awarded/ Class	Points Awarded	30	Class	4
Number of Fish	Male	1	Female	2
Approx Size (cm)	Male	8-9 cm SL	Females	6-7 cm SL
Approx Age (if known)	Male	8-10 months	Female	8-10 months

SPAWNING TANK / CONDITIONING TANK INFORMATION

Tank Size (cm)	Length	75	Height	38	Width	30
Substrate	Shallow layer of gravel					
Decoration	Slate cave, 1 piece of slate, 2 thin pieces bogwood, 1 large plastic plant					
Water Conditions	pH	7-7.5	Temperature	79 F	GH	-

SPAWNING AND REARING INFORMATION

Spawn Date	Approx. 16/02/08	Approx number of eggs	?
Hatch Date	Approx. 20/02/08?	Approx number hatched fry	55
Free Swimming Date	28/02/08	Approx number free swimming fry	50



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FRY REARING INFORMATION

Tank Size (cm)	Length		Height		Width	
Substrate	Tank as above initially					
Decoration						
Water Conditions	pH		Temperature		GH	
First foods (period these fed for)	Courgette, cucumber, flake, catfish pellets fed throughout from when fry left cave.					
Second foods (period these fed for)	N/A					
60-90 Day Update	Approx Number of Surviving Fry	50	Approx Size Range of Surviving Fry	20 mm		
Other Comments	Parents spawned again 15 March and 19 th April, producing around 100 fry on the former occasion, therefore most of the first batch have been moved to several other tanks. Growth rate is slow but steady, and fry are extremely hardy.					

General Information	Fry show a great affinity for climbing into power filters, therefore I had to remove this and replace with sponge filter. Due to the great amount of waste produced (especially half-digested wood) I was doing daily 50% water changes initially. Since removing power filter fry mortality dropped to almost zero. With subsequent broods I replaced the power filter- carefully taking filter apart seems to have no adverse effect on fry in the filter, despite at times up to 30 fry climbing inside! A close-fitting lid/condensation tray is recommended- of the spawning trio, I originally purchased four at about 1" long, but one of the fish climbed out of the tank on the second day despite this being an ascent of several inches above the water-line.
Observations or details that may assist another aquarist to breed this species	