



Breeders Award Programme

BREEDING RECORD SHEET:- EGGLAYERS

Breeder's Name:	Dave Hallam
Submission Date:	21/05/10

SPECIES INFORMATION

Scientific Name	<i>Anomalochromis thomasi</i>			
Common Name	African Butterfly Cichlid			
Points Awarded/ Class	Points Awarded	20	Class	6
Number of Fish	Male	1	Female	1
Approx Size (cm) SL	Male	8	Female	5
Approx Age (if known)	Male	1.5yr	Female	1yr

SPAWNING TANK / CONDITIONING TANK INFORMATION

Tank Size (cm)	Length	120	Height	30	Width	30
Substrate	Fine layer of playpit sand					
Decor	Caves, plastic plants, Java moss					
Water Conditions	pH	7	Temperature	24.5	GH	3

SPAWNING AND REARING INFORMATION

Spawn Date	10/03/10	Approx number of eggs	?
Hatch Date	13/03/10	Approx number hatched fry	?
Free Swimming Date	18/03/10	Approx number free swimming fry	75



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FRY REARING INFORMATION

Tank Size (cm)	Length	120	Height	30	Width	30
Substrate	As spawning tank					
Decoration	As spawning tank					
Water Conditions	pH	7	Temperature	24.5	GH	3
First foods (period these fed for)	BBS, microworm, crushed dry foods					
Second foods (period these fed for)	BBS, microworm, crushed dry foods					
60-90 Day Update	Approx Number of Surviving Fry	60	Approx Size Range of Surviving Fry	10mm-15mm		
Other Comments	<p>Fry are straightforward to raise, no special requirements.</p> <p>This brood of fry was removed to a different tank (45x45x45) three weeks after hatching as the parents were then busy brooding another batch of eggs.</p>					

<p>General Information</p> <p>Observations or details that may assist another aquarist to breed this species</p>	<p>When small sexes are difficult to identify. From about 1 1/4" in length pairs can be seen forming. The females are smaller, rounder bellied fish. Will spawn and get free swimming fry even when a large number of other fish are present in the aquarium, including broods from previous spawns.</p> <p>This particular pair spawned again three weeks after this brood, in early April. The young from the first spawn had to be removed to a raising tank as they were seen to be hiding from the protective parents. A few weeks later the female attacked the male severely, so he too had to be removed.</p>
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IMAGES

Young female, spawning tube visible



Young male





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Juveniles

