



Breeders Award Programme

BREEDING RECORD SHEET:- EGGLAYERS

Breeder's Name:	Phil Blackburn
Submission Date:	08/02/10

SPECIES INFORMATION

Scientific Name	<i>Synodontis lucipinnis</i>			
Common Name	Dwarf Lake Syno			
Points Awarded/ Class	Points Awarded	50	Class	4
Number of Fish	Male	1	Female	3
Approx Size (cm) SL	Male	7-8	Females	7-8
Approx Age (if known)	Male		Female	

SPAWNING TANK / CONDITIONING TANK INFORMATION

Tank Size (cm)	Length	91	Height	38	Width	30
Substrate	Coral sand					
Decoration	Spawning site is upside-down flower pot with small hole cut in side, over a bowl containing marbles, under which is mesh large enough to allow eggs to pass through					
Water Conditions	pH	7	Temperature	74	GH	>16 (KH 5)

SPAWNING AND REARING INFORMATION

Spawn Date	Spawning continuously since April '09	Approx number of eggs	40-300
Hatch Date	After 2 days	Approx number hatched fry	Max 1/3 of eggs laid
Free Swimming Date	After 5 days	Approx number free swimming fry	



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FRY REARING INFORMATION

Water Conditions	pH	7	Temperature	74	GH	>16 (KH 5)
First foods (period these fed for)	Walter worm and baby brine shrimp					
Second foods (period these fed for)						
Other Comments	<p>Bowl is transferred to rearing tank after spawning. Fry become active immediately after hatching- swim round despite having yolk sac for c. 5 days, but do not feed during this period.</p> <p>Growth rate is exceptionally slow- juveniles only about 1.5"-1.75" in 10 months.</p> <p>Spawning tank also houses some <i>Neolamprologus</i>-like cichlids.</p>					

<p>General Information</p> <p>Observations or details that may assist another aquarist to breed this species</p>	<p>Initial spawnings had heavy losses to fry, possibly due to trying to feed fry before they were ready to accept food. Some batches have much higher survival rates than others.</p> <p>Parent group spawn twice a week at the moment (different females)- female suffers temporary superficial damage around dorsal fin from male after spawning.</p>
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Adults (female on left)



Juveniles

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