



2.1 Discus Fish

Discus fish belong to the Cichlid genus and originate in the Amazon region of South America. They are commonly referred to as “the king of the fresh water aquarium”. Discus fish are available as: fish caught in the wild, Asian captive breeds and German captive breeds.

Our STENDKER Discus Fish live for up to 15 years, can reach a size of up to 21 cm / 8” in diameter and are fully grown at the age of 2 to 2.5 years.

Discus fish love the company of members of their own species (Cichlid Behavioural Characteristics) and should be kept in pairs (the fish should be at least 14 cm / 5,5” in size) or in groups of at least 10 fish.

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In the wild, the discus fish habitat is made up of sandy soils and roots, under which they like to shelter.

Discus fish also feel quite at home in an aquarium with plant life (and often their habitat there is pleasanter than in the wild). **(see [Aquascaping](#)**

Our STENDKER Discus Fish are accustomed to German tap water and are easy to keep. Hence, keeping them has little in common with the challenge of keeping fish which have been caught in the wild. Thanks to our STENDKER Discus Fish, even first-time aquarium owners can successfully keep discus fish!

We offer our German captive bred STENDKER Discus Fish in a large range of sizes (5 – 20 cm / 2 - 8”) and in 21 different colour varieties.

Our water chemistry data for keeping STENDKER Discus Fish:

General hardness (GH) 15

Carbonate hardness (KH) 8

pH value 7

Conductivity 800 µS

Water temperature 28° – 30°Celsius / 82,4 – 86° Fahrenheit

Discus fish are specialised feeders. With our own specially-developed feed-mix, which you can purchase as STENDKER Frozen Discus Feed in retail stores, feeding discus fish is easy and provides your fish with an all-round, healthy diet. Our Discus Feed is wholly suitable as a complete feed and the discus fish in our hatchery are fed exclusively with this feed. This excellent and balanced feed-mix plays a considerable role in keeping your discus fish healthy, and in ensuring brilliant colours, good reproduction and growth.