



Recommendations Aquarium Size – Stocking Density

When keeping discus fish, you should choose one of the following four options:

1. Breeding Discuses (Discus Pair)

To breed discus fish, we recommend using an aquarium with a capacity of
150 litres/40 US gallons

(60 cm x 50 cm x 50 cm) (24" x 20" x 20")

Juvenile fish should be separated from the parent fishes when they are 12 – 14 days old. At this age they start seeking out food on the floor of the aquarium and could ingest pathogens or germs.

2. Discus Pair with Companion Fish in an Aquarium with Plant Life

You will need an aquarium with a capacity of at least

180 litres/50 US gallons

(100 cm x 40 cm x 45 cm) (40" x 16" x 18")

We recommend an aquarium size of

250 litres / 65 gallons

(100 cm x 50 cm x 50 cm) (40" x 20" x 20")

When keeping a pair of discus fish, **the two fish should be at least 14 cm in size**, because two smaller fish, kept as a pair, will not grow well in size, as “competitive feeding” does not take place.

3. Rearing Discus Fish, Keeping a Discus Group

To rear a discus group (of at least 10 fish) an aquarium with as small a capacity as **180 litres / 50 US gallon** is sufficient

(100 cm x 40 cm x 45 cm) (40" x 16" x 18")

However, for 10 fully-grown fish we recommend using an aquarium with a capacity of at least **300 litres/ 80 gallons**.

4. Discus Group with Companion Fish in Aquarium with Plant Life

For **10 fully-grown discus fish with additional companion fish and plant life** we recommend using an aquarium with a capacity of at least

400 litres / 105 US gallons.

(160 cm x 50 cm x 50 cm) (63" x 20" x 20")

See also: (LINK: Cichlid Behavioural Characteristics)

See also: (LINK: Plants for Discus Aquariums)

See also: (LINK: Companion Fish for Discus Fish)

Our tips:

1. At the outset, you should establish whether you will be keeping a group of discuses or a pair (as described in points 1 – 4 below). You should also make a firm decision as to whether you will be keeping discus fish caught in the wild,



Asian captive breeds or our STENDKER Discus Fish and then only purchase those fish in future (avoid mixing!).

2. Take your time to prepare a new aquarium thoroughly until you have achieved the optimum water chemistry for our discus fish. ([LINK: Running in Filters](#))
3. You should purchase a generous initial amount of plants and fish stock and, if possible, refrain from adding new plants or fish later (risk of introducing pathogens). (An exception: you can purchase additional STENDKER Discus Fish without risk.)
4. 3 x feeds per day, ideally with our original **STENDKER Discus Feed**, which is ideally suited as a complete feed solution for discus fish and is also a feed, which other fish species enjoy eating too.
([LINK: Feed Dosage and Feeding Information](#))
5. 1 x water change per week with 1/3 **cold water!**
([LINK: Water Changes](#))
6. Ideal water temperatures for discus fish are 28° – 30°Celsius / 82,6 - 86°F.
12 hourly lighting via a timer clock and a nightlight is recommended (nightlights are an orientation guide and prevent discus fish becoming startled).
7. For holiday/ vacation tips for your aquarium see ([LINK: Holiday/ Vacation](#)).