



Salt bath

Recommended treatment: e.g. for external parasites

Treatment

A salt bath consists of 500 grams/17,5 oz of **iodine-free** table salt in fifteen litres of aquarium water. It is best remove 15 litres / 3 US gallons of water from the affected aquarium, using a bucket. (This will ensure that the fish is in water with the identical temperature and water quality to its original water).

Dissolve 500 grams / 17 oz of table salt in this water (wait for 2-3 minutes until the water clears). Then allow the affected fish to swim in this salt water for **30 – 60 seconds**, before returning it to its original aquarium.

You must never leave a discus fish in salt water for more than a minute, as salt water is fatal within 5 minutes at the latest!

This treatment will remove external parasites on the fish. The fish's immune system should be able to deal with any remaining external parasites in the aquarium. Should the fish already be very weak, you are likely to achieve a better result by placing it in a different aquarium after treatment.

In most cases, a single salt bath treatment will be sufficient.