



PURCHASING ADVICE:

Visit a range of pet shops before buying fish and check the quality and health of the fish as follows:

1. Do the fish look healthy?
2. Do the fish still look healthy on a follow-up visit around two weeks later?
3. When fed, do all the fish swim towards the feed and do they eat well?

Another quality characteristic for healthy discus fish are bright, red or amber-coloured eyes and a broad forehead (where the fish's fat reserves are located).

Please purchase **all discus fish, companion fish and plants from the same retailer. Purchase them at the same time (or in as short a time span as possible), as fish and plants purchased later can introduce diseases and new bacterial strains to your aquarium.** To avoid endangering your fish stock, we recommend: **purchasing enough fish initially and avoiding adding any new fish later.** This will save you a great deal of trouble and will avoid the risk of introducing diseases.

Exception: If you have opted for our STENDKER discus fish, you can introduce further fish from our hatchery, of different sizes and colours, at any time.

[\(LINK: Testing Bacterial Compatibility of Companion Fishes and Plants\)](#)

Always ask the pet shop staff whether the discus fish on display were caught in the wild, are Asian captive breeds or our STENDKER Discus Fish (if the fish are not clearly labelled). Please opt for one of these three varieties and stick to this, as discus fish from different breeders should not be mixed!