

Assorted Malawi Cichlid

Electric Yellow - Labidochromis caeruleus
Electric Blue - Sciaenochromis fryeri
Zebra Cobalt Blue - Metriaclima callainos
Red Zebra Pulu Point - Metriaclima estherae
Blue Dolphin - Cyrtocara moorii
Copadichromis Kadango Red
Metriaclima lombardoi
Melanochromis maingano
Melanochromis auratus
Rusty cichlid - Iodotropheus sprengerae
Nimbochromis venustus



**Note: This assortment can change without notice depending on availability.*

The Malawi assortment has been created by Aquarium Industries to allow customers to experience the joys of keeping Malawi cichlids without having to worry about any major compatibility issues or differences in water quality. These species have been carefully selected to showcase what Lake Malawi has to offer, highlighting the most popular and brightly coloured varieties.

Natural Range

Lake Malawi, Africa

Maximum Size and Longevity

Maximum length is 25cm depending on the individual, with a life span of 5-10 years.

Water Quality

- Temperature: 24°C - 28°C
- PH: 7.8 – 8.2
- General Hardness: 200 – 350 ppm

Feeding

Malawi cichlids will readily accept most floating or sinking foods. They will benefit from frozen foods rich in protein and vegetable matter. The AI Naturals Range Malawi Cichlid Mix is a good choice as it contains nutrients specifically designed for African cichlids and will help to enhance their natural colouration.

Compatibility

Males can be aggressive towards other tank mates if there is not enough space to form territories. To reduce this aggression we suggest keeping larger groups of 10-15 individuals and to create an aquascape that contains numerous caves and crevices for fish to rest in.

Breeding

Generally it is recommended to provide 3-4 females per male. This forces the male to spend his time and attention on his harem of females, allowing the others to rest. The females within this assortment are mouth brooders (eggs and fry are looked after in the mother's mouth). Females will not eat while carrying young, so it is a good idea to monitor the female's condition after every batch.

**Caution: When keeping with closely related species there is a risk of hybridization.*

General Information

Malawi cichlids are one of the most popular and commonly kept aquarium fish. They are not overly demanding and are easy to keep. Their colouration can rival many marine fish, and as such they're kept by both beginners and experienced aquarists alike.