

Catfish	
Size:	Up to 3 m but growing smaller in captivity
Weight:	Up to over 150 kg
Life span:	30 years
Optimum water temp:	29.5°C
Will survive in water:	20°C - 35°C
Fish stops feeding:	10°C
Fish die:	8°C
pH ideal:	Best at a pH between 5.0 and 7.0 - slightly acidic
pH tolerant:	
Hardness:	
Food:	Catfish are carnivores which follow the food sources. Generally, they are a bottom species but will quite happily feed at the surface if food is available there. Generally, they eat a broad range of food, Yabbies and shrimp are the main ones, but worms, fish, insect larvae, tadpoles, frogs and snails etc are all consumed.
Habitat:	Wide natural distribution in the Murray-Darling River system, also found in streams along the NSW north coast, south to the Shoalhaven River. Prefers sluggish or still waters of rivers, creeks and billabongs. Spawning takes place from late spring until mid-summer following complex courtships, usually in nests up to 200 cm in diameter built of pebbles or gravel. Fertilised eggs are guarded by one of the parents and aerated by fanning with their tail. Generally, bottom feeders, taking molluscs, crustaceans, insect larvae and small fishes.

