

THIS STORE SUPPORTS THE RESPONSIBLE FISHKEEPING INITIATIVE (RFI)*

THIS GIANT IS AN ADULT RED-TAILED CATFISH



Baby red-tailed catfish (*Phractocephalus hemioliopterus*) can attain a length of 4 feet and weigh 75 pounds. A fish hobbyist who purchases one can later find himself with a “tankbuster” like the one pictured.

Similarly, a 3-inch baby pacu (*Colossoma macropomum*) can turn into a 3-foot, 30-pound monster, and a juvenile 4-inch iridescent “shark” (*Pangasius hypophthalmus*) can grow to 5 feet and weigh more than 100 pounds.

Red-tailed catfish, iridescent sharks and pacus, because they grow so large, often prove beyond the capacity of the standard home aquarium and the care that the average hobbyist can provide. Because of this, this store does not sell these fish. We stress that only expert fishkeepers with very large aquariums should attempt to keep them.

NEVER RELEASE ANYTHING

FROM YOUR AQUARIUM

INTO THE WILD!

THE RFI PLEDGE

If you have a fish you can no longer keep because it has outgrown your aquarium, you may bring it to this store. We will attempt to find a home for it. If a home cannot be found, we will humanely euthanize the fish and properly dispose of the remains.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO RELEASE ANYTHING FROM YOUR AQUARIUM INTO NATURE.

* The Responsible Fishkeeping Initiative aims to prevent the release of the fish described on this poster into local waters. It does not seek to outlaw them, but stresses that only fishkeepers with the proper facilities should keep these fish, and that nothing kept by hobbyists — animals or plants — should ever be released into the wild.



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