

Centropyge jocularor

Cocos pygmy angelfish

This exotic and rare sub-species angel is bright yellow with a deep blue rear portion of the body. A blue circle is around the eye. Mature C. jocularor grow to about 3.5 inches / 8.75 cm.

C. jocularor is known only from the eastern Indian Ocean from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Christmas Island (Australia). It can generally be found in groups at depths of about 15-70ft / 45-210m in coral or rubble areas on steep outer reef slopes and drop-offs.

C. jocularor should be kept in an aquarium with at least 50 US gallons / 200 liters or larger. High quality conditions must be kept and maintained with proper water chemistry. BIO-SEA® Marine-mix and Marine Environment® salts provide these essential water requirements. Temperature requirements are about 77°F / 25°C.

C. jocularor is relatively friendly to other centropyges but hostile to C. bicolor, which has a similar coloration. Centropyges will accept premium flake or pellet foods. However they do considerably better with a diet of Hikari® Mysis Shrimp, which offers maximum nutrition and is also available in "mess free" cube packs.

This costly fish requires plenty of rocks with open spaces for hiding. If provided suitable foods, some C. jocularors will inhabit a live coral (reef aquarium). If deprived, they may nip at corals, clams, sponges, etc. Although considered "reef safe" by a handful of aquarists, caution must be exercised.



As with all new aquarium additions, C. jocularor should be observed in a quarantine aquarium for at least 30 days. Quarantine conditions should be maintained with proper water chemistry & quality, filtration, and diet. There should be no traces of ammonia. If the fish has parasites or disease, use Aqua Craft® 1 Drop™ copper sulfate at the rate of 0.15 ppm. for an effective 30-day treatment.

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