



This magnificent marine angel fish is found in the Indo-Pacific, Red Sea & Indian Oceans.

When collected in the Indo-Pacific Ocean, the fish's throat coloration is a pale pink. In contrast, when found in the Indian Ocean & the Red Sea, the throat area is a vibrant orange.

While diving in Palau, I have seen adult *P. diacanthus* swimming in only three to five feet of water. They were grazing among stag horn corals with banner fish (*Heniochus acuminatus*) and powder brown tangs (*Acanthurus glaucopareus*).

Small specimens of *P. diacanthus* (under 3 inches / 7.5 cm.) are as attractive as adults. Adults can reach 10 inches / 25 cm.

P. diacanthus (3 inches to 5 inches) can be kept in aquariums no less than 50+ US gallons or 190+ L. Large animals should be kept in aquariums no less than 100+ US gallons or 380+ L.

Smaller *P. diacanthus* appear to adjust better to aquarium life than their larger adult counterparts. Once acclimated into the proper marine aquarium conditions, *P. diacanthus* will accept a wide variety of frozen foods. However, frozen mysis, pellet and wafer foods from Hikari® are preferred.

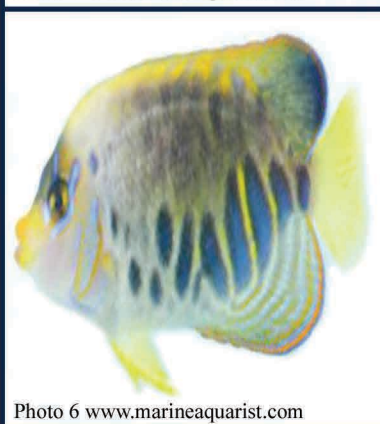
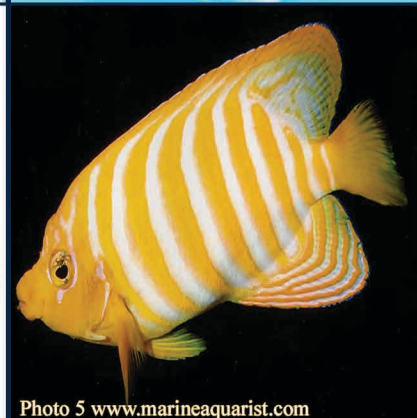


Photo #1 shows a 5 inch / 12.5 cm *P. diacanthus* with normal body markings and coloration.

Photo #2 shows a 6 1/2 inch / 16.25 cm *P. diacanthus* with unusual body bars.

Photo #3 shows a *P. diacanthus* about 4 inches / 10 cm with dramatic misbaring.

Photo #4 shows a 4 inch / 10 cm *P. diacanthus* with a near lack of blue body bar coloration.

Photo #5 shows a 9 inch / 22.5 cm *P. diacanthus* with a near total lack of body bar development and pale color.

Photo #6 shows a 3 inch / 7.5 cm *P. diacanthus* with a lack of traditional body bars and coloration.

Photo #7 shows a 2.5 inch / 6.25 cm *P. diacanthus* with a total lack of body bars and pale orange.