



# Ornamental fish owners – important information

## If you keep ornamental fish, have your say about proposed additions to our banned fish species list

Fish species that pose a significant risk to our aquatic habitats and native species can be prohibited (banned) in the State. Many high risk species are officially listed on the Noxious Fish List, under the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*.

As part of a national strategy<sup>1</sup> to prevent non-native, ornamental fish getting into Australia's waters and damaging our aquatic habitats and native species, the Department of Fisheries is considering adding another group of fish species to Western Australia's Noxious (banned) Fish List.

Most of the species proposed are not expected to be kept or traded in WA, as they have little or no commercial, industry or hobby value. However, we want to make sure fish owners have been properly consulted before progressing with any noxious fish list additions. In the unlikely situation that fish on the proposed list are currently present in the State's waters, there will be an amnesty period allowing owners to dispose of them in an environmentally safe and humane manner before penalties will apply.

### Let us know what you think:

- Do you possess any of the species proposed for listing (see details on the list below)?
- Are you aware of any of them being currently present in any part of Western Australia?
- Do you have any comments or particular objections to the proposed species being added to the State Noxious Fish List?

Send us your information and comments by:

- **Email:** [biosecurity@fish.wa.gov.au](mailto:biosecurity@fish.wa.gov.au)
- **Post:** Aquatic Environment Branch  
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Locked Bag 39, Cloisters Square Post Office  
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<sup>1</sup> Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (2006). *A Strategic Approach to the Management of Ornamental Fish in Australia*. BRS Publications, GPO Box 858, Canberra ACT 2601

## Noxious fish restrictions and penalties:

Under Western Australian legislation<sup>2</sup>, a person must not:

- keep, breed, hatch or culture any noxious fish;
- have in the person's possession any noxious fish;
- consign or convey any noxious fish;
- release any noxious fish into any waters; or
- put any noxious fish into a container or receptacle in which it might remain alive.

You may face significant penalties (\$10,000 or higher) if you are found to be in breach of this part of the legislation.

For the current [Noxious Fish List](http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Sustainability-and-Environment/Aquatic-Biosecurity/Translocations-Moving-Live-Fish/Pages/Noxious-Banned-Fish.aspx), please go to [www.fish.wa.gov.au/Sustainability-and-Environment/Aquatic-Biosecurity/Translocations-Moving-Live-Fish/Pages/Noxious-Banned-Fish.aspx](http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Sustainability-and-Environment/Aquatic-Biosecurity/Translocations-Moving-Live-Fish/Pages/Noxious-Banned-Fish.aspx)

This public consultation process will conclude on 15 February 2016.

## Species proposed for addition to the Noxious Fish List

Please note: while some of the species below have common names, many do not. Common names have been given where appropriate.

Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name	Common name
<i>Acipenser baerii</i>	Siberian Sturgeon	<i>Astyanax daguae</i>	
<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus</i>	Atlantic Sturgeon	<i>Astyanax depressirostris</i>	
<i>Astyanacinus moorii</i>		<i>Astyanax eigenmanniorum</i>	Mojarra Piava
<i>Astyanax abramis</i>		<i>Astyanax elachylepis</i>	
<i>Astyanax altiparanae</i>		<i>Astyanax endy</i>	
<i>Astyanax angustifrons</i>		<i>Astyanax erythropterus</i>	
<i>Astyanax anterior</i>		<i>Astyanax fasslii</i>	
<i>Astyanax aramburui</i>		<i>Astyanax festae</i>	
<i>Astyanax argyrimarginatus</i>		<i>Astyanax filiferus</i>	
<i>Astyanax asuncionensis</i>		<i>Astyanax gisleni</i>	
<i>Astyanax atratoensis</i>		<i>Astyanax goyacensis</i>	
<i>Astyanax biotae</i>		<i>Astyanax gracilior</i>	
<i>Astyanax bockmanni</i>		<i>Astyanax guianensis</i>	
<i>Astyanax brachypterygium</i>		<i>Astyanax gymnogenys</i>	
<i>Astyanax caucanus</i>		<i>Astyanax henseli</i>	
<i>Astyanax chaparae</i>		<i>Astyanax integer</i>	
<i>Astyanax cordovae</i>	Mojarra	<i>Astyanax ita</i>	Mojarra
<i>Astyanax correntinus</i>	Mojarra	<i>Astyanax janeiroensis</i>	

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<i>Astyanax kompi</i>		<i>Astyanax scintillans</i>	
<i>Astyanax kullanderi</i>		<i>Astyanax stenohalinus</i>	
<i>Astyanax lacustris</i>		<i>Astyanax superbus</i>	
<i>Astyanax laticeps</i>		<i>Astyanax symmetricus</i>	
<i>Astyanax lineatus</i>		<i>Astyanax taeniatus</i>	Piaba-branca
<i>Astyanax longior</i>	Mojara	<i>Astyanax trierythropterus</i>	
<i>Astyanax maculisquamis</i>		<i>Astyanax troya</i>	Mojarra
<i>Astyanax marionae</i>	Lambari	<i>Astyanax tupi</i>	
<i>Astyanax maximus</i>		<i>Astyanax turmalinensis</i>	
<i>Astyanax megaspilura</i>		<i>Astyanax utiariti</i>	
<i>Astyanax microlepis</i>		<i>Astyanax venezuelae</i>	
<i>Astyanax microschemos</i>		<i>Ctenobrycon hauxwellianus</i>	Mojara; Lambari
<i>Astyanax mutator</i>		<i>Ctenobrycon multiradiatus</i>	
<i>Astyanax myersi</i>		<i>Boulengerella cuvieri</i>	Bicuda; Pirapucu
<i>Astyanax nasutus</i>		<i>Boulengerella lucius</i>	Golden Pike-characin; Pirapoco
<i>Astyanax nicaraguensis</i>		<i>Boulengerella xyrekes</i>	Pirapoco
<i>Astyanax ojiara</i>		<i>Eleotris andamensis</i>	
<i>Astyanax orbignyanus</i>		<i>Eleotris annobonensis</i>	
<i>Astyanax orthodus</i>		<i>Eleotris aquadulcis</i>	Sepik-Ramu Freshwater Gudgeon
<i>Astyanax paraguayensis</i>		<i>Eleotris balia</i>	
<i>Astyanax parahybae</i>		<i>Eleotris brachyurus</i>	
<i>Astyanax paranae</i>		<i>Eleotris daganensis</i>	
<i>Astyanax paranahybae</i>		<i>Eleotris fasciatus</i>	
<i>Astyanax pedri</i>	Lambari	<i>Eleotris feai</i>	
<i>Astyanax pelecus</i>		<i>Eleotris lutea</i>	Lutea Sleeper
<i>Astyanax poetzschkei</i>		<i>Eleotris macrocephala</i>	
<i>Astyanax potaroensis</i>		<i>Eleotris macrolepis</i>	
<i>Astyanax pynandi</i>		<i>Eleotris mauritianus</i>	Widehead Sleeper
<i>Astyanax ribeirae</i>		<i>Eleotris melanura</i>	
<i>Astyanax rivularis</i>	Piaba	<i>Eleotris oxycephala</i>	
<i>Astyanax ruberrimus</i>		<i>Eleotris pellegrini</i>	
<i>Astyanax saguazu</i>			
<i>Astyanax saltor</i>			
<i>Astyanax scabripinnis</i>	Piaba; Tetra; Mojarra		

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<i>Eleotris perniger</i>	Smallscaled Spinycheek Sleeper
<i>Eleotris picta</i>	Spotted Sleeper
<i>Eleotris pisonis</i>	Spinycheek Sleeper
<i>Eleotris pseudacanthopomus</i>	
<i>Eleotris senegalensis</i>	
<i>Eleotris soaresi</i>	
<i>Eleotris tecta</i>	
<i>Eleotris tubularis</i>	
<i>Eleotris vittata</i>	
<i>Eleotris vomerodentata</i>	
<i>Pangasius bedado</i>	
<i>Pangasius bocourti</i>	Basa
<i>Pangasius djambal</i>	
<i>Pangasius humeralis</i>	
<i>Pangasius kinabatanganensis</i>	
<i>Pangasius lithostoma</i>	
<i>Pangasius mahakamensis</i>	
<i>Pangasius mekongensis</i>	
<i>Pangasius myanmar</i>	
<i>Pangasius polyuranodon</i>	
<i>Pangasius rheophilus</i>	

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<i>Pangasius sabahensis</i>	
<i>Pangasius sanitwongsei</i>	Giant Catfish; Giant Pangasius
<i>Pangasius tubbi</i>	Shortbarbel Pangasius
<i>Alfaro amazonus</i>	
<i>Schilbe angolensis</i>	
<i>Schilbe banguelensis</i>	Golden Barbel
<i>Schilbe bocagii</i>	
<i>Schilbe brevianalis</i>	Butterfish
<i>Schilbe congensis</i>	
<i>Schilbe djemeri</i>	
<i>Schilbe durinii</i>	
<i>Schilbe grenfelli</i>	
<i>Schilbe laticeps</i>	
<i>Schilbe mandibularis</i>	
<i>Schilbe micropogon</i>	
<i>Schilbe moebiusii</i>	
<i>Schilbe multitaeniatus</i>	
<i>Schilbe mystus</i>	African Butter Catfish
<i>Schilbe nyongensis</i>	
<i>Schilbe tumbanus</i>	
<i>Schilbe uranoscopus</i>	
<i>Schilbe yangambianus</i>	Yangambi Butterbarbel
<i>Schilbe zairensis</i>	

## Further information

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