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Conservation of Malagasy Cichlids

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- Southeastern coast of Africa
- Underdeveloped nation
- Large population growth

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Food Fish

- Introduction of Tilapia to provide a food source for the local populace
- Tilapia grow quickly and are predators
- Tilapia must be smoked, not sun dried

Deforestation



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Deforestation = Extinction



Conservation Ideas

- Captive breeding programs (AZA, private breeders)
- In-situ parks and breeding programs
- ACA CARES – your club in action
- ACP Database, www.acp-database.com (Anton Lamboj)
- CCWG – Cichlid Conservation Working Group
 - Collective group of hobbyists

Keeping Malagasy Cichlids

- Myths and Legends
- The basics
- Major Species
- Breeding
- Misunderstandings

Myths and Legends

- Tank size
- Aggression
- Breeding difficulty

The Basics

- Tank size one gallon per inch of fish
- pH 7.2 – 7.5, wide range
- Temp 82f, + when breeding
- Hardness 100 parts per million
- Decorations
 - gravel
 - rocks
 - plants

Major Cichlid Species

- Paratilapia
- Ptychochromis
- Paretroplus

Paratilapia

- Species Small Spot



Paratilapia

- Species Large Spot



Ptychochromis

- Grandidieri



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Ptychochromis

- Oligacanthus, mananjeba



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Ptychochromis

- Oligacanthus, Nosey Bee



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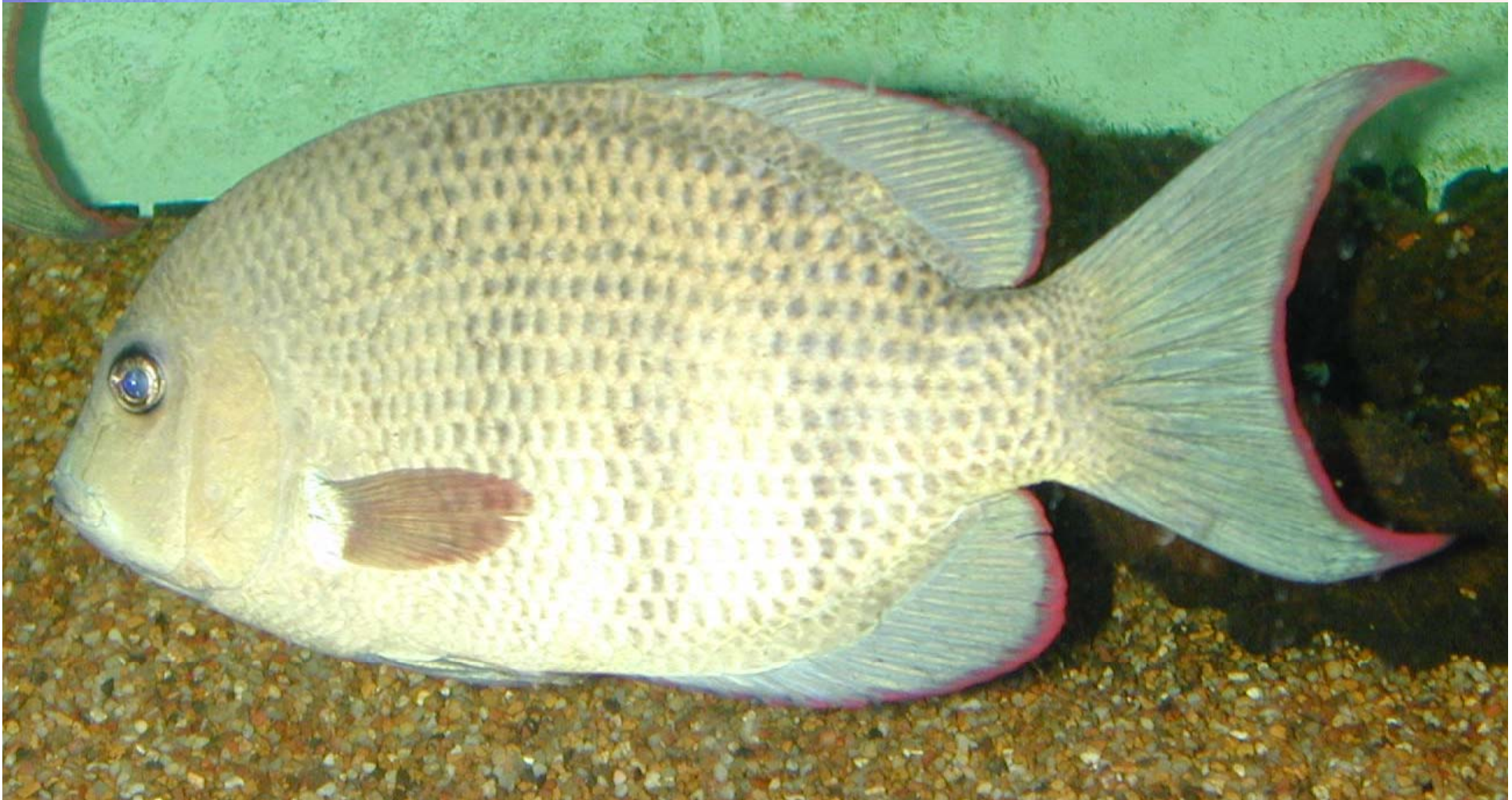
Katria



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Paretroplus

- Menarambo



Paretroplus

- Maculatus



Paretroplus

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Paretroplus

- Norissati



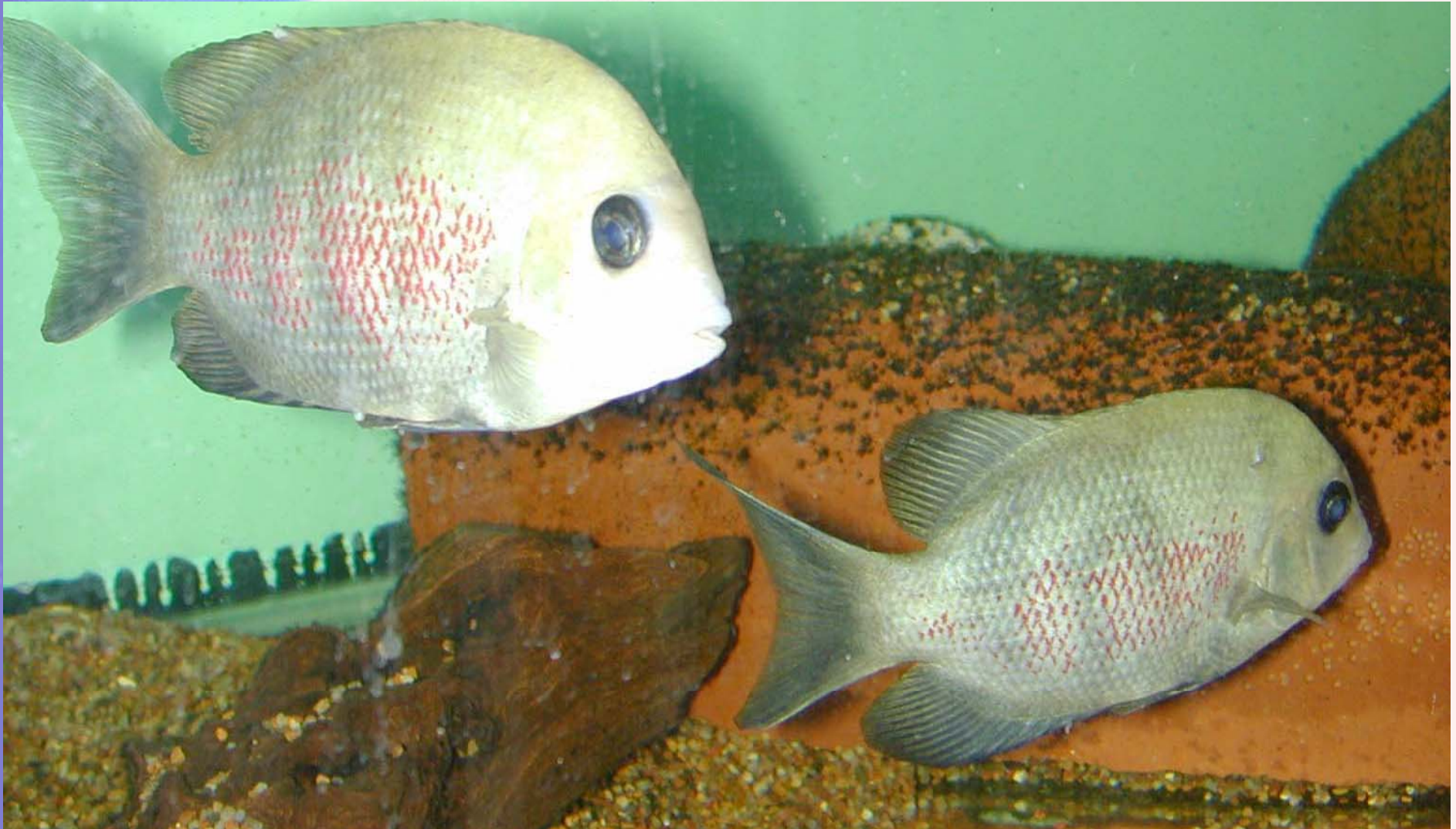
Paretroplus

- Kieneri



Paretroplus

- Petiti, Actually Dambabe



Paretroplus

- Dami
- Polyactus
- Blue Lips
- Maromandia



Other Cichlids and Fish



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- Ptychochromoides
- Bedotia
 - Geayi
 - Madagascariensis
- Pachypanchax
- Bathygobius

Breeding



- Tankmates
 - Male and Female
 - Aggression
 - Spawning
 - Grow Out



General Conditions

- Temp – 82 - 86 F
- Dither fish
 - Until pair forms successfully
 - Possibly smaller tank 40b
 - Large spawns(800-1000), but smaller fry that will not survive initial 6 weeks. Survivors (100-200)

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Ptycho Spawns



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Maculatus



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Maculatus



General Conditions

- Lake fish, temp – 86 F
- River fish, temp – 82 F
- Dither fish to reduce aggressive activity
- Age is a question, 3-4 years??

Misunderstandings

- Not many keeping the fish
- Not much written about them
- Some difficulties to understand a new fauna
- Difficult to obtain - \$

Future

- Keep
- Breed
- Write

How?

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