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Aphyosemion cameronense "K99 Route Forest". Photo by Rudolf Koubek

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Greetings

Hello all

Happy New Year!

Another picture from Mr. Koubek. This time his beautiful *cameronense* is shown. This population was collected on route to the North West corner of the Congo (Republic of Congo, not the former Zaire). I know some of you are exceptional photographers and regularly snap a few pictures of your fish. I would be grateful if I could include a picture or two every now and then in the newsletter... If you are worried about your 'intellectual property' getting lost on the internet I can elegantly deface it so that no-one would want to steal it.

Concerning the internet, our webpage can now be found at: <http://tgenade.freeshell.org/saks/index.html>. This server (Freeshell) doesn't have any advertising on it so there are no pop-up adds and the like. All of the past two years newsletters have been uploaded onto the site so new members don't miss a thing. There is a trading post where you can advertise your fish to the world. If you want to place an advert just give me the details and I will construct the page for you; or if you have the skills you can make the page yourself and email it to me.

I have been contact by Jean Huber who would very much like for me to let you know about his website. He has put his monumental work: Killi-Data online where anyone can get hold of the information for a 'small' fee. The website's address is: <http://www.killi-data.org>. I have sampled the website and can assure you the amount of information is staggering and the quality is exceptional.

On the topic of information exchange I would like to tell you about the aquatek@coollist.com email list. This list is run by Renier van Rensburg (renier@sanavy.co.za), if you want to join contact him. So far traffic has been minimal and very enriching. I encourage you to join and partake in South African fishkeeping.

With live fish and egg trades becoming more frequent and practical I hope more use will come out of the 'Fish and Egg Trading List'. Send me your list and I will incorporate it into the next edition.

News

More on shipping fish locally...

Using Kordan breathing bags I have shipped live fish up to KZN with zero fatalities. The fish were bagged individually and enclosed in the bag without any air—just water—and posted quite early in the day (before 14h00). The fish arrived later the next day at their final destination in good shape.

Prof Watters has sent in some comments in response to the last newsletter regarding shipping fish. These follow below:

The golden rule is to ship each individual specimen in its own bag. Do this regardless of the age of the fish, the size, the level of aggression, sex, or whatever. The reasons for individually bagging large and/or aggressive fish are obvious. However, even placing two or more peaceful or immature specimens together can be problematical because if one dies the body will very quickly pollute the water and deplete the oxygen leading, inevitably, to the very rapid death of the remaining fish. Fish that might normally co-exist peacefully in a tank will very often nip each others fins when in the confines of a bag, and rapidly develop fungus and/or fin rot.

In the long run, the added expense and effort of individually bagging fish will be well worth it because it will mean fewer dead fish, less stress on the fish, a reduced level of frustration and disappointment on the part of the shipper, and the need for repeat shipments will be greatly reduced.

Regards,

Brian

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Fish and Egg Trading List

Please submit your list of fish/eggs that you have for sale or would like to acquire. The list can be sent to tgenade@freeshell.org.

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Available eggs:

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| <i>Austrolebias nigripinnis</i> "Carmelo" | R 50/wks |
| <i>Nothobranchius foerschi</i> | R 50/wks |
| <i>Nothobranchius lourensi</i> "Narubungo TAN 02-24" | R 50/wks |
| <i>Nothobranchius korthausae</i> "Mafia Island TAN 02-5" | R 50/wks |
| | R 15/pair |
| <i>Simpsonichthys</i> sp. South Bahia CI-99 | R 50/wks |
| <i>Pseudomugil gertrudae</i> "Jones Road, Nth Qld" | R 25/12 eggs |
| Vinegar eel culture starter (5 ml) | R 10 |

All eggs are shipped fresh. Non-annual eggs are picked consecutively for 3 or 4 days and shipped off allowing three to four days of travel.

The *Pseudomugil gertrudae* are a species of blue-eye a relative of the rainbow fish and is not a killifish. It does have some very nice killifish properties: small size, peaceful, large eggs with long incubation period.

Rudolph Koubek

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Available fish:

- Aphyosemion batesii* (*kunzi*) K99 T.T.
- Aphyosemion batesii* (*kunzi*) K01
- Aphyosemion bochtleri* K98
- Aphyosemion cameronense* K98 (yellow caudal fin)
- Aphyosemion cameronense* K99 Route Forest
- Aphyosemion cameronense* K98 (yellow spot on tail)
- Aphyosemion cameronense* K01
- Aphyosemion herzogi* K98 & K99 (red)
- Aphyosemion lamberti* K00 Congo Border (red)
- Aphyosemion maculatum* K98 (yellow fins)

Aphyosemion maculatum K00 T.T.
Aphyosemion ogoense pyrophore K00 (yellow caudal)
Aphyosemion punctatum K01 T.T.
Aphyosemion punctatum K01
Aphyosemion rectogoense K00 T.T.
Diapteron abacinum K01 T.T.
Diapteron cyanostictum K99
Diapteron cyanostictum K01
Diapteron fulgens K00 T.T.
Diapteron georgiae K98
Diapteron georgiae K00 (light blue)
Diapteron georgiae K01
Rivulus agilae

T.T. refers to *terra typica* locations based on the book: **Radda A.C. & E. Pürzl 1987**, *Colour Atlas of Cyprinodonts of the Rain Forests of Tropical Africa*, Hofmann Verlag, Wien, Austria.

Phone for information and prices.

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Available fish/eggs:

Chromaphyosemion poliaki "Bolifamba"

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Trades most welcome!

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