

# FEDERATION OF BRITISH AQUATIC SOCIETIES

FISHCARE SHEET No 12

Danios

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**Species:** Danios, Devarios and White Cloud Mountain Minnows. See those fishes listed in the current Federation's Size Book under Class K.

**Family:** Cyprinidae

**Geographic Origin:** S/East Asia, India and South China.

**Common Names:** Zebra, Spotted, Leopard and Giant Danios. White Cloud Mountain Minnows.

**Compatibility:** Generally active fish that are best kept in a shoal of at least six fish. Not aggressive towards one another or to tank mates. A good fish for beginners.

**Minimum Aquarium Size.** The small Danios and WCMM's can be kept in an 450mm x 250mm x 250mm (18" x 10" x 10") aquarium. The aquarium should have a well fitting lid and cover glass. These fish can jump extremely well. An aquarium of (24" x 15" x 12") is suitable for the larger species such as the Giant Danio and *Danio dangila*. An even larger tank will be more beneficial.

**Temperature:** Ideal temperature is around 18°C/65°F. They are quite happy at lower temperatures.

**Habitat:** Likes a well planted community tank, with a gravel substrate and water movement – particularly from the outlet of an internal filter.

**Water Parameters:** Tolerant to soft and hard water. Will breed in both. Water change of approximately 25% each week is beneficial if not essential.

**Health:** Generally do not seem to be over susceptible to white spot or fungus. As with all new fish, quarantine for at least one week in a separate tank. Any fish that appear to be sick, immediately isolate in a separate tank. Do not flush dead fish down the toilet. Incinerate or wrap in paper and put in the dustbin.

**Diet. Omnivorous:** These fish will accept dried, frozen and all types of live food (e.g. *Daphnia*, mosquito larvae). Do not overfeed. Many problems can be caused by overfeeding (pollution of water by decaying food).

**Plants:** All species of tropical plants are acceptable. Not known as plant eaters.

**Breeding Notes:** Scatter non-adhesive eggs, so a layer of marbles on the tank floor makes an excellent egg-trap to prevent adults from eating them. Can be spawned as a shoal rather than just with a simple pair.

**Availability:** Widely available. Only select fish that are alert and swimming with fins erect. Inspect carefully for signs of white spot or other diseases. Reject lethargic, damaged or hollow bellied specimens.

**Show Class:** FBAS Class K.