

# PI BETTA

*Betta pi*  
Tan, 1998



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Actinopteri  
**Order:** Anabantiformes  
**Family:** Osphronemidae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

VERY RARE



## ENDANGERED

**Identification:** Elongated cylindrical body reaching 9 cm in length. Thick lips, large eyes. Global coloration from pinkish-yellow to grey-brown with a “pi”-shaped marking on chin. Anal fin margin dark blue. Black markings on gill covers.

**Range:** The species occurs in South-East Asia, in most of southern Thailand and mainland Malaysia.

**Habitat :** Found in blackwater marshes and adjacent streams with deep soft substrate and lots of aquatic vegetation.

**Behavior:** Very poorly known from the wild. Probably feeds on small invertebrates. Builds a bubble-nest for its eggs like other species from its genus.

**Status in the wild:** Species more and more endangered from loss of habitat.

**In captivity:** This species was unknown in captivity until at least 2010. Most imported specimens were sent to private collections. Might be kept in Thai and Malayan collections, known from a single European aquarium. Probably never bred.