

Devario neilgherriensis (Day 1867)

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Scientific Name	<i>Devario neilgherriensis</i> .
Common Name	Peninsular Danio.
Origin.	Bhavani River and its tributaries in the Nilgiris mountains in Tamil Nadu.
Size.	Believed to grow to around 10cm.

Comments. This species was spotted in 2010 in a protected area at a quite high altitude. No samples were obtained. In 2011 it was found in a small stream downstream of the Pykara waterfall near Ooty. The stream was highly polluted but with a reasonable flow. Further examples were collected in 2012 at a much lower altitude along with *Barilius gatensis*, *Puntius dorsalis*, *Schistura denisoni* and *Schistura semiarmatus*. Specimens collected from high altitude required careful acclimatisation to aquarium conditions and have since proved to be hardy. Specimens kept at 22 – 24 °C show much better colour than those at higher temperatures.