Leleupi Cichlid



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Short Description
Lemon Cichlid

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The Orange Neolamprologus Leleupi Cichlid originates from the rocky coastal waters of Southern Lake Tanganyika, Africa. This species is one of the smaller of the cichlids, only attaining a maximum size of 4 inches. They have an elongated body shape, and are mostly orange in color. The mouth of these fish is surprisingly large for their size, and may be outlined in black or blue.

Other common names this fish is known by include Leleupi, Orange Leleupi Cichlid, Gold Cichlid, Gold Leleupi Cichlid, and Tanganyikan Lemon Cichlid.

The Lemon Cichlid has an elongated body with a continuous dorsal fin, a fan shaped caudal fin, and large lips.

Specimens can vary widely in their color. The most commonly seen color is a bright yellow or an orange to reddish color, though they can be a deep brown depending on where they originate from. They have a fine blue or greenish line above the lips that runs to just below the eye, and the eyes are light blue. There are natural variations of intensity and hue, but in the aquarium their color is largely dependent on their diet and the light or dark nature of their environment. Fish kept on darker substrates will be darker and muddy

colored.