



### Atison's Betta Starter - Breeding Betta made easy

#### Top-performance larval fish diet with high digestible energy

- Nutritionally complete feed for young Betta Fish that will help promote fast growth, optimal development and disease resistance.
- High protein content, no inclusion of terrestrial animal proteins.
- High HUFA and phospholipid content. High DHA/EPA ratio.
- Highly attractive for the fry.
- Excellent water stability, reduced sediment in the tank.
- Free-flowing floating crumbles.
- Contains Vitamins A3, D3, E and C.

#### Ingredients:

Marine proteins, Cereal Meals, Plant Proteins, Fish Oils, Algae, Lecithin, Yeasts, Antioxidants.

#### Guaranteed Analysis:

Protein (min)	55%
Lipid (min)	15%
Fiber (max)	1.9%
Moisture (max)	8%
Ash (max)	14.5%
Sumo3 HUFA (min)	25 mg/g dwt
DHA/EPA (min)	1.8
Phospholipids (min)	2.5%

#### Instructions for use:

##### 1. Breeding Betta the Thai way.

Thai people have been breeding Betta for a very long time and know very well how to breed and raise them. Mr. Atison has been breeding Betta for over 40 years and has gained vast experience from breeding as well as speaking with hundreds of breeders. The following is his explanation on the Thai way of breeding -- a method that may not suit everybody, but one that can at least be used to provide a general guideline on how to breed and raise this beautiful fish.

Use a small plastic, porcelain or glass container with a diameter of about 30 cm (12 inches) as the spawning tank. Clean extensively with clear water (no soap). Pour about 10 cm (3.5 inches) of water in the container. Leave

it to rest for at least 3 to 4 hours. Then, add Atison's Betta SPA to the water at a ratio of 5 ml SPA to 4 liters water. Now put in some floating device to help with the nest building; we advise the Ocean Nutrition Feeding Station as it is of the right size and shape and it can be attached to the side of the tank to keep it in place.

Pick a healthy male and a healthy female Betta. You will be able to recognize the healthy male as he will have made bubbles in his tank. The female, ready to spawn, can be recognized by its big belly. The fishes should have been conditioned a few days in advance. To condition, we advise using Atison's Betta PRO as staple food and adding Atison's Betta SPA to the water. Give them a very good last meal at least 2 hours before you put them in the spawning tank, as we advise not to feed them while they are in the spawning tank.

Put both fishes in the spawning tank. Cover the tank with a cardboard and leave it for about 2 days. In the first few hours, the male will build the bubble nest under the leaves, while occasionally chasing the female.

After a couple of hours the nest is ready and the male will try to chase the female under the nest and the spawning can begin. The session will last about 4 hours. Sometimes both of them will help each other to collect eggs to the nest. When the spawning ends, the male will chase the female away. It is now time to take the female out and take good care of her. She will be ready to spawn again in 16 days.

##### 2. Raising the fry.

The eggs will hatch within 36 hours at a temperature of about 27°C. This is the recommended temperature. The fries live on their yolk sac for another 2 to 3 days and after this, they need to be fed without delay. The male has now completed his duty and can be gently taken out with your hand. Immediately after taking out the male, it is time to feed the fry. It is very important that the fry can find food as soon as the yolk sac is depleted. If you delay providing the food, the first hatched fry will have become so weak that they can not eat anymore, as they can not move to catch the food. They will die several hours later and you will wonder why they died. In fact, they will have starved, notwithstanding the food around them.

You can use Atison's Betta Starter as the only food to raise the fry. The food contains everything the fry needs

for the first month. The food has been tested very extensively and is safer than live food as it does not contain any source of contamination. The food will float for some time and will then start to sink very slowly. The advantage of this is that all the fry can access the food, wherever they stay in the water column.

At about day 30, we advise to switch to Atison's Betta PRO and start feeding this as staple food until they are fully grown after 6 months. At that time, you can start to alternate the food between Atison's Betta PRO and Atison's Betta Food.

We advise to feed the fry 2 times a day. The amount should be according to fry age and density. If you fill the spoon provided in the packaging, it will contain enough food for one feeding session for about 300 fry at day 3. Avoid feeding too much food as this will foul the water. Immediately after use, close the container tightly and store it in a cool and dry place. Do not let any water in the container. If you follow these simple rules, the food can easily be kept in top condition for at least 3 months after first opening.

#### Other products in the Atison's Betta product range:

- **Atison's Betta Food:** High quality floating pellet food, ideal for the care of the Betta fish. Enhances the natural color of the fish. Available in a convenient 75 gr. (2.65 oz) packaging.
- **Atison's Betta PRO:** The perfect replacement of live food, in the form of floating pellets. Ideal for the growth and conditioning of the Betta Fish. Available in 75 gr. (2.65 oz) and 500 gr. (17.64 oz) packaging.
- **Atison's Betta SPA:** Creates the optimum water conditions for your Betta. Contains Wild Almond Leaf extract, Yucca extract and Calcium. Ideal for breeding as it will help condition the male and female before spawning. It will make the bubble nest stickier and it is ideal for growing fry as it contains necessary trace elements and Calcium. The liquid will bind ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), therefore we recommend its use for all fishes kept in small containers, especially during transportation. It is available in a very practical bottle containing 125 ml.

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