- gentle aeration and dripping water. The eggs are expected to hatch after 36 hours.
- 7. Feed the larvae with Chlorella and hard-boiled egg yolk four times a day.
- 8. Transfer the fry in hapas at lower density for faster growth. Commercial feeds can be used.



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breeding

Maturation Age, Spawning Period and Fecundity

- Both sexes usually reach maturity within one year
- Peak months for spawning is from May to October
- Number of eggs laid depends on spawner's size. There are about 200,000 to 300,000 eggs laid per kilogram of fish
- Hatching and survival rate is as high as 86% and as low as 20%

Sexual Differentiation

- Male will yield milt easily upon light pressure on the urogenital pore
- Female has a spot, round and bulging abdomen and swollen pinkish genital pore.

Characteristics of good Breeders

Male/Female

- Free from any deformities
- Head is triangular in shape
- Weighs 250-300 grams



- Sharp colors and good finnage
- Females with bulging stomach (gravid)
- Males with copious flow of milt upon gentle pressure of stomach
- · Total weight of males must be twice the weight of the female

A. Facilities/Equipment Needed

- Concrete tank with dripping water and gentle aeration
- Egg-collectors made from PE rope or water lily
- Hapas
- Additional tanks if possible

B. Steps in Breeding

- 1. Set-up the breeding tank. Place the egg collector covering 75% of the water surface.
- 2. Regulate dripping water and aeration.
- 3. Catch and select breeders from the conditioning tank
- 4. Select gravid females and males of desired colors.
- 5. Stock breeders into the breeding tank at 1:1 or 1female: 2males ratio. Do the selection of breeders and stocking in the afternoon. (Spawning is expected from 1 to 4 A.M.)
- 6. In the next morning transfer the collectors with eggs to the hatching tank equipped with

