

The purpose of the CARES Preservation Program is to create a base stock of conservation priority species through encouraging hobbyists worldwide to devote tank space to one or more species at risk and distribute offspring to fellow qualified hobbyists, while forming an information network where possible between aquarists, scientists, and conservationists.

CARES has four major goals:

- 1) to bring awareness to the critical situation of fish in nature, while educating the public and stressing the importance of our roles as responsible aquarists;
- 2) to recognize, encourage, and offer support to hobbyists who maintain species at risk;
- 3) to share fish as well as data and experiences through notes and manuscripts so that others may learn to maintain those identical and similar species; and
- 4) to preserve species at risk for future generations.

We truly welcome you and are so glad to have you as a part of this global endeavor! Should you have any questions, or if we can be of help in any way, please do not hesitate to ask!