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FISHING NEWS

Winter 2005

.... Winter Notes

⚡ **New Urariquera Weeks** - Our original schedule on the Urariquera has filled, so we've made new weeks available in February, 2005.

⚡ **Dorado Exploratory** - Several spots remain open on our May 6th exploratory group. We will be exploring Brazil's gigantic Pantanal marsh from end to end in our search for freshwater Dorado in Brazil.

⚡ **2005 Peacock Bass Exploratory** - We're already planning next year's new exploratory trip to another potentially great trophy peacock fishery. We expect to find pristine new peacock waters in a huge, previously unexploited river. We've already selected the dates and spaces are now available.

2005 Fishing Show Schedule

January 11-14 - Edison, NJ - We'll be at our customary corner spot, #411, at New Jersey's premier show. We look forward to seeing all our old friends.

March 3-6 - Suffern, NY - This is our first year at the biggest U.S. fishing show. Come and see us at booth #123.

March 17-21 - Toronto, Canada We're returning to the great white north to spread the word about fishing in the far green south to our Canadian friends.

Stop by and visit us at any of our shows. Book a trip at the show and receive a special show discount. PR

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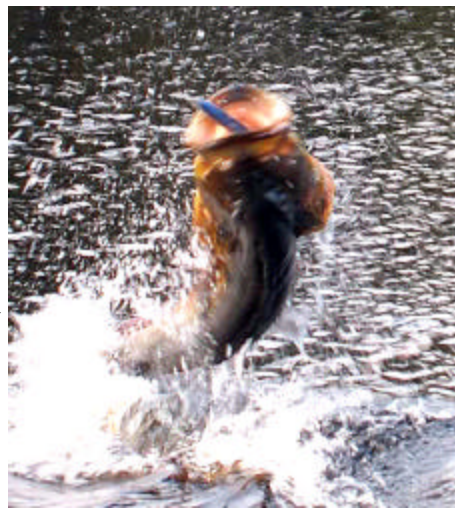
'2004 Exploratory Trip Finds Giant Peacock Bass

Twenty pound monsters every day! One of every four fish a trophy! Plainly put, what we found on the Rio Uneixui was a river with simply enormous peacock bass.

Exploratory trips are a lot like Forrest Gump's cinematic box of chocolates; You never know what you're going to get. We knew that there were big fish on the Uneixui, hence the reason for the exploration in the first place, but we weren't prepared for the extraordinary size and the amazing percentage of trophies in this new "black water" fishery.

We began the planning for this exploratory trip way back in 2001. During a 3 day break between arriving groups on another river, Norberto Guedes and I took advantage of the free time and invested in a day of travel each way on a small fishing boat to reach the

upper Uneixui. Camping on the bank, we got in almost a full day of fishing before we had to head back. We didn't catch a lot, but that day's experiences left an indelible impression.



20 pounds of angry peacock takes to the air to dislodge an offending woodchopper.

We started off by working some small lagoons with a woodchopper. After almost three hours with nothing but a few small "butterfly" peacocks (see page 5 and 6 for peacock bass ID) to show for our efforts, we were starting to wonder if this was going to be worth the two days of grinding travel we were investing. As is often the case in fishing, a small reinforcement can get anglers' minds changed in a hurry.

We entered a huge lagoon and began working its shoreline. We made cast after endless cast. We were starting to run our rooster-tailing woodchoppers in synchrony. In a dazed, semi-trancelike state,



This enormous "paca" followed a big "wood-chopper" back to the boat and then crushed it right next to the prow.

We'll Be Fishing a Brand New Exploratory Destination in 2005

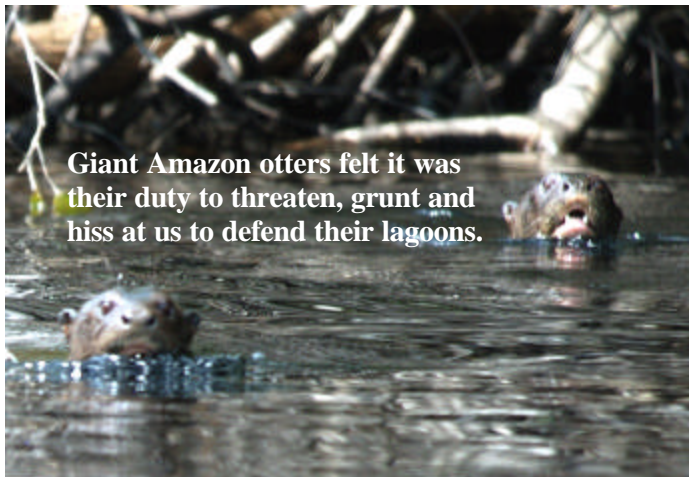
Norberto was working his woodchopper back toward the boat, when with no warning, what sounded like a small car being dropped from the sky exploded behind his lure - not more than fifteen feet from his bugging out eyes. Now we're both pretty experienced peacock bass fishermen, but this strike was so loud, violent and unexpected that we both reacted reflexively. Norberto, yelling, lunged backward from the gunwhale until he forced himself to take an undecorous seat on the prow of the boat. Facing the other way, I cringed, ducked and looked for our potential assassin before I realized

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Exploratory Peacock Bass TripsContinued

that this was, in fact, our quarry talking back, in a big way. After a few seconds to recover our dignity, and without a single word, we both focused our lures on the 2 meter circle of ragged water this behemoth left behind, almost whipping it into a froth before we accepted the fact that he just wasn't coming back.

The renewed motivation helped. Before we reached the end of the same big lagoon, we had boated two 12 pound beauties and an eyepopping 23 pound monster. Added to the sound of that booming strike still echoing in our ears, we realized that the long boat



Giant Amazon otters felt it was their duty to threaten, grunt and hiss at us to defend their lagoons.

ride had been worth it after all. We both knew we would return.

Three years later, after a thorough exploration by Acute Angling's clients, we're pleased to report that the Uneixi performed beyond our expectations, yielding an unprecedented array of monster peacocks. The number of giant peacocks caught was almost ridiculous. Without a doubt, this river can be described as a great trophy destination with world record potential. The river, however, was quite different, in many subtle ways than any of the

Uneixi Stats	Number Caught	Number Anglers	Trophies (fish in teens)	Fish >20 lb	Average Caught	Percent Trophies
Week 1	317	12	89	16	26	28%
Week 2	374	10	46	6	37	12%
Week 3	248	12	49	15	21	20%
Totals	939	34	184	37	28	20%

other rivers we fish. In fact, I'd call it pretty darn strange.

Peacock anglers are used to casting at structure. This becomes so ingrained that experienced peacock bassers often instinctively brace themselves for a strike after making a particularly good cast. Not on the Uneixi! The fish were almost oblivious to structure, relating more to depth than anything else. (Had we known this three years ago, Norberto and I might have had a far easier time of it.) The species and size distribution was odd as well. If it wasn't a trophy giant peacock (*Cichla temensis*), it was probably a "butterfly" (*Cichla orinocensis*) and they were huge too, up to 10 pounds! Although we caught some smaller *C. temensis* in the river and creek mouths, we never really saw enough of them to explain where all the monsters came from. Even with three weeks of detailed information, the Uneixi is still keeping a lot of secrets from us. But we'll be going back in the future with regularly scheduled trips especially geared to anglers seeking giant peacocks and perhaps we'll find more answers then.

Our first week on the Uneixi saw a group of 12 anglers catch 312 fish with 89 of them in the trophy class (teens or better)! Fully 16 of those exceeded 20 pounds with the week's biggest

New '2005 Exploratory Trip Schedule - Hosted by Paul Reiss

Please Note - Dates are contingent on air schedules.

	Departs	Returns	Openings
Group 1	Nov. 25, 2005	Dec. 4, 2005	- open -
Group 2	Dec. 2, 2005	Dec. 11, 2005	- 6 openings -
Group 3	Dec. 9, 2005	Dec. 18, 2005	- open -

Sample Itinerary

Please note - This itinerary may vary as trip logistics are finalized.

Friday Depart Miami via International flight to Manaus Brazil, usually leaving about 9:00 PM

Arrive in Manaus. After clearing customs you are met by our agent and transferred to the domestic airport for a charter flight to the nearest airstrip. On arrival, board a fast boat and begin the cruise upriver to the fishing grounds. Relax and enjoy the scenery. Depending on where camp is located, the ride can take over 3 hours. Arrive at camp by early afternoon. Relax and unwind or set up your gear and get in a little fishing.

Saturday Six full days of fishing. Your angling day begins with a 5:30 AM wake up call. Breakfast is at 6:00 AM. Your guide is ready to depart at first light, although you can remain in camp at your leisure. Relax for an hour at lunchtime each day. Return to camp before dusk for appetizers, drinks and bragging, followed by a delicious dinner. Jungle hikes, spotlighting trips, catfishing and, sometimes, local village visits can be arranged.

Sunday through Saturday Early Sunday morning, transfer back to the airstrip via fast boat then to Manaus by charter flight. Overnight in Manaus then transfer to international airport in the morning. Arrive in Miami about 4:00 PM Sunday afternoon.

fish, a 25 pound monster, caught by Alphonso Arroyo of Oakland, Ca.. The extraordinary aspect of these numbers is the fact that fully 28% of all the fish caught that week were trophy size (in the teens or greater). Our second group caught significantly more fish per angler, but the trade off was a lower percentage of trophies. Steve Townson of Algarve, Portugal took big fish honors with a 22 pounder. The final group of 12 anglers once again showed a focus on big fish with 248 fish caught and 49 trophies for a percentage of 20%. Fifteen fish exceeded 20 pounds with Wendel Sawyer of Orange Beach, AL leading the pack with a 23 pound peacock. Our third week's anglers also figured out the catfish, landing a variety of piraiba and suribim in the 20 to 30 pound class with John Bunge of Donna, TX landing the biggest cat of the trip. All in all, we had a terrific 3 weeks.

Meanwhile, we're planning for the next series of exploratory trips. We have a new destination in mind for 2005 and we expect to find as exciting a fishery there as we found on the Uneixi. To help protect our ability to enter and fish exclusively we've elected to keep the new river's location a secret for now. We'll just call it the "Rio Papagaio" and leave it at that.

The 2005 exploratory will once again be hosted by Paul Reiss and will be limited to 3 groups. We'll be operating on a Friday departure schedule starting right after Thanksgiving. Our last group will have you back home in plenty of time for Christmas shopping. As they did last year, these exploratory groups should book up quickly so make your reservations early. As with all of our featured trips, these one-of-a-kind explorations, at \$2900 per angler, are among the best values in the Amazon.PR

Exploratory Trip Photos - Fall '2004

These big, beautiful peacocks were caught by Acute Angling's clients on this year's Uneixi exploratory trips



Mark Pecora - 20 lbs.



Michael Cooke - 19 lbs.



Steve Townson - 22 lbs.



Garry Butler—19 lbs.



Craig Funk - 20 lbs.



Ron Flournoy - 20 lbs.



I caught these two beauties in the same lagoon, the 20 lb (left) on my way in and the 21 on the way out.



Lee Barbee with a trophy Uneixi peacock.



Russell Jensen with a 28 lb. Piraiba catfish.



John Flournoy with an 18lb. peacock

If you've traveled with us recently, please send us your photos, letters or stories for our upcoming Spring edition ... PR

Tactics & Techniques

Fishing for Spawning Peacock Bass

Many peacock bass anglers cut their teeth fishing for largemouth bass. Except for the facts that their quarry behaves like a largemouth on steroids with a particularly bad attitude, and that they must descend into the heart of the Amazon to find them, there are quite a few similarities between the two activities. Both species occupy a somewhat similar niche in their respective habitats. Both generally relate to physical structure. They even look superficially similar in form and, of course, they're both called bass. But if one looks just a bit deeper at the fish themselves, the similarities quickly become overshadowed by the differences.

First of all, neither of them are truly bass. The largemouth, belonging to the Family *Micropterus*, is a sunfish. The peacock is a *Cichlid*. Their similar body shapes are the effect of evolutionary convergence, not kinship. Not only are they far out on separate branches of the fish family tree, but they have quite different life cycles, especially in regard to their spawning behavior.

Largemouth fishermen are used to easy pickings when they encounter their quarry on spawning beds. They are readily caught by a variety of lures dropped into their spawning area. It's not quite as simple with peacock bass. Although behaviors differ in different regions, this generalized account, based on extensive observations in many areas, can provide useful guidelines into what to expect from the largest, most sought after species, *Cichla temensis* during the spawn. It's best to consider this behavior one step at a time, keeping in mind that there will usually be peacocks in each of the various reproductive stages at any given moment. Use these insights to help you succeed in some of the varied fishing situations you may encounter.

Step 1. The Pre-spawn - This is the first stage of the peacock bass fishery. As the dry season establishes itself, waters begin to recede from the flooded Amazon lowland forests. Baitfish are forced to leave their hiding places in the forest and enter into the relatively accessible confines of the river and lagoon banks. Most *C. temensis* are still in the "paca" form at this time. They are trim, athletic and at their fighting best. These conditions provide excellent feeding opportunities for peacocks and every week more and more fish will fatten up and start showing their spawning ("assu") colors. Although rivers vary greatly, these conditions usually last for many weeks. Peacocks are extremely aggressive during this period, especially when they have selected mates and are beginning to prepare their nest areas.

Step 2. The Spawn - Everything changes once peacocks lay their eggs. These violently aggressive hedonistic gluttons suddenly change into doting parents with a decidedly pacifistic philosophy. In most waters, peacocks will clear an area on the bottom about six feet in diameter surrounding a submerged piece of wood. They then attach tens of thousands of adhesive eggs to this substrate. Both parents hover around the nest in a state of absolute platonic

been known to torture themselves for hours throwing everything in their tackle box into a nest while two big peacocks simply ignore it. Anglers who find this behavior frustrating will probably pull out their hair during the next stage.

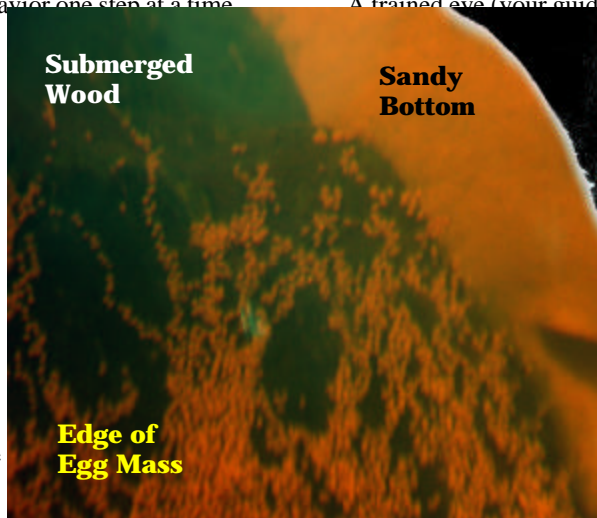
Step 3. Larvae - Once the eggs hatch, the parents move off the nest with the larval peacocks draped like a dark hair net around the male peacock's decidedly hairless head. The female stands guard, bluffing and feinting at anything that approaches, protecting the male in his delicate state. They're still not eating and they're still not striking but they're swimming around right in front of your nose, giving you a good look at the trophy you've been so avidly pursuing. This will last another 4 or 5 days until the young absorb their yolk sacs and become free swimming.

Step 4. Fry - Once the yolk sacs are absorbed, the whole family heads for deeper, open water so that the now free-swimming young can graze on microscopic invertebrates at the water's surface. Now things change dramatically. Although the parents are still not actively feeding, they have recovered their thoroughly nasty, explosive tempers, now directed at invading predators with plans to steal their babies. Once again peacocks become readily accessible to anglers, although a bit of technique is necessary.

A trained eye (your guide) learns to identify the tight schools of peacock young as they dimple the surface with their feeding activity, following the male below as he moves slowly forward to new water. When the fry are young, a school may be only a foot across. If you look carefully you can usually discern the direction they are moving in. Cast a woodchopper just past the fry and rip it through the school. Most often one of the parents will unleash a violent attack on this threat to the young. Or, cast a jig, fly or swimming plug just ahead of where the parent would be on the lead side of the moving fry and you will often convince the parent to opportunistically eat the lure. In either case, set the hook and hang on. These are often the biggest fish you will encounter. Resuscitate them and release them quickly. They will promptly return to their young, who sometimes accompany them right to the boat.

Step 5. Post-Spawn - Finally things return to normal. After several weeks, the young become piscivorous, feeding on tiny fishes. At this time the parents leave the young and return to the business of feeding themselves. After having endured over a month of near starvation, they are hungry and aggressive once again. Although significantly thinner and sometimes with less fighting stamina, this is another great opportunity to land a big trophy.

We are adamant about protecting these fish by returning them to the water carefully and quickly. This will help to avoid any disruption in the important fry rearing stage of their spawning cycle. Enjoy



The 5 valid species of Peacock Bass, following CLOFFSCA, 2003

Much confusion has existed regarding peacock bass identification in the past due to scientific name changes, improper nomenclature used by aquarists and sportfishermen and the peacock's wide morphological variability. In 2003 Ichthyologists published a revised checklist of South and Central America freshwater fishes after sorting through almost 200 years of data, and confirmed that there are currently 5 distinct recognized species of peacock bass (genus *Cichla*). There may yet be additional species described in the future as a result of better communication, increased sampling and modern DNA analysis. The following pictorial ID guide compiled by Paul Reiss and Paulo Petry depicts the currently accepted species of peacock bass.

#1 *Cichla temensis* - 'Tucunaré' - Humboldt & Valenciennes 1821

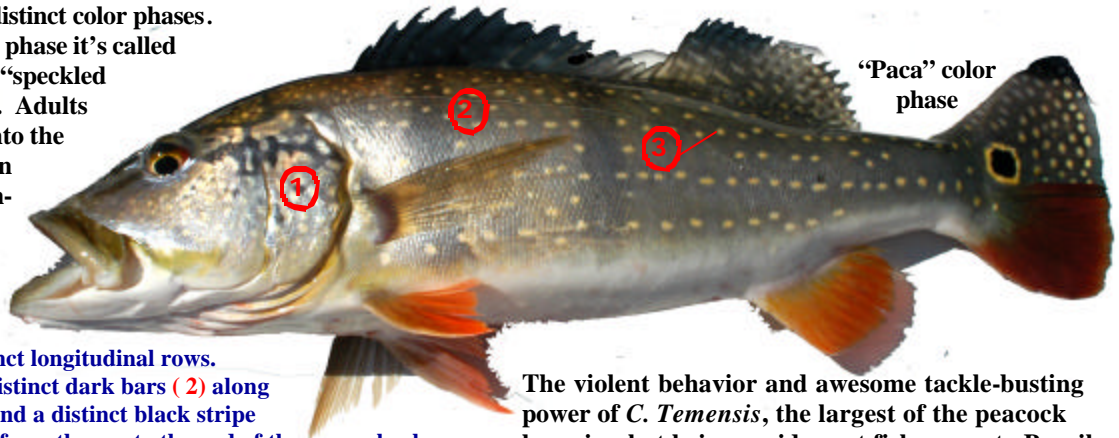
C. temensis has two distinct color phases.

In its non-spawning phase it's called "paca" in Brazil and "speckled peacock" in English. Adults morph their colors into the "assu" pattern (shown below) during spawning periods.

ID Key - Paca morph has white or yellow dots (3) arranged in four distinct longitudinal rows. Both morphs have 3 distinct dark bars (2) along the sides of the body and a distinct black stripe or speckled markings from the eye to the end of the opercular bone (cheek) (1), no ocelli on the sides or at the base of the second dorsal.

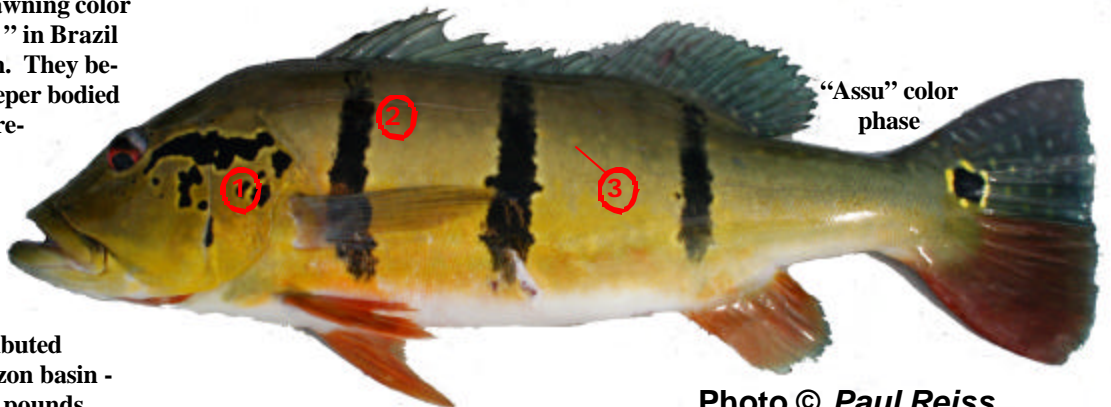
C. temensis, in its spawning color phase is called "assu" in Brazil or "3-bar" in English. They become heavier and deeper bodied in this form due to pre-spawn changes and matured gonads.

C. temensis protect their young for extended periods after the spawn. Widely distributed throughout the Amazon basin - attains sizes up to 27 pounds.



"Paca" color phase

The violent behavior and awesome tackle-busting power of *C. Temensis*, the largest of the peacock bass, is what brings avid sport fisherman to Brazil. This top level predator is considered the most powerful freshwater fish in the world.



"Assu" color phase

Photo © Paul Reiss



The spawning transformation process is gradual - the bars darken, colors brighten and the white speckles disappear.

2 - *Cichla orinocensis* - Humboldt & Valenciennes 1821

Also called "taua" or "borboleta" (meaning "butterfly") in Portuguese - causing confusion among U.S. visitors familiar with Florida's "Butterflies" (which are *Cichla ocellaris*). It occurs only in the Negro and Orinoco drainages. Attains up to about 12 pounds.

ID Key - Has 3 distinct ocelli on the sides of the body; no dark band along the body and no markings on the cheeks.

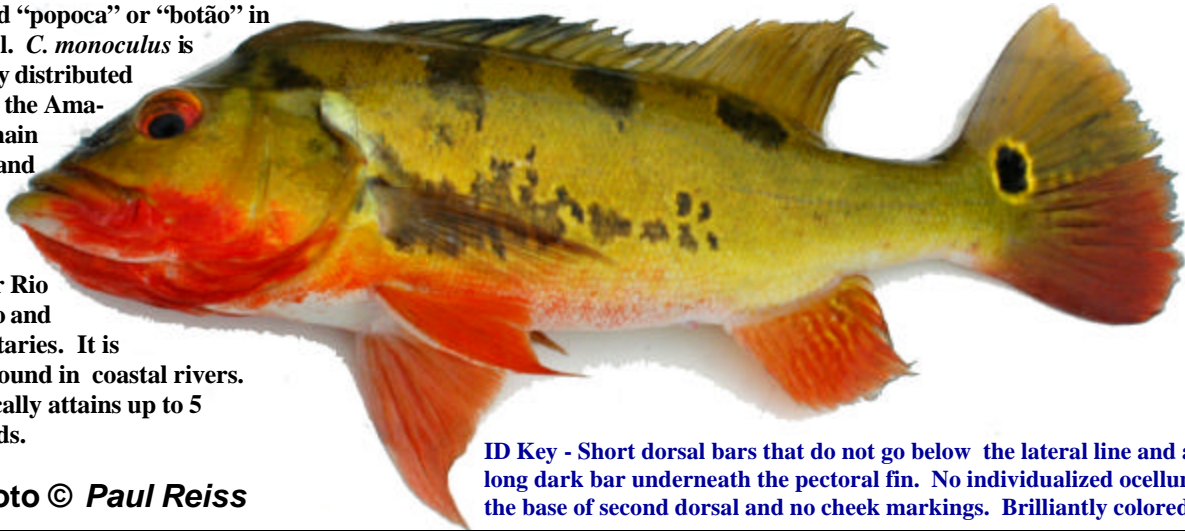


Photo © Paul Reiss

The 5 valid species of Peacock BassCont'd

#3 - *Cichla monoculus* - Spix & Agassiz 1831

Called “popoca” or “botão” in Brazil. *C. monoculus* is widely distributed along the Amazon main stem and up to the mid-upper Rio Negro and tributaries. It is also found in coastal rivers. Typically attains up to 5 pounds.



ID Key - Short dorsal bars that do not go below the lateral line and a long dark bar underneath the pectoral fin. No individualized ocellum at the base of second dorsal and no cheek markings. Brilliantly colored.

Photo © Paul Reiss

#4 - *Cichla ocellaris*

C. ocellaris is restricted mostly to northern Guyana shield drainages. It only occurs in the upper Rio Branco (Tacutu and Urariquera) in Brazil. Temperature tolerant, it has been successfully transplanted into Florida and other non-Amazon regions. In Florida, it is called the Butterfly peacock, leading to confusion with *C. orinocensis*.



Photo © Paulo Petry

ID Key - *C. ocellaris* has faint transversal bars in some specimens and a round mark underneath the pectoral. Sometimes has one distinct individualized ocellum underneath the second dorsal fin. No black markings on the operculum (cheek).

#5 - *Cichla intermedia*

Also called “Royal” peacock by U.S. publications. *C. intermedia* is found only in the Orinoco drainage, reaching as far south as the Casiquiare,. Typically found in faster water. Attains up to about 6 pounds.



ID Key - has up to 8 dark bars along the body. Mid body has a long dark stripe.

Photo © Stuart Willis

Meet Acute Angling's Growing Team

In 1994, when I first began taking small groups of adventurous anglers to the Amazon, Acute Angling was a one-man show. As the company grew, I quickly found myself buried beneath a morass of forms, bookkeeping and all of those ugly things that aren't fishing. Well fishing is what this is all about for me, so it didn't take me long to begin to chafe under the load of administrative duties. Over the ensuing years, Acute Angling has become an international team, with dedicated members, each expertly handling their responsibilities. This has freed me to focus on searching out new fisheries and to organize and operate unique trips for exotic species. Lo and behold, I'm fishing again and all is right with the world, thanks to the Acute Angling team... ..**Paul Reiss**



Garry Reiss
American, 49
General Manager

Married - One son 15, one daughter, 12
I have been with Acute Angling since 1998, in charge of the administrative functions of the company. I'm the person you're in contact with after you've booked your trip to one of our many destinations. I implement the mailing of pre-trip information and Brazilian visa documentation to our clients to assure a smooth process from booking

to departure. I work with the international airlines to procure the tickets for all of our departures, including special requests for seating or upgrades. I'm here to field your questions, update you on fishing reports and attend to any last minute needs when other members of our staff are out of country. When you use our Tackle-Box site, I ensure that orders are filled in a timely and accurate manner. I'm always on the look-out for new products that make your trips more comfortable. I'll be here waiting for your call whenever you need anything for your trip...GR



Dr. Paulo Petry, PhD
Brazilian, resident in the US; 45
Ichthyologist, scientific consultant, trip host, interpreter.
Married, one son 19.

I have been working on Amazonian fishes since 1984 in Manaus, starting as an aquatic ecologist for INPA, the National Institute for Amazon Research. Since 2000 I have been living in

the US and working as a research associate at the fish division of the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. I am also a scientific consultant for The Nature Conservancy and the coordinator for TNC's and WWF's South American Aquatic Ecoregions delineation project.

My research work is focused on large rivers floodplain ecology, fish taxonomy and biogeography. I joined forces with Acute Angling in 2002 to develop a research program that targets sportfish species in South America. Our common goal is to collect information to enhance our knowledge and understanding of the life cycles of these valuable species. We have started standardized collection of environmental and catch data for academic research to understand the fish populations, the nature of the fisheries and to provide a better product for Acute Angling's clients. We are currently working on the Urariquera River, in which many Acute Angling clients helped to tag over 450 fish of 5 species last year. We also collaborate on a peacock bass genetic and morphologic variability study in progress at the University of Amazonas. Under my guidance, Paul Reiss is studying fish aging using ear bones and scale rings. We hope to derive a technique that will allow us to estimate the growth rates of peacock bass to help provide information for better management of this fishery.

Patrick Nicholl
Brazilian, 28, Single
Trip Host, Interpreter

Patrick Nicholl joined Acute Angling in 2002. Born in Boa Vista, Brazil, Patrick's father, a teacher and a British native, came to South America to seek adventure. He found it as a gold miner in the jungles of Guyana, where he met Patrick's mother, later settling down to raise a family in Boa Vista. The elder Nicholl made sure that his Brazil-born children learned to speak his native language as well as theirs. Two years in England have polished Patrick's English language skills.

With two years of hosting experience behind him, Patrick has gained wide ranging expertise in Amazon sport fishing and has the credentials necessary to support our high standards and levels of trip satisfaction. He hosts several weeks of featured trips at the Rio Urariquera each year. We know you'll enjoy fishing with Patrick and that he'll continue to guarantee Acute Angling's extraordinary level of quality.



Leandro Teixeira Noritomi
Brazilian, 31
Engineer - Host, Interpreter
Married - One daughter (she will be born in Feb 2005)

Just like the United States, Brazil is a country composed of many different people from many different places. My grandfather, for instance, was a Japanese who arrived in Brazil in the beginning of the last century. Everything in South America was new to him: the language, the culture and the fishes. My father told me the fish issue was quickly resolved after some hook sets and some fresh sashimi: robalo (snook, in English).

Now, two generations later we have a very common story: my grandfather was a fisherman, my father became a fisherman and I am practicing a lot so I too can be a fisherman (actually, my father told me he would consider me a fisherman after 15 years).

I live in Sao Paulo, a city of 16 million inhabitants in the Southeast of Brazil. In the metropolis I studied engineering, learned English, met my wife and got a regular job. Today, after fishing the Amazon with Paul and his team, I believe in the possibility of becoming a fisherman in less than the remaining 13 years, but I have no hurry... LN



Vince Scancella
American, 55, Married
Financial Manager, Accountant

I am Acute Angling's newest team member and I will be helping with business operations and communications. I am an avid fly fisher and fly tyer of over 30 years, fishing mostly Northeastern trout waters. My favorite patterns, (tongue in cheek) are small and/or big, dark and/or light. I give fly tying lessons locally, focusing on methods and techniques used in classic Catskill patterns and most recently I have begun to refocus my effort and attention on tying "realistic" patterns.

I am retired from a successful 25 year business career, I hold two masters degrees and I'm now enjoying a new opportunity with Acute Angling. Perhaps I'll have to consider upsizing my flies a bit if I ever get to wave my fly rod over some peacock bass.



'2005 Featured Trip Schedule

Note - Available spaces shown as of 12/28/04

MULTI-SPECIES VARIETY TRIPS - Winter 2005 - Urariquera River Camp

#	Depart	Return	Fishing	Host	Location	Price	Availability	Description
Wild & Beautiful Waters - Fish for record-class payara, pirapitinga, giant catfish & more								
18	Jan. 12, 2005	Jan. 21	6 full days	Pat Nicholl	Urariquera	\$3350	- 2 openings	We've discovered a spectacular new destination on the fringe of the Amazon basin. The beautiful Rio Urariquera, closed to sport fishing since 1952, holds an amazing variety of gamefish. Protected by the pristine Maraca Island Bio-reserve, this fishery has yielded 5 IGFA records so far with many more on the horizon. We've seen payara over 27 lbs., pirapitinga over 25 and giant catfish well over 200. If you can land them on rod and reel, you can demolish world records. Live in comfortable bungalows and enjoy excellent meals in a safari style camp in the middle of the river's most productive region.
19	Jan. 19, 2005	Jan. 28	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Urariquera	\$3350	- FULL -	
20	Jan. 26, 2005	Feb. 4	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Urariquera	\$3350	- FULL -	
	Jan. 5, Feb. 2, 8, 16 & 23	9 days	6 full days	Pat Nicholl	Urariquera	\$3350	- Openings -	

DORADO EXPLORATORY TRIPS - Spring 2005 Pantanal Exploratory

#	Depart	Return	Fishing	Host	Location	Price	Availability	Description
A True Exploratory - Fish the Marshland for Golden Dorado, giant catfish & more								
21	April 20, 2005	Apr. 29	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Pantanal	\$2850	- FULL -	Our goal for this exploratory trip is to work our way through Brazil's great swamp as big breeder dorado leave their marshy spawning grounds. We'll map the region's fishery and experiment with its fishing characteristics. We expect to be very mobile, using either simple camps or a houseboat operation. We have a lot of water to cover and we plan to be nimble in our pursuit of the dorado. Facilities will most likely be basic and the food will be simple, but hearty.
22	April 27, 2005	May 6	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Pantanal	\$2850	- FULL -	
23	May 4, 2005	May 13	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Pantanal	\$2850	- 4 openings	

PEACOCK BASS TRIPS - Winter 2005 Air-Conditioned Lodge

#	Depart	Return	Fishing	Host	Location	Price	Availability	Description
Winter 2005 - Rio Xeriuini - A Protected Clear Water Fishery in Northern Brazil								
15	Jan. 19, 2005	Jan. 28	6 full days	Wellington	Macaroca	\$3250	- 4 openings	Beautiful white sand beaches and clear black water provide an extraordinary setting at this comfortable, air-conditioned lodge. Enjoy the laid-back atmosphere while catching excellent numbers (15 - 30/day) with an unusually high percentage of medium to large fish (10 to 20 pounds). The lodge features spacious rooms, a screened dining area with panoramic river views and complete bathrooms with hot showers. Enjoy a taste of luxury in the jungle.
16	Jan. 19, 2005	Jan. 28	6 full days	S. Rossi	Posao	\$3250	- FULL -	

PEACOCK BASS TRIPS- Fall 2005 Best Values in the Amazon

#	Depart	Return	Fishing	Host	Location	Price	Availability	Description
Amazon Angel Yacht Trip - Comfort and Mobility - Igapo Acu Reservation								
1	Sept. 21, 2005	Sept. 30	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Igapo Acu	\$2450	- FULL -	Our most popular trip and a perfect introduction to peacock bass. Explore Amazonia on a comfortable, air-conditioned yacht. Our mobility allows access to 300+ miles of majestic waters. Excellent daily catch averages (15 - 50/day) with an average size around 5 pounds. Trophy fish in the high teens are common and monsters over 20 pounds are taken here each trip. Return every evening to fine food and drink and the secure comfort of the yacht. Enjoy jungle hikes, Indian village visits, spotlighting, and more, on this unique and exclusive adventure. Protected within an Indian reservation, this sportfishing-only reserve's peacock bass populations have burgeoned in recent years, while our ongoing explorations have opened up new, even more highly productive water in this gigantic fishery.
2	Sept. 28, 2005	Oct. 7	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Igapo Acu	\$2450	- 2 openings	
3	Oct. 5, 2005	Oct. 14	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Igapo Acu	\$2450	- 4 openings	
4	Oct. 12, 2005	Oct. 21	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Igapo Acu	\$2450	- 6 openings	
5	Oct. 19, 2005	Oct. 28	6 full days	Leandro N.	Igapo Acu	\$2450	- FULL -	
6	Oct. 26, 2005	Nov. 4	6 full days	Leandro N.	Igapo Acu	\$2450	- FULL -	

Thanksgiving Holiday - Lodge Trip - Xeriuini River - Air-conditioned Comfort

10	Nov. 17, 2004	Nov. 26	6 full days	Wellington	R. Xeriuini	\$2500	- open -	A unique, 'one-of-a-kind' bargain. Luxurious Macaroca lodge, and rustic Posao lodge, both located on the beautiful Xeriuini River, provide air-conditioned comfort and great peacock bass fishing. Join us during the Thanksgiving Holiday season and fish them both for less than the price of either one on our special itinerary!
11	Nov. 24, 2004	Dec. 3	6 full days	Wellington	R. Xeriuini	\$2500	- open -	

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Fall 2005 Exploratory Camp - Rio Papaguaio - Moveable floating bungalows								
12	Nov. 25, 2005	Dec. 6	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Rio Negro	\$2900	- open -	Fish the headwaters of beautiful, black water tributaries of the Rio Negro, far from the reach of the growing crowd of novice peacock bass operations. Live in comfortable, movable floating bungalows with daily access to new water. These tannin-stained fisheries favor surface action and explosive topwater strikes. Good daily catch averages (5 - 20/day) and plenty of giant fish opportunities. A high proportion of huge trophies up to 26 pounds are caught in this region.
13	Dec. 3, 2004	Dec. 13	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Rio Negro	\$2900	- 6 openings	
14	Dec. 9, 2004	Dec. 20	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Rio Negro	\$2900	- open -	

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