

Lecture 4b



Ornamental Fishes

Ornamental fishes



- ❧ In terms of weight ornamental fish are the most valuable
 - ❧ For 1kg of tilapia you might pay R40
 - ❧ For 1kg of ornamental fish you can pay R10 000
- ❧ Very limited niche market
 - ❧ Relatively well developed
 - ❧ Small space required – Hobby farmer
 - ❧ Difficult to compete
- ❧ Many opportunities



Ornamental fishes



- ❧ Thousands of species
 - ❧ All are different
 - ❧ Can be very difficult to breed
 - ❧ Value increases
- ❧ Able to produce many fish in a small area
 - ❧ Easy to maintain systems
 - ❧ Small bio-load
 - ❧ Don't eat much
 - ❧ Shorter production cycles



Ornamental fishes



Common species

- ❧ Koi Carp – Can be very lucrative, but highly competitive
- ❧ Goldfish – Simple to breed, good market
- ❧ Siamese fighter fish – Bubble nests
- ❧ Guppies – Fun for beginners and a good hobby fish
- ❧ Neon tetras – Very difficult to breed



Koi



Goldfish



Siamese Fighter Fish



Guppies



Neon Tetras

