



## Tilapia mariae

### Spotted tilapia

#### General

1. Fresh and brackish water fish of the cichlid family

#### Geography and Habitat

1. Species found in Africa (native), Australia, Russia, United States
2. Climate: temps 11-37°C, typically freshwater but their broad salinity tolerance allows them to populate estuarine systems
3. North America: Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada
4. Found in still or flowing waters of rock or mud-bottomed streams, lower reaches of medium sized rivers, estuarine systems



#### Invasion Pathways

1. Aquaculture and local natural dispersal

#### Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/factsheet.aspx?SpeciesID=482>
2. <http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=1430&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN>