

IBC Species Maintenance Program Maintenance Award Program (2013-14 Trial)

Purpose: The goal of the Maintenance Award Program (MAP) is to distribute pairs of wild Betta species to members of the IBC through the show circuit. With these pairs distributed, it is hoped that more members will become involved in the preservation of these species.

Overview: The MAP is a program developed by the IBC Species Maintenance Program (IBC-SMP). Its purpose is to encourage members of the International Betta Congress to breed and maintain species of wild Bettas. This Program issues points toward awards for maintaining various species of wild Bettas. Unlike a typical Breeders Award Program (BAP), which only issues points for submitting a species once, the MAP rewards Betta breeders for continued spawning and distribution of wild betta species by awarding points each year for the same species submitted.

Awards: Every breeder who participates will receive a certificate for each species spawned, with offspring pairs submitted to the MAP by way of auction to local shows. Points will also accrue within an IBC show year for every species submitted. The IBC-SMP chairman will tabulate the MAP results from each IBC show and publish the standings reporting the status of each participant. Yearly Awards for the top three participants will consist of plaques. Awards will be presented at the IBC Convention awards banquet (to be mailed to people who cannot attend in person).

Fish submitted to the MAP should also be shown concurrent in the regular IBC Betta show classes (F1 and F2), and can win normal IBC show awards.

Points: Each group or species of wild Bettas are categorized and each category is given a level code from A to E. Level A being easier to spawn and rear, and level E being the most difficult. To earn points, the participant must auction off the appropriate number of pairs of species within a category to receive credit for that particular species in a given show year.

- **Level A** requires 5 pairs donated
- **Level B** requires 4 pairs donated
- **Level C** requires 3 pairs donated
- **Level D** requires 2 pairs donated
- **Level E** requires 1 pair donated

Wild Betta categorization are currently divided in 12 complexes. Any species not on this list will fall into their appropriate complex until fully evaluated by the SMP-MAP committee.

	Complex	Level	Species
01	Akarensis Complex	<i>Level C</i>	akarensis, aurigans, balunga, chini, ibanorum, pinguis, obscura
02	Albimarginata Complex	<i>Level C</i>	albimarginata, channoides
03	Anabatoides Complex	<i>Level D</i>	anabatoides
04	Bellica Complex	<i>Level D</i>	bellica, simorum
05	Coccina Complex	<i>Level D</i>	brownorum, burdigala, coccina, livida, miniopinna, persephone, tussyae, rutilans, uberis, sp Wojak, sp Sebangau, sp Sukadana
06	Dimidiata Complex	<i>Level C</i>	dimidiata, krataios

07	Foerschii Complex	<i>Level D</i>	foerschii, rubra, strohi, mandor
08	Picta Complex	<i>Level A</i>	falx, picta, pallida, simplex, taeniata, edithae
09	Pugnax Complex	<i>Level B</i>	breviobesus, cracens, enisae, fusca, lehi, prima, pugnax, pulchra, schalleri, stigmosa, raja , ferrox, appolon
10	Splendens Complex	<i>Level A</i>	imbellis, smaragdina, splendens, stiktos, sp Mahachai
11	Unimaculata Complex	<i>Level D</i>	gladiator, macrostoma*, pallifina, patoti, ocellata, unimaculata, compuncta, ideii
12	Waseri Complex	<i>Level C</i>	chlorophaynx, hipposideros, pi, renata, spilotogena, tomi, waseri

* *macrostoma* is level E

Continuing points are awarded as follows:

- Fish pairs submitted the 1st year will earn 1 point per species.
- Fish pairs submitted a 2nd year will earn 2 points per species.
- Fish pairs submitted a 3rd year will earn 3 points per species.
- Fish pairs submitted a 4th year will earn 4 points per species.
- Fish pairs submitted a 5th year will earn 5 points per species.
- 5 year points is the maximum that may be earned per species. Species submitted 6th year and beyond will accumulate 5 points per species.

Funding: Submitted pairs will be auctioned at the show. The donated auction proceeds will be split the traditional 75% to the breeder and 25% to the host club at regular International shows. At the Convention show, the breeder will receive 50%, the IBC 40% and the host club 10%. The IBC auction portion will fund the MAP awards. Surplus funds, if any, will be allocated where the IBC deems fit, with priority going to support the SMP.

The MAP Program will be reviewed at the end of each IBC show year by the IBC-SMP chairman and the Judging Board. Adjustments and modifications will be implemented as necessary and announced prior to the start of the following show year.

Showing: The MAP is strictly voluntary. People who want to show fish in regular IBC wilds category F1 and F2 do not have to contribute to the MAP program if they do not want. They will not gain MAP points, however they will gain regular IBC show awards and points if their fish place.

MAP entry fish should use the regular entry forms and say "MAP" on the remark column. e.g. "MAP: Channoides Male (sold as pair), MAP: Channoides Female (sold as pair)"

Entries in the MAP program will be entered in Division F for show purposes and will be judged per the current Wild Betta standards published in the IBC Standards manual along with the regular Wild type show entries. Show hosts will send the results for MAP entrants to the IBC-SMP chairman for tabulation of year end points via the MAP results form.