



NEITHER SWORDTAILS NOR THEIR RELATIVES, THE MOON OR SOUTHERN PLATIES, CAN SURVIVE SPANISH WINTERS. PHOTO: JOHN DAWES

# SPAIN PROPOSES ADDITIONAL FISH 'CATALOGUE' LISTINGS

Spain is in the news again. Only a little over a year ago, the Spanish koi sector was brought to a grinding halt when the country's Supreme Tribunal's Court of Contentious Administrative Affairs ruled that these colourful carp could no longer be imported.

The reason for this decision was based on the fact that koi belong to the same species as the common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), which is one of the fish species included in Spain's 'Catalogue' of exotic and invasive species deemed to pose a threat to its native fauna and flora. The inclusion of a species in the 'Catalogue' automatically carries with it a ban on import, export, sale and (even) possession.

Spain's current 'Catalogue' of species contains the following 21 entries (although, in reality, it also embraces the whole *Channa* genus consisting of 41 species – presumably, to include the three *Parachanna* species, which are not specifically referred to by name):

<i>Alburnus alburnus</i>	Bleak
<i>Ameiurus melas</i>	Black bullhead
<i>Channa spp.</i>	Snakeheads
<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	Common carp (and koi)
<i>Esox lucius</i>	Pike
<i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i>	Mummichog
<i>Australoheros facetus</i>	Chameleon cichlid
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	Eastern mosquito fish
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	Channel catfish
<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>	Sunfish
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	Largemouth black bass
<i>Misgurnus anguillicaudatus</i>	Dojo
<i>Onchorynchus mykiss</i>	Rainbow trout
<i>Perca fluviatilis</i>	Perch
<i>Pseudorasbora parva</i>	Pseudorasbora
<i>Pterois volitans</i>	Lionfish
<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>	Roach
<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	Brook trout
<i>Sander lucioperca</i>	Zander
<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>	Rudd
<i>Silurus glanis</i>	Wels catfish