High-Hat

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Equetus acuminatus

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Quick Stats: High-Hat
Family: Sciaenidae **Range:** Western Atlantic **Size:** Up to 9 inches **Diet:** Carnivore **Tank Set-up:** Marine: Coral or rock, plants, sand **Reef Compatible:** No **Tank Conditions:** 72-78ºF; sg 1.020-1.025; pH 8.1-8.4 **Minimum Tank Capacity:** 70 gallon **Light:** High **Temperament:** Peaceful **Swimming Level:** Bottom **Care Level:** Moderate

The High-Hat, also known as Hi-Hat, has a shimmering silvery body marked by dark horizontal stripes and a tall anterior dorsal fin.

It requires a peaceful community in a 70 gallon or larger aquarium with a sandy bottom, and abundant hiding places. It tends to hide during the acclimation process to the new aquarium until it feels secure.

Regular meals consisting of a variety of live items such as black worms and brine shrimp and prepared meaty items should bring it out of hiding. The High-Hat will comb the sandy bottom looking for worms, crustaceans, and small fish if it is hungry. It may even eat the occasional fireworm.

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