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Fish as decorations

For several years we have been aware that some retailers get requests from customers wanting to buy fish to be used for table decorations at parties or events, or to 'enhance' flower vases.

OATA strongly recommends all members take a very firm line and never knowingly sell fish if they are to be used for decoration.

We are concerned it may be cruel, that the fish may be disposed of irresponsibly after use and it encourages the attitude 'it's only a fish' and so does not count for much.

We are pleased that our members who have contacted OATA about this issue have not been prepared to sell fish if they are made aware that this is what the fish is being purchased for and we would support them in this stance.

