

International Report: TAIWAN

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Future marine fish and reef keeper is fascinated with the myriad of captive ocean life in this 150 US gallon custom display aquarium.

The population of Taiwan is about twenty-one million people. Most people live in apartments in large cities. There are about 2500 retail tropical fish stores in Taiwan with about 225 selling marine aquariums and supplies. Pacific Ocean marine life is the most popular because of the tremendous availability and the variety of colorful marine pets. Although Red Sea, Indian Ocean and Caribbean fish are available.

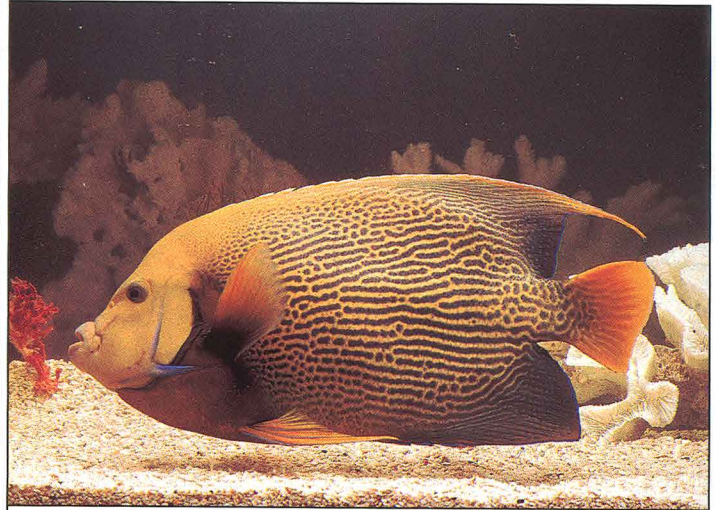
Marine fish and reef aquariums are alive and doing very well in TAIWAN.

The most successful approaches to keeping marine fish and reef aquariums has been the unique blend of Euro-American styles of keeping saltwater aquariums. The European approach features the extended use of high quality support equipment. The American approach is to display as many colorful captive marine pets as possible. In Taiwan, trickle filters, protein skimmers, halide lighting, temperature controllers, chillers, pressurized filter systems, regular water changes are part of successful marine fish and reef keeping.



Corals and marine fish thrive in this 60 US gallon marine reef.

There are about thirty stores that are the leading marine fish dealers. Competition is keen, with each store offering the latest in life support equipment and displaying a large selection of healthy marine pets. Within this highly competitive business environment, there is an open exchange of information between shop keepers. Sharing information is the key to the future of marine fish and reef keeping worldwide.



Hybrid Emperor and Koran angelfish captured in South China Sea. *Pomocanthus imperator* and *Pomocanthus semicirculatus*

Photo at right. Most stores have a display marine tank in their window.



This is a 150 US gallon saltwater system with adult Emperor angel and butterfly fish. Window tanks are from 125 to 350 US gallons.



Photo left. Hard and soft corals thrive in a 40 gal. tank.

Clownfish *Amp. sebae* enjoys life in a healthy reef tank.



Marine fish and reef aquariums in one of Taiwan's best stores.

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