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Nano Aquarium Mastery: Complete Guide to Freshwater & Saltwater Nano Aquatics

Expert Tips for Setting Up and Maintaining Small Aquariums - From Mini Aquarium Design to Water Care for the Aquarium Beginner

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1. Nano Aquarium Basic Equipment

hat does it really take to create a small underwater paradise? A nano aquarium may be compact, but the right basic equipment determines the success or failure of the miniature biotope. From water quality to lighting, all components must be perfectly coordinated to create a stable ecosystem. The following pages reveal which equipment is essential and where compromises can be avoided.

1. 1 Technical Components

table water parameters, optimal lighting, and the right temperature are essential for a thriving nano aquarium. Technical components take on these tasks and ensure the well-being of the inhabitants. However, the selection and use of these components present challenges, particularly in the confined space of a mini tank. Different types of filters, lighting systems, and heating methods each offer specific advantages and disadvantages. Filters ensure clear water and break down pollutants, while lighting promotes plant growth and highlights the vibrant colors of the animals. Temperature control ensures a stable environment and minimizes stress for the aquarium residents. The right balance between these factors is crucial for a healthy ecosystem. In this chapter, you will learn how to select and optimally use the appropriate technical components for your nano aquarium to create a harmonious miniature world.

> *The correct sizing of the technical components is crucial for the balance and well-being in the nano aquarium.*

Filter systems for small aquariums

ilter systems in small aquariums ensure water quality and thus the health of the organisms. They perform mechanical, biological, and, if necessary, chemical filtration functions. The mechanical filtration removes suspended particles, while biological filtration converts pollutants such as ammonia into less harmful nitrate with the help of bacteria [s1]. These bacteria settle on filter media and form biofilms, whose performance depends on oxygen supply [s1]. Therefore, adequate oxygen levels are essential. An aeration pump, controlled via a relay and sensors for dissolved oxygen, can ensure optimal oxygen supply [s1]. Chemical filtration, often using activated carbon, removes medication residues or discoloration. However, conventional chemical filter materials must be replaced regularly [s2]. A sustainable alternative is provided by TiO2-coated cenospheres, which can reduce ammonium, nitrate, and nitrite and can be activated by UV light [s2]. Due to their structure, they can also be more easily removed and reused from the aquarium [s2]. The combination of TiO2 cenospheres with biological filters can improve water quality comparably well as the additional use of mechanical filters [s2]. For nano aquariums, small internal filters or backpack filters are particularly suitable. The latter hang on the edge of the aquarium and provide good filtration performance with minimal space requirements in the tank. The choice of filter depends on the tank size and the inhabitants. A filter that is too weak may not adequately ensure water quality, while a filter that is too strong can stress the small aquarium inhabitants.

Good to know

Backpack filter

Backpack filters are attached to the edge of the aquarium and provide good filtration performance with minimal space requirements in the tank. They are a popular choice for nano aquariums.

Filter systems

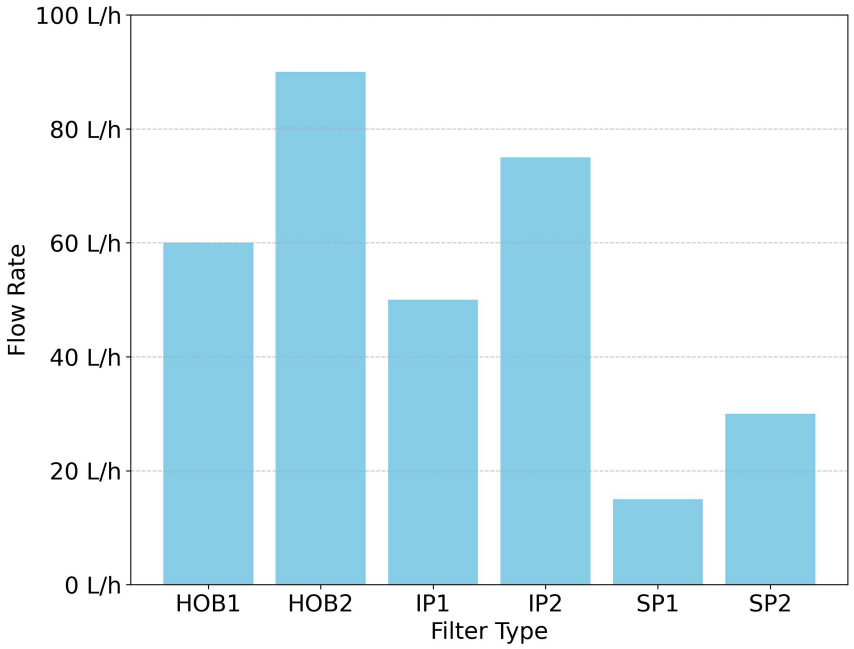
Compact filter systems for nano aquariums are available in various designs, such as internal filters, external filters, or backpack filters. They are essential for maintaining a healthy water cycle.

Mechanical filtration

Mechanical filtration, often the first step in the filtration process, removes visible dirt particles and thus contributes to the clarity of the water. It also protects the delicate gills of aquarium inhabitants.

Nano Aquarium Filter Performance Comparison

Flow Rate vs. Filter Type



HOB1: Small Hang-on-back Filter

HOB2: Medium Hang-on-back Filter

IP1: Mini Internal Power Filter

IP2: Standard Internal Power Filter

SP1: Small Sponge Filter

SP2: Large Sponge Filter

Sponge filters generally exhibit lower flow rates, making them suitable for delicate inhabitants like shrimp. Internal power filters offer a wider range of flow rates, catering to small fish and more active species. Hang-on-back filters provide the highest flow rates, suitable for larger nano aquariums with higher stocking levels or species requiring stronger currents. Choosing the right filter depends on the aquarium inhabitants and desired water movement.