

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN ADVANCED ZOOLOGY
AND BIOTECHNOLOGY
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

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SEC-IV: AQUARIUM KEEPING

Learning Objectives

- To create knowledge on self employment opportunity of ornamental fishes
- To provide the knowledge of ornamental fishes and their equipment
- To understand the different breeding techniques of ornamental fishes

UNIT I

Introduction and scope - Aquarium fish keeping as hobby and cottage industry. Commercial aspects like national and international market. To create knowledge on self employment opportunity.

UNIT II

External morphology of a typical fish. Exotic and endemic varieties of ornamental fishes.

UNIT III

Aquarium preparation and maintenance - Kinds of tanks, tank setting, biological filter and aeration, water management, planting, lighting and feeds. Budget for setting up an Aquarium Fish Farm as a Cottage Industry

UNIT IV

Live fish transport- handling, feeding and forwarding techniques of fish. Fish Diseases and their control.

UNIT V

Breeding – Common characters and sexual dimorphism of Fresh water and Marine aquarium ornamental fish varieties such as Guppies, Mollies, Sword tails, Platy, Siamese fighters and Gold fish, Butterfly fish, Blue morph and Anemone fish.

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Course Outcome:

- Students to learn about different ornamental fishes and identify the diseases of them
- To develop entrepreneur potential in the field of aquarium and get self employment.