

Aquaculture Network

In an ongoing effort to keep our aquarium systems green, Richmond Aquarium has built the mid-atlantic's first and only aquaculture network.

We are passionate about coral reefs and marine animals, and do what we can to reduce the mining of corals from our ocean's reefs.

Richmond Aquarium clients with leased systems automatically participate in the aquaculture network, both receiving and producing aquacultured corals, plants, fish, invertebrates, and food.



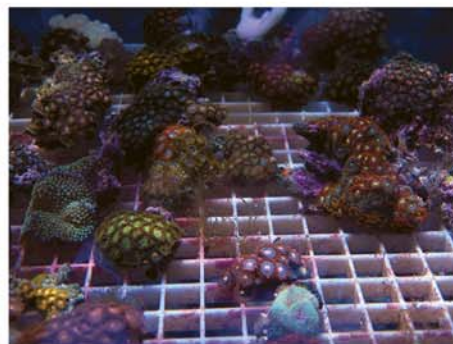
How Your New Leased Aquarium Helps Save Coral Reefs

Your new leased aquarium system will be part of our aquaculture network. As the corals in your aquarium grow, they will begin to crowd each other, and reduce the swimming space needed for your fish. We will thin them out in a process called 'fragging'. Similar to pruning a tree, the fragging process helps to encourage additional growth, and is a necessary component of reef aquarium maintenance.

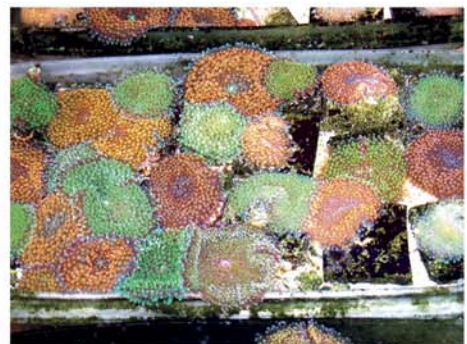
The fragged pieces are placed into the Richmond Aquarium Aquaculture Center, where they are grown into new corals. These corals will eventually live in one, or many, of the aquariums in the aquaculture network. By participating in the aquaculture network, you are helping others enjoy healthy, home-grown corals while reducing the impact the aquarium hobby is having on our oceans.



Acropora Coral Frags



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