



Seadragons in Public Aquariums

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Seadragons are a charismatic fish in public aquariums. They instill wonder and amazement to many visitors who go to aquariums around the world to view them. Seadragons serve as ambassadors, representing the diversity of life in our oceans. Husbandry of these fish has been complex at times and have challenged many. Due to their geographical isolation and strict protection in Southern Australia, these fish can be difficult to acquire. Many aquariums would like to successfully breed seadragons in order to continue exhibiting this fascinating fish. It has been a difficult task with only a few aquariums able to achieve this goal with weedy seadragons. Leafy seadragons have not been successfully bred in captivity as yet. Public aquariums have decided to collaborate in order to achieve successful breeding of seadragons. Sharing information on exhibit design, nutrition, disease treatment, and ethology will hopefully improve the likelihood of breeding. Information exchange and collaborative research projects will be discussed.

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