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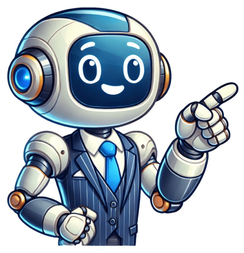

6ft Marine tank with complete setup, sump, 2x ZET7300 LED LIGHTS, With WI FI controlers, Haelia 1000 chiller, return pump, power heads, wave... Mikel (+0 /0 /-0) 26 Mar 2023 Views: 1K Latest specials and livestock shipments from the Sponsors Forum for requesting equipment/livestock from sponsors. Broadacres Shopping Centre, c/o Cedar and Valley Road, Fourways, Sandton South Africa's leading specialised aquatics hardware & dry goods wholesaler. Portion 239, North of Farm, Kraaibosch 195, George Viking Aquatics King Coral Premium Aquatics Easy Reef Supplies PlanktonOnTap Aquatic Trading NetAquatics Oceansix Aquaholics SA Reef Critters Hieso HeldeReef Aquatics Reefstore And so our journey has ended and we entering into another phase of our lives. I would like to thank each and every member on this forum for the laughs, the tears and all the information shared. This has been my best journey in life. Yes i will miss the salt on my fingers but plan to keep in touch with the many friends we made during this past 3 years. MASA has been the forum of choice for me, and i wish to thank all the administrators for all the hard work that goes into running such a forum. To all the people i got to meet, i enjoyed every moment we spend. And to all the friends i made..YOU GUYS ROCK...(working it out i will have tea every week with a different friend that owns a tank) Will even help clean skimmers just to get that feeling again. To all the people that bought items from me: I wish to make a special note to you all: Thank you for helping me shutdown, thank you to GREG @gMAN for spending his whole day to assist us. It was a success and the last bits are almost out the door.To all those people that bought livestock just know that we loved each and every little creature we had in our 3 tanks, even the bristleworms. !!!!!! I wish every member success with their tanks, and know that we have some of the best looking tanks in SA.. It's with this i would end and say...Thank you once again !!!! Last edited: 19 Jun 2014 Karen - I am a confessed REEF ADDICT Was nice meeting you Zandy. Thanks for the great additions to my tanks. Your tanks inspired me a lot. Was nice meeting you Zandy. Thanks for the great additions to my tanks. Your tanks inspired me a lot. Was lovely meeting you too....thank you..good to know our tanks inspired you !! You have a good thing going there...!!!!!Goodluck with your tank! Karen - I am a confessed REEF ADDICT All the best for the journey ahead thank you for the nemos The cycle is only complete when the dead has been eaten Where you going? Sorry to see you leaving the hobby hope you return soon... M i am also interested in knowing what event in your life provides you the much needed guts in order to restrain your self from a hobby like this. Good luck with you new adventures and thanks for all your help. I enjoy my animals inside a glass box. To Karen and Daphne, was an honour Reefing with you guys, will surely be missed here, all the best. Thanks for the Naso`s Nippy Sad day for MASA. You and Daphne will be missed! Hope you come visit! *HUGS* thanks Carlos. .yeah we need to visit at least we still granny's. ..lol. must arrange for dinner before it's too cold. Will bring mom along... Karen - I am a confessed REEF ADDICT Where you going? Sorry to see you leaving the hobby hope you return soon... thanks my friend. .I might now be able to come meet you in person and see your mountain. Thankd for all the good laughs... Karen - I am a confessed REEF ADDICT Yup..but hey bigger things awaits us. Now we can actually travel a bit.. thx for always being there to help. ..will still pop in st some meets to see you all Karen - I am a confessed REEF ADDICT sorry to see you gals go, but when i eventually have a meet at me, please do join Ahhh my friend. ..we will be there. Just hope it happens before my 80th birthday...lol and by that time you have a plus 2... Karen - I am a confessed REEF ADDICT M i am also interested in knowing what event in your life provides you the much needed guts in order to restrain your self from a hobby like this. Good luck with you new adventures and thanks for all your help. Jclaas...was nice chatting to you and yes we want to travel a bit snd since daphne had her accident falling from the roof we can't continue with the tanks. Good luck with your tank too..and work on breeding baby fishies...lol Karen - I am a confessed REEF ADDICT To Karen and Daphne, was an honour Reefing with you guys, will surely be missed here, all the best. Thanks for the Naso`s Nippy Russell we will still see you guys .. I hope. .lol.. gotta see those big boys in ur stunning tank. Karen - I am a confessed REEF ADDICT Page 2 Eish, good luck with the Travel venture. I do not serve tea, but do serve Jameson...lol I am here to learn about patience and I only trust those who can walk on water..... Hi all, im new to this ive already set up a tank 2 weeks ago and yesterday added the live rock. All is looking good. I am sure that all the old experts here will be able to give me some good sound advice as i go along. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. welcome to MASA Max, sounds good, tell us about the system and we will help you all we can.] As Thalion said, take it slow and you will save shit loads of money. Also check LFS advice on the forum before buying, you may be surprised what goes on out there. Thanks you guys I baught it the flea marked and they came and installed and set it up for me: 1,5m x .650 x .650 Enclosed in darkwood cabinet with proper built steel frame Sump 1m x .300 x .300 ? this is what worries me - in the first compartment he installed the phosphate reactor with white filter material the water overflow into the second chamber and the reactor discharges the water there through filter material and this run from the bottom into the third chamber with filter material at the bottom and round long rings with holes in them, this overflows into the fourth chamber where he installed the skimmer but the overflow does not run only through the skimmer but also over to the fifth chamber full of broken up live rock about 30 to 50cm pieces of live rock or looks like it through the bottom into the last chamber which houses the return pump from there to a uv light, from there to the hailea 1000 chiller - heater unit into the tank. Now what i have read was a little confusing to me as it is quite the opposite to what i have read or understand from the big boys or experts on this forum, can someone shed some light on this for me or should i have a new sump built and redo the whole thing. next 3 x seio m1100 for circulating 50kg of live rock in the tank 2 sets of flourescents the bright light type 3 x white 1 x blue 2 x 300 watt jager heaters Im looking at adding a electronic PH tester, Refractometer as this other thing floating is absolutely crap. I will also be looking at adding some nice electronic temp controllers with proper probes and dimmable electronic ballasts for the flourescents so that i can dimm the flourescents when necessary as i am a electrician after all and can get all electrical stuff for way cheaper than the man on the street, and i can build these systems and wire them too, aint i lucky. So if you guys need MH globes, transformers, nice temp controllers etc. speak to me maybe i can save you guys some moola. The system has been up for 2 weeks now and all the tests is looking good, nothing out the ordinary, ammonia was 0 gone up to 0,1 mg/l 1 day after i added the live rock but it is stable. All the other tests has been in par and safe. All the other nice to have stuff ill check out first and get some info from you guys before i get it, if it is necessary. Now its wait.....wait..... and patience to get the eco system to work properly, and hopefully in a month or two i can start adding the beauties and all. I want to do fish and coral so ill have to get some sound advise what too and what not tooooo. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. The pics will follow soon ill download some and paste them. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Welcome to the forum Max. Your sump does seem to be setup "old school", but show us a pic of it and we can help you from there, but for now, your skimmer needs to be in the first compartment where the water enters from your tank, the phosphate reactor should be in the last compartment. What skimmer do you have? What substrate do you have on the bottom of the tank? When you buy your fluorescent lights, make sure you get T5 lights and not T8. Your tank will need to cycle for probably another 4 weeks or so before you can start adding fish and corals. Remember that we go nuts for pics guy What are you planning for Livestock Do you have a livestock wishlist as this would determine your setup A very WARM welcome to MASA Max. Everyone has said it already. Have a look through the threads. You will see some threads mentioning "sump design". And also have a look at the pictures of the other members. You will get some idea of what it takes. Biggest thing - PATIENCE.... it has been said already. BUT, you better have patience, otherwise this hobby might bite you. Not trying to sound negative - but it is important that you get your mind-set right. Good luck with your journey. Remember - it's your own personal journey, and your little "art-work" you are creating. We can assist and give advice. In the end it is still yours. If you make mistakes - it's yours to make. If you end up being a successful reefer - then al kudo's to you! We like sharing our experiences and knowledge (or lack thereof) with others. So, please feel free to comment, ask questions, tell us stories, etc. We are like your online reefkeeping "family" ;-) Enjoy mate! Thanks viper357 Firstly i will change the skimmer and reactor around. Skimmer is a reef octopus ts2. Crushed coral as substrate. All flourescents is t5's. and yes i will gladly wait as this has cost me a couple of arms and is not to be waisted at all, as long as at the end i get a proper setup and all those beauties live happy in there. I have lots of patience. christiaan I am still planning this, but it will not include stuff that is not good for coral as im planning to have a couple of those in future. And yes when i get a chance ill paste some pics, but for now i have to go, chat later _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Thanks jacquesb im glad to have joined here. I will definitely ask questions as they come along, its better to get a couple of ideas and build from there, as you say patience is the key to this, mistakes will be made but thats why you get info from you guys thats been walking this road to narrow down the mistakes to be made, if one does not listen it is your own will then chat later _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Nice skimmer How fine is the crushed coral? Is it about the size of sugar grains? Hi! Max! Welcome! Well I just read your thread and if you can get us some pH probes and controlers for a good price I might take you up on your offer! hey max, welcome to masa and to a fantastic hobby. sounds like you are on the way nicely there fella, a few things to change but sounds like you have a sound basis to start from. I like the fact you got help from the beginning with someone to put it together for ya, now with some tweaking and advice you can get it all right. a small word of advice from my experience. The cycle process can be a little boring, resulting in guys cutting is short and hurting LS. What i did was spend alot of time on here, and a few international forums and learnt about what i was intending to do. That way i didnt get bored and i left my tank cycling for a while before putting things in. enjoy the journey, its great fun Viper I hope the skimmer was worth it. The coral is about 3mm in diameter. Christo Ill have them send over some prices and ill let you know crispin believe me buddy im in no haste to waste, this cost me a heap of money and im not gonna try and push it. The wife will kill me, i went out to buy a tank, we saw one and i changed the order 3 times over the phone after we had left - what do you guys say, give a guy a tank and he will want a bigger one. Believe me this was supposed to be a little corner tank unit and i ended up spending roughly 40k she'll kill :yeahdude: me if she knows. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Welcome to MASA, hope your tank brings you a lot of Joy, just remember to hide all your till slips from now on... I am here to learn about patience and I only trust those who can walk on water..... Page 2 Tell me chaps this tank is growing all funny stuff now, overnight. There is brown - pink - purple - violet - green stuff growing everywhere. some of the greens have leaves like flowers, one has tube like stuff with holes. the pink and purple is growing on the live rock (this live rock looks like big chunks of dead coral) i guess this would be algae.There is signs of life as there is some tiny white goggas starting to swim around with legs and fealers. Tell me which algae is good and which ones are bad, how does one control this. The white filter material is turning brown as well, and do i take them out and rinse them now or replace them. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. I have downloaded some pics so have a look and see, tell me how will i improve the sump _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. My pics Last edited by a moderator: 26 Jul 2008 _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Hey Max, welcome. Looking good so far. 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Hennie PS - WELCOME, oh, and nice tank Looking great Max. I would ditch all those ceramic rings you got in the sump. Simple sump setup. Chamber1. Over flow from tank with skimmer Chamber2. DSB Chamber3. Return pump to tank aswell as Carbon and phophate remover can be run there. I see you got a UV hooked up.Do you run it 24/7? Dude you also got slamed by your LFS. Allot of changes need to be done to your sump: 1: get rid of any filter wool 2: skimmer must be in 1st chamber 3: lets hook you up with a dsb(DEEP SAND BED) 4: Slowley get rid of ceramic stones 5:GET RID OF THAT PLASTIC REEF PAPER AT THE BACK PANNEL You got one nice skimmer running(Ts2 makes lekker skimate my man)] place heater in the first chamber, if water level drops....BOOM!!!] I have sorted out all of your pics for you Max. Max, here is a pic of a simple yet efficient sump. 1st chamber on the left is where the water enters from your display tank and also contains your skimmer. 2nd chamber contains a DSB (Deep Sand Bed) 3rd chamber contains your return pump and carbon etc. Page 3 HI max The big advantage on vipers setup is low maintenance, with filter wool and ceramic stones your going to work your ass of. it's like gardening:55: Thank you, thank you. Sorry i am only answering now, i have been working on the tank. I swopped the phosphate reactor to the last tank, the skimmer to the first with the heater in the 3rd for now, i will have to do some plumbing to get all the stuff in the 1st. As soon as im ready ill cut some of the existing glass from the sump to change the setup for space and to vipers idea looks good and simple to me. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. The uv i do run 24/7 i dont switch that off, they say you cannot do any harm by having it on. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. O and lanzo i ripped off the scenery from the back it looks kinda empty now, but nice budds _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Viper, what kind of sand do i use for this and how thick must this be _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Yes ben lloyd i dont like working my --- off, the rule says work smarter not harder. I do that with my business too. Im a lazy man _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. what dos the UV do? is ti only to kill allege it's like gardening:55: in my dsb a use river sand it's like gardening:55: I intend to pump water out of a river to a holding tank 3000l can i mount it at the inlet side it's like gardening:55: If you using river water, you need to nuke it with the UV first then send it through a RO unit and then you ready to roll. Make sure you get a big enough UV unit. it's like gardening:55: But ive read on one site that its not the case about the uv just stick to the 2cm rule from the globe and your save. I could be mistaken, and thats why i baught the uv. And about the river sand do i clean it wash it rinse it or something before i add it. The only riversand i can get is man made by a tornado crusher but it has the same specs as normal river sand, i work on such crushing plants --- will that do. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. The big thing about your substrate is that the particle size is sugar size, also you might want to check that there is not any chemicals that could leach from the sand into your tank and effect the inmates and parameters. You maybe safer going the Reggies / Toy R Us playsand route, it has been tried and tested. But dont they say with the silica you do get stuff leaching through. But as long as it is sugar fine, i read it in here that they also use azorite or something. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Silica won't leach. Not sure about azorite. You welcome to experiment, I am just giving you a heads up. I know warr just concerned i dont want to mess up this one, it was an expensive but im sure to be worthwhile hobby. I am new to this game and i need all the input i can get. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. I know warr just concerned i dont want to mess up this one, it was an expensive but im sure to be worthwhile hobby. I am new to this game and i need all the input i can get. Then go the playsand route, it costs R20 for 10kg, takes a bit of washing, but looks good and doesn't kill anything Page 4 Guys i see there is some anemones growing from this live rock i had put in on tuesday. 1 is a pinkish (seems like) colour and grows on the pink purple rock. The other two is white with white stipes around the tentacles. are these ones okay or is to early to say. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Guys i see there is some anemones growing from this live rock i had put in on tuesday. 1 is a pinkish (seems like) colour and grows on the pink purple rock. The other two is white with white stipes around the tentacles. are these ones okay or is to early to say. They sound fine, but photos will help. Normally the kind of hitch-hikers you get will be Mushrooms, Zoas, feather dusters (good) and Aiptasia and majano anemones (bad) AND there is a green creature that has lots of legs and two feelers, living in the holes, he is cleaning all the holes i see. He is now about 2cm long and is ribbed like a lobsters skin. Does anyone know what this is, it also came with the rock. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Does he look like a centipede ? If so probably a bristle worm, they are relatively good, don't touch them, They have a evil stink to their bristles. The only riversand i can get is man made by a tornado crusher but it has the same specs as normal river sand, i work on such crushing plants --- will that do. No - use real river sand, NOT crushed sand. The problem with crushed sand is that the particles are not rounded, but sharp-edged (from the crushing...). This can injure your sand living organisms when they move through the sand, and can also be detrimental to larger organisms who live on the sand, and/or "eat" the sand for nutrients (such as gobies and sea cucumbers). Get some building or plaster sand if you don't want to buy aragonite, and get you laboratory to sieve it through a 2.00mm sieve (you DO have a laboratory at your crusher plant to check on the aggregate gradings, I presume) Hennie That pics of the anemone h _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. We actually do Reef Maniac _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. I dont now about the bristle worm ill check, kinda looks like a centipede warr _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. The one in the first pic looks like Aiptasia not sure about the other one. The other two is both white with stripes, but i havent seen anything wrong in the book about them, but i did see the aptaisia " they say its a pest " thats why i asked thanks guys, that buggers going down with vinegar and a scrubber _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Yup, all three. As Jacques said, treat the areas around the three pests, and then (important!) rinse all traces off the rocks before you put them back in the tank, using tank (salt) water - in other words, don't rinse them under the tap... We actually do Reef Maniac I take it you are confirming that your crusher has a lab Whats the name of your crusher, and where is it located? I'm a road builder, and we are always using crushed aggregate, so please forgive the professional interest Hennie Reef maniac i have sent you a pm on the crushers name. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Howdie chaps, I have changed my sump setup, and i went azorite route, it is tiny round type balls. Ill post some pics so you can see and give some advice on this one to improve further. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. The new sump Last edited by a moderator: 27 Jul 2008 _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Refractometer Tell me does anyone know this refractometer i baught it today, the LFS says its a good unit. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Page 5 Your sump is looking much better, you just have to remove the ceramic noodles now, but do that slowly so as not to send the tank into another cycle. Thats why they are still there, i was told to keep them for a while and remove them bit by bit. Thanks Alan. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Tell me warr do i have to install a light over the DSB and if so what do you suggest. Do i put this on a timer reverse of the display tank. Do i put anything else in the sand, i see your drawing has algae or something drawn there. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Tell me warr do i have to install a light over the DSB and if so what do you suggest. Do i put this on a timer reverse of the display tank. Do i put anything else in the sand, i see your drawing has algae or something drawn there. I think the drawing is Viper's. You want a light over the DSB for your macro algae - Cheatomorpha. You can use 6700K energy savers, I run mine 18 hours a day, as reverse cycle only doesn't seem to make it grow enough. Thanks ill install some tomorrow warr _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Hallo warr tonight while rearranging the LR and testing the water i found a pink creature full of hair and lots of legs about 2cm long in one of the rock. Do you know something like this, ill try to get a picture of this when i see it again. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Going need a pic, the description you have given could pertain to a number of different creatures Ok ill try and find the little bugger. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Hi Max and welcome, that sounds like a bristleworm the guys talked about earlier, is it like the one on the pic? "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." Albert Einstein AND there is a green creature that has lots of legs and two feelers, living in the holes, he is cleaning all the holes i see. He is now about 2cm long and is ribbed like a lobsters skin. Does anyone know what this is, it also came with the rock. Max, does it by any chance looks something like this pic I got from the net? "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." Albert Einstein I have one of them to its is just a little lighter green with a 1 stripe across the back 5mm behind the head, do you know what that is ?. The 1 ive seen looks like a " honderd poot " sorry for the afrikaans i dont know the english, lots of hair and is pink budds. It is very flatish. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Hi Max what are you referring to, the worm or the Shrimp? The first pic is of a Bristleworm and from what I know the come in a few color varieties. The second pic is of a Mantis Shrimp although very beautifull, it's not something you want in a reef, better suited to a species tank! "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." Albert Einstein Hi Max what are you referring to, the worm or the Shrimp? The first pic is of a Bristleworm and from what I know the come in a few color varieties. The second pic is of a Mantis Shrimp although very beautifull, it's not something you want in a reef, better suited to a species tank! it's not a shrimp:nono: Its a Stomatopod not family of shrimp nor lobster. Highly intelligent.] Hi Max and welcome, that sounds like a bristleworm the guys talked about earlier, is it like the one on the pic? This is the one that i found yes, thanks is this a bristleworm then. Okay then the other green one i mentioned earlier is not a bristleworm because it does not look like this ill have to get a picture of that one, i did see a shrimp that almost looks like the green one in a book. Ill post it if im fast enough to get a picture. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Mantis Hi Max what are you referring to, the worm or the Shrimp? The first pic is of a Bristleworm and from what I know the come in a few color varieties. The second pic is of a Mantis Shrimp although very beautifull, it's not something you want in a reef, better suited to a species tank! Okay, i have both of them in my tank. Both came with the LR. The mantis ill give to someone as soon as my tank is ready for reef, it wont be to long i hope. I just dont know how im gonna catch it, cause it stays in a dead coral hole now. Thank you, thank everybody for the input. Now i know why i joined the experts. :razz: _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. it's not a shrimp:nono: Its a Stomatopod not family of shrimp nor lobster. Highly intelligent. Sorry mister smartypants Now that is the kind if trouble you get yourself into while trying to sound smart.... "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." Albert Einstein The new scaping and pictures of the stuff ive installed Hope you guys enjoy, i tried my best to get some shapes with the LR. So there you go chaps ill keep you posted, havent been able to chat on the forum for a while and i hope this makes up for it. Know that i have lost the paper at the back any ideas what to put there ? Last edited by a moderator: 3 Aug 2008 _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Looking great. paint the back or get ABS or corruplas plasstic from Maizey plastics for the back. Is your CBB feeding ? Thanks warr i spent a lot of spare time at night getting it together. paint the back or get ABS or corruplas plasstic from Maizey plastics for the back.Ill get some from Maizey, what would you reckon blue or black ? If you can help me out here, what is CBB ? Sorry for me asking but i have no clue. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Okay Copper Band, sorry im slow man. It is actually nailing these little Aistapia. I did not buy him Mohammed at the LFS borrowed him to me to get rid of the pests. I had the first rock cleaned of and by .... sake there within days a bliming 500 or more tiny ones popping up all over. I got Jo's juice, but to try and sort them all out like this is impossible. When i went to the LFS he gave me this to sort it out. I will not be keeping him as i want to stock coral and they say the CBB is for fish only tanks as they peck the corals. Although i have read on the net somewhere that this stimulates coral growth, i dont know, and wont be taking a chance. As a matter of fact all the fish is eating well, thanks for asking. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Page 6 Jeez, hope there is a Mod out there that can put the pics underneith each other, its going off my screen..... Come on mods waky waky, it is Saturday morning and it is a beautiful day out here.....:razz: Nice Max, btw, what are thoese green patches on the glass at the back???? I am here to learn about patience and I only trust those who can walk on water..... Look underneath each other to me... Hi all, im new to this ive already set up a tank 2 weeks ago and yesterday added the live rock. All is looking good. I am sure that all the old experts here will be able to give me some good sound advice as i go along. Max, just one bit of advice - TAKE IT SLOW! Your tank has now been set up for only 3 weeks, with the LR only two weeks in the tank, if I'm following your thread correctly. At this stage in time you should not even have one fish or coral in the tank, as the system is still maturing (cycling). I see that you have already added at least 5 fish and some corals - you may be luckier than most, but why tempt fate... sit back and let the tank settle for another month or two before adding any more livestock. Hennie Thanks Reef Maniac i will slow down, i might have gone a little fast here. But ill wait it out. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Jeez, hope there is a Mod out there that can put the pics underneith each other, its going off my screen..... Come on mods waky waky, it is Saturday morning and it is a beautiful day out here.....:razz: Well if you can help me out here i would appreciate it, as i see the pictures of your beautiful tank came out nicely. Any suggestions on how to? Nice Max, btw, what are thoese green patches on the glass at the back???? It is algae, and yes i know i did go to fast here , they say to wait for the smut algae to disappear in the principle tank and the green algae should be growing in the DSB. This helps the process enourmously. I could not resist :nono: and would do anything in my power to keep a track of the quality of the water, which i have done since day one and im glad to say i did. My test results is as follows: Tested with a Hager test kit that tests from PO4 through to Fe Kept Salinity on 1,024 since day one I only use water from my RO unit to top up my system and baught the first load of prepared water from my LFS and that was paid for three weeks before my tank was installed or built for that matter and they had this water mixed and airated for two weeks prior to installation. Nitrate 17/07/2008 - 10mg/l at 5:50pm temp 25.6C Sump Nitrate 02/08/2008 - 0mg/l at 5:00pm temp 26.1C Sump Calcium 17/07/2008 - 400mg/l Calcium 02/08/2008 - 440mg/l Phosphate 17/07/2008 - 0mg/l Phosphate 02/08/2008 - 0.25mg/l Ammonia 17/07/2008 - 0.1mg/l Ammonia 02/08/2008 - 0mg/l PH low 17/07/2008 - 7.6 PH low 02/08/2008 - 8.5 PH high 17/08/2008 - 7.6 PH high 02/08/2008 - 8.5 Carbonate Hardness 17/07/2008 - 150mg/l Carbonate Hardness 02/08/2008 - 120mg/l Nitrite 17/07/2008 - 0.1mg/l Nitrite 02/08/2008 - 0mg/l Free Iron 17/07/2008 - 0mg/l Free Iron 02/08/2008 - 0mg/l Chelated Iron 17/07/2008 - 0mg/l Chelated Iron 02/08/2008 - 0mg/l to be 0.25 - .5mg/l and ill be adding Plant grow iron enriched to go to the required value of 0.25 - 0.5mg/l. On the first day my temperature was normal my LFS added substrate from his "good guys" or connections tank, not much about two cups full, as ive known him for 10yrs plus now. He assured me it was from a healthy tank and this would speed up the process for me. 2 Days after that he started adding Organic Aqua marine general treatment and Nutrafin cycle that they use on new and emergency setups. On 26/07/2008 i changed the sump to the suggested drawing that warr posted for me, and believe me this changed the test results for the better and the colours of the algae started to change from brown to green from there. On 27/07/2008 i added the turbo snail, carpet disc anemone, common dancing shrimp and the colonial anemone (zoanthus). I also added some water stabilizer that you use when adding fish or inverts, this helps not to get spikes, which i didnt get. On 28/07/2008 i tested the water and all was normal, i added a small tubeworm that i got from Dorry. Again i added stabilizer. On 29/07/2008 i tested the water and all seemed fine. I added the Fire angel (thats what the LFS called it), one firefish and the two tank bread clown fish. I also did a water change and added the stabilizer. And at 20h00 i checked the salinity to see and it was on 1,025 which was normal. On 30/07/2008 i added an extra firefish, a ocellatted prawn goby, and the purple fish and they said it was a wrasse im not sure im checking the books on that, i also got the Copper Band (on loan) from the LFS to sort out the Aiptasia (i can report there is absolutely nothing left of this as joes juice would take me a year on the amount of the buggers, i added a yellow sailfin tang, a bicolour angel, yellow stripe angel, purple tip leather anemone, and a zinnias (i think as im looking up the proper names) brown stem with green tips. With some water stabilizer. Ive been testing and checking the water regularly to see if there is a slight change. On 02/08/2008 at 17h00 i did a water test as you can see from above, and it was perfect. I am glad to report that all the fishes are eating well, none of them is showing any stress at all, they are in between the rocks all day long grazing and swimming. I also fed the leather tonight at about 18h00 and it opened up beautifully for the feeding and closed up nicely afterwards. All the pollups is fully opened, and the zinnias has opened completely. So yes guys i was very fast with this, but i am checking daily and surely hope to make a success of this. It is an absolutely fantastic hobby and i would not like anything to die on me as that is not the point of the excercise. I followed the rules laid down by Baensch - marine atlas and some other books as far as i could understand it and what i read on the forum that made sense to me. My LFS is organizing me a bunch or two caulerpa to add the the sump as well, he is just as worried and said i should wait :nono: and at the end took samples and tested the water himself to make sure im not bluffing to get fish. Thank you to all of you for all your input so far, i know the reef and fish lovers would have loved me to wait it out, but lets see. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Before the green algae It looks crappy i do confess, but i had time today to clean _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. After the purple tip settled i cleaned and rearranged and cleaned it neatly All is well so far I hope it works beneath each other, im trying. Water is still a bit mooshey but it will be settled in the morning I tested the water again and all seems to be fine, i hope that i did not make a mistake stocking so soon. :nono: _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. What lights are you running ? Nemmies need loads of light, you may need to move him higher up on the reef or he may start walking. Looking good! Is the yellowtail damsel behaving himself, although one of the calmest Damsels it could still be a little Foxterrier!! Love the nemmie, do the Clowns host? Btw. Take a look at this link as it has some interesting as well as important info regarding the Mantis! Last edited: 4 Aug 2008 "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." Albert Einstein What lights are you running ? Nemmies need loads of light, you may need to move him higher up on the reef or he may start walking. 3 x 54w geisemann aquablues and 1 x 54w actinic (hope its spelt correct) Thanks for the info, ill be buying some 50w metal halide mini lamps that fits in a normal downlight, this should give me space to place them where i need light the most. _____ " DO IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN " LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO SAY I'M SORRY SO DON'T DO WRONG TO YOUR LOVED ONES. Murky water Tank look