

AQUATRONICA FORUM REGULATIONS

The aim of this forum is to allow AQUATRONICA site users to exchange opinions and advice on the products themselves in relation to aquariophilia and to get in touch with Aquatronica experts.

The AQUATRONICA principles on use of this forum are three:

- to establish a direct link with its Customers and all enthusiasts of this sector
- to offer and exchange useful information on how to manage an aquarium
- to offer users the opportunity to meet, socialise and exchange ideas.

All topics related to Aquatronica and its products can be discussed; it is also possible to discuss other topics which are somehow related to aquariophilia as for example marine biology, ecology etc.

Regulations.

Users of the Forum are free to discuss the above referred to topics within the limits of social decency. In order to ensure that these rules are followed this Forum is moderated.

By registering to or participating in the Forum you automatically accept these regulations.

Here are some suggestions

- choose a clear and specific subject for your message, so that your query is easily identifiable by whoever is able to answer it.
- Carefully choose the session in which you want to make your query so that you will be able to get answers from the most qualified persons in that field.
- Before making a query, it is advisable to carry out a search on the Forum to ensure that the topic has not already been dealt with. This will avoid repeat discussions.
- When answering a post, it is advisable not to include the entire text of the query but to make as brief a reference as possible.
- Signature must be limited to five lines, without using excessive images or fonts (maximum 300 pixels in width and 90 pixels in height and a maximum weight of 15kb).

Prohibitions

Links to pornographic sites, cracks, dialers or any illegal links or discussions on them are prohibited. More specifically this ban includes distribution of any obscene, vulgar, garish or offensive images or files. Moreover xenophobic, extremist, offensive, and defamatory messages affecting people, organisations, religions, communities, associations etc. are also prohibited.

Links to sites and forums which have been indicated as spam by the authors are also forbidden. It must be noted that spam is a criminal offence. Spammers shall be dismissed from the community and if they repeat the offence then their web space or service provider shall be advised accordingly so that a report will be made to the authorities and to the Regulator for violation of Law 185/99 (which imposes administrative penalties).

Any form of advertising of services, products or other form of information not related to aquariums is not allowed.

Vulgar terms or phrases or references to political parties or ideologies are also not appreciated (including use thereof in the Avatar or signature)

Floods (repeated identical posts) and Cross posting (same post in various sessions) are not allowed.

Off topic messages not posted in the right session and controversial, provocative or confusing posts and posts on Italian or international politics are also not appreciated.

More specifically private messages offending or insulting the receiver are not allowed. If a user is offended by a private message or such contains obscenities or is clearly against common sense, then such user may contact the moderators and the administrators and request their intervention.

One must also note that placing private messages is not only inappropriate but also a crime (violation of privacy) and that therefore is not allowed in this Forum. Posts containing private messages shall be removed and the user (even if the subject of personal offence) shall be penalised.

The Moderators

The Moderators shall:

Have access to a control panel to manage the Forum functions.

Be able to intervene at any time they deem fit at their sole discretion.

Not be bound to respond to queries made by users if they are not related to the organisation of the forum.

Move:

- messages erroneously placed in a session to the correct session
- messages not related to aquariums to the off topic sessions
- to trash all topics which have nothing to do with the session or the Forum.

Cancel:

- identical messages sent many times
- Cross posting and Flood messages
- Messages which contain links to advertisements of products and services considered inappropriate.

They may block, cancel or modify messages held to be offensive or in any case not in the spirit of the forum, controversial messages excessively vulgar or whose sole scope is to generate confusion. Check that heated debate does not degenerate beyond the limits of civil and rational behaviour. Moderators and administrators are not bound to advise the author of the message when these are moved, modified or removed even if done for not serious reasons (for example, if a message is moved because mistakenly placed in the wrong session). Illegal acts and very offensive messages shall be notified to the administrators; notice shall be given before applying particularly serious penalties. The administrators shall also be notified of particularly interesting initiatives or discussions.

N.B It is possible to ask for explanations and to object to any action taken by the administrators or moderators, not using the public space allocated to the Forum. Any objections shall be sent by email or by internal messages but in any case always privately.

Sanctions

Any breach of these rules (see prohibitions) or of ordinary rules of courtesy shall be subject to a sanction proportionate to the seriousness of the relative violation.

The offending messages shall be moved, blocked, edited or removed without any need to advise their author.

Authors of messages which are particularly offensive shall be given a Warning and if the incident is repeated may be Banned from the community. Before applying these sanctions, two warnings must be given to the infringer by the moderators or administrators.

In very serious cases, besides the definitive ban from the Forum the server shall be also be advised so that a report may be filed with the authorities. The Regulator shall also be alerted (this could give rise to very serious penalties).

In the event that the competent authorities so request, the administrators shall make available all data in their possession which could be necessary for the purposes of identification.

Privacy and Copyright

AQUATRONICA protects your privacy in line with current legislation. See Privacy Document. In the event that you wish to withdraw from the Forum, kindly contact the administrator.

Hold harmless Clause.

Any message, article, photograph or any other document published on the Forum shall become property of AQUATRONICA and the author may not request its removal for privacy reasons.

Authors are responsible for what they write or insert into the Forum. Any request for cancellation of messages made by a user is at the sole discretion of the Forum Administrator.

AQUATRONIC staff cannot be held jointly liable with the author for slanderous or defamatory messages which could give rise to legal action.

The Authors of this Forum cannot guarantee their presence on the Forum on a twenty four hour basis, nor can they guarantee immediate removal of disputed messages.

N.B This regulation could be modified over time.