



A habitat aquarium from Lake Tanganyika with *Vallisneria* and Tanganyika cichlids. Lake Tanganyika is situated along the western frontier of Tanzania with Congo to the west and Zambia to the south - and like Lake Malawi it is a known habitat within aquaristic. For many years, the aquascaper Jan Hjort Ebdrup has taken an interest in cichlids, both African and South American. The species are: *Eretmodus Cyanostictus* (mpimbwe), *Neolamprologus Multifasciatus*, *Neolamprologus Leleupi*, *Neolamprologus Brichardi*, *Paracyprichromis Nigripinnis*, and the sheatfish *Synodontis Petricola*. In this layout, Jan cheats a little, as he has used the Asian *Vallisneria Spiralis* 'Tiger' and planted a group of *Cryptocoryne x Willisii*. None of the plants are native plants of Lake Tanganyika, but in fact the list of native species is long and holds among others *Potamogeton*, *Ottelia* and *Utricularia* species besides *Vallisneria*, which is the most used genus in Tanganyika biotope aquariums.

Tip! Shells and small conches are excellent hiding places for the cichlids, who also use them for fry.

Technique

Aquarium:	AKVASTABIL
Volume:	325 L
Light:	T5 2 x 54W reduced 50%
Gravel:	2-4 mm sand
Filter:	Eheim Professional II 2128 Thermo
CO2:	0
Fertiliser (weekly):	50 ml Premium Fertiliser + 20 ml Specialised
Maintenance (hours per week):	$\frac{1}{2}$

Plants used in this layout

A)	<i>Vallisneria spiralis</i> 'Tiger' (055A)	3 pcs.
B)	<i>Cryptocoryne x willisii</i> (107)	3 pcs.