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Dramatic, upright dragon rocks in a calm, flat landscape of tenellus, Staurogyne and Hydrocotyle form the two classical islands with small details and the ravine in between. Hydrocotyle creates a light green glacier on one of them, while pinnatifida towers over the other. The mixture of red purple Aponogeton, Ludwigia and Hygrophila araguaia with fresh green Heteranthera and Rotala green beautifully accentuates both colours. Soft moss, Weeping and Christmas, soften up the somewhat sharp branches. The aquarium radiates peace and plenty of space.

Tip! The adequate amount of light (here approx. 1 watt per litre) gives the plants the opportunity to develop in the best way. This can clearly be seen in the beautiful, compact growth and the intense development in the colours.

Note: Plant A on the drawing is Aponogeton crispus 'Red', which is no longer produced by Tropica. It can be replaced by Cryptocoryne Usteriana.

Technique

Aquarium:	IHM MÜLLER
Volume:	300 L
Light:	T5 Daylight 4 x 54W
Substrate:	Tropica substrate
Gravel:	Råda sand 0.8-1.2 mm.
Filter:	Built-in filter back wall w/ 2 Eheim pumps 600 l/h
CO2:	25 mg/L
Fertiliser (weekly):	100 mL Premium Fertiliser + 150 mL Specialised
Maintenance (hours per week):	1-2

Plants used in this layout

A)	()	3 pcs.
B)	()	3 pcs.
C)	()	3 pcs.
C)	Hygrophila lancea 'Araguaia' (051B TC)	3 pcs.
D)	Heteranthera zosterifolia (096 TC)	1 pcs.
E)	Ludwigia glandulosa (035A)	2 pcs.
F)	Hydrocotyle tripartita (039B)	3 pcs.
G)	Hygrophila pinnatifida (051A)	1 pcs.
H)	Staurogyne repens (049G)	6 pcs.
I)	()	10 pcs.
J)	Vesicularia montagnei 'Christmas Moss' (003A POR)	2 pcs.
K)	Vesicularia ferriei 'Weeping Moss' (003B POR)	2 pcs.