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Although not strictly a biotope aquarium all of the Flora and Fauna in this setup are from Australasia, with the exception of the shrimp which were used to keep the tank free from algae.

The layout is simple, using just one piece of wood and only three species of plants. Planting and maintenance was easy to carry out, with weekly pruning and water change taking just over 30 minutes.

Technique

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| Aquarium: | OPTIWHITE45 X 25 X 25CM |
| Volume: | 28 L |
| Light: | T5 24W |
| Gravel: | Fine silica sand |
| Decoration: | Redmoor wood |
| Filter: | Eheim experience 150 |
| CO2: | 45 bubbles per minute |
| Fertiliser (weekly): | Tropica Premium and Specialised fertiliser |
| Maintenance (hours per week): | ½-1 |

Plants used in this layout

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| A) | () | 3 pcs. |
| B) | () | 4 pcs. |
| B) | Ranunculus inundatus (022C TC) | 1 pcs. |
| C) | Marsilea hirsuta (010 TC) | 4 pcs. |