COURSE TITLE: ORNAMENTAL FISHERIES AND AQUARIA DESIGN

COURSE CODE: FIS 505

COURSE UNITS: 2

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OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the course, students are expected to :

- * be familiar with different types of aquaria.
- * identify the accessories and know how they operate.
- * Identify locally available materials for construction and their procurement.
- * To be able to design, construct and maintain aquaria.

- 1. Importance of aquaria.
- 2. Types of aquaria:
 - Freshwater aquaria
 - Brackishwater aquaria
 - Salt water aquaria
- 3. Design of aquaria:
 - Types of aquarium design
 - Materials for aquarium construction (emphasis on locally available materials).
 - Procurement of construction materials

- 4. Aquarium accessories:
 - Function(s) of various accessories
 - Ornamental plants and their types (emphasis on locally available ones)
 - Ornamental fishes and their types (emphasis on locally available plants)
 - Ornamental Fish Aquaculture (OFA)
 - Procurement of the accessories.
- 5. Filtration systems
 - Types of filtration systems in aquarium
 - Types of filter

- 6. Aeration systems in aquarium
- 7. Lighting system in aquarium
- 8. Water quality:
 - Physical and chemical parameters of water
 - Nitrogen cycle
 - Keeping the balance
- 9. Aquarium upholstery and stands:

For further reading:

1. Fish and Fisheries of Northern Nigeria by Reed, W. et., al.