Supplement with Liquid Diets

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Liquid marine foods are a viable and convenient supplementary diet for corals and invertebrates when used properly. They offer nutritional variety for a more complete diet and provide a more natural form of food for your marine aquarium inhabitants.

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Liquid foods are available in a variety of formulations to suit different species with different feeding habits. These diets provide inhabitants such as corals and invertebrates with a more natural form of food. Some of the more popular selections of liquid diets available include Phytoplankton, Zooplankton, and a combination of the two.

Phytoplankton are tiny plant life best suited for herbivores and filter feeders such as feather dusters, scallops, clams, and gorgonians. Typically they are from 5µm to 25µm in size. As food for zooplankton, they help establish the food chain in the reef aquarium. Phytoplankton is available in a number of products, such as PhytoMax Expert Series Phytoplankton which comes with a dropper to avoid overdosing.

Zooplankton are minute animal life (larval stages of crustaceans and other invertebrates) and tend to be 250µm to 800µm in size. Zooplankton are ideal for carnivores such as soft and stony coral, zooanthids, mushroom corals, anemones, shrimp, and crabs. Zooplanktos-M is a concentrated suspension of copepods (zooplankton) that does not require refrigeration.

To appeal to a larger variety of filter feeding species, consider a combination food such as MarineSnow Plankton Diet which is comprised of both phytoplankton, zooplankton and more.

feed with care

Because liquid foods are concentrated and easy to dispense, overfeeding is common. Feed sparingly and target feed with droppers or pipettes when necessary. Uneaten food will break down and compromise water quality. Determine the dietary requirements of your particular invertebrates and follow a specific feeding regimen to maximize the benefits of liquid food and to ensure healthy water conditions.

Q Why are liquid foods considered to be a supplementary diet?

A. Because there is no single food - no "magic formula" - that can provide all of the nutrients your various fishes need in one single form. Use a staple diet, a supplemental liquid diet, and vitamin and nutritional supplements as needed to ensure your fish receive all the nutrients necessary for good health.

Products you may find helpful...

SeaSquirt Feeder

ZooMax Expert Series Zooplankton

ChromaPlex Phytoplankton

MarineSnow Plankton Diet

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