

Good Management Practices for Ornamental Fish Import/Export premises

Quarantine Facilities



Desirable Practices

Tanks should be neatly laid out in rows with easy access to each tank.

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Shelter



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Quarantine facility must be covered overhead to provide shelter for species that are in quarantine.

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Floor



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Floor should be even and have good drainage.

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Condition of tanks



Desirable Practices

Keep all tanks clean at all times.

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Water system



Desirable Practices

Individual tanks should have individual water sources rather than circulating water through different quarantine tanks to minimise the risk of disease transmission across tanks.

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Footbath



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Footbaths must be filled with sufficient disinfectants and placed at the entrances of quarantine areas. They must also be suitably large enough to ensure they cannot be bypassed by workers.

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Footwear



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Suitable footwear must be worn in the quarantine area.

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Nets



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Individual nets for individual tanks are ideal to minimise the risk of disease transmission across tanks. These nets should be disinfected before the next batch of fish is introduced.



If common nets are used, they should be soaked in disinfection tanks with suitable disinfectants and dried before use in the next tank.

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Pets



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Pets are not allowed in the quarantine facility.

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Fish feed



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Fish feed should be properly stored.

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Disease treatment charts



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Disease treatment charts are displayed and updated accordingly.

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Waste water



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Waste water disinfected before discharge or run directly into the sewage or a sump.

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Restricted access



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Access to the quarantine area should only be restricted to authorised personnel.

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Packing Facilities



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Packing facility must be kept neat and tidy. Packing/Unpacking is done in a cool and shady environment to prevent unnecessary stress to the fish.

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Storage Area



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Packing materials should be placed on a raised platform to prevent them from being soaked if the floor is wet.

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Proper Disposal of Dead Fish



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Dead fish should be double bagged and properly disposed.
They should not be directly thrown into drains.

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Disinfection of tank after export



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Tanks should be thoroughly disinfected after all fish have been exported.