

It is important for the health of your fish and the success of your aquarium to ensure that the fish you stock in the tank are compatible. Mixing species that are incompatible will lead to aggressive behaviour, stress, and potentially dead fish. The chart below can be used as a basic guide as to compatible fish groups and which groups of fish that should not be mixed. However, this chart is a guide only and no guarantees can be made as to the compatibility of any particular species. It should also be remembered that individual species within these groups vary in temperament and may not always comply to the guidelines below.

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General guidelines for stocking marine fish

- Aggressive species should be added last, ensure there are plenty of hiding places for less aggressive species.
- Be careful when mixing fish of the same size, shape and/or colours together, particularly when they are closely related or from the same genus. The more closely related fish are, or the more similar they look, the less likely they may be compatible!
- If adding fish that are "usually" compatible, add them at the same time, or when adding the new fish move existing rocks, coral etc around to break down the established territories of current inhabitants.
- Add new fish in groups of more than two - this prevents any single new fish being constantly bullied and minimises aggression.
- Fish with large mouths relative to their body are likely to eat other fish (e.g. Grouper).