



Bikini Bottom Theme Tank

Plans and ideas for my dream reef aquarium



The Vision

The Concept

A tank inspired by my love of Spongebob, full of bright colors and unique shapes that looks just as beautiful under full-spectrum or whiter-toned lights as it does under blues.

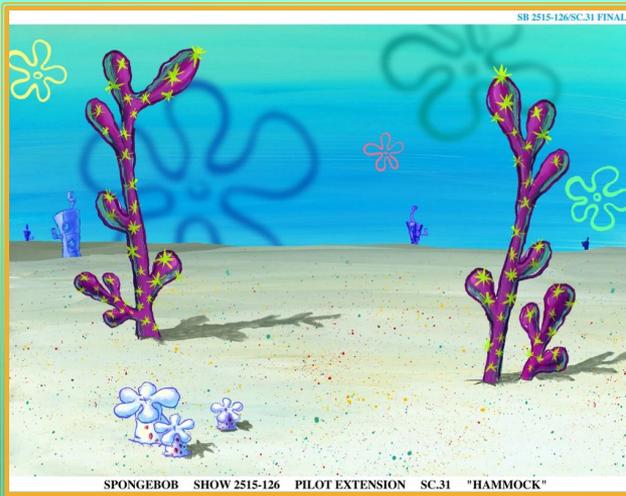


Inspirations

This tank concept is inspired by my love for **Spongebob!** Specifically, I'm pulling my inspiration from the show, from the Broadway musical, and from Bikini Bottom's real life counterpart - the reefs of the Marshall Islands!

In addition, I'll also be drawing inspiration from aquariums I've seen online, focusing on mixed reefs, colorful softy tanks, and NPS-dominant tanks.





The Show

The show's backgrounds feature a lot of rocky arches (in beautiful coralline purple), as well as a variety of colorful corals. The show will have a big influence on my aquascaping and coral choice!





The Musical

The vibrant colors and unique background character designs of the musical will influence a lot of my livestock choices. I want my fish to look as colorful and diverse as the residents of Bikini Bottom!



While I didn't limit myself to only animals native to the area, I kept the indigenous species in mind while planning my stock list!

The Marshall Islands
Bikini Bottom was originally intended to be located beneath Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, so what better natural reefscape to take inspiration from for this tank?





Caribbean Biome Tank
by BRSTV



Softy Tank
by MikeC (MJC) on R2R



Other Tanks

While the Spongebob theming is the heart of this build, it will help tremendously to have some examples on hand of tanks with similar looks to what I'm aiming for.



NPS Paradise Tank
by Dragon Lee on R2R

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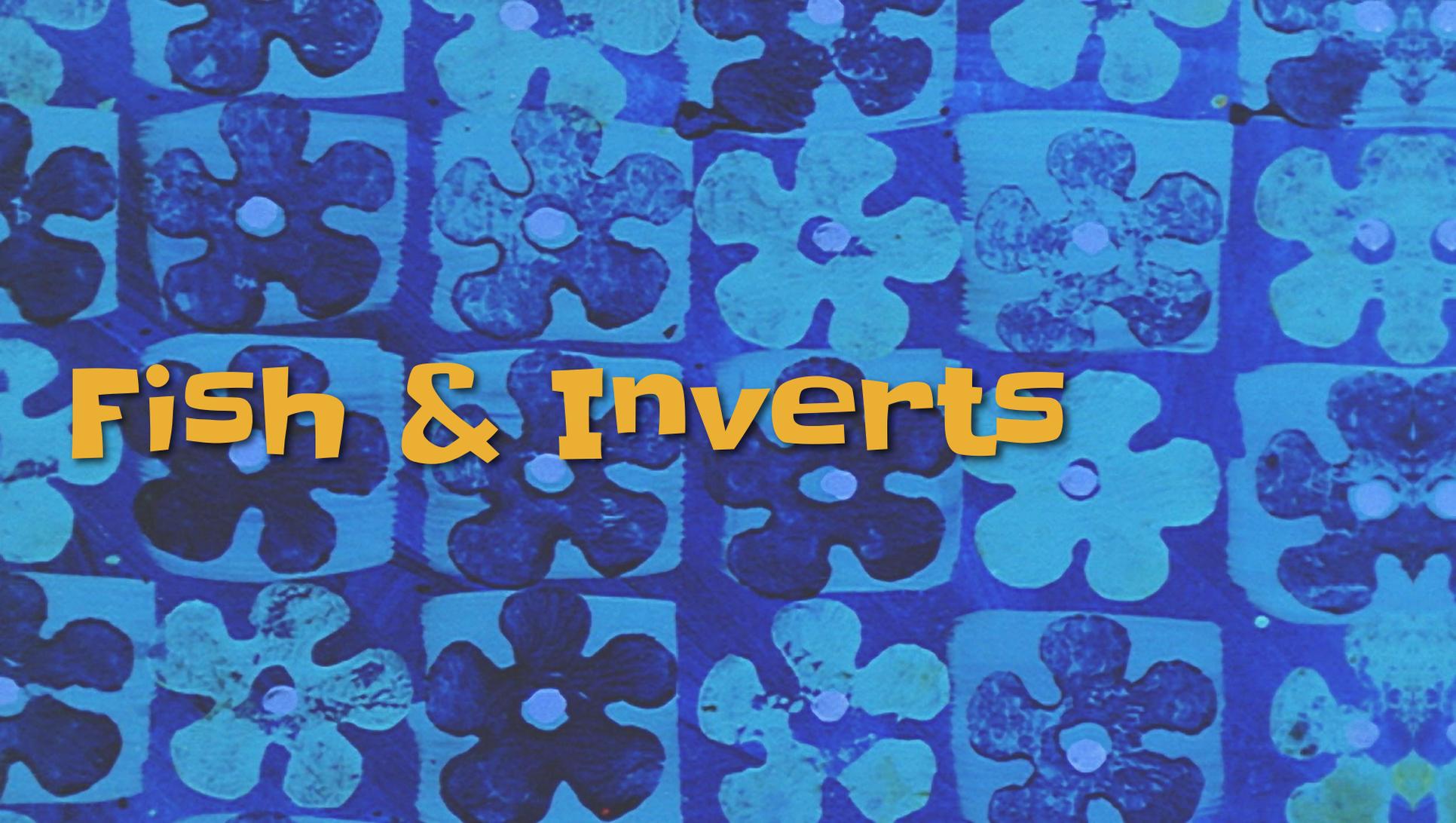
The background is a dense grid of square tiles. Each tile contains a stylized, five-petaled flower. The flowers are rendered in various colors including red, orange, yellow, green, and blue, with some having a textured or marbled appearance. The flowers are set against a dark, almost black background. The overall effect is a vibrant, repeating pattern.

Tank

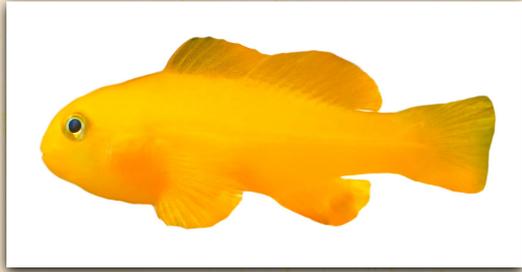
Maxspect Lagoon Smart LSI150

- **Cheaper alternative to Red Sea MAX - similar "plug & play style"**
- **Only a 99 gallon tank, but the lagoon-style dimensions still make it a good option**
- **Dimensions: 60" x 22" x 22"**
- **Currently retailing around \$5,900**
- **Cabinet comes in white or black**





Fish & Inverts



Yellow Clown Goby - *Gobiodon okinawae*



Royal Gramma - *Gramma loreto*



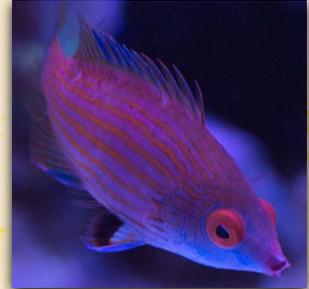
Purple Firefish - *Nemateleotris decora*



Longnose Hawkfish - *Oxycirrhites typus*



White Tail Bristletooth Tang - *Ctenochaetus flavicauda*



Pink-Streaked Wrasse - *Pseudocheilichthys taeniata*



Flame Angelfish -
Centropyge loricula



Midas Blenny - *Ecsenius midas*



Pintail Fairy Wrasse -
Cirrhilabrus isosceles



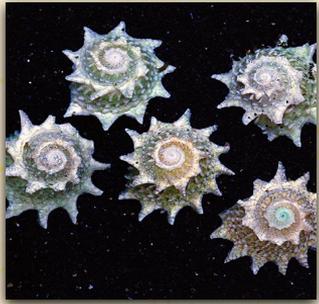
Rhomboid Wrasse -
Cirrhilabrus rhomboidalis



Ruby Red Dragonet -
Synchiropus sycorax



Mandarin Dragonet -
Synchiropus splendidus



**Star Astrea Snail -
*Astraea phoebia***



**Blue Leg Hermit Crab -
*Clibanarius tricolor***



**Peppermint Shrimp -
*Lysmata boggei***



**Nassarius Snail -
*Nassarius sp.***



**Cerith Snail -
*Cerithium sp.***



**Porcelain Crab -
*Petrolisthes galathinus***



**Skunk Cleaner Shrimp -
*Lysmata amboinensis***



**Fighting Conch -
*Strombus spp.***

The background of the slide is a repeating pattern of microscopic cross-sections of biological structures, likely coral and macroalgae. The images are arranged in a grid and show various cellular and tissue layers in shades of blue and purple. The central text is overlaid on this pattern.

Corals, Macroalgae, and Sessile Inverts

One step at a time...

While my ideal vision for this tank is a colorful and diverse mixed reef, I have to acknowledge the fact that I am new to this! I'll be adding livestock in this category VERY slowly and deliberately, so this isn't an exact stock list, just a list of potential options.

The additions will roughly go in the following order:
Macroalgae > Softies > LPS > NPS > SPS



Macroalgae

This will serve the dual purpose of looking gorgeous and helping keep nutrients under control - who needs a refugium when I can have display macroalgae?

Care will have to be taken in placement to ensure that the rooted species have enough sand and the fast-growers don't get out of control



Mermaid's Fan



Shaving Brush



Dragon's Tongue



Halimeda



Gracilaria



Feather Caulerpa

Softies

Likely to be the first corals added to the tank, but they'll need to be placed intentionally to keep them from getting out of control



Green Star Polyps (GSP)



Zoanthids (Zoas)



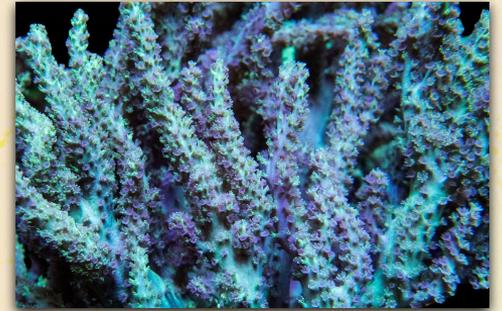
Clove Polyps



Sinularia/Finger Leather



Toadstool Leather



Nephthea Tree

LPS & SPS

Once the tank parameters are well-established and stable, I can start adding in some of these beauties!



Torches



Duncans



Candy Cane



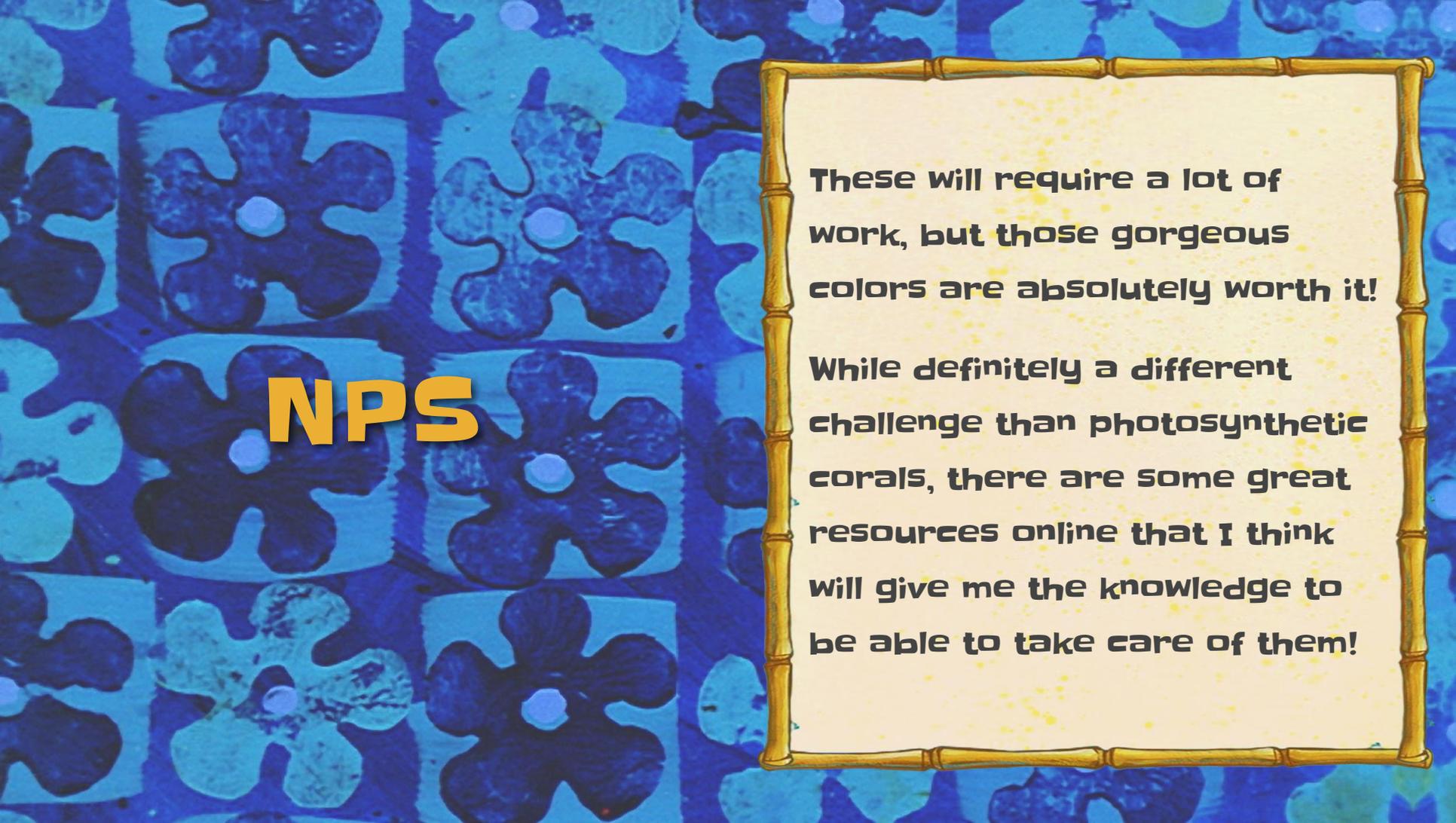
Seriatopora (Birdsnest)



Cyphastrea



Stylophora



NPS

These will require a lot of work, but those gorgeous colors are absolutely worth it!

While definitely a different challenge than photosynthetic corals, there are some great resources online that I think will give me the knowledge to be able to take care of them!



Sun Corals



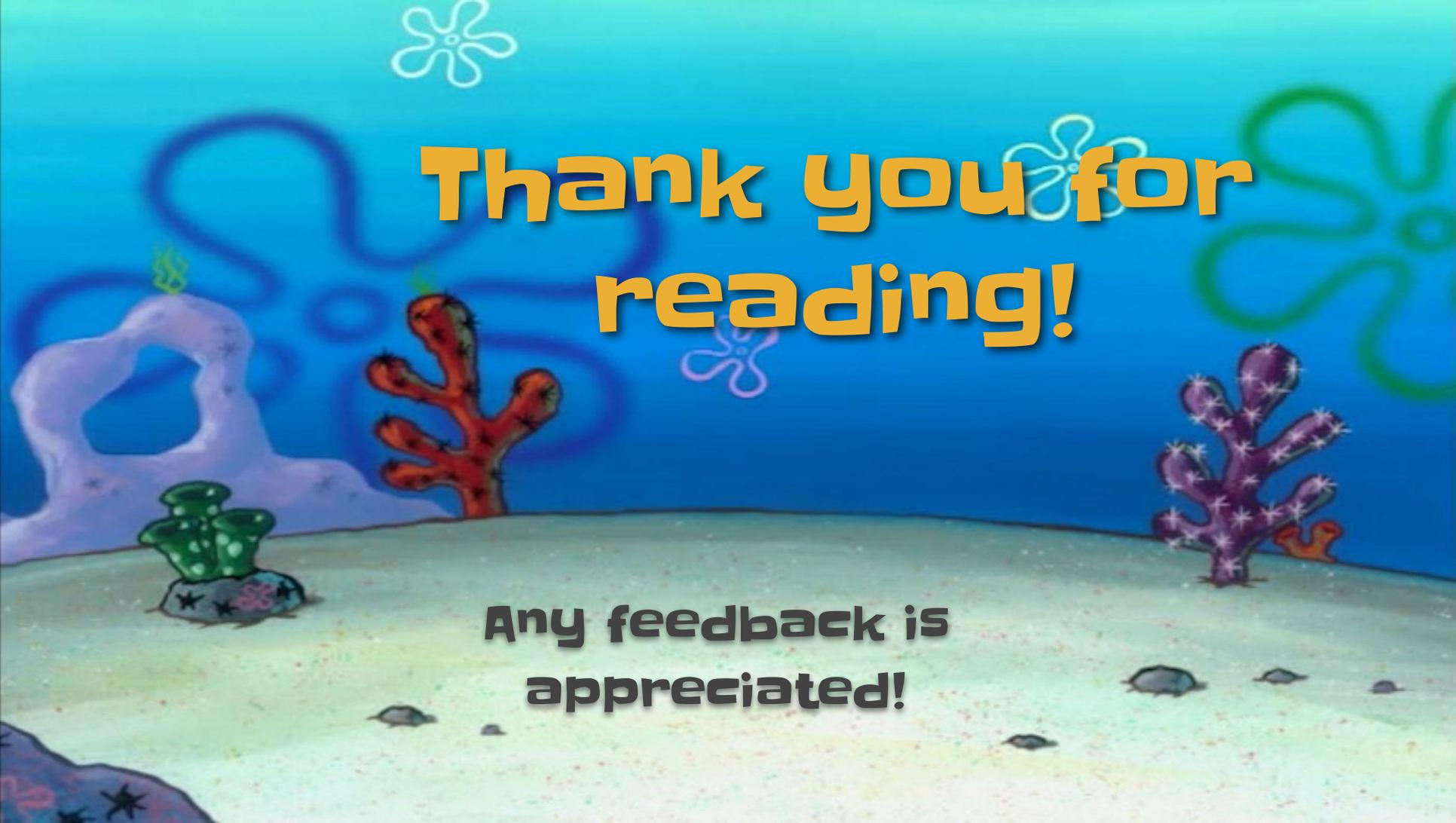
Dendrophyllia



Gorgonians



MORE Gorgonians!

An underwater scene with a sandy ocean floor. On the left, there is a purple sea anemone with a hole in its center and a small green coral on a rock. In the middle, there is a red branching coral. On the right, there is a purple branching coral with white star-like spots. The background is blue with faint, stylized floral patterns in white, purple, and green.

**Thank you for
reading!**

**Any feedback is
appreciated!**