

# REEF ICP TOTAL

**Methodology:** ICP-OES, photometric and electrochemical methods specific for seawater. Further methods possible via upgrades.

Recommended values are optimized for coral reef aquariums.

**Sample ID:** 20399382  
**Analysis ID:** 238035  
**Booked upgrades:** non

Sampling Point: Tina  
 Volume in Liters: 530  
 Sampling Date: 08-10-2025  
 Sample Arrival: 08-18-2025

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## PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL BASIC VALUES

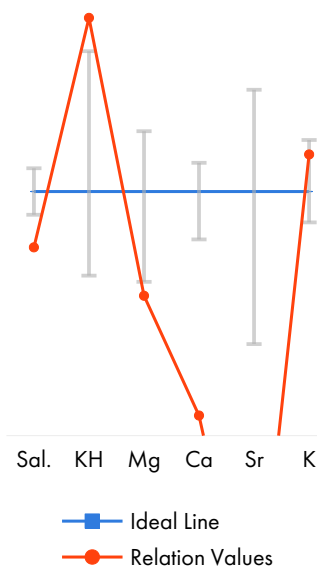
|                                      | measured | Reference Range       |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Electrical Conductivity (mS/cm 25°C) | 49,9     | 51,7 - 53,0 - 54,5    |
| Density (kg/Liter, calculated 25°C)  | 1,022    | 1,022 - 1,023 - 1,024 |
| Relative Density (calculated 25°C)   | 1,025    | 1,026 - - - 1,027     |
| Salinity (psu, calculated)           | 32,6     | 34 - 35 - 36          |
| pH Value                             | 8,06     | 7,9 - 8,3 - 8,4       |
| Carbonate Hardness (°dKH)            | 9,1      | 6,5 - 7,3 - 8,5       |
| CO2 Content (mg/l)                   | 2,3      | 0,04 - - - 2,5        |
| Alkalinity pH 4.3 (mmol/L)           | 3,25     | 2,3 - 2,58 - 3,0      |
| Smell                                | none     | none                  |
| Color                                | none     | colorless             |

## MACROELEMENTS, CALCIUM BALANCE ELEMENTS, AND HALOGENS in mg/Lit

|                                  |                               | measured | Reference Range       | rel. 35 psu |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Sodium                           | Na                            | 10813    | 9500 - 10700 - 11500  | 11594       |
| Sulfur                           | S                             | * 1236   | 850 - 900 - 950       | 1325        |
| Sulfate                          | SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> | * 3703   | 2550 - 2700 - 2850    | 3970        |
| Potassium                        | K                             | 413      | 380 - 395 - 420       | 443         |
| Boron                            | B                             | 5,22     | 3,8 - 4,5 - 5,5       | 5,6         |
| Magnesium                        | Mg                            | 1177     | 1200 - 1350 - 1450    | 1262        |
| Calcium                          | Ca                            | 308      | 400 - 425 - 440       | 330         |
| Strontium                        | Sr                            | 3,37     | 6,5 - 8,0 - 9,0       | 3,61        |
| Chloride                         | Cl <sup>-</sup>               | 17910    | 18700 - 19500 - 20300 | 19203       |
| Bromine (total bromine, ICP-OES) | Br                            | 73,8     | 55 - 67 - 75          | 79,1        |
| Fluoride                         | F <sup>-</sup>                | 0,48     | 0,9 - 1,3 - 1,6       | 0,51        |
| Iodine (Total Iodine, ICP-OES)   | I                             | 0,115    | 0,055 - 0,065 - 0,080 | 0,123       |

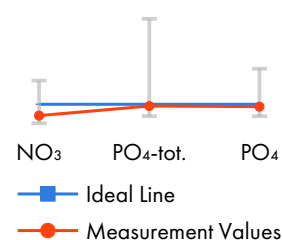
## RELATION VALUES OF MACROELEMENTS AND HALOGENS

|                               |                                                | measured | Reference Range    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Salinity Meas. : Target Value | Sal.                                           | 0,93     | 0,97 - 1,00 - 1,03 |
| KH Measurement : Target Value | KH                                             | 1,26     | 0,90 - 1,00 - 1,17 |
| Magnesium : Salinity          | Mg                                             | 36,1     | 33,3 - 38,6 - 42,6 |
| Calcium : Salinity            | Ca                                             | 9,4      | 11,1 - 12,1 - 12,9 |
| Strontium: Salinity           | Sr                                             | 0,1      | 0,18 - 0,23 - 0,26 |
| Potassium : Salinity          | K                                              | 12,7     | 10,6 - 11,3 - 12,4 |
| Boron : Salinity              | B                                              | 0,16     | 0,11 - 0,13 - 0,16 |
| Chloride : Salinity           | Cl <sup>-</sup>                                | 549      | 519 - 557 - 597    |
| Sulfate : Salinity            | SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>                  | 113,4    | 71 - 77 - 84       |
| Chloride : Sulfate            | Cl <sup>-</sup> /SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> | 4,84     | 6,6 - 7,2 - 8,0    |
| Magnesium : Calcium           | Mg/Ca                                          | 3,82     | 2,7 - 3,2 - 3,6    |
| Calcium : Strontium           | Ca/Sr                                          | 91,4     | 44 - 53 - 68       |
| Bromide : Fluoride            | Br <sup>-</sup> /F <sup>-</sup>                | 153,8    | 34 - 52 - 83       |
| Fluoride : Iodine             | F <sup>-</sup> /I <sup>-</sup>                 | 4,2      | 11 - 20 - 29       |
| Fluoride : Sulfur : Strontium | FSS                                            | 65,5     | 80 - 100 - 120     |



## MACRO NUTRIENTS in mg/Liter

|                               |                                               | measured | Reference Range |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Nitrate                       | NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>                  | 2,6      | 1 - 10          |
| Nitrite                       | NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>                  | 0,01     | n.d. - 0,15     |
| Phosphorus (ICP-OES)          | P                                             | 0,012    | 0,006 - 0,060   |
| Total Phosphate (calculated)  | PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> <sub>tot.</sub> | 0,037    | 0,02 - 0,18     |
| ortho-Phosphate (photometric) | PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>                 | 0,036    | 0,02 - 0,10     |
| Silicon                       | Si                                            | 0,19     | 0,1 - 0,2       |
| Silicate (calculated)         | SiO <sub>2</sub>                              | 0,41     | 0,2 - 0,4       |

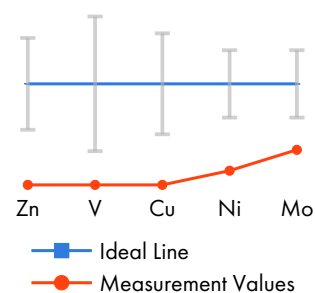


## ORGANIC FACTORS

|                                   |                                                                              | measured     | Reference Range           |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Total Phosphate : Nitrate         | PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> <sub>tot.</sub> /NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>  | 70,94        | 90 - 110                  |
| Total Phosphate : ortho-Phosphate | PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> <sub>tot.</sub> /PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> | 1,028        | 1,00                      |
| Total Phosphate : Iodine          | PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> <sub>tot.</sub> /I <sup>-</sup>                | 0,32         | 0,13 - 1,67               |
| SAK254 (m <sup>-1</sup> )         |                                                                              | not measured | only with SAK254 upgrade  |
| NPOC (mg/l)                       | C                                                                            | not measured | only with organic upgrade |
| TNb (mg/l)                        | N                                                                            | not measured | only with organic upgrade |

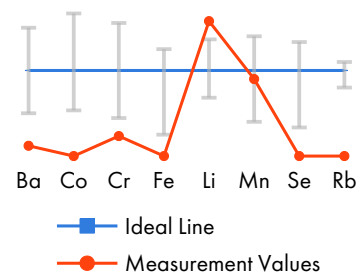
## Dynamic Elements in µg/Liter

|            |    | measured | Reference Range |
|------------|----|----------|-----------------|
| Zinc       | Zn | n.d.     | 3 - 5,5 - 8     |
| Vanadium   | V  | n.d.     | 2 - 6 - 10      |
| Copper     | Cu | n.d.     | 2 - 4 - 6       |
| Nickel     | Ni | 0,63     | 3 - 4,5 - 6     |
| Molybdenum | Mo | 5,2      | 10 - 15 - 20    |



## PHYSIOLOGICALLY RELEVANT TRACE ELEMENTS in µg/Liter

|           |    | measured | Reference Range  |
|-----------|----|----------|------------------|
| Barium    | Ba | 1,2      | 5 - max. 50      |
| Cobalt    | Co | n.d.     | n.d. - max. 1,9  |
| Chromium  | Cr | 0,42     | n.d. - max. 2,3  |
| Iron      | Fe | n.d.     | n.d. - max. 2,5  |
| Lithium   | Li | 347      | 180 - max. 350   |
| Manganese | Mn | 0,09     | n.d. - max. 0,25 |
| Selenium  | Se | n.d.     | n.d. - max. 2,0  |

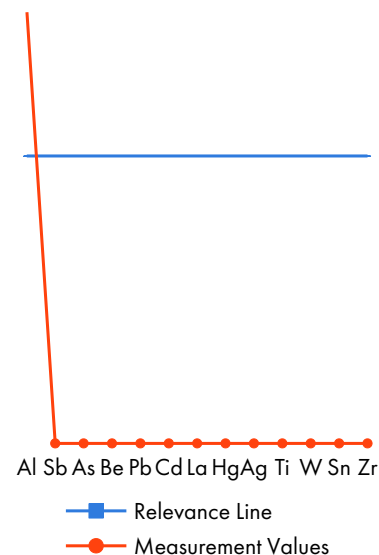


only with ICP-MS upgrade:

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|----------|----|--------------|--|
| Rubidium | Rb | not measured |  |
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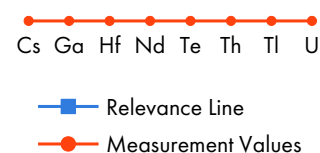
## OTHER TRACE ELEMENTS AND POTENTIAL POLLUTANTS in µg/Liter

|           |    | measured | Reference Range |
|-----------|----|----------|-----------------|
| Aluminum  | Al | 45,2     | 5 - 30          |
| Antimony  | Sb | n.d.     | n.d. - max. 10  |
| Arsenic   | As | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Beryllium | Be | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Lead      | Pb | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Cadmium   | Cd | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Lanthanum | La | n.d.     | 2 - 10          |
| Mercury   | Hg | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Silver    | Ag | n.d.     | n.d. - max. 10  |
| Titanium  | Ti | n.d.     | n.d. - 3,5      |
| Tungsten  | W  | n.d.     | n.d. - max. 30  |
| Tin       | Sn | n.d.     | n.d. - max. 10  |
| Zirconium | Zr | n.d.     | n.d. - 2,2      |



only with ICP-MS upgrade:

|           |    |              |  |
|-----------|----|--------------|--|
| Cesium    | Cs | not measured |  |
| Gallium   | Ga | not measured |  |
| Hafnium   | Hf | not measured |  |
| Neodymium | Nd | not measured |  |
| Tellurium | Te | not measured |  |
| Thorium   | Th | not measured |  |
| Thallium  | Tl | not measured |  |
| Uranium   | U  | not measured |  |



## OSMOSIS WATER

| in mg/Liter                      |                                    | measured | Reference Range |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Boron                            | B                                  | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Calcium                          | Ca                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Potassium                        | K                                  | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Magnesium                        | Mg                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Sodium                           | Na                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Sulfur                           | S                                  | n.d.     | n.d.            |
|                                  |                                    |          |                 |
| Bromine (total bromine, ICP-OES) | Br                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Iodine (Total Iodine, ICP-OES)   | I                                  | n.d.     | n.d.            |
|                                  |                                    |          |                 |
| Phosphorus (ICP-OES)             | P                                  | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Total Phosphate (calculated)     | PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> tot. | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Silicon                          | Si                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Silicate (calculated)            | SiO <sub>2</sub>                   | n.d.     | n.d.            |
|                                  |                                    |          |                 |
| in µg/Liter                      |                                    |          |                 |
| Barium                           | Ba                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Copper                           | Cu                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Iron                             | Fe                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Lithium                          | Li                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Nickel                           | Ni                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Zinc                             | Zn                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
|                                  |                                    |          |                 |
| Aluminum                         | Al                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Antimony                         | Sb                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Arsenic                          | As                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Beryllium                        | Be                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Lead                             | Pb                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Cadmium                          | Cd                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Chromium                         | Cr                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Cobalt                           | Co                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Lanthanum                        | La                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Manganese                        | Mn                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Molybdenum                       | Mo                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Mercury                          | Hg                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Selenium                         | Se                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Silver                           | Ag                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Strontium                        | Sr                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Titanium                         | Ti                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Thallium                         | Tl                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Vanadium                         | V                                  | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Tungsten                         | W                                  | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Tin                              | Sn                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |
| Zirconium                        | Zr                                 | n.d.     | n.d.            |

## Overview of dosages

| Product       | Total quantity     | spread over ... | corresponds  | Priority | Checkbox                                                                                            |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SALINITY      | no need for action |                 |              |          |                                                                                                     |
| ELEMENTALS S  | Water change       |                 |              | 1        |                                                                                                     |
| ELEMENTALS K  | No dosage          |                 |              |          |                                                                                                     |
| ELEMENTALS B  | No dosage          |                 |              |          |                                                                                                     |
| ELEMENTALS MG | 458,0 ml           | 1 day           | 458,0 ml/day | 1        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                            |
| ELEMENTALS SR | 123,0 ml           | 3 days          | 41,0 ml/day  | 1        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                          |
| ELEMENTALS BR | No dosage          |                 |              |          |                                                                                                     |
| ELEMENTALS F  | 217,3 ml           | 2 days          | 108,7 ml/day | 2        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                                                   |
| TRACE I       | No dosage          |                 |              |          |                                                                                                     |
| ELEMENTALS P  | No dosage          |                 |              |          |                                                                                                     |
| TRACE ZN      | 2,9 ml             | 2 days          | 1,5 ml/day   | 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                                                   |
| TRACE V       | 6,4 ml             | 3 days          | 2,1 ml/day   | 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                          |
| TRACE CU      | 21,2 ml            | 2 days          | 10,6 ml/day  | 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                                                   |
| TRACE NI      | 5,1 ml             | 1 day           | 5,1 ml/day   | 3        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                            |
| TRACE MO      | 8,6 ml             | 2 days          | 4,3 ml/day   | 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                                                   |
| TRACE BA      | 93,6 ml            | 2 days          | 46,8 ml/day  | 4        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                                                   |
| TRACE CO      | 1,3 ml             | 1 day           | 1,3 ml/day   | 4        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                            |
| TRACE CR      | No dosage          |                 |              |          |                                                                                                     |
| TRACE FE      | 2,0 ml             | 2 days          | 1,0 ml/day   | 4        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                                                   |
| TRACE LI      | No dosage          |                 |              |          |                                                                                                     |
| TRACE MN      | No dosage          |                 |              |          |                                                                                                     |
| TRACE SE      | 33,9 ml            | 4 days          | 8,5 ml/day   | 4        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TRACE RB      | No dosage          |                 |              |          |                                                                                                     |

### Upgrade options for a Reef ICP Total:

**ICP-MS upgrade:** Analysis of all trace elements (except aluminum and lithium) by ICP-MS with up to 1000x higher sensitivity compared to ICP-OES and analysis of exclusive elements. ICP-MS exclusive elements cannot be determined by ICP-OES, or not with sufficient sensitivity.

**Organic upgrade:** Determination of the concentrations of organic carbon (NPOC) and total nitrogen (TNb).

**SAK254 upgrade:** Determination of the indicator value for the concentration of unsaturated organic compounds.

### Detection limits

Time-averaged detection limits for all relevant values are published regularly on [lab.faunamarin.de](http://lab.faunamarin.de).

### Abbreviations:

ICP-OES (inductively coupled plasma with optical emission spectrometry), ICP-MS (inductively coupled plasma with mass spectrometry), SAK254 (spectral absorption coefficient at 254 nm), NPOC (not easily expelled organic carbon), TNb (total bound nitrogen), n.d. (not detectable).

\* Measured value is too far outside the calibration range and cannot be precisely determined.