

Süßwassertang

Lomariopsis ssp.

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No one knows how to classify this plant. It was long thought to be a member of the liverwort family but scientists have discovered that it is a fern gametophyte. A gametophyte is the sexual phase in the life cycle of plants and algae. It is also known as subwassertang, round-leaf *Pellia* and false round-leaf *Pellia*.



These plants are slow growing, and can attached to rock or driftwood or be left to float around the tank. It does well in low light tanks but can be grown under high intensity lights as well. Reproduction is through division, simply tear off a chunk and a new plant will grow.