

## Bait Ball Instructions

### Ingredients (recommended starting measurements):

- \*Baking Soda (300g)
- \*\*Citric Acid (300g)
- Oil (olive oil) (6g)
- Optional: Liquid fish attractant (2 tsp.)
- Optional: fish food (1/8 cup) (remove excess moisture to prevent activating reaction of the baking soda/citric acid mixture)
- Optional: food coloring



\*Can change weight of baking soda and citric acid as long as the baking soda and citric acid are at a 1:1 weight ratio. Please alter the amount of olive oil if dry weight is changed.

\*\*Consult with facility aquarist and/or veterinarian to ensure habitat PH is considered when adding citric acid.

### Other Supplies

- Any type of mold
- Bowl
- Whisk
- Gloves

### Directions:

1. In a bowl, combine and mix well all dry ingredients. Remove all lumps from the dry ingredients
2. Slowly add the olive oil (and liquid fish attractant) to dry mixture. Pour a small amount of oil in. Then blend the mixture well by hand. Continue this process until all the oil is added. Mixture should have a pliable texture
3. Taking the desired mold, scoop mixture into each half of a mold and sandwich them together.
  - a. Optional: If adding food, before sandwiching the molds together, in one mold half make a small indent using your finger and add a small portion of fish food in the depression. Then sandwich together.
4. Tap around mold to settle and compact the mixture. Remove from mold (should now be in shape of mold) and set into a covered container to dry and store. (I wrapped saran wrap on top of a container and placed the completed bait bombs on top to dry for 12-24 hours. Afterwards, I placed them in a container). Make sure the drying site is not in a humid environment.