Aquascaping is an art form like no other. It is the considered placement of rocks, stones, and driftwood inside an aquarium to create an aesthetically pleasing display. Inspiration can come from anywhere, from other aquascapes to luscious forests, waterfalls and beaches. When you start your very first aquascape, you are creating a unique work of art under water. While challenging, creating your first aquascape can be a lot of fun. By following a few basic principles and tips, you can create a solid base for a fantastic design. Many people find that the process of aquascaping is a continuous process of patience, as individual aquascapes can take months if not years to fully mature into a completed landscape. The world’s largest nature aquarium and aquatic plants layout competition is the International Aquatic Plants Layout Contest (IAPLC) which annually ranks hundreds of competitors from around the world with Asian and Eastern European countries generally dominating the top slots. While it’s somewhat difficult to track down galleries of winners from every year, above are some amazing examples of aquascapes.