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The Marine Ornamentals '99 Conference on November 16-19, 1999 at Waikoloa, Hawaii was a significant meeting that brought together academics, conservationists, business people and hobbyists for the first time. The papers in this volume are a snapshot of where the ornamentals industry has been and the current trends involving marine ornamentals. Issues that hobbyists and academics must confront are clearly defined, along with the perceptions and concerns of specimen collectors, transshippers, distributors and retailers. The standing stocks of wild invertebrates, finfish and algal ornamental species, are in danger of not having sustainable populations owing to current practices. There is a need to move from the current 2% share of the total trade that is of aquaculture origin to a larger market share. There is a need to develop and rely on sustainable methods and practices that allow for all ornamental species to grow out and reproduce. Aquaculture is a promising technology, viewed by many as essential to the future of marine ornamentals. How do we move into an active phase for development of the marine ornamental industry?

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