

# Amazing Seaweed!

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Hi, I'm Uncle Ken Jones. Today, we're going to talk about seaweed. I've been a fisherman for most of my life. These days, I talk to people about Caring for Country. One of the most important things in the ocean is seaweed, or kelp.







Australia has the most types of seaweed in the world. Many are found nowhere else in the world. The Limestone Coast off South Australia is a “seaweed hotspot”. The main reason for this is because it has cool, clean water.







You can find seaweed in many different colours and shapes. Brown kelp has kelp bubbles that you can eat. The fluffy, soft seaweed that washes up on the beach can also be eaten. It can be cooked or eaten raw in salads.







Bull kelp is the biggest and strongest type of kelp. It is attached to the ocean floor by its roots. A long tail grows up from the roots. The seaweed grows out of this. It floats to the surface to get the sunlight it needs to survive.



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*Amazing Seaweed!* discusses the importance of seaweed in our marine environments and how it helps to support the animals that live among it. The importance of seaweed for our First Nations people is also explored, including the various ways they used it for consumption and for making things. This story also reveals the scientific interest in seaweed as a “superfood” for the future.



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Ken Jones is a proud Boandik Elder from South Australia. Ken has always shown a keen interest in the importance of sustainability and the environment and his current work as an educator reinforces and extends his passion. His knowledge of Australian flora and fauna is extensive and his achievements are many and varied, including his award for **2019 NAIDOC Male Elder of the Year**, Boandik Community.

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