IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

Invasive Seaweeds





Help scientists and managers by identifying, photographing and reporting sightings of TWO invasive marine seaweeds in California waters. The species look different and are found at different times of the year depending on their age. Refer to the photographs for identification tips, size and seasonality.

If sighted, take a close-up photograph and record which species it was, how many you observed, and relevant additional information*.

SITE NAME	DATE

GPS COORDINATES

SPECIES DEVIL/ASIAN	NUMBER OBSERVED	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION*	

^{*}Additional information: depth, substrate (e.g. slip, trap, boat hull, buoy)



SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS AND FINDINGS AT

MarineInvasives.org (website) or iNaturalist.org (app)













DEVIL WEED

Sargasssum horneri



LOW-LYING FERN-LIKE BRANCHES



BUSHY. FLUFFY BRANCHES



OVAL FLOATS & TEARDROP STRUCTURES

ASIAN KELP

Undaria pinnatifida



WIDE FLAT BLADE, SINGLE MID-RIB



NOTICEABLE SINGLE, MID-RIB



SPIRAL STRUCTURE NEAR BOTTOM

DO NOT DISTURB OR REMOVE INVASIVES UNDERWATER. THEY CAN BE EASILY SPREAD!