



# Seaweed

## Scenario

*A tourist has complained to the local authorities about the smelly disgusting seaweed along the beach. The official replied that the seaweed is a vital part of the ecosystem and as such it was important that it remained on the shore.*

*Materials like seaweed, sand, shells and rocks must not be removed from the Marine Sanctuary.*



## **Activities:**

- Explain why you think the seaweed is an important part of the ecosystem of Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary. Support your argument with evidence and examples. What creatures might live in the weed? What other uses may the seaweed have?
- How would you convince the tourist that the official was right? Alternatively design an experiment to test your theories.
- Write a song, a poem or design a poster to promote a better understanding of the role of seaweed in the ecosystem.