RIMURIMU PARTS OF THE SEAWEED

Air bladders

 Found on brown seaweeds to help them float to the surface and reach sunlight for photosynthesis.

Blades

- Blades absorb energy from the sun, and nutrients and carbon from the water.
- Look carefully at the size, shape and patterns of growth for identification.

Stipe

The stem of a seaweed is known as a stipe.
Usually absent in small seaweeds.

Holdfast

- A holdfast anchors the seaweed to the seafloor or rocky reef.
- These can also be home to many smaller animals.

Seaweed forests are beautiful places to explore, and are also vital for the health our oceans. They provide habitat, absorb carbon, improve water quality and enhance biodiversity.

Join us on our journey to regenerate Wellington's underwater forests. Love Rimurimu is working to regenerate our ocean forests. Visit our website for more information about the project. www.loverimurimu.org



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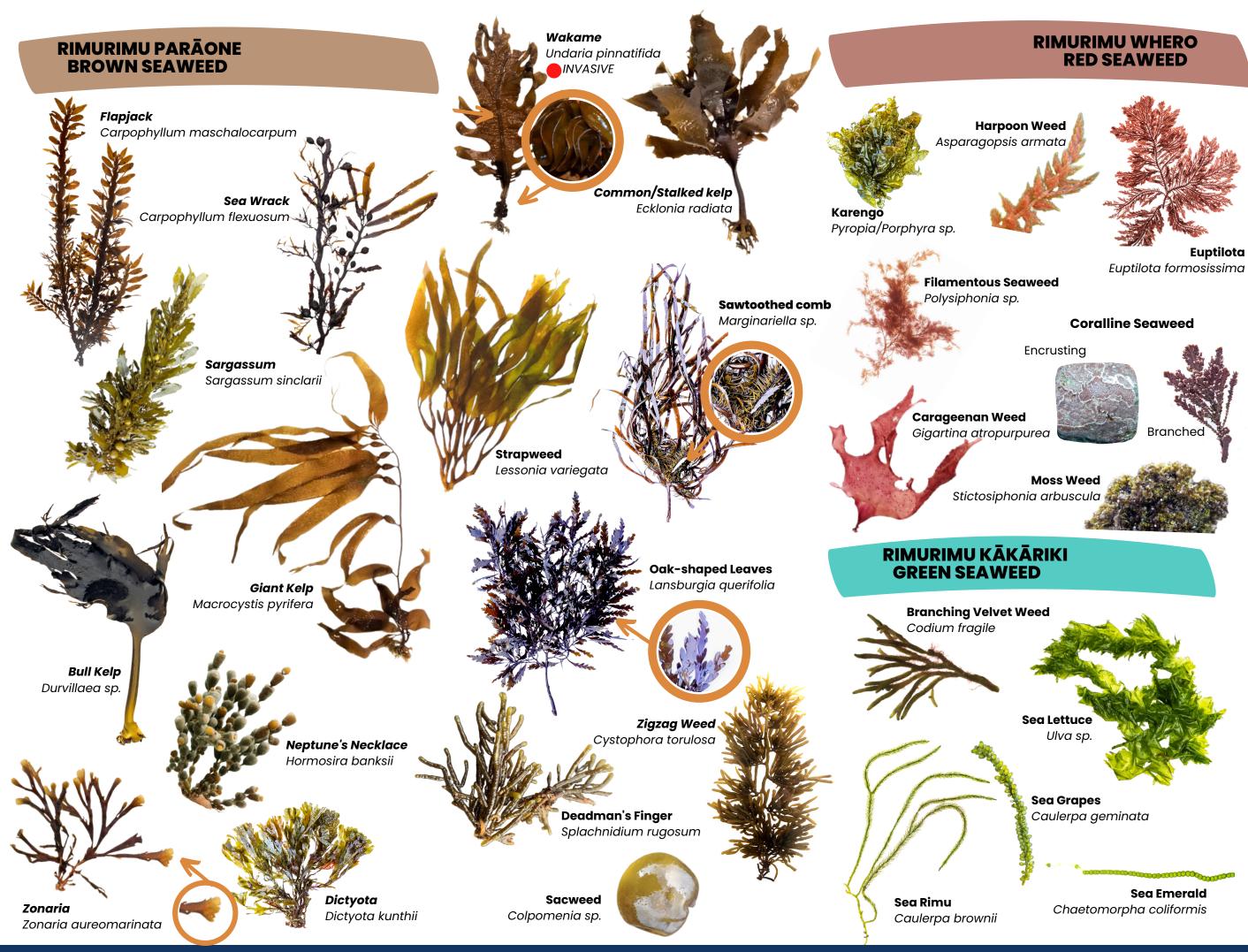
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