

Invasive species of seaweed in Ireland

Golden kelp

Laminaria ochroleuca

MORPHOLOGY

Up to 2 m. Golden colour at the base of the frond. Attached by clean holdfast, smooth stipe that snaps when it is bent and is rarely covered with epiphytes. Broad irregular rigid blades.

WHERE AND WHEN TO FIND IT

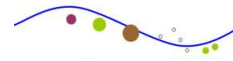
Rocky substrates in low intertidal to -20 m. In Ireland seasonality is unknown.

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POSSIBLE MISIDENTIFICATIONS

Laminaria digitata and *Laminaria hyperborea*, both darker in colour, rigid stipe usually covered with epiphytes.

 Valorisation of
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