

Harpoon weed

Asparagopsis armata

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MORPHOLOGY

Up to 20cm long. Light pink/red colour, with branches at the base shaped as a harpoon.

THE OTHER STAGE

This species also presents a different morphology. They look like fluffy red pompons, free floating or attached to other

WHERE AND WHEN TO FIND IT

In Ireland it is confined to the lower intertidal and subtidal. Abundant in Autumn and Winter.

POSSIBLE MISIDENTIFICATIONS

Bonnemaisonia hamifera, but without harpoon-like branches.