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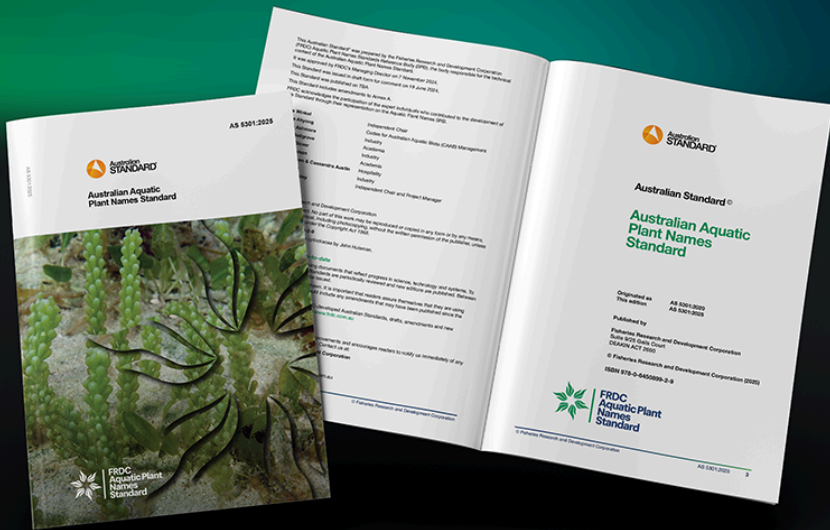
Australian Aquatic Plant Names Newsletter Update 2/2025

New version of the Standard

A new version of the Aquatic Plant Names Standard (AS 5301:2025) was published on May 19. The Standard presents a clear and consistent nomenclatural framework for both domestically grown and imported edible aquatic plants and is a collaborative effort between experts in aquatic botany, taxonomy, hospitality, marketing, and the broader seafood industry.

Six new names were added to the Standard since the first edition was published in 2020: SARGASSUM, SLENDER SEA LETTUCES, POLYSIPHONIA, Red Bladeweed, Dulse, and SEABLITES. Group names appearing in ALL CAPS refer to broader categories that encompass multiple species.

Industry members and other interested parties are encouraged to download the new version, which is available at no cost to the user.



[Click here to view the new Standard](#)

If you have any issues accessing or completing the public consultation, please get in contact with us at frdcstandards@frdc.com.au.

New logo

The Australian Aquatic Plant Names Committee met online on Tuesday February 25, 2025, where the following new logo was approved for use in Committee correspondence and Standard publications:



Should we have plural endings for group names?

Discussions among Aquatic Plant Names Committee and Fish Names Committee members have led to a decision to propose removing plural endings from group names across both standards. The Aquatic Plant Names Standard includes 13 plural endings. It is proposed that two of these, SEA GRAPES and VELVET FINGERS, will retain their plural ending due to the nature/form of the product.

The Committee is seeking feedback from members of Industry and the general public ([Click here to provide feedback](#) prior to July 26, 2025) on removing the plural ending from the following 11 group names:

- BULL KELPS becomes BULL KELP (*Durvillaea* spp.)
- ROCKWEEDS becomes ROCKWEED (*Fucus* spp.)
- SEA LETTUCES becomes SEA LETTUCE (*Ulva* spp.)
- AGARWEEDS becomes AGARWEED (*Gelidium* & *Pterocladia* spp.)
- JELLYWEEDS becomes JELLYWEED (*Betaphycus*, *Eucheuma* & *Kappaphycus* spp.)
- SAMPHIRES becomes SAMPHIRE (*Salicornia* & *Tecticornia* spp.)
- WATER LILIES becomes WATER LILY (*Nymphaea* spp.)
- THRAUSTOCHYTRIDS becomes THRAUSTOCHYTRID (Thraustochytriaceae)
- WATER HYSSOPS becomes WATER HYSSOP (*Bacopa* spp.)
- SEABLITES becomes SEABLITE (*Suaeda* spp.)
- SLENDER SEA LETTUCES becomes SLENDER SEA LETTUCE (*Monostroma* & *Gayralia* spp.)

Seaweed products

Australians have access to an increasing diversity of seaweed and aquatic plant products. Editions of this e-newsletter will profile some of what's an offer, beginning with a smoked granules product designed as a condiment for eggs, avocado toasts, salads, pasta, etc.

It is made from 100% hand-harvested wild Golden Kelp (*Ecklonia radiata*) collected from the beaches of southern NSW. It is washed (to remove any allergenic crustaceans) then sun dried (to reach a very low water activity that kills pathogenic bacteria), smoked and hand milled. The smoking process is undertaken over 6 hours using Australian redgum woodchips.

Upcoming meetings

The next Aquatic Plant Names Committee meeting will be held in Brisbane on Tuesday July 29. If you would like to submit an application to amend the Standard, either by adding a new species or updating a currently listed name, all completed applications

with supporting documents **must be received by July 8, 2025**. Details on how to apply to amend the Standard, including a link to the application form, are [here](#).

Applications/enquiries can be sent to FRDCStandards@frdc.com.au.

Australian Fish Names Standard - Update

The Fish Names Committee met in March 2025, and regarding the Australian Fish Names Standard (AS 5300) has advertised numerous proposed changes to the Standard for [public consultation](#). If you would like to be added to the Fish Names email list to be informed when public consultation is available, please register [here](#).

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