

WATCH FOR *SARGASSUM FILICINUM* POTENTIAL INVASIVE SEAWEED NEW TO CALIFORNIA!

The brown seaweed *Sargassum filicinum* is native to Asia

This species was spotted in Long Beach Harbor in October 2003. In April 2006, we found it near the Wrigley Marine Science Center, Cherry Cove and Emerald Bay on Santa Catalina Island at depths of 4-12 m (12-40').



The young plants have flat, symmetrical (fern-like) fronds with a notched tip (left). Older specimens are 1+ m tall and loosely branched (center), with small oval bladders and long, finger-like receptacles (right). Look for the zigzag shape of the frond – it is unique to this species.

Watch for this non-native seaweed!
If you think you've found it, note its habitat, take a picture of it
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