

FORAGING SAFE SEAFOOD IS LOCAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE ENOUGH?

Why is coastal foraging important?

- Age-old tradition, to gain access to fresh, nutritious and free food.
- An important contribution to daily nutritional intake and/or provide significant revenue/ attract premium prices
- A popular recreational and social activity

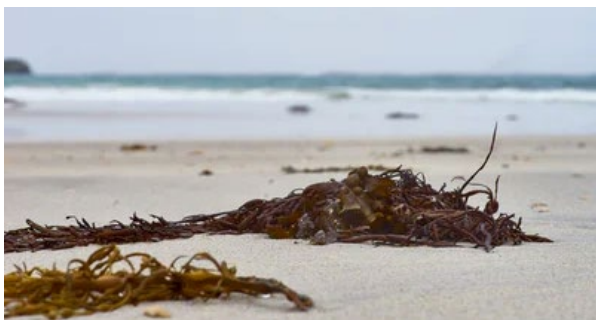


How is “Local Ecological Knowledge” used in foraging?

- Traditional or experiential knowledge give information about the health risks/ benefits of foraging locally
- We don't know whether it is accurate
 - “If a bird or an animal can eat it you can too”
 - “Don't go collecting collect after its rained!”
 - “Avoid gathering shellfish in months without an 'R' in them”

What is this project doing?

- Collate the LEK used by foragers (not been done systematically before)
- How does it tally with the known health risks for foragers and consumers?
- Communicate our findings to inform policy, mitigate health risks for stakeholders and further health research



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