PLANT FACT SHEET

Padina australis Hauck

GENUS *Padina* **FAMILY** Dictyotaceae

COMMON NAMES Agar-agar, Funnel weed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seaweed

It can be added to soups, stews, fritters, salads and stir fries.

DESCRIPTION

A seaweed. It has a fan shape. The outer edges roll inwards. In plants under water the fan often forms a funnel shape. There are lines in a series of rings on the fronds. These are due to rings of hairs. The reproductive bodies are small black spots.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near the edge of the tidal zone on sheltered shores.

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