

Hormosira banksii

COMMON NAMES

Neptune's necklace, sea grapes or bubbleweed

BIOSTATUS

Native

CATEGORY

Non-vascular

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Species of brown algae characterised by strings of olive-brown hollow beads.

DISTRIBUTION

New Zealand and Australia (Lord Howe Island, New South Wales, Norfolk Island, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia).

HABITAT

Most commonly found in the littoral zone, exposed rock platforms or in rock pools between tide marks, where they receive plenty of light and enough sea water to avoid desiccation.

GENUS

Hormosira

FAMILY

Hormosiraceae

AUTHORITY

Hormosira banksii (Turner) Decne.

SYNONYMS

Fucus banksii Turner 1808; *Cystoseira banksii* (Turner) C.Agardh 1820

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

References

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ETYMOLOGY

banksii: Named after Sir Joseph Banks, 1st Baronet, GCB, PRS (24 February 1743 - 19 June 1820) was an English naturalist, botanist and patron of the natural sciences.

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