

HOW DO YOU PLANT KELP?

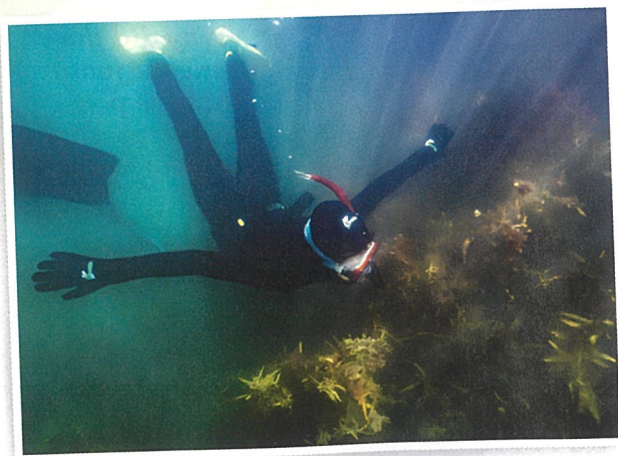
- 1 "First we collect the **pua atua** from the kelp and plant them in the tank to grow."
- 2 "While we wait for the kelp to grow, we learn to weave **rourou** and extract **muka** with Maia from Te Ātiawa Taranaki Whānui."



- 3 "When the kelp is 1-2 cm long, we tie it to rocks to weigh it down on the sea floor and place it in a rourou ready for planting."



- 4 "We hold onto a weight bar when we dive to weigh us down under the water. An adult passes the rocks, and we set them in place where the current can't sweep them away."



Rimu kakauroa

Giant kelp, *Macrocystis pyrifera*

Rau | blades

The blades take in sunlight and nutrients to feed the kelp. They also produce the pua atua to grow new kelp.

Pūkoro hau | air bladder

These 'bubbles' are called pneumatocysts and are filled with air. They help the kelp float.

Kakau | stipe

The stalk of the kelp.

Pūtake | holdfast

The holdfast helps the kelp 'hold fast' to the rocks when the current is strong.

The Kura Kelpers made this awesome guide to our native seaweeds. Have you seen any of these species at your local beach?

