**Sabah Seaweed**

**Country:** Malaysia

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**Main characteristics/features**

Seaweeds are marine algae: saltwater-dwelling, simple organisms that fall into category of 'plants'. Sabah seaweed is sold in dried and powder form. Sabah seaweed has a high soluble fibre content and other beneficial elements.

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**Production and processing**

Sabah seaweed (of the kappaphycus and chlorophyte species) is a kind of marine algae cultivated in the clear and unpolluted seas of Sabah, which is vital for the successful cultivation of the seaweed.

The fibre in the seaweed has proven to lower blood cholesterol and lipid levels, as well as being beneficial for constipation, appetite suppression and cough relief. The daily consumption of Sabah seaweed as a soluble fibre source and as a culinary delicacy is good for health.

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**Geographical area**

The geographical area is located in East Malaysia, known as Sabah. This region is located on the island of Borneo.

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**Link between product and territory**

Since Sabah waters are very clean and relatively unpolluted, seaweed from Sabah is generally accepted in the world market as being of a good quality.

A geographic information system (GIS) analysis carried out by the Fisheries Department of Sabah shows clearly that the northern and south-eastern parts of Sabah are potentially more suitable for seaweed culture.