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Seaweeds shelter calcifying marine life from acidifying oceans

Seaweeds could provide a refuge for calcifying marine organisms at risk from ocean acidification, according to a new study by IMAS scientists <u>published in the British Ecological Society's journal</u> <u>Functional Ecology</u>.

Dr Fanny Noisette and Associate Professor Catriona Hurd studied the most common and widespread kelp in the southern hemisphere, *Ecklonia radiata*, focusing on the chemical microenvironment that develops right at the surface of their blades.

Using kelp blades from Tasma