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Fucus serratus

BLACK WRACK is a seaweed. It has toothed olive-brown to dark greenish-yellow fronds. It is also known as Prickly tang, Serrated seaweed, Serrated wrack, and Toothed wrack.

Serratus is Latin (jagged, cut) meaning ‘serrated or saw toothed’.

In Norway black wrack has been used in the past as cattle fodder, and in Sweden it was once used as a fuel, as well as a roofing for poorer people. The Scots valued it for manure, and in the Netherlands it was laid as a moist cover over lobsters and crabs to keep them alive.