

## ABOUT

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- Global marketing in Tech & Entertainment
- Sabbatical and yacht chef in Alaska
- Experimenting with wild foraged materials
- Founding Foraged & Found

#### FORAGED & FOUND

- Kelp-infused pantry staples
- Mission: Integrate kelp into familiar Western foods
- Products: Kelp Pickles, Kelp Pasta Sauce, Kelp Salsa



# CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS FOR KELP IN THE CPG WORLD







**PROCESSING** 

**GO-TO-MARKET** 

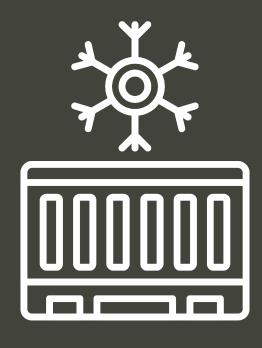
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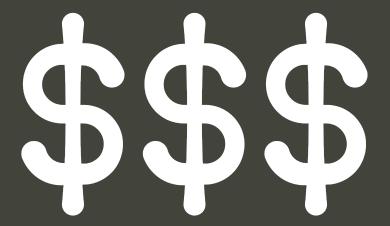
### CHALLENGES IN KELP PROCESSING FOR CPG







Perishable



Costly



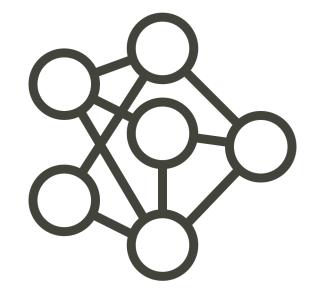
### SOLUTIONS IN KELP PROCESSING FOR CPG



Proximity Processing



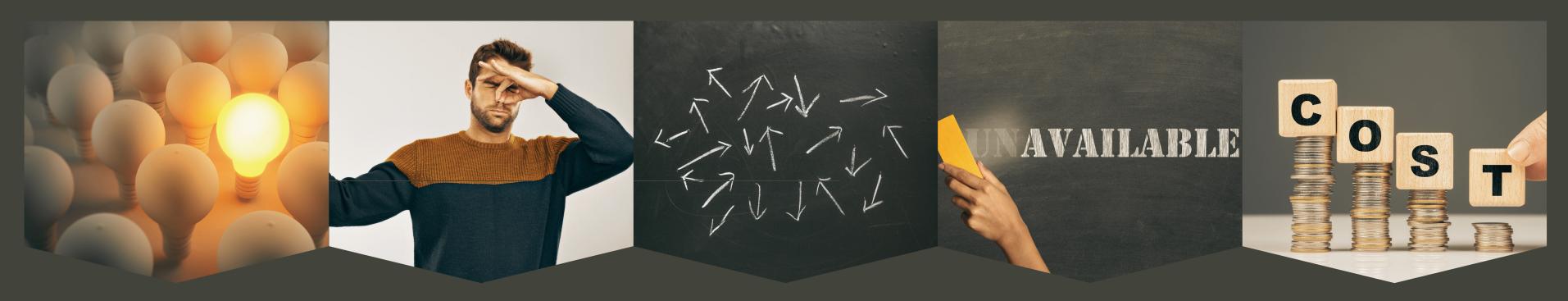
**Stabilization** 



**Existing Networks** 



### GO TO MARKET CHALLENGES WITH KELP FOR CPG



LACK OF AWARENESS CONSUMER PERCEPTIONS

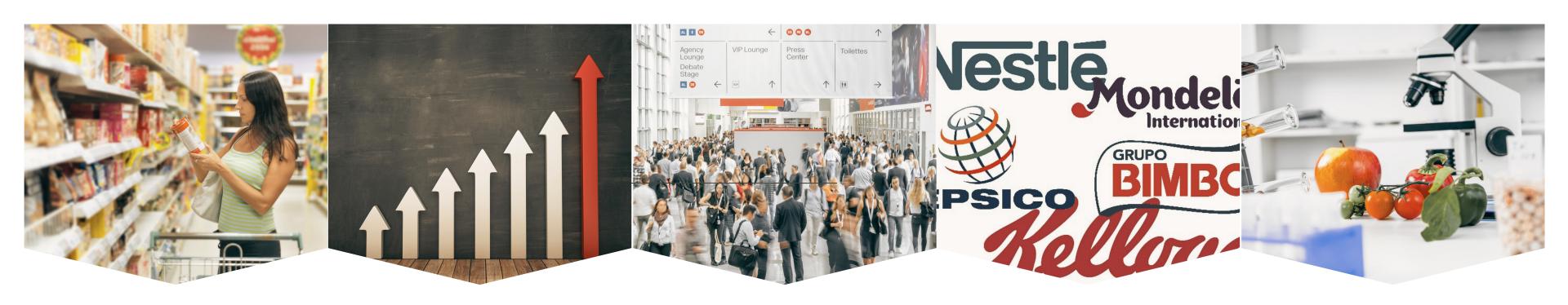
FORMAT INCONSISTENCIES

AVAILABILITY ISSUES

COST COMPETITIVENESS



#### GO TO MARKET SOLUTIONS WITH KELP FOR CPG



**CONSUMER EDUCATION** 

STANDARDIZING FORMATS FOR CPG INCREASING VISIBILITY IN CPG

MARKETING TO
ESTABLISHED CPG
BRANDS

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT



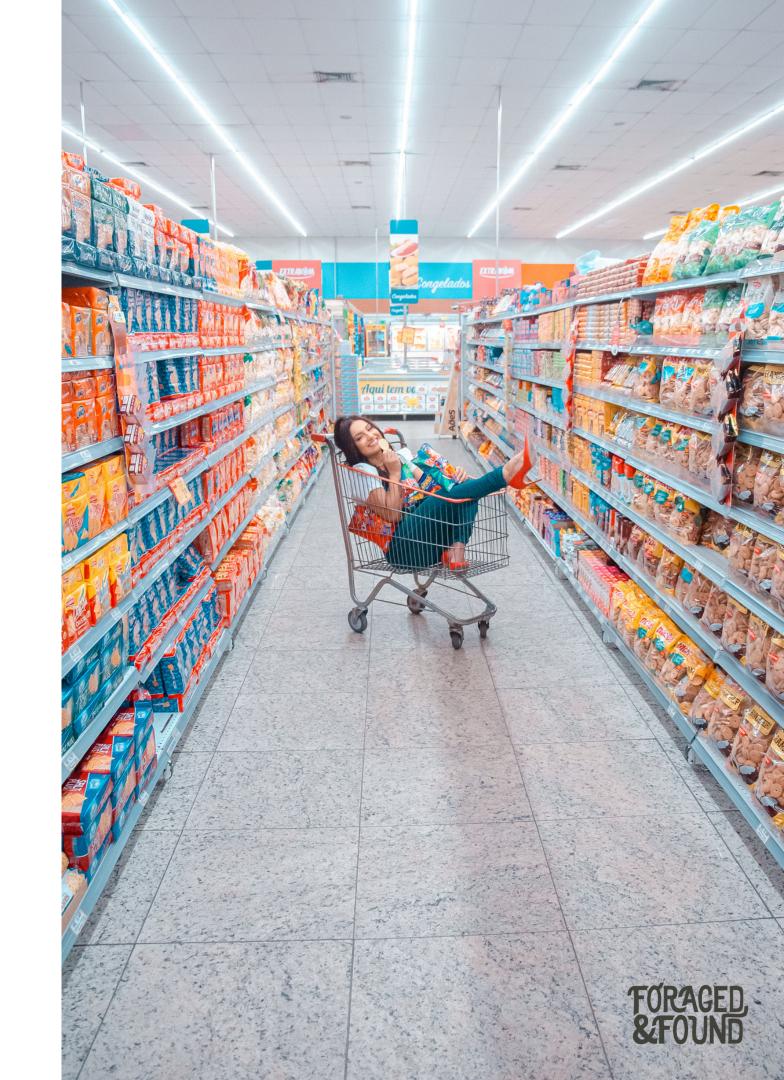
## RETAIL CHALLENGES FOR KELP-INCLUDED PRODUCTS

- Category placement issues
- Consumer hesitation due to unfamiliarity
- Price sensitivity
- Margin pressures from brokers, distributors, and retailers
- Price of U.S.-produced kelp



## RETAIL SOLUTIONS FOR KELP-INCLUDED PRODUCTS

- Get Off Shelf!
  - Periphery placement
  - Paid high-visibility placements
- Demo, Demo, Demo
- Leverage customers as proof points
- Cost management strategies:
  - Pairing with low-cost ingredients
  - Optimizing\_supply chain
  - Increasing throughput



#### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: KELP IN THE US FOOD SYSTEM

#### **KEY TASKS:**

- 1. Collaborating on consumer education campaigns to increase awareness and acceptance of kelp
- 2. Sharing best practices in sustainable harvesting and efficient processing
- 3. Working with regulators to establish clear standards for kelp products
- 4. Partnering with established food manufacturers to accelerate product innovation
- 5. Investing in research to reduce production costs and expand kelp applications



