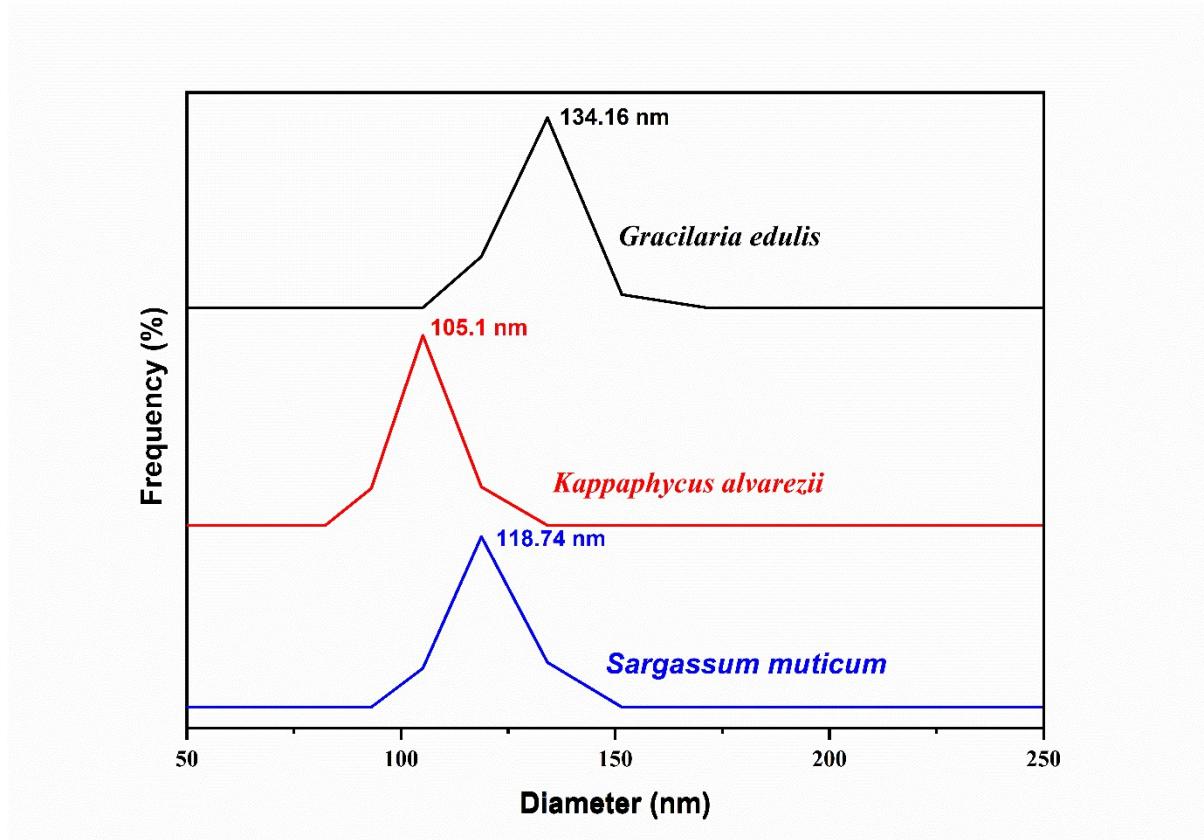
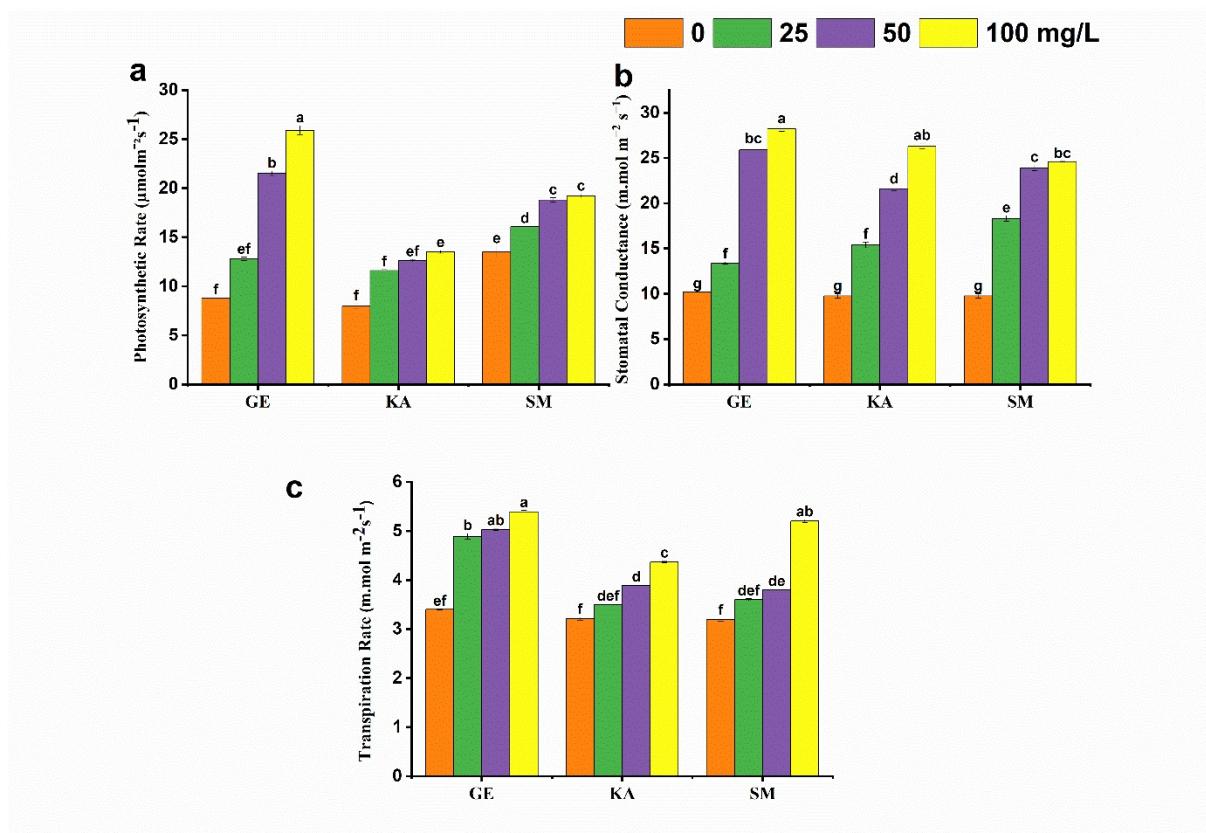


## Supplementary data

**Physiological and biochemical responses of maize plants exposed to seed coating and foliar spray of distinct seaweed nanopowder**



**Figure S1. Particle size of prepared distinct seaweed nanopowder**



**Figure S2.** Effect of different species of seaweeds on (a) Photosynthetic rate, (b) Stomatal conductance and (c) Transpiration rate of *Zea mays*

**Table S1. Nutrient profile of synthesised diverse seaweed nanopowder**

| Parameters                                    |                              | Results                  |                          |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Physicochemical properties                    | <i>Kappaphycus alvarezii</i> | <i>Sargassum muticum</i> | <i>Gracilaria edulis</i> |
| Organic matter (g 100 g <sup>-1</sup> )       | 6.78±0.67                    | 11.09±0.56               | 18.09±0.43               |
| Electrical Conductivity (dS m <sup>-1</sup> ) | 34.90±12                     | 41.32±0.56               | 23.87±0.67               |
| pH  | 8.12±0.04                    | 7.86±0.04                | 8.32±0.02                |
| Total ash (%)                                 | 24.09±0.65                   | 22.01±0.87               | 29.34±0.67               |
| Nutrient content (g 100 g <sup>-1</sup> )     |                              |                          |                          |
| Nitrogen                                      | 1.02± 0.44                   | 1.23±0.98                | 1.08±0.23                |
| Phosphorus                                    | 0.21±0.17                    | 0.56±0.033               | 0.65±0.023               |
| Potash  | 4.60±0.33                    | 2.67±0.82                | 13.37±1.43               |
| Calcium                                       | 1.33±0.32                    | 2.14±0.34                | 2.52±0.56                |
| Magnesium                                     | 1.21±0.61                    | 1.90±0.002               | 0.68±0.054               |
| Sulphur                                       | 7.74±0.97                    | 5.67±0.97                | 3.86±0.32                |
| Chloride                                      | 2.97±0.01                    | 2.09±0.005               | 8.82±0.19                |
| Iron  | 0.02 ± 0.06                  | 0.04±0.023               | 0.03±0.004               |
| Manganese                                     | 0.01±0.001                   | 0.01 ±0.079              | 0.04±0.007               |
| Zinc  | 0.01 ± 0.03                  | 0.31±0.011               | 0.05±0.002               |
| Copper  | 0.006± 0.02                  | 0.044±0.04               | 0.27±0.003               |
| Boron   | 0.034±0.01                   | 0.076±0.01               | 0.034±0.021              |
| Cobalt  | BDL                          | BDL                      | BDL                      |
| Lead  | BDL                          | BDL                      | BDL                      |
| Sodium  | 3.29±0.23                    | 7.20±0.34                | 6.50±3.12                |
| Silica  | 0.71±0.33                    | 3.20±0.79                | 6.47±0.49                |
| Aluminium                                     | 0.44±0.03                    | 0.55±0.064               | 0.94±0.03                |
| Amino acids (mg/g of protein)                 |                              |                          |                          |
| Alanine                                       | 0.31±0.04                    | 1.22±0.22                | 1.87±0.31                |
| Arginine                                      | 0.59±0.10                    | 0.66±0.07                | 3.45±0.41                |
| Aspartic acid                                 | 1.13±0.23                    | 1.74±0.31                | 0.99±0.22                |
| Cysteine                                      | 0.44±0.07                    | 1.01±0.08                | 1.45±0.04                |
| Glycine                                       | 0.67±0.02                    | 2.11±0.17                | 2.11±0.09                |
| Histidine                                     | 0.78±0.03                    | 0.43±0.08                | 0.22±0.01                |
| Isoleucine                                    | 1.34±0.31                    | 0.78±0.05                | 1.01±0.09                |
| Leucine                                       | 1.63±0.18                    | 1.67±0.13                | 0.70±0.06                |
| Lysine  | 0.77±0.05                    | 1.23±0.07                | 1.56±0.03                |

|               |           |           |           |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Tryptophan    | 0.34±0.02 | 0.88±0.04 | 1.22±0.13 |
| Methionine    | 0.98±0.22 | 0.66±0.02 | 2.97±0.41 |
| Phenylalanine | 0.22±0.04 | 0.97±0.21 | 1.87±0.04 |
| Proline       | 0.76±0.12 | 0.83±0.03 | 0.77±0.23 |
| Serine        | 0.95±0.17 | 1.11±0.09 | 0.56±0.07 |
| Threonine     | 0.47±0.06 | 0.97±0.02 | 8.4±0.33  |
| Tyrosine      | 0.31±0.02 | 0.32±0.01 | 1.36±0.64 |
| Valine        | 0.58±0.21 | 1.45±0.33 | 1.22±0.23 |

| <b>Vitamins (mg/g)</b> |            |            |             |
|------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Vitamin A              | 1.25±0.02  | 1.89±0.04  | 2.17 ± 0.02 |
| Vitamin C              | 2.9±0.41   | 0.97±0.32  | 9.6 ±0.21   |
| Vitamin D              | 0.12±0.03  | 0.64±0.03  | 2.01±0.06   |
| Vitamin B2             | 0.01±0.003 | 0.34±0.07  | 1.22±0.05   |
| Vitamin B3             | 0.23±0.08  | 0.37±0.05  | 1.33±0.02   |
| Vitamin B6             | 0.02±0.005 | 0.56±0.08  | 0.74±0.07   |
| Vitamin B9             | 0.07±0.007 | 0.26±0.04  | 0.47±0.08   |
| Vitamin E              | 0.08±0.004 | 9.10±0.60  | 1.89±0.32   |
| Chlorophyll a          | 7.8±0.17   | 12.54±0.05 | 18.92±0.45  |
| Chlorophyll b          | 3.4±0.47   | 6.66±0.02  | 9.45±0.67   |
| Carotenoids            | 2.5±0.19   | 3.41±0.05  | 3.11±0.06   |

| <b>Growth Hormones (mg/100g)</b> |            |            |             |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Auxin                            | 0.8±0.012  | 2.01±0.06  | 1.81 ± 0.05 |
| Cytokinin                        | ND         | 0.08±0.01  | 0.26±0.07   |
| Gibberellic acid                 | 19.8±0.65  | 4.55±0.94  | 2.24±0.02   |
| Indole Acetic Acid (IAA)         | 25.34±0.71 | 0.73 ±0.06 | 2.18 ±0.07  |
| Zeatin                           | 0.47±0.04  | 0.53±0.08  | 0.21±0.082  |

| <b>Fatty acids profiles (mg /100 g)</b> |            |            |           |
|---|------------|------------|-----------|
| Palmitic acid                           | 21.37±0.26 | 3.4±0.66   | 0.56±0.03 |
| Margaric acid                           | 0.07±0.012 | 0.44±0.09  | 0.23±0.10 |
| Stearic acid                            | 4.54±0.77  | 1.56±0.92  | 0.78±0.06 |
| Oleic acid                              | 2.30±0.71  | 0.67±0.11  | 1.21±0.03 |
| Linolenic acid                          | ND         | ND         | 0.53±0.03 |
| α- linolenic acid                       | 12.69±0.34 | ND         | 0.12±0.04 |
| Stearidonic acid                        | 5.60±0.83  | 2.78±0.12  | 0.26±0.07 |
| Docosahexaenoic acid                    | ND         | 0.09±0.005 | 0.12±0.11 |
| ΣFA                                     | 8.40±0.17  | 11.34±0.52 | 5.21±0.12 |

**Σ FA = Total fatty acids; BDL: Below Detection Limit; ND: Not detectable;**

**Values are mean ± standard deviation**