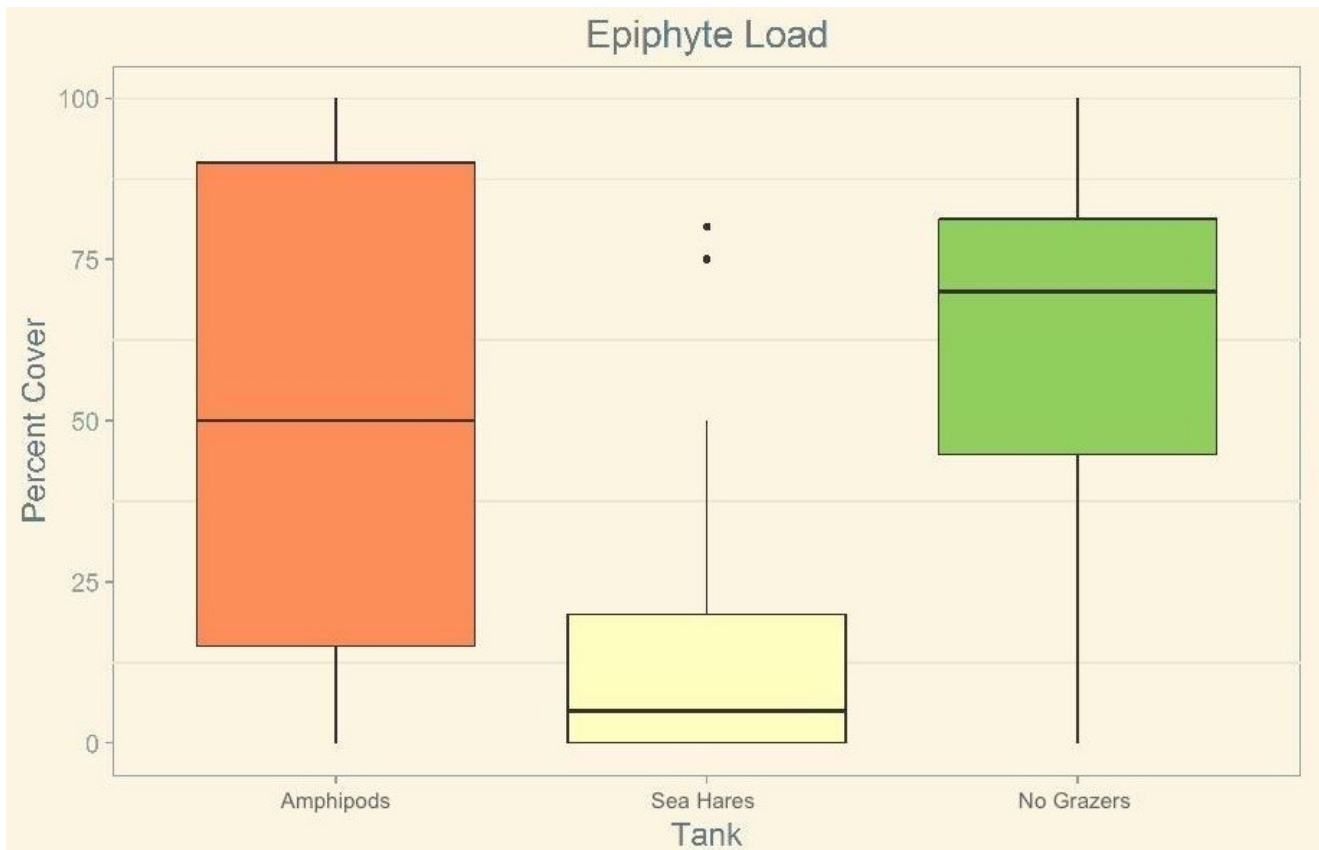


## How do grazers affect eelgrass growth?



Epiphytes are plants or algae that grow on other plants, which can reduce the amount of sunlight that plants like eelgrass need to grow. Visitors estimated the percentage of eelgrass blades that were covered with epiphytes in each of three tanks. You can see that there are a lot less epiphytes in the tank with the sea hares, and the tanks with amphipods and no grazers (the control tank) have more. Sea hares eat the epiphytes, while amphipods eat the eelgrass. The eelgrass in which tank do you think will grow better?