

# STOP THE SPREAD

Invasive plants and animals block waterways, harm the environment and wildlife, and can damage your boat's engine and props. They can be small and hard to spot so are easily spread on damp equipment and clothing.

Protect the environment and sport you enjoy by keeping your kit free of invasive plants and animals.



Remember to check these places



CHECK

**Check** boats, equipment and clothing after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site. Reapply anti-fouling annually.

CLEAN

**Clean** everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to ropes, bilges, trailers, and areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water if you can.

DRY

**Dry** - drain water from every part of your boat and trailer before leaving the site. Dry everything for as long as possible before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for two weeks in damp conditions.

Watch out for:



KILLER SHRIMP



CHINESE MITTEN CRAB



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