

What are Marine Invasive Non-Native Plants?

Plants that have been introduced by human actions to parts of the world outside their natural range are known as non-native species.

Most of these plants do not cause any problems in Great Britain.

However, a few species can cause serious and permanent problems by harming ecosystems. They can be bigger, faster-growing or more aggressive than native species, and may also have fewer natural predators to control their numbers. As a result, native species are often unable to compete and the non-native species are able to take over. These species are called invasive non-native species. Marine invasive non-native plants are non-native animals that have been introduced into GB marine waters.

Why should I be concerned?

These species can devastate populations of native species and change whole ecosystems, for example, by competing with and displacing native species, spreading disease, altering the local ecology and affecting fisheries.

This can adversely affect recreational facilities and commercial fisheries, for example, by colonising native mussel beds and increasing fouling of recreational craft.

How are they usually spread?

Water users can unknowingly assist the spread of these species from one water body to another by accidentally carrying seeds and viable plant fragments on their equipment, shoes, clothing and other damp places.

Wireweed *Sargassum muticum*



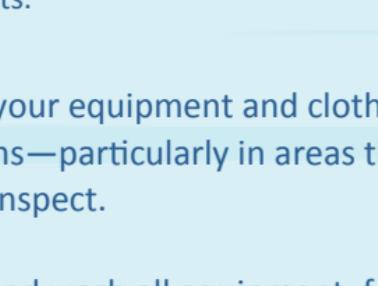
- Large green-brown seaweed which often grows to over 1 metre in length
- Main stem has many branches which gives it a 'washing line' appearance
- Has the ability to spread rapidly and can negatively alter native habitats
- Interferes with recreational and commercial use of waterways in many ways including fouling, clogging motors and blocking pipes

Wakame *Undaria pinnatifida*



- Large golden-brown kelp with a divided frond and a midrib
- Can be up to 2 metres in length
- Frequently found on pontoons and intertidal areas where it can spread rapidly
- Fronds can be up to 1 metre in length and arise from a disc shaped holdfast
- Found on any hard structure including pontoons and boat hulls
- Spreads locally by spores and further afield by hull fouling
- Has a negative effect on fisheries and aquaculture

Harpoon weed *Grateloupia turuturu*



- A red seaweed with densely tufted clothing thoroughly.
- If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.
- Fronds feel spongy and velvety in texture
- Outcompetes with many of our native *Codium* species; live for many days in moist conditions.
- Displacing our native *Codium* species; from which it is very hard to distinguish without a microscope
- Similar to native species although they lack the harpoon-like branches

Devil's Tongue weed *Asparagopsis armata*



- Dark green seaweed with long cylindrical branched fronds
- Found on any hard structure including pontoons and boat hulls
- Fronds allow the plant to attach to other vegetation
- Spreads in UK predominantly by fragments of vegetation
- Can be easily confused with the native seaweed *Kallymenia reniformis*

Goresgynnol Estron Planhigion Morol



By following three simple steps when leaving the water, we can help stop the spread of marine invasive plants.

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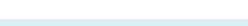


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Beth yw Planhigion Morol Estron Goresgynol?

Mae planhigion sydd wedi cael eu cyflwyno gan weithgareddau dyn i rannau o'r byd y tu hwnt i'w gwasgariad naturiol yn cael eu galw'n rhywogaethau estron.

Nid yw'r rhan fwyaf o'r planhigion hyn yn achosi unrhyw broblemau ym Mhrydain Fawr.

Fodd bynnag, gall rhai rhywogaethau achosi problemau difrifol a pharhaol drwy niweidio ecosistemau. Gallent fod yn fwy, yn tyfu'n gyflymach neu'n fwy ymosodol na rhywogaethau brodorol, ac efallai hefyd fod ganddynt lai o ysglyfaethwyr naturiol i reoli'u niferoedd. O ganlyniad, nid yw rhywogaethau brodorol yn aml yn gallu cystadlu ac mae'r rhywogaethau estron yn gallu dominyddu. Caiff y rhywogaethau hyn eu galw'n rhywogaethau estron goresgynol. Planhigion morol estron goresgynol yw planhigion estron sydd wedi cael eu cyflwyno i ddyfroedd morol Prydain Fawr.

Pan dylwn i boeni?

Gall y rhywogaethau hyn chwalu poblogaethau brodorol a newid ecosistemau cyfan, er enghraift, drwy gystadlu â rhywogaethau brodorol a'u dadleoli, drwy ledaenu clefydau, newid yr ecoleg leol ac amharu ar bysgodfeydd.

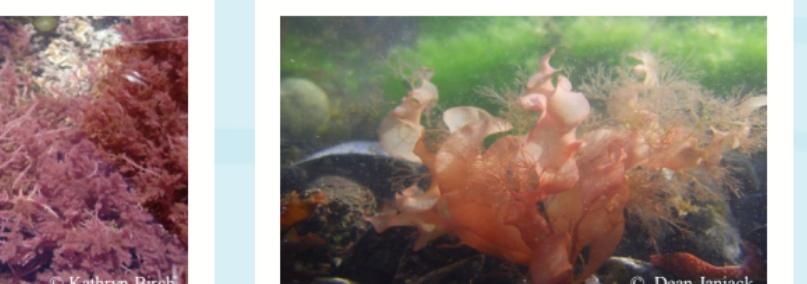
Gall hyn gael effaith niweidiol ar gyfleusterau hamdden a physgodfeydd masnachol, er enghraift, drwy gytrefu gwelâu cregyn gleision brodorol a baeddu mwy a mwy ar gychod hamdden.

Sut maent yn cael eu lledaenu fel arfer?

Gall y rhai sy'n defnyddio dyfroedd helpu, yn ddiarwybod iddynt, i ledaenu'r rhywogaethau hyn o un dŵr i'r llall, drwy gario hadau a thameidiau hyfwy o blanhigion yn ddamweiniol ar eu cyfarpar, eu hesgidiau, eu dillad ac ar fannau gwylb eraill.

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Gwymon Sargaso *Sargassum muticum*



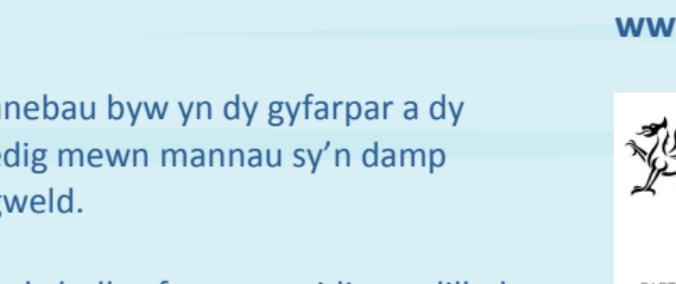
- Gwymon mawr gwyrdd-frown sy'n tyfu i fwy nag 1 metr o hyd yn aml
- Mae llawer o canghennau ar y prif goesyn sy'n gwneud iddo edrych fel 'lein ddillad'
- Mae'n gallu lledaenu'n gyflym a gall achosi newid negyddol mewn cynefinoedd brodorol
- Mae'n ymyrryd â defnydd hamdden a defnydd masnachol o ddyfrffyrdd mewn llawer o ffyrdd, yn cynnwys baeddu, tagu moduron a blocio pibellau

Morwial Asennog *Undaria pinnatifida*



- Gwymon eur-frown mawr gyda ffondrhau'n drylliw a gwythien ganol
- Gall fod hyd at 2 fetr o hyd
- Fe'i ceir ar unrhyw strwythur caled yn codi o gludfael siâp disg
- Mae'n gallu teimlo fel sbwg ac yn cynnwys pontydd a chyrff cychod
- Mae'n drech na llawer o'n mathau brodorol o wymon oherwydd ei faint, a'i dwf cyflym
- Mae'n debyg i rywogaethau brodorol er Mae'n effeithio'n negyddol ar bysgodfeydd heb ficrosgop

Gwymon Bachog *Asparagopsis armata*



- Gwymon coch gyda llafnau mawr coch yn drylwyr. Os wyt ti'n dod ar draws unrhyw organebau, gadawa nhw yn y dŵr lle gwnest ti ddod o hyd iddyn nhw.
- Mae'r canghennau syth bachog yn galluogi'r planhign i gydio'n dyn mewn lystfiant arall
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Beth allwch chi ei wneud i atal planhigion goresgynol morol rhag lledaenu?

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