Invasive plants and animals harm the environment and wildlife, and block waterways making paddling difficult. 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.

**STOP THE SPREAD**

**Remember to check these places**

**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.

**Clean** everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to the inside of your boat and areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water if you can.

**Dry** - drain water from every part of your boat and dry with a sponge or towel before leaving the site. Dry everything thoroughly 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
- Quagga Mussel
- Floating Pennywort

Find out more about invasive plants and animals and how you can help stop the spread at: nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry