Invasive plants and animals can carry diseases that kill fish, and block waterways and banks interfering with fishing. They can be small and hard to spot so are easily spread on damp equipment and clothing.

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

Remember to check these places:

- **Check** your gear 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 nets, waders, and areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water if possible.
- **Dry** everything for as long as possible before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for two weeks in damp conditions.

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