What are invasive non-native species?

Non-native species are plants and animals that are not normally found in Britain and have been introduced by people. Some of these are invasive and harm our environment and native wildlife, interfere with paddling, and cost the economy nearly £1.9 billion a year. Below are a few examples of their impacts.

**STOP THE SPREAD**

Invasive plants block waterways preventing boating, paddling and fishing

Aggressive invasive shrimps attack and kill native species including fish eggs

Diseases such as Koi Herpes Virus kill fish and can close fisheries

Tiny invasive mussels form dense colonies which can cover the underside of boats and clog propellers

Find out more about invasive plants and animals and how you can help to stop the spread at:

nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry

@CheckCleanDryGB

Scan QR code on your mobile

Fishing, boating or paddling abroad?

Invasive plants and animals block waterways, kill fish, and harm the environment

Find out how you can help

CHECK CLEAN DRY

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Invasive non-native plants and animals harm the environment and block waterways and can easily be spread on your boat, clothing and equipment.

**CHECK**

**ON SITE**
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 water body.

**OFF SITE**
(If washdown facilities are not available on site)
Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can, ideally in water from the hot tap (take care)

**CLEAN**

**ON SITE**
(If washdown facilities are available)
Clean everything thoroughly, ideally in water from the hot tap (take care)

**DRI Y**

**ON SITE**
Drain water from every part of your boat and trailer before leaving the site.

**O F F S I TE**
Dry everything thoroughly for as long as you can before using it elsewhere, ideally for 48 hours. Reapply antifouling to boats annually.

If you’ve been abroad it’s even more important to do this before visiting a waterbody at home, so you don’t introduce new invasive plants or animals.

Pay particular attention to the inside of your boat and areas that are damp and hard to access including:

**ANGLERS:** nets and waders

**BOATERS:** ropes, bilges and trailers

**PADDLERS:** the inside of your boat

Ready for your next trip