

**STOP
THE
SPREAD**

Calling all Boaters

Help stop the Invasion!

Invasive plants and animals harm our wildlife and environment. They can damage boat engines, clog propellers, and block waterways. Contaminated boats can cause their spread.

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 (at least 45°C) if you can.

DRY

Dry – drain water from every part of your boat. Dry everything until dry for at least 48 hours before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for weeks in damp conditions.

Disinfect all items if complete drying is not possible.

Protect the environment and sport you enjoy by keeping your boat free of invasive species

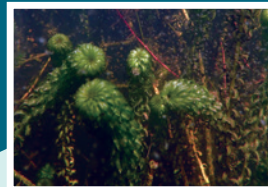
Some invasives to watch out for:



FISH DISEASES



QUAGGA MUSSEL



AFRICAN CURLY
WATERWEED



KILLER SHRIMP



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

invasives.ie/biosecurity/check-clean-dry



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