

STOP THE SPREAD

Invasive plants and animals can harm our wildlife, carry diseases that kill fish, and block our waterways.

Contaminated fishing gear can cause their spread

Report any invasive species you find, including:



FISH DISEASES



QUAGGA MUSSEL



AFRICAN CURLY
WATERWEED



KILLER SHRIMP

Protect the environment and fishing you enjoy
by keeping your kit free of invasive species

CHECK

Check your gear, clothing, and footwear after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals, or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site.

CLEAN

Clean everything as soon as you can. Pay particular attention to nets, waders and areas that are damp and hard to inspect. Use hot water (at least 45°C) or a high-pressure spray when possible.

DRY

Dry all equipment and clothing until dry for at least 48 hours as some invasive species can live for weeks in damp conditions.

Disinfect all items if complete drying is not possible.



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Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage



National
Biodiversity
Data Centre
A Heritage Council Programme



Invasives.ie
Invasive Alien Species in Ireland



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

invasives.ie/biosecurity/check-clean-dry