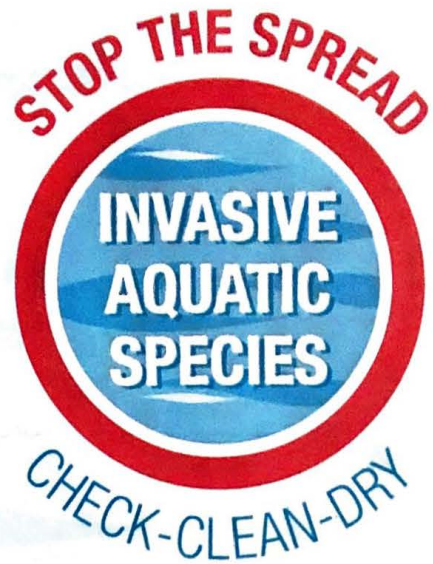


# STOP THE SPREAD



**Are you unknowingly spreading invasive species on your water sports equipment and clothing?**

Invasive species can affect fish and other wildlife, restrict navigation, clog up propellers and be costly to manage. You can help protect the water sports you love by following three simple steps when you leave the water.



**Check** your equipment and clothing for live organisms - particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

**Clean** and wash all equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly.

If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

**Dry** all equipment and clothing - some species can live for many days in moist conditions.

Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

For more information go to [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) and search for **Check Clean Dry**

