

Preventing the spread of invasive species

4. Advise boaters to clean their boats and gear prior to moving on to a different water body



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An unwashed boat or fishing gear may transmit aquatic IAS or disease, such as waterweed species or crayfish plague, from one water body to another.

Removing invasive species that have already spread in a water body may be impossible and is always very expensive.

Benefits of the action

Preventing IAS from spreading helps us keep the water body healthy and fit for recreational use as well as avoid high costs.

Do this

Inform people in your area about the risk of spreading IAS in water bodies and advise the citizens, cottage owners and recreational fishers to clean their gear.

Organise at the municipal boat harbours a cleaning point for boats, trailers and gear prior to transferring them into water or another water body.

More information

A news article (in Finnish) on how western waterweed, an aquatic plant species that spreads very easily, has been spreading in Finland and how it affects water bodies:

<https://vieraslajit.fi/ajankohtaista/i-5319>

