



Moorings and Biosecurity

Check your mooring and help prevent the spread of marine pests

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Moorings and mooring components pose a biosecurity risk to Western Australia's aquatic environment. They can be a stepping stone for invasive marine pests (IMPs) to reach new locations where they do not naturally occur.

IMPs are one of the greatest threats to the State's marine biodiversity and integrity of coastal habitats as they can have significant negative impacts on the environment, economy, social amenity and human health.



Fouled mooring.

Photo: Gordon Brown and Dr Alan Owen, Robert Gordon University.



Invasive sea squirts fouling shellfish aquaculture equipment.

Photo: G. King.

Prevent the spread of marine pests

Follow these two simple steps to prevent the spread of marine pests:

1. **Regularly check** your mooring and mooring components for any unusual species.
2. **Report** any unusual species found (see how to do this in the section below).

Your vigilance will help stop pests from establishing and spreading in Western Australia

For further information on:

- Mooring rules and requirements, visit <http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imate/moorings.asp>
- Aquatic pests and diseases, visit <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/biosecurity>
- Biofouling and ballast water, refer to WA marine pest management guidelines at http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Documents/biosecurity/introduced_marine_pests_management_guidelines.pdf

If you think you have caught or seen a pest:

1. **Photograph it** – from different angles, e.g. top, bottom, etc. Include a scale or ruler if possible and photos of the location where you found it.
2. **Record it** – size, colour, depth and how and where it was found using GPS readings if available. Otherwise describe the area in which it was found in as much detail as possible.
3. **Collect it** – collect a sample in a plastic bag and refrigerate or keep it on ice but *do not freeze it*.
4. **Report it** – contact **FISHWATCH** on **1800 815 507** or through the free **WA PestWatch** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play store. (NOTE: If you collect samples please report it to FishWatch immediately).

Further information

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