

PROTECT OUR COASTLINE FROM MARINE PESTS

Your actions make a difference

As well as improving your boat's performance, keeping your hull clean and well antifouled also stops harmful marine pests from hitching a ride to new locations. Marine pest species can damage ocean habitats, fish stocks, aquaculture and the beauty of our coastline.

For example, the Australian sea squirt *Eudistoma* is littering beaches in Northland; the *Styela* sea squirt is a nuisance to the marine farming industry; and the invasive sea weed *Undaria* has been found in Fiordland, one of our most unique and precious marine areas.

Eudistoma



Styela



Undaria



- » Regularly clean your boat bottom – don't let the growth get beyond a light slime layer.
- » When cleaning, dispose of any debris from your hull into bins (don't drop it back into the water where it can possibly reproduce).
- » For moored boats, regularly apply thorough coatings of antifouling paint. Make sure your antifouling is still effective and reapplied as recommended by the retailer or manufacturer.
- » Before you move to another region, check your hull is clean and free of fouling before you set off.
- » Make sure that any equipment used in the sea (e.g. ropes, fishing lines, nets, kayaks, trailers) is clean and dry; and free of fouling or weed before use in a new location.
- » Keep an eye out for any unusual marine life or events such as mass deaths of fish. Note the location, take a sample if you can and immediately call MPI's Freephone **0800 80 99 66**

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