

# STOP EXOTIC CAULERPA SEAWEED



Exotic caulerpa is a fast growing, non-native seaweed that can form dense underwater fields, potentially threatening our native marine ecosystem.

Boaties, fishers and divers – when out on the water, take these simple actions to reduce the risk of moving exotic caulerpa when you head to new locations:

1. **See weed:** Before moving on, when you pull up your anchor, inspect it and the anchor chain for any attached seaweed. Also check any fishing or dive gear that's been in the water.
2. **Bag it:** If you find any seaweed, remove it and securely bag or contain it to stop it getting overboard and spreading to other areas – the smallest piece can spread.
3. **Bin it:** If possible, take the seaweed ashore and dispose of it securely away from the beach – for example in your home rubbish or compost.
4. If you can't do this safely, put it back in the water in the area it came from.

[www.biosecurity.govt.nz/caulerpa](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/caulerpa)

## Report suspected exotic caulerpa

Help us keep track of where exotic caulerpa seaweed is present.

If you spot this pest – either at sea or on the beach, report it to Biosecurity New Zealand.

### THINK YOU'VE SEEN IT?



**TAKE A  
PHOTO**



**RECORD YOUR  
LOCATION**



**CALL  
0800 80 99 66**

**OR**



**VISIT  
[report.mpi.govt.nz](http://report.mpi.govt.nz)**

## What exotic caulerpa looks like



There are legal rules (known as Controlled Area Notices) and rāhui in place at some locations where exotic caulerpa is present.

Find the most up to date information, including affected areas, areas under controls, maps and photos at **[www.biosecurity.govt.nz/caulerpa](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/caulerpa)**