

Treasure islands

Check for stowaways



Before you leave the mainland or travel between islands in the Gulf:

- Check all gear and your kayak for stowaway pests—rats, mice, ants and skinks.
- Clean your kayak, clothing, gear and footwear. Remove all soil and seeds.
- Pack food and gear into sealed containers to keep pests out.
- Keep fresh bait and/or set traps where your kayak is stored. Use insect spray to treat or deter pests.



Mice and rats



Argentine ants



Rainbow skinks



Soil & seeds

Help protect our Treasure Islands

Our offshore islands provide sanctuaries for native plants and animals.

You can help keep our taonga safe.

For more information visit www.treasureislands.co.nz



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

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Hauraki Gulf Marine Park
Ko te Pataka kai o Tikapa Moana
Te Moananui a Toi

Pests are good at hitching a ride

- Rats can squeeze through a 12 mm gap.
- Mice can squeeze through a 7 mm gap.
- Argentine ants and rainbow skinks are common in Auckland—help us keep them out of the Gulf.
- Weed seeds and soil cling to clothing and shoes.

12
mm

7
mm

Want to help?

- Remember to check your gear and kayak before you set out, every time.
- Pay special attention to clothes and footwear—make sure they're thoroughly clean.
- Once checked:
 - Keep your bags tightly closed.
 - Keep food supplies in sealed containers.
- Leave only footprints, take only photos.

What to do if you find a pest

On the mainland before leaving

- Get rid of the pest and check again thoroughly.

On or in my kayak

- Make sure the pest has been destroyed before you land.
- Don't throw rats/mice overboard as they can swim.
- Return to the mainland to deal with the pest if you need to.

If you see pests or evidence of pests on the islands call:

DOC HOTline
0800 362 468

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or conservation emergencies
For Fire and Search and Rescue Call 111