

SAIL WITHOUT STOWAWAYS

SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE YOUR VESSEL ISLAND SAFE:

1 CHECK YOUR HULL



Deploy chew cards or wax chew blocks - check them regularly for signs of stowaways

7 OPEN TENDER



Always use an open tender when landing on a seabird island and check for signs of stowaways before launching

6 RAT GUARDS



Use rat guards on mooring lines and anchor chains

5 SPREAD THE WORD



Display biosecurity advice for passengers onboard



2 LUGGAGE



Repack luggage before boarding and never leave unattended on harbour side

3 CARGO



Pack cargo in rodent proof containers and check for signs of stowaways before boarding

4 WASTE



Store waste securely in rodent proof bins and dispose regularly using waste disposal facilities

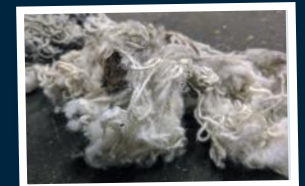
SIGNS OF STOWAWAYS



ENTRANCE HOLES



DROPPINGS



NEST MATERIAL



GNAW MARKS

Species of concern to UK islands include:



PROTECTING SEABIRDS FROM INVASIVE PREDATORS



RATS



MICE



STOATS



MINK

NEVER PUSH STOWAWAYS OVERBOARD
(dead or alive)



PROTECTING ISLANDS FROM INVASIVE PREDATORS: A CHECKLIST

Thank you for your help to protect seabirds from invasive predators

What to do if you find evidence of a stowaway

- DO NOT LAND ON A SEABIRD ISLAND**
- DO NOT ASSUME ONLY ONE INDIVIDUAL STOWAWAY IS ABOARD**
- NEVER PUSH STOWAWAYS OVERBOARD DEAD OR ALIVE!**
Rodents and other small mammals can swim many kilometres
- DO RETURN TO A MAINLAND HARBOUR**
Deploy appropriate control measures:
biosecurityforlife.org.uk/boats

Start of the season

On the water

In the harbour

Boat	Luggage	Food	Travel between islands	Landing / Anchoring	Harbour	Off-Season
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully inspect vessel for signs of stowaways: gnawed wires etc., droppings, bedding, entry holes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shake out any bedding and creels etc. away from the vessel before loading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pack food in rodent proof containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repack bags between islands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always land using an open tender when possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Put rodent control measures in place onboard and where cargo is stored 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Put rodent control measures in place onboard and where cargo is stored
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Set up rodent surveillance for the season ahead: biosecurityforlife.org.uk/boats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repack luggage as soon as possible before travelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check all food packs for signs of damage - do not take any damaged packets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Be aware you could pick up rodent passengers along the way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check local biosecurity advice at your destination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secure possible rodent entry-points on vessel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secure possible rodent entry-points on vessel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brief crew on rodent prevention measures (overleaf) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Never leave luggage or cargo unattended on the harbour before loading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Store food and food waste in rodent proof areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide passengers with biosecurity briefing information upon booking or boarding 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use rat guards on mooring lines and anchor chains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove all food items from the vessel



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