

EXOTIC CAULERPA – AVOID SPREADING IT

PROTECT OUR PARADISE
Stop the spread of marine pests

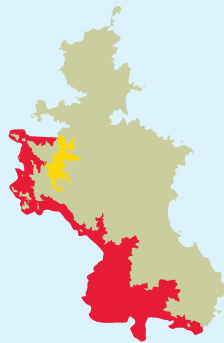
Exotic caulerpa grows rapidly, smothering our seabeds. It's turning up in boaties' favourite anchorages. We need to stop it spreading to new locations. Know the rules before you head out.

AOTEA - GREAT BARRIER ISLAND

A controlled area with legal requirements is in place along the western coastline of Aotea.

If you need to anchor on the western side of Aotea, use the anchoring zone, which is the yellow-marked area of Port Fitzroy. This is a permit-free anchoring area. Anchoring is not allowed anywhere in the red-marked area without a permit from Biosecurity New Zealand.

Before moving on, check your anchor, anchor chain and other equipment for any attached seaweed. You must not fish using any method that disturbs the seafloor, e.g. netting, dredging, trawling in both controlled area zones marked in yellow and red on the map.

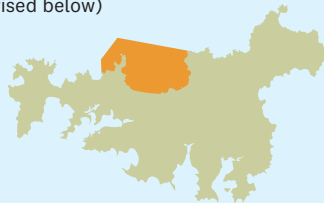


- **CONTROLLED AREA**
No anchoring
- **CONTROLLED AREA ZONE**
Anchoring allowed

WAIHEKE ISLAND

A controlled area covers the waters around Thompson's Point and across Onetangi Bay.

Anchoring, launching vessels (including Sealegs-type craft), and motoring or sailing in the controlled area are all permitted, but cleaning instructions (summarised below) must be followed.



- **CONTROLLED AREA**
Legal restrictions apply

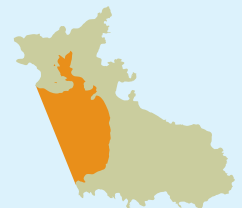


Use this QR code to view a map of known exotic caulerpa locations within the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

AHUAHU - GREAT MERCURY ISLAND*

Do not fish using any method that disturbs the seafloor - e.g. netting, dredging, trawling, in the controlled area. Anchoring is allowed in this controlled area, however, vessel operators are required to check and clean the anchor and chain before moving to another area.

* within Waikato region



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Legal restrictions apply

KAWAU ISLAND

Exotic caulerpa has been found at these locations at Kawau Island. Currently, no legal restrictions are in place but we ask you to avoid anchoring and fishing using any method that makes contact with the seafloor. If you find it outside these locations, report it urgently.



RAKINO ISLAND

Exotic caulerpa has been found at these locations at Rakino Island. Currently, no legal restrictions are in place but we ask you to avoid anchoring and fishing using any method that makes contact with the seafloor. If you find it outside these locations, report it urgently.



For more information, check out ourackland.nz/stophespread

Cleaning instructions

Each time before you move: check the anchor, chain and fishing or dive equipment for any attached seaweed.

If you find any seaweed, remove it, bag it and bin it onshore. If you can't do this, return it to where it came from; do not move it to a new location.

