

STOP THE SPREAD

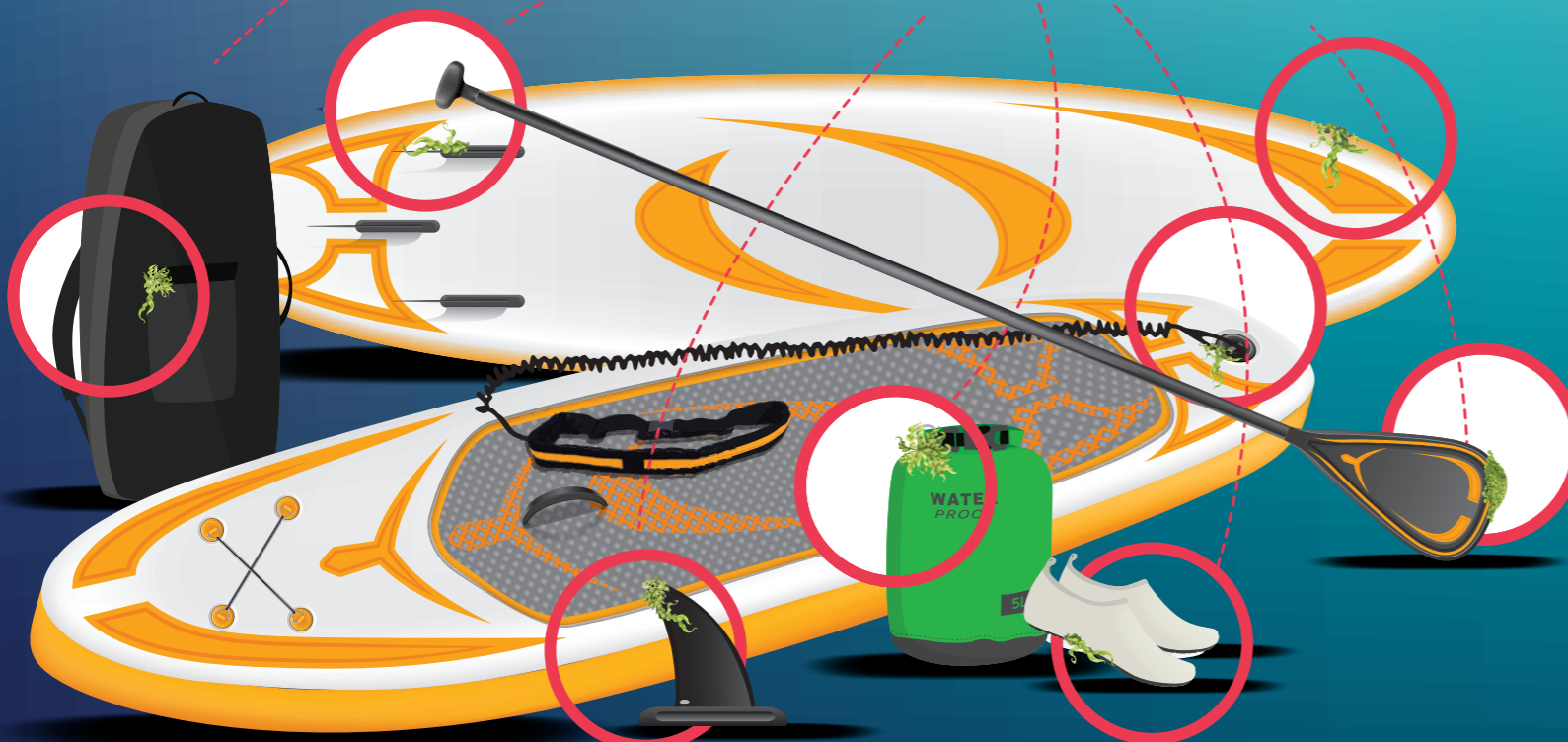
Invasive plants and animals harm the environment and wildlife, and block waterways making paddling difficult. They can be small and hard to spot so are easily spread on damp equipment and clothing.

Protect the environment and sport you enjoy by keeping your kit free of invasive plants and animals.



Image: SUP Junkie

Remember to check these places



CHECK

Check paddleboards, equipment and clothing after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site.

CLEAN

Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water if you can.

DRY

Dry your paddleboard with a sponge or towel before leaving the site, particularly if you have an inflatable you fold away to store. Dry everything thoroughly for as long as possible before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for two weeks in damp conditions.

Watch out for:



KILLER SHRIMP



QUAGGA MUSSEL



FLOATING PENNYWORT

