



Notice to operators and masters of cruise vessels and yachts visiting high value areas

You have a role in protecting New Zealand's unique marine environment – don't spread damaging marine pests in biofouling.

All vessel owners are encouraged to maintain hulls to minimise biofouling, particularly when entering areas of high marine values such as Fiordland and the Sub-Antarctic and Kermadec Islands.

All vessel operators planning to visit the Fiordland marine area should keep Fiordland as beautiful below water as it is above.



Fiordland's marine environment is an international treasure with unique but fragile marine ecosystems. It is vital this area is protected from the threat posed by introduced marine life. When marine species establish outside of their native locations, some can cause irreversible damage in the new area.

Please take some simple precautions to ensure your vessel's hull, niche areas and equipment are free of biofouling organisms, including:

1. Proactively cleaning your vessel's hull and niche areas to keep them free of fouling.
2. Making sure you have a good, thorough and functioning antifoul coating.
3. Cleaning and air-drying any marine equipment prior to being used in Fiordland waters, e.g. ropes, pots, fishing gear, kayaks and tenders.

For further information on the Fiordland programme and marine biosecurity, visit: www.mpi.govt.nz/fiordland

Overseas vessels should avoid bringing harmful exotic marine species into New Zealand

From May 2018, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will require all vessels arriving into New Zealand to have a clean hull and niche areas. Vessels visiting New Zealand from another country should ensure they meet the requirements of the Craft Risk Management Standard for Biofouling (CRMS) prior to arrival.

A vessel's biofouling management practices will be taken into account in granting approval to cruise the coast and in particular to visit places that have high ecological value. These places are often visited by cruise vessels and yachts or recreational vessels when they visit New Zealand.

Find out about the new requirements: www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/border-clearance/vessels/arrival-process-steps/biofouling/biofouling-management/



Visiting Fiordland? Don't forget your clean vessel pass

Environment Southland has recently approved the Fiordland Marine Pathway plan in order to protect Fiordland's important marine ecosystems. Under the Plan, all vessels entering or operating within one nautical mile of land in Fiordland must hold a Fiordland Clean Vessel Pass. For more information and to read the Pathway Plan, visit www.es.govt.nz/fmpp

Visiting the Sub-Antarctic or Kermadec Islands? – Overseas or domestic vessels

You should be aware that the Department of Conservation is enforcing a new regional coastal plan for these areas. The plan's rules require vessels to undergo hull inspections in preparation for entry closer than 1000 metres to the islands. For full information on what is required prior to your visit please refer to www.doc.govt.nz/offshoreislandsrca

Plan ahead

Please help protect New Zealand's unique marine areas from damaging marine pests. Consider how you will take extra steps to manage biofouling before commencing a voyage to New Zealand or sailing into high value areas.

HAVE YOU READ THE FIORDLAND USER GUIDE?

The waterproof guide is a “one-stop-shop” publication containing all of the main marine regulations plus practical and interesting information about the history, the environment and the establishment of the Fiordland Marine Area to help you get the most out of your visit. Refer to www.fmg.org.nz/node/48 to download or order a copy.

