

Ballast Water Stowaways!



What can be done?



- Provide ships' crews with training.
- Where possible avoid ballasting in areas/at times known to present a risk.
- Keep ballast tanks free of sediments.
- Undertake ballast water exchange at sea, where safe and practical.
- Carry and implement a shipboard ballast water management plan.
- Maintain ballast water record book and submit reporting forms to Port State authorities.
- Comply with Port State legislation.



- Designate a lead agency, form a national task force.
- Conduct awareness campaigns.
- Request arriving ships to submit reporting forms and establish a national information system.
- Carry out risk assessments for each port.
- Conduct biological surveys/monitoring in ports and alert shipping to outbreaks of harmful species.
- Provide shore-based ballast water treatment facilities where practical and cost-effective.

Further Information:

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Conduct and support research and development of more effective treatment technologies.
 Support the rapid implementation of the IMO ballast water convention.

