



SMALL VESSEL PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST FOR FLINDERS ISLAND

Your Small Vessel Matters!

Small vessels are frequent carriers of invasive species. Gear that has been in the garage or even stored in the house could be hiding rodents, reptiles, insects and seeds. By following these steps, you help maintain the ecological balance of our island.

So we need your help.

We appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines closely and helping us maintain Flinders Island as a safe and vibrant sanctuary for all its inhabitants.

Thanks - you might have just made a huge difference!

Item Checked	Action Required	Completed (✓/X)
1. Prohibited Items	Ensure no live plants, mulch, soil, or live animals are onboard without written approval from the landowners.	
2. Rodent Baiting	Place bait stations with approved rodenticides (Brodifacoum or Difenacoum) on each deck at least 5 nights before departure. Check and refresh baits as needed.	
3. Rodent Traps	Set approved lethal traps (e.g., snap traps) on each deck. Check regularly and reset as necessary.	
4. Vessel Cleaning	Thoroughly clean the vessel to remove any pest signs like dead invertebrates and old rodent faeces 7 days prior to departure.	
5. Rat Guards	Fit rat guards to all mooring lines and utility lines connected to the vessel for at least 5 nights before departure.	
6. Gangway Management	Raise gangways or other access platforms during hours of darkness for at least 5 nights prior to departure.	
7. Pre Departure Reporting	Email the Flinders Island Manager with a detailed report of any pest activity, measures taken, and include images of rodent bait stations, rat guards, and the clean vessel hull.	
8. Invertebrate Management	Have an insect knock-down spray on board and use as needed to treat any invertebrate activity.	

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9. Cargo Inspection	Ensure all cargo and provisions intended for Flinders Island are inspected and stored according to directed guidelines prior to loading.	
10. In Transit Checks	Ensure lethal traps for rodents are set and checked regularly during transit.	

Additional Guidelines

- Bait and Trap Locations: Ideal locations for bait stations and traps include the galley, saloon, food storage lockers, ropes lockers, and any accessible yet out-of-the-way locations that might attract rodents.
- Bait and Trap Security: Secure bait stations and traps using double-sided tape or Velcro to prevent movement while at sea.
- Invertebrate Treatment: Regularly treat the vessel with insect knock-down sprays, especially after detecting invertebrates.
- Communication: Maintain constant communication with the Flinders Island landowners/manager regarding any biosecurity issues and compliance with the required actions.

Why Your Efforts Matter

From the moment you pack your bags to when you step ashore, every action you take can contribute to conservation. The biosecurity measures you follow are not just procedures; they are proactive steps towards maintaining the ecological integrity and resilience of Flinders Island.

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Contact and Support

For assistance or queries related to biosecurity measures, please contact Flinders Island Biosecurity Officer. We are here to support you in ensuring that your visit does not compromise the ecological integrity of Flinders Island.

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Thank you for your commitment to protecting Flinders Island. By following these guidelines, you help us maintain the island as a pristine natural haven for future generations.