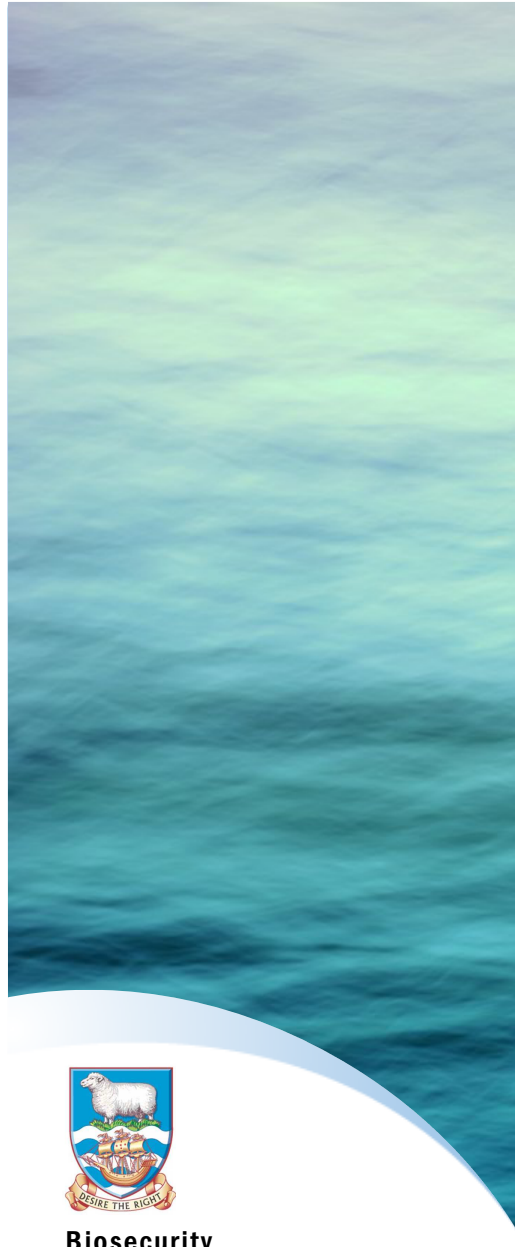


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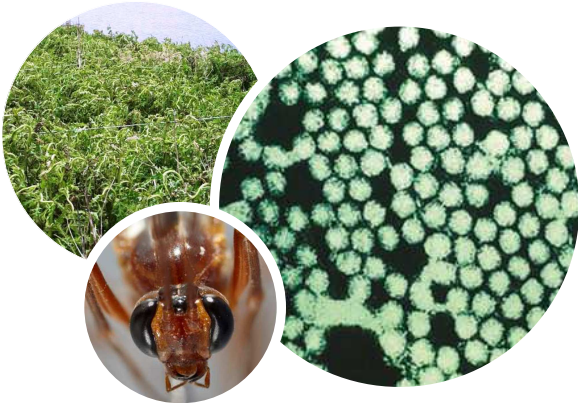


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Protecting Our Islands

The Falkland Islands are a remote archipelago at the gateway to the Antarctic. They are home to globally significant seabird populations, and species of plants and animals that are unique to the islands and found nowhere else on earth.

The Falkland's remote location has in the past protected them from the introduction of pests, diseases and alien species that are common in most other parts of the world. Today more and more people are visiting the Islands for work or pleasure and it is therefore vital that each and every one of us protect this pristine environment from harm. Biosecurity effects everybody.



Visiting The Falklands?

Some items that you may wish to bring to the Falklands could cause harm to the Falklands environment, economy or inhabitants.

Fruit, vegetables, seeds and plant material could harbor pests or diseases, or even become invasive in the Falklands. Food of animal origin such as meat, dairy products and eggs may harbor pathogens which could harm our own livestock and wildlife.



Muddy walking boots, used outdoor clothing, camera bags, walking poles, used fishing, camping or agricultural equipment could all pose risks to the Falkland's biosecurity.


All of these items should be declared to Customs on arrival or contact the Biosecurity Officer before you leave home to prevent disappointment.

If you are unsure - Declare!



Camp And Outer Islands

The Falkland Islands archipelago is made up of around 700 islands; the vast majority



of them are uninhabited. Every island is unique and has a slightly different fauna and flora. Many islands are considered pest free and are strongholds for



endemic species which fail to thrive on islands where rats, mice, cats or rabbits live.

It is important when travelling between locations in the Falklands to ensure that your belongings are free from soil and dirt, seeds and plant material, insects and rodents.

Do not feed wildlife, leave only foot prints, take only photographs.

Marine & Aquatic Biosecurity

Our marine and freshwater environments are relatively pristine and free from pests and diseases. Please ensure that used fishing equipment or waders are thoroughly cleaned and dried prior to use in the Falklands.

If you are visiting the islands by yacht ensure that the hull is scraped and antifouled prior to arrival in the islands.

Contact the Biosecurity Officer for details.

