

ANGLER ACTION PLAN

When foreign species invade our waters they can rapidly expand their range. They can then eat native species, or out-compete them for food and habitat. They can also introduce and spread disease.

1. Use bait lawfully

Crayfish must be used in same water body where caught and cannot be transported overland. Northern leopard frogs are the only species of frog that may be used as bait. It is illegal to use Rudd, Tubenose Goby, Round Goby and Ruffe as bait. Not all small fish or minnows are legal 'baitfish.' Learn about the 48 species that can be used as live as bait in Ontario at on ontario.ca/baitfish.

2. Know your fishing hole

It is prohibited to use bait in some sensitive rivers and lakes. Learn more about your favourite fishing spot at ontario.ca/fishonline.

3. Never dump your bait into the water

It's illegal to release your bait or dump the contents of your bait bucket anywhere near the water. Dispose your bait at least 30 m away from the shore.

4. Use local bait

Get your bait as close as possible to where you plan on fishing and reduce the risk of introducing a species that isn't normally found in the local area.

5. Rinse out your livewell before travelling to a new waterbody

Prevent the spread of fish harming pathogens like Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) by cleaning your livewell with a 1:10 solution of bleach and water.

6. Don't move prohibited invasive species

It's illegal to possess, transport, deposit or release prohibited invasive species, including fish in Ontario. If you catch one, you must destroy it right away so it can't reproduce or breed. Do not return it to the water.

7. Report all invaders

Call the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' Invading Species Hotline at **1-800-563-7711** to report an invasive species sighting or download the **EDDMapS Ontario app** to report an invader on the spot.

8. Stop the invasion

To learn more about how you can stop the invasion, download action plans for Boaters, Hikers, Cottagers and Gardeners.

For more information, you can also visit our partner websites:

Invading Species Awareness Program,
invadingspecies.com

Ontario Invasive Plant Council,
ontarioinvasiveplants.ca

Invasive Species Centre,
invasivespeciescentre.ca

Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations
foca.on.ca