

Tips for preventing the introduction of **invasive alien species**

GET ALL THE FACTS

Don't buy animals without finding out where they are from, what sort of care they will need and how much they will grow.

DON'T ABANDON ANIMALS

Don't release animals into natural spaces: they could cause problems for other species.

BEWARE OF MOSQUITOS

Don't leave large water containers open, to avoid the spread of this type of insect.

DON'T BUY FOREIGN SPECIES

If you go abroad, don't bring back animals, insects, seeds or plants as a souvenir.

DON'T MOVE SOIL

Be careful about moving soil from one place to another, because you could be spreading seeds, insects or microbes.

DON'T TOSS AWAY FISH INTO WATER SYSTEMS

Don't get rid of aquatic pets by throwing them into lakes, ponds or rivers — or down the loo —.

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