



MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM INFORMATION

The **Marine Invasive Species Program (MISP)** seeks to be a world-leading program that reduces the risk of aquatic nonindigenous species introduction into California's waters.

The program strives to accomplish this goal through:

- The development, implementation, and enforcement of innovative vessel biofouling and ballast water management policies.
- The use of the best available technology and peer-reviewed science.
- Partnerships with stakeholders to improve awareness of invasive species issues and assess program efficacy.

The Marine Invasive Species Program at Work



Marine Invasive Species Program History

The MISP began in 1999 with the passage of California's Ballast Water Management for Control of Nonindigenous Species Act, which addressed the threat of species introductions from vessels arriving at California ports. In 2003, the Marine Invasive Species Act was passed, reauthorizing and expanding the 1999 Act. Subsequent amendments to the Act and additional legislation further expanded the Program's scope.

For more information, please visit the MISP webpages at the California State Lands Commission website: www.slc.ca.gov/MISP/