

# 4. Biosecurity baddies

Butchulla rangers work hard to protect K'gari's beautiful and unique environment from biosecurity baddies like...

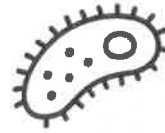
Wicked weeds



pesky pests



Despicable diseases



Without protection, K'gari's special places could be ruined by biosecurity baddies.



Boorangoora today



Waterway choked with weed

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Myrtle rust is one of the worst biosecurity baddies threatening many plants on K'gari. You can help Butchulla rangers bust the rust if you...

## RECOGNISE IT



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## REPORT IT

If you see myrtle rust, record the date, its location and take a photo of it. Let us know by calling Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.

## Help bust the baddies!

Can you match these biosecurity baddies with their crimes? Write the name of the baddy next to the appropriate sentence.

1. Bitou bush



4. Lantana



7. Cane toad



9. Domestic dog



2. Jamella leaf hopper eggs



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5. Mosquito fish



8. Seafood used as fishing bait



10. Myrtle rust



3. Feral cat



6. Water hyacinth



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I grow fast and take over large areas of land, so native plants can't grow there anymore. That means no traditional food and medicine plants and no native habitat for animals.

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I can contain diseases that can infect your favourite fishing spots, wiping out our local seafood.

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I damage and kill native trees and shrubs of the Myrtaceae family, taking away traditional food and medicine and ruining habitat for animals.

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I infest freshwater lakes and wetlands, devastating aquatic environments.

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I compete aggressively for food, attack native fish and eat the eggs of native fish and frogs. I quickly outnumber native fish and dominate freshwater habitats.

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I suck the sap out of *winnum* (pandanus) plants along the coast, eventually killing them, which then leads to erosion of the beaches.

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I compete with native animals for food and will eat any insect or animal I can fit in my mouth. Most native animals that try to eat me will die because I have toxin in my skin and glands.

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I am a fierce predator and I can hunt and kill up to 30 native animals in just one night. Together, my species kills millions of native animals every year.

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My poo can contain worms and diseases that could kill our *wongari* (dingoes).

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I take over the dunes, so native plants can't grow there anymore. That means no traditional food and medicine plants and no native habitat for animals.

## Stop the spread!

What are three ways you can come clean and go clean when visiting K'gari?

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