

## Biosecurity Assessment

Biosecurity related to the import of invasive or non-native species has been flagged by Natural Resources Wales and the Milford Haven Port Authority as a significant risk of this project to the wider Pembrokeshire SAC.

Seagrass Ocean Rescue has taken advice from Natural Resources Wales as to what are the appropriate steps to minimise this risk.

All seeds planted will be sterilised prior to planting to ensure no introduction of alien or invasive species and all sand used will be inert clean 'child's sand'.

No seagrass plant detritus or other seagrass material (e.g. shoot, rhizome or root) will be planted, only seeds together with the clean sand and the clean new hessian bags and rope will be planted out.

To prevent any contamination issues within Swansea bay, all seawater used within the seagrass aquaria will be treated prior to release to ensure that no invasive or alien species have the ability to escape if present.

All staff working on the project are maintaining a watchful eye for potential invasive or alien species with any of the collected seagrass material.