Fishing or doing water sports abroad?

Before use in Scotland ensure your equipment is not carrying the highly contagious *Gyrodactylus salaris* (Gs) parasite, which has the ability to wipe out freshwater salmon stocks.

What is the Gs Parasite?
The Gs parasite is a highly contagious bug that has devastated wild salmon stocks. The Gs parasite is not currently found in the UK and we want to keep it out of Scotland’s rivers.

Here’s what you need to do
To ensure your equipment is not contaminated, please take one of the following precautionary measures:
- Completely dry equipment (e.g. waders, fishing equipment, bags, canoes and windsurf gear) at the minimum temperature of 20°C for at least 2 days or
- Heat for at least 1 hour at above 60°C or
- Deep freeze for at least 1 day or
- Immerse in a solution* suitable of killing Gs for at least 10 minutes

*Virkon® Aquatic (1%), Wescodyne (1%), sodium chloride (3%), and sodium hydroxide (0.2%).

For more info go to: [www.gov.scot/gsbug](http://www.gov.scot/gsbug)