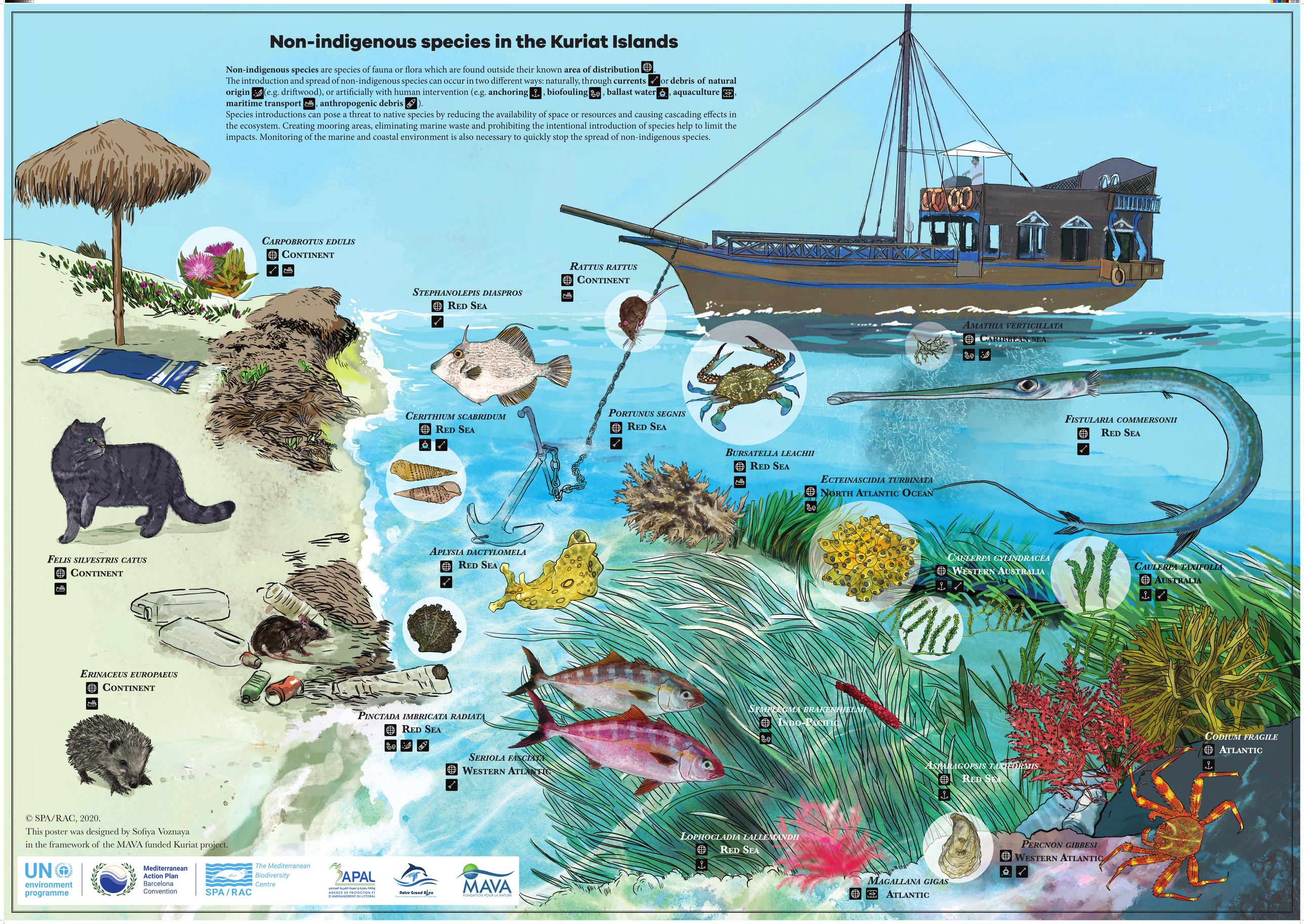
Non-indigenous species in the Kuriat Islands

Non-indigenous species are species of fauna or flora which are found outside their known **area of distribution**.
The introduction and spread of non-indigenous species can occur in two different ways: naturally, through **currents** or **debris of natural origin** (e.g. driftwood), or artificially with human intervention (e.g. **anchoring**, **biofouling**, **ballast water**, **aquaculture**, **maritime transport**, **anthropogenic debris**).
Species introductions can pose a threat to native species by reducing the availability of space or resources and causing cascading effects in the ecosystem. Creating mooring areas, eliminating marine waste and prohibiting the intentional introduction of species help to limit the impacts. Monitoring of the marine and coastal environment is also necessary to quickly stop the spread of non-indigenous species.



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