

# Conservation Coast

Predator control project (Issue 5 | September 2021)



Kia ora koutou, and welcome to our fifth quarterly newsletter - and boy do we have a lot to share!

This marks just over one year since our community predator control project kicked off in Black Swamp. A huge thank you to everyone who has become involved thus far, already we have removed a huge number of predators which can only be good news for our native wildlife! Welcome to our trappers in Tomarata - Te Ārai, it has been fantastic to see how many of you are already undertaking predator control in these communities.

With the expansion of efforts and the addition of new predator control zones, we are now going by the overarching name 'The Conservation Coast' to refer to our combined efforts.

This includes predator control being undertaken by the community at Black Swamp, Tomarata, - Te Ārai and Te Ārai Regional Park, and privately at Tara iti golf club, and the Te Ārai south precinct.

**Combined, this effort now consists of over 900 traps, 600 bait stations, and has removed over three thousand one hundred predators!**

This is a truly incredible result, and really shows the benefit of working together to protect our fantastic wild places.

I'm super excited to announce we now have a dedicated website [www.conservationcoast.org](http://www.conservationcoast.org)

Here you can find information on each of the predator control zones, the ecosystems and wildlife we are trying to conserve, how many predators have been removed, and links to Trap.NZ where you can record your catch data.

We also now have a Conservation Coast facebook page to help keep you up to date on our progress and activities.

[facebook.com/Conservationcoast](https://facebook.com/Conservationcoast)

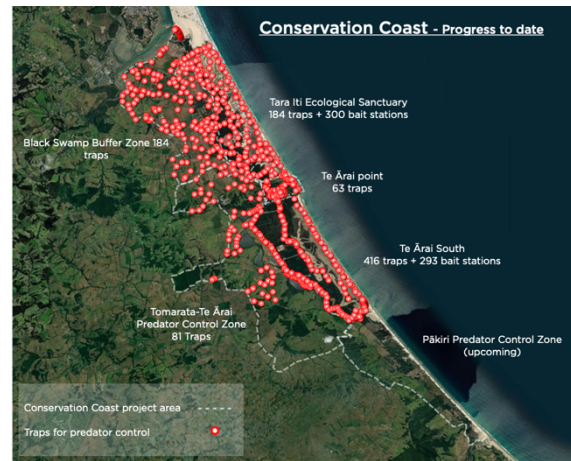


Breeding season has begun for our shorebirds such as these NZ dotterel and variable oyster catchers.





It's now breeding season - for our shorebirds, but also for invasive predators. If you're stuck at home with the current Covid-19 lockdowns - checking your traps is a great way to get outdoors and enjoy nature!

As always if you have any issues, questions or need assistance with trapping contact me any time. But for now, happy trapping, and thanks again for helping keep the wildlife in our community safe from invasive predators.

Ngā mihi nui, Alex.



Conservation Coast: To date over 900 traps have been installed, and 3,113 predators removed. This will help ensure the safety of our precious wildlife like Tara iti (NZ Fairy tern).

Predator Control Zones	 Mustelids	 Possums	 Hedgehogs	 Rats
Black Swamp Predator Control Zone	20	16	59	150
Tomarata - Te Ārai Predator Control Zone	1	9	-	8
Tara Iti Ecological Sanctuary	184	145	1080	261
Te Ārai regional Park	46	32	65	233
Te Arai South	43	210	230	57

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