

Conservation Coast

Predator control project (Issue 8 | June 2022)



Kia ora koutou, and welcome to the eighth edition of our quarterly update. This must mean we're about two years in to our predator control journey.

The Tomarata-Te Ārai Zone is now set up, adding another 200 traps to our ever-growing network. It's lovely to see everyone in the community so keen to help out and be involved!

We've also set up a trap line with the kids at Mangawhai Beach School, with very enthusiastic students catching two rats on their first check.

Speaking of rats; it been a particularly 'ratty' few months. Since March, 214 rats have been caught within the Conservation Coast. Some people have even reported catching rats within hours of setting their traps.

It's incredible to see what has been achieve by this collective effort, with over 1,000 traps set and over 4,500 predators removed to date!

Over the coming months we plan to complete our final expansion south into Pākiri, the final step in making our coastline a safe haven for our native plants and wildlife!



Students from Mangawhai Beach School off to set up their very own trapline!







The Grand total for pests removed by Conservation Coast participants currently sits at **4,523!**

If you haven't already, check out the Conservation Coast website and Facebook group (links below).

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.

Predator Control Zones	 Mustelids	 Possums	 Hedgehogs	 Rats
Mangawhai Predator Control Zone	5	5	20	23
Black Swamp Predator Control Zone	30	25	94	242
Tomarata - Te Ārai Predator Control Zone	17	44	15	73
Tara Iti Ecological Sanctuary	202	166	1265	320
Te Ārai regional Park	65	38	82	376
Te Arai South	72	419	401	154
Totals	373	678	1817`	1106

Over 4,500 predators have been removed!

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