

# Conservation Coast

Predator control project (Issue 9 | September 2022)



Kia ora, and welcome to our ninth quarterly update.

As the Conservation Coast continues to expand, we are now linking up to other fantastic landscape scale conservation projects. To the North we join Piroa-Brynderwys Landcare, and to the South, the Forest Bridge Trust.

Combined, these three projects equate to almost 90,000ha!

Predator control at this scale will be hugely beneficial for our native biodiversity, helping to protect and connect entire ecosystems and everything within – from Kiwi to Katipo.

It is exciting to see the pieces of the puzzle come together and what can be achieved when we all work together!

Continuing on the theme of collaboration, we are super excited to have kaitiaki from Te Uri O Hau coming onboard to help maintain the trap network.

Supported by the Shorebirds Trust, Te Uri O Hau have developed a strategic plan and are now tackling predator control throughout their rohe.

In the last quarter we have caught 464 predators; including 65 mustelids, 52 possum, 114 hedgehogs and 233 rats.

**This brings the grand total to 4,987 pests removed within the Conservation Coast!**







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If you are struggling to maintain your traps, need a refresher on how to set traps, or use Trap.NZ to record your catches please do get in touch, we are more than happy to help.

Until next time, 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

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