

Conservation Coast

Predator control project (Issue 11 | March 2023)

Kia ora koutou,

We hope you and your whanau have managed to stay safe and dry over the recent wild weather.

If you have been impacted by these events you may be eligible for recovery grants – Links below.

- [Individuals, groups, marae, and small business \(KDC\)](#)
- [Farmers/Farms](#)

It's been a challenging summer for all, including our native wildlife, with streams flooding, dunes eroding and forests succumbing to landslides.

This has also made checking traps difficult, with many unreachable and others lost completely. Nonetheless, together we still managed to remove 344 predators over the last quarter, including 51 mustelids, 26 possum, 109 hedgehogs and 132 rats.

This brings the grand total to 5,944 pests removed within the Conservation Coast!

We saw a good spike in stoat numbers, catching 25 since December – This really demonstrates the importance of trapping over the summer season. Remember to record your catch via [Trap.NZ!](#)

In exciting wildlife news, there have been reports of Korimako/bellbird spotted along the Mangawhai cliff walk (Bream Tail) recently. These Korimako are likely visiting from the Hen & Chickens, and may even start to recolonise the mainland with ongoing predator control in our community. Wouldn't that be a welcome addition to the dawn chorus.

Finally, welcome to the Mangawhai Golf Club and their members who have recently taken up the predator control challenge in their area!





Korimako may return to our communities with continued predator control



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	12	17	25	83
Black Swamp Predator Control Zone	68	31	140	371
Tomorata - Te Ārai Predator Control Zone	47	60	36	126
Tara Iti Golf Club Ecological Sanctuary	233	182	1320	363
Te Ārai Regional Park	79	59	96	482
Te Ārai South	93	474	495	229
Totals	532	823	2112	1654

Over 5,940 predators have been removed!



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