

Conservation Coast

Predator control project (Issue 12 | June 2023)



Kia ora koutou,

Winter may be upon us but it's all go within the Conservation Coast! Trap deployment in Pākiri is almost complete, and we are now gearing up for the final expansion into Mangawhai.

We're excited to be partnering with the Piroa Conservation Trust (PCT) for the Mangawhai Predator Control Zone, which means we can now also provide traps, training and advice in this area.

The PCT undertakes predator control from Mangawhai north through to Bream Bay. Collectively the PCT and Conservation Coast will be protecting biodiversity by undertaking predator control over 40,000ha!

We've now removed over 6,397 pests within the Conservation Coast!

We caught over 530 predators during the last quarter, including 67 mustelids, 37 possum, 129 hedgehogs and 298 rats!

For many residents in the Blackswamp area, your traps will be due for a service, and we will be in touch soon to organize this. One thing I've noticed this winter is an invasion of snails under the trap pad, stopping the trap from triggering. If you haven't caught anything in a while - it may be worth checking.

Here's a video showing how to remove snails you're your trap www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tvvk_KYWOEs

With so many people trapping now, we kindly ask that you also record when you don't catch anything. Please record your catch via www.trap.nz or send through via text or email.

Finally, we are super excited to have Te Uri O Hau's expert trapping team helping with trap Maintenance in Blackswamp from August. We look forward to introducing you to Shaun and the team in the coming months.





Welcome Shaun from Te Uri o Hau's Predator Control Team



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
Pākiri Predator Control Zone	3	0	0	4
Mangawhai Predator Control Zone	37	18	28	139
Black Swamp Predator Control Zone	74	31	152	430
Tomorata - Te Ārai Predator Control Zone	64	67	58	192
Tara Iti Golf Club Ecological Sanctuary	237	192	1360	369
Te Ārai Regional Park	87	62	116	546
Te Ārai South	97	490	527	272
Totals	599	860	2241	1952

Over 6,397 predators have been removed!



The Conservation Coast is a Shorebirds Trust project

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