

Conservation Coast

Predator control project (Issue 14 | December 2023)



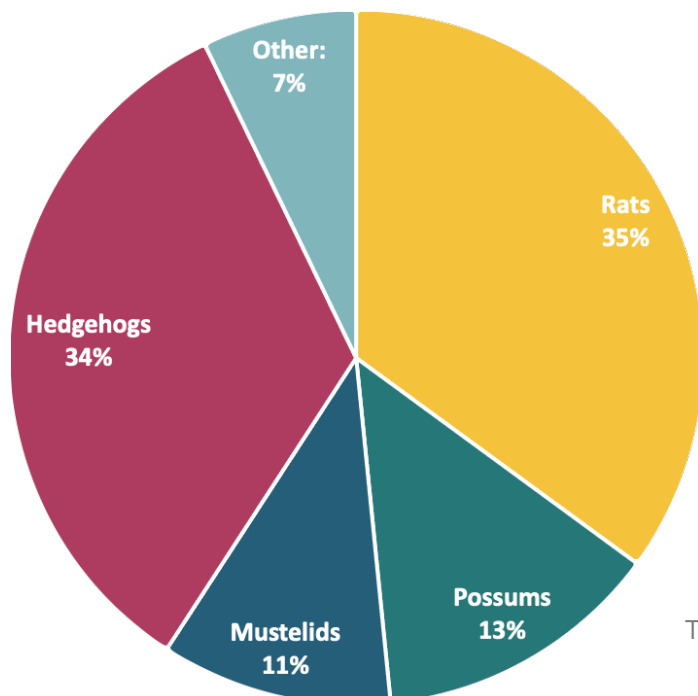
Kia ora koutou,

As 2023 comes to an end, it is inspiring to reflect on what has been achieved by our communities, their predator control efforts, and just how far this project has grown since its inception.

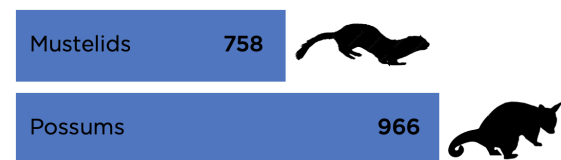
The first traps were set up in the Blackswamp community in June 2020, and since then over 800 predators have been removed from the area.

Next was the Tomorata-Te Ārai community, where traps instillation started in 2021, and now 500 predators have been caught.

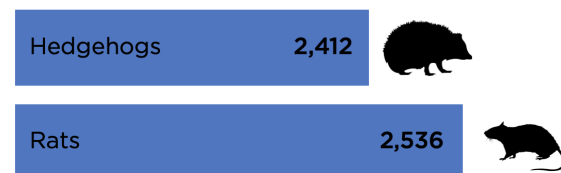
This year predator control has expanded south along the coast to Pākiri with 52 pests already removed. Expansion has also continued in Mangawhai, with existing neighborhood trapping groups adding their efforts to the Mangawhai tally, and new neighborhood groups and individuals also taking up the challenge.



In addition to the communities work, DOC, Auckland Regional Parks and the golf courses have also been enhancing their trap networks.



Collectively, We've now removed over 7,165 predators within the Conservation Coast!



A huge thankyou goes out to all of you undertaking backyard trapping, and to those volunteering to maintain traplines in our public spaces. Combined, our efforts are protecting around 10,000 ha, making it a safer place for our wildlife to flourish.





Enjoy the summer and keep up the amazing mahi. We're excited to see what's to come in the new year!

Ngā mihi nui, Alex.

Trap catch within the Conservation Coast

If you need a hand maintaining 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.

Predator Control Zones	 Mustelids	 Possums	 Hedgehogs	 Rats
Pākiri Predator Control Zone	25	0	4	23
Mangawhai Predator Control Zone	60	73	66	315
Black Swamp Predator Control Zone	79	36	161	533
Tomorata - Te Ārai Predator Control Zone	99	78	65	287
Tara Iti Golf Club Ecological Sanctuary	250	204	1411	404
Te Ārai Regional Park	106	62	120	597
Te Ārai South	108	505	547	343
DOC Reserves	31	8	38	34
Totals	758	966	2412	2536

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