

NZ KIWI FOUNDATION – Charitable Trust

A Pest-free North of Auckland – Can we do it?

The NZ Kiwi Foundation (see background overleaf) is carrying out research into the exciting possibility of establishing a pest-free zone that encompasses the entire North of Auckland area. Part of this research is a stocktake of what bait/toxins and traps are currently being used, what animals are controlled, and how much this is costing community groups and agencies.

Your contribution of this information is extremely important, and would be MOST appreciated!

Where do you fit in? What are the benefits of this project?

This information will be used to get a better understanding of pest management activities in the North of Auckland area. This knowledge can contribute to improved pest management strategies toward conservation and protection of biodiversity from Auckland to Cape Reinga, and for more effective and efficient use of pest management resources.

We are asking community groups and agencies to share information on: the types of toxins that are used and for which target pests; the amounts of toxins; the costs of the toxins; as well as information on the types and number of traps used by your group. This is the first inventory of its kind to be done in New Zealand.

This information will be used to produce a research report, of which you will be sent a copy. This report will inform future efforts for pest management in the North of Auckland area. It will also provide a reference point for understanding the wider pest management picture within this region.

We understand that this request is out of the ordinary and may require some effort to fulfil. We appreciate your cooperation with this research. I hope you share the desire of the NZ Kiwi Foundation to protect our national icon and our indigenous biodiversity: your assistance with this request and with our project has the potential to help ensure its future. As some recognition of this effort, we are giving \$40 worth of petrol vouchers for each group that participates!

None of this information will individually identify your group.

You will receive an update about the research project by early May, which will include your petrol vouchers. You will be kept in touch with the project, through other monthly updates.

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1. Name of group:
2. Postal address:
3. Telephone:
4. Email:
5. Name of person being interviewed:
6. Objectives/aims of group or organisation:

7. Size of group's area of pest management in hectares (one hectare = c.2.43 acres)

8. Geographical site of pest management (please indicate on map or explain boundaries in words)

9. Annual budget turnover, e.g. 06/07- 07/08 (This information can be extracted from annual accounts. The information will be kept private, and is voluntary - it gives us an idea of the scale of the organisations working on pest management in the region.)

Questionnaire:

Below is a list of baits/toxins that are currently available in New Zealand (both the trade names and active ingredients).

Pestoff, Final, Talon (Brodifacoum based)
Ditrac, RatAbate (Diphacinone based)
Racumin, No Rats (Coumatetralyl based)
Rid Rat Super Contrac (Bromadioline based)
Pindone pellets (Pindone based)
Cyanara, Wonderlure, Feratox (Cyanide based)
Feracol, Decal, Campaign (Cholicalciferol based)
Any 1080 based products
Any phosphorus based products

If you have any other baits/toxins that you have used please list/mention these (at the bottom of the questionnaire).

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1. Toxin inventory:

Bait/Toxin:
Target Animal(/s):
Amount bought in a 365-day period (and which year)
Cost: \$
Geographical area (approximately):

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2. Traps owned/used by your organisation

(please write a number next to it):

Traps/Bait station	Number
Single No.6 Fenn and cover:	
Double No.6 Fenn and cover:	
SA cat trap:	
Connebear cat trap:	
DOC 150	
DOC 200:	
Timms:	
Cat live capture trap:	
DOC 250:	
Tunnel trap (Fenn built-in tunnel):	
Dog/pig cage:	
Warrior (possum trap)	

3. Toxin Application:

Approximate volunteer hours and paid hours used in animal pest control in a given year?

Include all preparation, set-up, bait/toxin application and trapping work.

Voluntary:

Paid:

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What are your thoughts around the use of baits/toxins and their effectiveness in controlling animal pests? E.g., What role do toxins play in controlling animal pests for your project? What would be the effect of broader toxin use?

Would you use toxins if there were an economic alternative? Please explain if you wish.

Would you be interested in participating in a focus group or interview about these issues?
(Circle one)

Yes

No

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Kiaora! Thank you kindly for participating.

To return survey:

Email: Send this document to: hosefino@gmail.com

Postal: Send physical copy of this survey to 80a Victoria Road, Devonport, Auckland 1309. For any assistance with filling out the survey or to complete the survey over the phone, please call Jo Newman on 027 216 7611 (I can call you back to save costs).

What is the New Zealand Kiwi Foundation?

The NZ Kiwi Foundation is a non-profit organisation dedicated to conserving biodiversity and encouraging the protection of indigenous habitat in the Far North. Our aim is to assist private landowners and community groups to protect their kiwi by helping them to understand our national icon and by establishing and supporting pest control on their land. Currently the Kiwi Foundation covers an area from Whangarei to Cape Reinga, with projects on approximately 16,000 hectares of private land.

Pest-free North of Auckland Project:

There are three parts to this research project:

1. Demonstration areas where the control processes will be implemented and monitored. Purpose is to establish whether mammal pest control can be achieved within an urban and rural context and at relatively low cost per area unit
2. Research to scope the possibility of controlling mammal pests north of Auckland. Purpose is to determine the possibility of creating a Pest-free region north of Auckland.
3. Translocation of indigenous avifauna back to Northland. Purpose is to demonstrate one of the ecological benefits of the pest-free project.

Find out more: See our website www.kiwifoundation.org.nz

If you have any questions or need any more information, please don't hesitate to contact me on hosefino@gmail.com or 027 216 7611.

To contact the convener of the Kiwi Foundation, Greg Blunden: email: greg@kiwifoundation.org.nz.