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46 Sep -02	12	Auckland Island	Auckland Island:..eradication..for pig looks like a combination of poison, shooting, leg hold traps, and lastly dogs. For cats a combination of the same methods (as for pig), but probably using the same toxin in a different bait.
52 Mar -04	28	Raoul Island	Raoul and Macauley Islands..mid 1830's Europeans attempted to settle on Raoul, and it was probably at some stage around then that cats were introduced..In July 2002 two Bell 205 (Iroquois) helicopters flew up to Raoul and were used to apply Pestoff 20R to the entire island. Twice. The objective was to eradicate both species of rat, and most (though hopefully all) of the cats through secondary poisoning. Since then, laying of 1080 bait and trapping may have resulted in the eradication of cats. The last cat to be trapped was in the middle of last year.
46 Sep -02	2	Auckland	the number of pateke counted in the management area of Okiwi Basin has increased by 30% since last year. Management is continuing this year with the dedication of Craig Mabey who trapped 23 cats in 21 trap nights in July
45 Jun -02	7	Bay of Plenty	Kiwi: Ohope Scenic Reserve. Forty seven stoats and 10 cats were trapped in the reserve.
45 Jun -02	7	Bay of Plenty	NZ Dotterel: Matakana:.. reports trapping 50 cats, 21 stoats, 237 possums, 36 rats, 115 mice and 1 dog on the island.
48 Apr -03	11	Canterbury	white-flipped penguin: At Flea and Stony bays, two neighbouring farmers have trapped cats and ferrets in the penguin colonies on their properties for several years. In 2001 Akaroa DOC staff set up a trapline (containing 89 Fenn and Timms traps) protecting 1150 hectares on the ridges surrounding both colonies. The traps are open year round and have caught numerous cats, ferrets and stoats. The landowners still have their traps inside the DOC trapline, but have commented that the catch rate of predators has dropped significantly.
44 Apr-02	24	Chatham Islands	taiko: The number of cats caught in and around the Tuku Nature Reserve this year is considerably less than for the last two years, possibly due to a combination of wet weather, and the high number of cats previously removed (over 160 in the last two years).
45 Jun-02	19	Chatham Islands	taiko: Two cats have been caught in cage traps near the breeding burrows since the chicks started to emerge, showing how crucial it is to maintain trapping pressure throughout the full breeding season.
43 Dec-01	9	East Coast/Hawke's Bay	Weka are surviving within the enclosure, but considerable on-going effort is required to control cats and mustelids
53 Jun -04	8	East Coast/Hawke's Bay	Boundary Stream: intensive trapping restricts mustelids and cats to outside the reserve boundaries
39 Dec-00	14	Otago	<i>Giant skinks</i> : The predator control pressure at MacCraes is finally starting to have an impact with cat and ferret totals caught this year being substantially lower than last year. Overall we have removed at least 138 cats, 161 ferrets, 26 rats, 13 stoats, and 17 weasels from about 700 ha of tussock grassland. This achievement has taken the efforts of 1.5 full time people.
49 Jun -03	21	Otago	Giant skink protection: Predator trapping at Macraes Flat continues. Cat numbers have increased as a result of increased rabbit numbers. In the first year of trapping (1999) 100 cats were caught. In April 2003 "Rooster" the trapper caught 114 cats
46 Sep -02	11	Tuhua Island	Tuhua: Following the air drop of bait in 2000, there has been several follow up visits to look for rats and cats. The intention being to eradicate Norway rat and kiore by primary and for cats to all die from secondary poisoning. Sometimes with Scott Theobald and his dogs, or simply to run lines of snap traps and tracking tunnels for rats, and fish baited leg hold traps for cats.
50 Sep -03	16	Southland	A cat research project is about to get underway on Rakiura (Stewart Island). The Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust has underwritten a year of cat control and research looking into the impacts of cats on yellow-eyed penguins. This will involve monitoring nests in treatment and non-treatment areas, controlling cats at selected breeding locations, and attaching radio transmitters to 10 cats.

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51 Dec -03	17	Southland	Rakiura (Stewart Island)..So far 11 cats have been caught and collared. The aim is to see how many are killed during the possum control operation. This year the possum contractors are again using 1080 in bait bags. Cats have the potential to be killed by secondary poisoning after eating possums or rats that have eaten the bait. Feral cats feed mainly on rats, but opportunistically feed on native birds. Studies so far have shown a small proportion of native birds in the cat's diet. However, this may sadly be a reflection of the low number of native birds and high incidence of rats within these areas. Cats also eat lizards and invertebrates. This project ties in with a major study being initiated by the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust to investigate the impact of cats on Rakiura's yellow-eyed penguin population.. hoiho may slowly be disappearing from Rakiura. Cats are suspected of playing a role here, possibly killing chicks before they leave the nest. The Trust is also going to trap cats around some of the colonies, to see if this will increase penguin breeding success. If cats are a major killer of penguins, then the possum control operations using ground based 1080 may give these penguins a year of respite
54 Sep -04	15	Southland	The Southern New Zealand dotterel population has increased from 60 birds in 1993, to 200 in 2004 .. This population growth rate is a direct result of the continuing cat control
50 Sep -03	4	Waikato	pateke: Port Charles, Coromandel: This joint effort between DOC, Ducks Unlimited, the Brown Teal Conservation Trust and the local community includes large areas of cat and stoat control, and the release site is surrounded by the Moehau Kiwi Sanctuary predator control area..Four birds have been lost to predation: one likely to a dog, and the others to a cat(s).
55 Dec -04	4	Waikato	pateke: Port Charles: No cats have been caught for the last two months, and the cat control now covers the whole Port Charles catchment (nearly 3000 ha)
37 Jun -00	13	Wellington	Chatham Island oystercatcher recovery..In the managed territories 25 chicks fledged and reached independence from 16 pairs, and in the unmanaged territories no chicks fledged from 12 pairs..predation events..recorded on video in unmanaged territories – 2 clutches of eggs were predated by a cat..The predator control regime focused on trapping which yielded 51 cats, 719 weka, 61 possums, 44 rats (despite not targeting rats), and 41 hedgehogs over 5 months
37 Jun -00	14	Wellington	taiko: The survival of all 6 hatched chicks through to fledging was thanks to the extremely determined effort put in by field staff to protect the breeding burrows from cats, possums, weka, and rats. A total of 92 cats was trapped from around the taiko burrows this season.
39 Dec-00	9	Wellington	taiko: Cat trapping has been underway in the area since September, and 25 cats have been caught so far. Early indications are that there are high rat numbers in the areas, so lots of work will be needed controlling them around breeding burrows.