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			9. Possum Trapping Quotes
47 Dec -02	1		Tararu Valley Conservation Trust is a community conservation effort which aims to restore a small and long time neglected patch of rainforest. The 1100 acre catchment..contains a large stand of swamp maire (<i>Syzygium maire</i>), Hochstetter's frog, and old forest remnants including large rata and kauri. Volunteers have been creating track lines and setting out possum traps since spring 2001 and in started using Fenn MK6 traps in February 2002.
45 Jun -02	7	Bay of Plenty	NZ Dotterel: With only 4 banded adults left on Matakana it has become very difficult and frustrating to identify individuals and to determine where the unbanded adults and juveniles go at the end of the breeding season. Witana Murray reports trapping 50 cats, 21 stoats, 237 possums, 36 rats, 115 mice and 1 dog on the island.
43 Dec-01	9	East Coast/ Hawke's Bay	kiwi: Whinray Ecological Trust has been busy applying to various trusts and other organisations for funding. Their immediate aim is to carry out possum control on private farmland surrounding the reserve to reduce the rate of re-invasion. Traps and bait stations have been purchased and it is hoped the trust can employ a trapper within the next two months. The Department removed 3,200 possums from the 430-hectare block during autumn 2001. The trust aims to work with DOC to keep possum numbers at a 2-3% Residual Trap Catch both within and outside the reserve
53 Jun -04	8	East Coast/ Hawke's Bay	Boundary Stream: Rat and possum numbers are maintained at zero, and intensive trapping restricts mustelids and cats to outside the reserve boundaries
36 Apr-00	12	Tongariro/ Taupo	<i>Pittosporum turneri</i> (FBI) monitoring was established at Kuratau clearing in November 1999. Many adult plants now occur at this site and the seed set from last year was especially prolific. Some possum damage was apparent, and increased control will be investigated next financial year. A visit was made to another population which occurs on the privately owned Lochinver Station in the Headwaters of the Ripia River. In contrast to the Kuratau site, plants found here were heavily possum browsed. Twenty-three large trees were banded in the hope that seed will be produced in a few years. The long-term aim is to establish a population within a nearby conservation area. Good adult foliage and fruiting has also been recorded in the managed Erua Sanctuary and Tongariro Forest sites this year. This is a credit to the hard work of a succession of possum hunters over the past 5 years.
44 Apr-02	9	Tongariro/ Taupo	Four months after an effective possum and rat knock-down by a 20,000-ha aerial 1080 operation over Tongariro Forest, stoats reappeared in the centre of the forest and began killing kiwi chicks. So far five of the 11 chicks have been predated, and all in the centre of the treatment area. Surviving kiwi chicks are being left in the wild in the hope that stoat density will not recover quickly enough to make their fate certain. Unfortunately only one of the 11 monitored chicks hatched early enough in the season to get the full benefit of the aerial knock-down. Its September hatch date has allowed it to reach well over 1000 grams now, so it is relatively safe from re-invading stoats. It is hoped that other unmonitored chicks from this same early (first clutch) cohort have also benefited as only 12 of an estimated 40 breeding pairs currently carry radio transmitters in the Sanctuary. However, all other monitored chicks hatched after November are still at risk. Rodent numbers remain surprisingly low, with the same tracking index recorded in February as in December (< 2.0%).
47 Dec -02	8	Tongariro/ Taupo	A community group at Pukawa has recently started controlling possums and rats around Pukawa Township, in addition to DOC possum control in the scenic reserves.
37 Jun -00	13	Wellington	Chatham Island oystercatcher recovery: 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	Six taiko chicks have successfully fledged this season.. 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

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39 Dec-00	8	Wellington	Chatham Island oystercatcher:..Twenty-two cats, 166 weka, 13 possum, and various others (harriers, hedgehogs, etc), have been caught in the two managed areas.
42 Oct -01	10	Wellington	The Mount Bruce forest (1000 ha) restoration project is underway. Track cutting has commenced and predator control will begin once completed. Possums, rats, mustelids, cats, goats will all be targeted.