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54 Sep -04	1		For almost 50 years there has been daily predator trapping at Taiaroa Head, on the Otago Peninsula. The benefits of such a long term investment can be seen today, with over 10,000 seabirds now using this distinctive headland as a breeding site. Earlier this year a weasel was caught in a trap at Taiaroa Head, this is only the second one caught on the headland
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53 Jun -04	4	Waikato	Ten [kiwi] chicks have died this season; five from suspected mustelid (stoat or weasel) predation..This is a much higher death rate than in previous years, despite the predator trapping catching significantly fewer stoats and extending the trapping network. We have caught more weasels, however, and they may be responsible for some of the predation.

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48 Apr -03	11	Canterbury	whiteflipped 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.
37 Jun -00	10	East Coast/ Hawke's Bay	Trapping for mustelids has been supplemented with a purpose designed poison egg/trap box, which delivers 1080 injected hen eggs for stoats and a Diphacinone Ferret paste.
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