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1. Introduction

This report summarises the results of the first five year cycle in the Terrestrial Biodiversity State of the Environment (SoE) monitoring programme covering the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019. The Terrestrial Biodiversity SOE programme incorporates annual monitoring of terrestrial ecological integrity at sampling sites across the region.

This report details the results of terrestrial biodiversity monitoring undertaken at 19 sites in 2014/2015; 17 sites in 2015/2016; 25 sites in 2016/2017; 26 sites in 2017/2018 and 29 sites in 2018/2019. It is not the intention to provide an in-depth discussion of results, conclusions or implications in this report, as it is a data report only.

2. Overview of the terrestrial biodiversity SoE monitoring programme

A framework for monitoring terrestrial biodiversity by regional councils was developed nationally in 2011 (Lee and Allen 2011). The concept of 'ecological integrity' was agreed as the key indicator of ecological health. Ecological integrity is the full potential of indigenous biotic and abiotic features, and natural processes, functioning in sustainable communities, habitats, and landscapes (Lee et al. 2005). Ecological integrity is measured through determining the following three components:

- Species occupancy - are the species present that should be there?
- Indigenous dominance– are the key natural ecological processes being maintained by native biota?
- Ecosystem representation – are the full range of ecosystems in the region being maintained?

The Driver-Pressure-State-Impact-Response model provides a suitable framework for State of the Environment monitoring and reporting and has been recognised as a useful approach to indicator development and reporting worldwide. This model asks three fundamental questions:

- What are the pressures on the environment?
- What is the state of the environment?
- What is being done about these issues?

The following biodiversity indicators using the Driver-Pressure-State-Impact-Response model emerged as relevant for regional council biodiversity monitoring requirements in terrestrial ecosystems:

State and condition
1. Land under indigenous vegetation, and 2. Biodiversity condition

Threats and pressures
3. Weed and animal pests, 4. Habitat loss 5. Climate change

Effectiveness of policy and management
6. Biodiversity protection, 7. Pest management and 8. Ecosystem services

Community engagement
9. Protection and restoration, and 10. Weed and pest control

Some biodiversity indicators can be measured using GIS layers (e.g. changes in indigenous land cover) or by gathering existing data (e.g. the number of care-groups involved in pest control), but other information requires the collection of data from the field. This annual data report relates to field data collected annually during the summer months, but it is to be noted that the indicators being measured and reported here are part of the wider indicator framework detailed above.

2.1 Monitoring objectives

The aim of the Terrestrial Biodiversity SOE monitoring programme is to measure the state and trend of ecological integrity across the Wellington region. The monitoring described here is aims to monitor:

1. the state of biodiversity as reflected in the structure and composition of the vegetation, and avian community, and

2. the pressure by weeds and animal pests based on their regional distribution and local abundance, and

3. the effectiveness of pest management based on the abundance (richness, basal area and density) of indigenous plants susceptible to introduced herbivores and the abundance of indigenous bird guilds (herbivores, insectivores and ground dwelling) that are susceptible to introduced herbivores and carnivores.

This data report provides information from the first four years of fieldwork. The state of the ecological integrity of the region will be reported after the fifth year of data collection completes the measure of plots across the region. Subsequent monitoring will then begin to re-measure sites, allowing trends to be examined.

2.2 Monitoring network

The monitoring network is based on an 8km x 8km national grid of points, 126 of which fall in the Wellington region (Figure 2.1). The 8km x 8km grid was set up to inform the national Land Use and Carbon Accounting System (LUCAS) maintained by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE). The Department of Conservation (DoC) subsequently adopted the grid as the basis for their Tier I Biodiversity Monitoring and Reporting System (BMRS). Vegetation, birds and pest animals are sampled by DoC on the 8km x 8km grid on public conservation land (PCL).

In the Wellington region, MfE and DoC monitor 50 of the 126 potential monitoring sites. Greater Wellington has agreements with those agencies to use their data and aims to monitor the remaining 76 sites over a five-year period (see Figure 2.1). Greater Wellington is also monitoring birds and pests at LUCAS sites that are not located on PCL, as MfE only records the vegetation at non-PCL sites that it monitors.

In the first season of the GWRC sampling programme (2014/2015), 19 sites were monitored (4 DoC, 2 LUCAS and 13 GWRC), with access refused to two private land sites. In the second season (2015/2016), 17 sites were monitored (3 DoC, 3 LUCAS and 11 GWRC), with access refused to six private land sites. The Department of Conservation also sampled the vegetation at an additional site (CS100) for LUCAS in year two, but the birds and pests were only sampled at this site by GWRC in the third year. This site has been counted in the third season of the GWRC sampling programme. In the third season (2016/2017), 25 sites were monitored (8 DoC, 4 LUCAS and 13 GWRC), with access refused to one private land site. In the fourth season (2017/2018), 26 sites were monitored (5 DOC, 1 LUCAS and 20 GWRC), with access refused to one private land site. Due to LUCAS changing from a five year to a ten year

monitoring cycle, GWRC had to monitor one additional LUCAS site in season two and four LUCAS sites in season four (included in the totals above) to ensure that they were monitored within GWRC's five year monitoring cycle. In the fifth season (2018/2019), 29 sites were monitored (5 DOC and 24 GWRC) with no refusals. This brought the total to 116 sites monitored in the region, with 10 sites refused access and one site falling in the middle of Lake Wairarapa and not being able to be relocated according to the protocol.

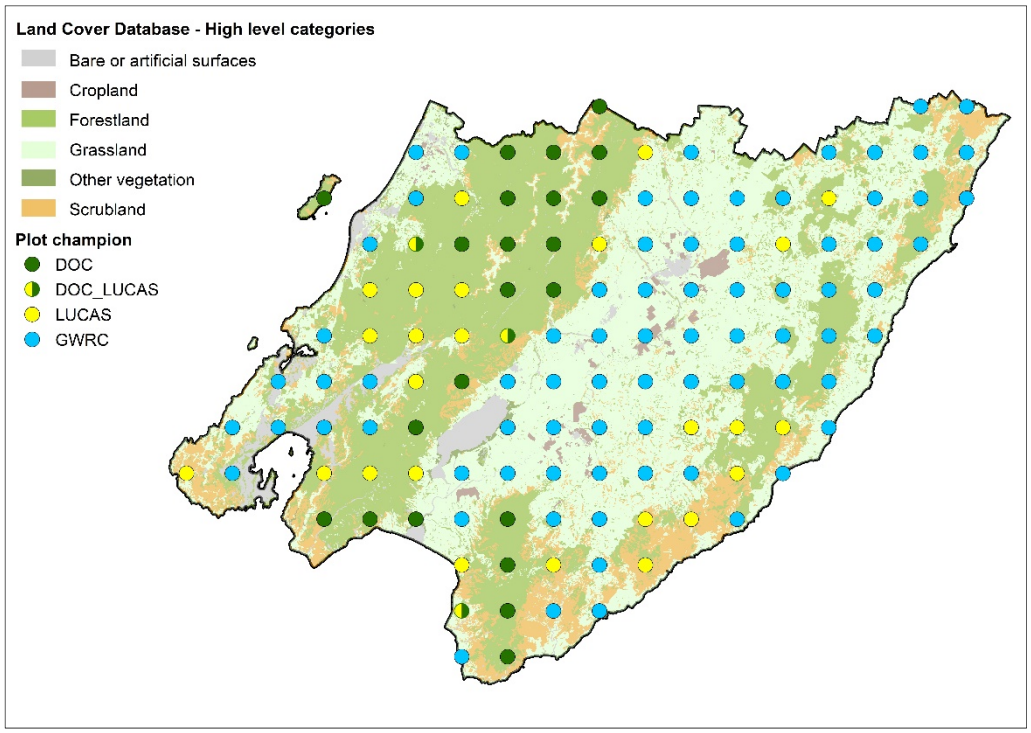

Figure 2.1: Sampling points on the national 8 x8 km national grid

2.3 Monitoring variables

Vegetation, birds and pest animals were monitored at each of the monitoring sites on the 8km x 8km grid. Sites were sampled as shown in Figure 2.2 following DoC monitoring procedures (Department of Conservation 2016a, 2016b). The monitoring methodology is outlined below with further detail provided in Appendix A. An example of a field layout is shown in Figure 2.3.

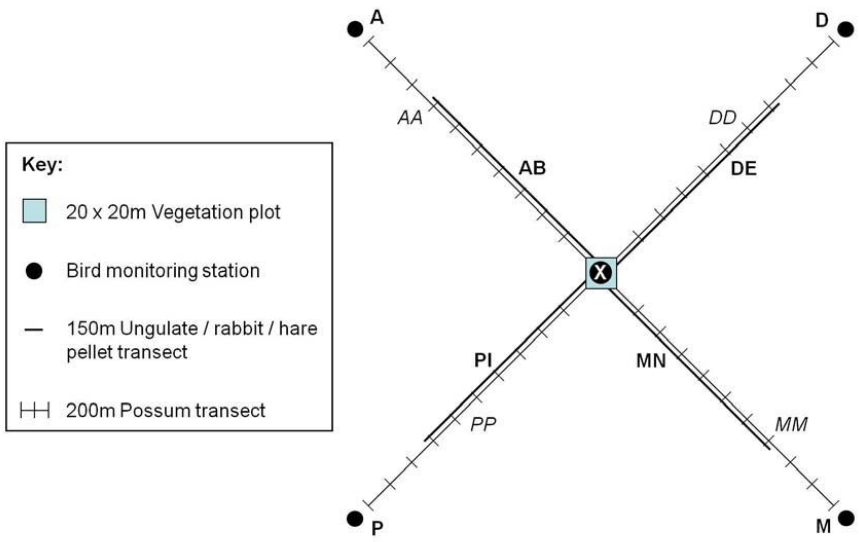

Figure 2.2: Monitoring layout for vegetation, pests and birds at each monitoring point

2.3.1 Vegetation

The number and types of plant species (composition) and structure (different growth stages) of all vegetation was recorded in different height tiers within a 20m x 20m plot.

2.3.2 Birds

Bird counts were conducted at five stations at each site (one near the plot and the other four at 220m away, at locations that radiate out from the corners of the plot). Two sets of five minute bird counts were completed, the second count including a distance measurement between the count station and the birds recorded.

Figure 2.3: Example of plot layout in a production landscape

2.3.3 Pests

Possums, deer, goats, rabbits and hares were monitored at each site. In the first season (2014/2015) DoC used leg-hold traps for the possum transects. Greater Wellington used wax tags as most of the sites the council monitored were on farmland where leg-hold traps could not be used for fear of injuring livestock. Greater Wellington deployed the wax tags in the nearest possum habitat (i.e. wooded area) within a 500m radius of the plot. From the second season (2015/2016) both DoC and GWRC changed to monitoring possums using chew cards placed along 200m transects radiating from the corners of the plot. Greater Wellington continued its wax tag method in conjunction with the chew cards in the second season, but discontinued the use of wax tags from the third season (2016/2017), continuing with chew cards alone.

The presence of goats, deer, rabbits and hares was measured using pellet counts on transects that were established parallel to the possum monitoring transects. Greater Wellington recorded livestock dung and pellets separately to that of deer and goats, but these were combined in the ungulate counts by DoC.

3. Results

3.1 Vegetation

Of the 116 sites monitored in the Wellington region between the 2014/2015 to 2018/2019 field seasons, indigenous vascular plant species dominated the vegetation in plots monitored at 62 sites (53 percent). Exotic vascular plant species dominated the vegetation in plots monitored at 54 sites (47 percent) (Figure 3.1; Appendix B, Table B1). Twenty two sites (19 percent) had no exotic vascular species present in the plots monitored – these sites were mostly in the Tararua and Rimutaka Forest Parks. Eight sites (7 percent) had no indigenous vascular plant species present in the plots monitored – these sites were mostly in the farmlands of the central Wairarapa. Vascular plant species richness in the plots ranged from 15 to 121 species with an average of 49 species per plot (20m x 20m).

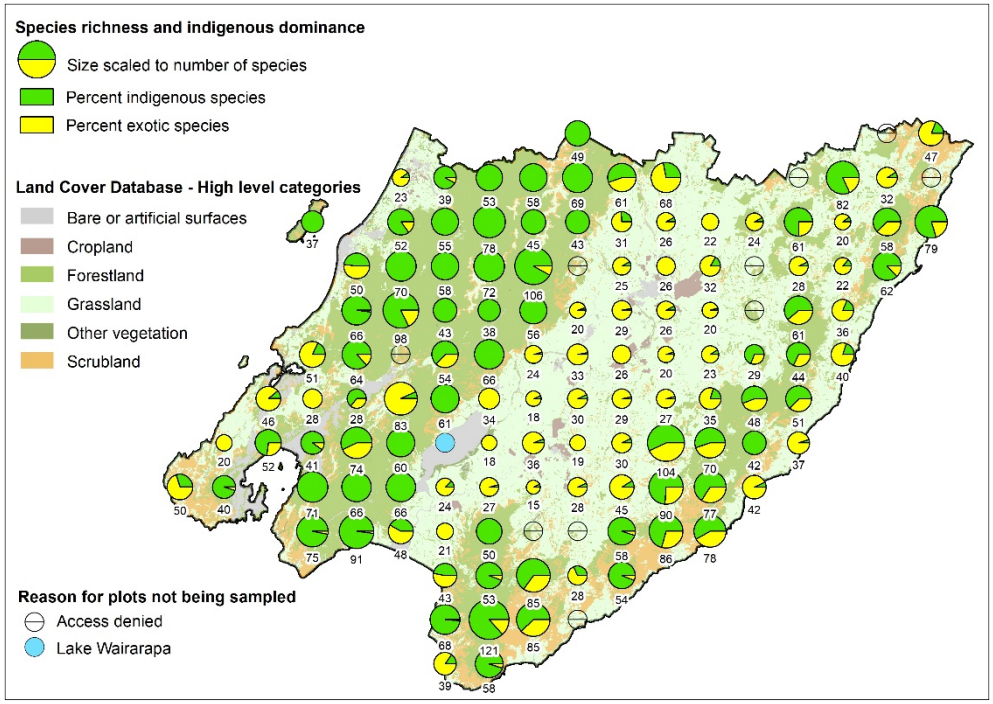

Figure 3.1: Plant species richness (numbers below points) and indigenous dominance in the plots (20m x 20m) monitored in the spring/summers of 2014/2015 to 2018/2019

3.2 Birds

Of the 116 sites where birds were monitored in the Wellington region during the 2014/2015 to 2018/2019 field seasons;

- 52 sites (45 percent) were dominated by indigenous bird species,
- 57 sites (49 percent) were dominated by exotic bird species, and
- 7 sites (6 percent) had equal numbers of indigenous and exotic species (Figure 3.2; Appendix B, Table B2).

The number of bird species encountered at each of the 116 sites ranged from five to 25 species with an average of 14 species per site. Two sites in the Tararua Forest Park and one site in the Rimutaka Forest Park had no exotic species present, but at least one exotic bird species was recorded at all the other sites sampled.

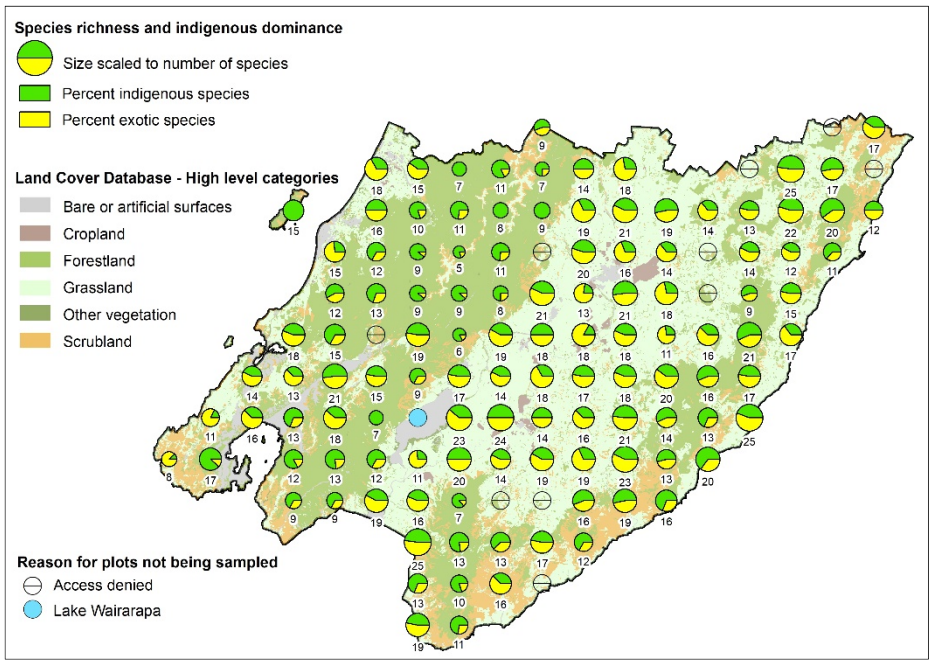

Figure 3.2: Bird species richness and indigenous dominance at the sites monitored in the spring/summers of 2014/2015 to 2018/2019

3.3 Possums

Possum densities were generally low, except for 12 of the 116 sites where bite marks were recorded on more than 20 percent of the monitoring devices (Figure 3.3, Appendix B, Table B3). Of the high possum density sites (>20% possum tracking), four were on production forest land; three were in indigenous vegetation on private land; two were on public conservation land; two were on sheep and beef farms and one was in an urban area.

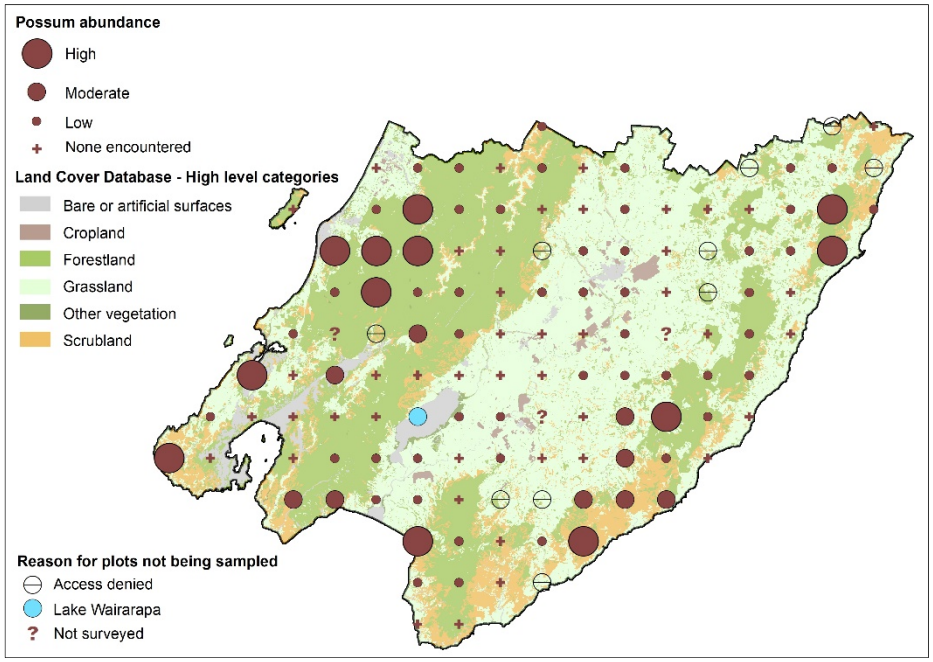

Figure 3.3: Density of possum recorded by chew cards, leg-hold traps and wax tags at the sites monitored in the spring/summers of 2014/2015 to 2018/2019 (High = ≥20%; Moderate = 10%-19%; Low = <10%)

3.4 Ungulates and lagomorphs

The highest frequencies of deer and goat pellets were recorded along the east coast with low numbers encountered across most of the region (Figure 3.4; Appendix B, Tables B4 and B5). Lagomorphs (rabbits and hares – 64/116 sites) and livestock (cattle and sheep – 68/116 sites) were both recorded from just over half of the sites monitored. Pigs were encountered at 31 of the 116 (27 percent) sites (Appendix B, Table B4).

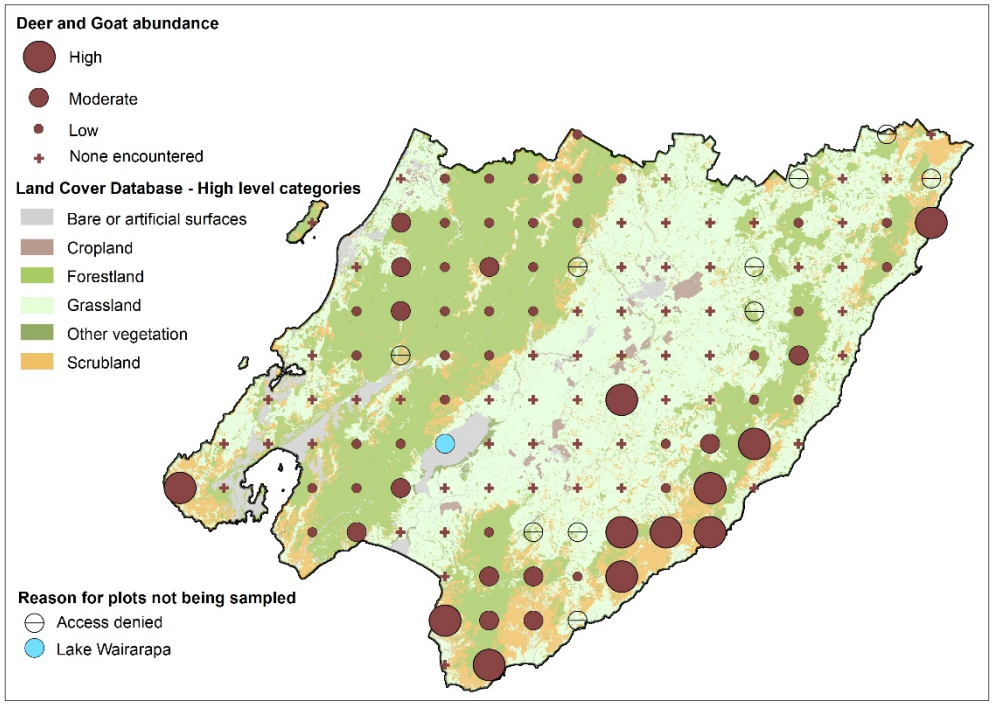

Figure 3.4: Numbers of quadrats with deer and goat pellets out of the 120 quadrats monitored at each site in the spring/summers of 2014/2015 to 2018/2019 (High = ≥20%; Moderate = 10%-19%; Low = <10%)

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Please note that although their main role is listed, most of the field team staff were involved in all measures.

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Appendix A: Sampling methods

A1. Vegetation

At each site the monitoring team established a permanently marked 20m x 20m vegetation plot, divided into 16 (5m x 5m) subplots (Figure A1). In each vegetation plot all the trees and tree ferns (>2.5cm Diameter at Breast Height [DBH]) were tagged and had their diameters recorded. The exception to this was in production forests, where trees were measured but not marked as there was a concern that marking trees could influence the management at the site. Saplings (>1.35m and <2.5m tall) were counted for each species in the plot. Circular understory plots (0.5m radius) were positioned half way along the boundaries of the subplots that lay within the 20m x 20m plot boundary. This gave 24 ($0.8m^2$) understory plots in which all species <1.35m tall were counted (Department of Conservation 2016a).

A2. Birds

Bird counts were conducted at five stations at each site, one at Point P (south western corner) of the 20m x 20m vegetation plot and the other four 20m off the ends of each of the possum monitoring transects as shown in Figure 2.2. This is a slight deviation from the DoC protocol where the count station at the plot is monitored from the centre of the plot, not the corner. This deviation was instituted to reduce disturbance to the plot and represents a difference of ~14m. This difference was not considered to be influencing the count given that birds are being recorded from a radius of ~200m. Bird counts were conducted as two sets of five minute counts at each count station, the distance to the bird being recorded in the second set of counts (Department of Conservation 2016b). Sets of counts were repeated twice at each station to record 10 five minute bird counts and 10 five minute distance bird counts at each site.

A3. Possums

Possum monitoring transects (each 200m long) were laid out at 45^o angles from each of the corners of the 20m x 20m vegetation plot (Figure A2). Ten chew cards were placed on trees or 5mm aluminium rods 20cm-30cm above the ground, starting 20m from the corner of the plot and spaced at 20m intervals along each of these four possum monitoring transects (i.e. 40 cards per site). The chew cards were constructed from a 9cm x 18cm rectangle made of 3mm white plastic coreflute, loaded with aniseed flavoured possum dough. In accordance with the DoC protocol, cards were left out for one dry night and the bite marks on cards identified to determine the relative abundance of pests (Department of Conservation 2016b).

Initially, DoC used leg-hold traps for possum monitoring. These were however not an option in production landscapes where livestock may be injured. DoC converted to chew cards at all sites in the 2016/2017 season as these were considered easier to deploy (Forsyth et al. 2015).

Greater Wellington used wax tags for possum monitoring in its first two seasons of monitoring, but also used chew cards in its second season. Greater Wellington discontinued using wax tags and continue with chew cards in its third season (2016/2017). The wax tags were not placed on the lines off the corners of the vegetation plot as per the protocol, but were run as four lines of ten wax tags each, spaced at 20m intervals, in the nearest wooded areas. Wax tag lines were not sampled if there were no wooded areas close by and fewer lines were sampled if there was not enough wooded

area in which to establish all four lines. The chew cards were used in all habitats. Although used primarily to monitor possums, the chew cards also recorded the presence of rats and mice.

Ungulates

Ungulate pellet density transects (each 150m long) were established parallel to the pest species transects off the corners of the vegetation plot, spaced 3.5m apart. These transects started at the next sub-plot corner clockwise around the vegetation plot from the possum monitoring transect (Figure A2). Each line consists of 30 quadrats, spaced at 5m intervals (i.e. 120 quadrats per site). Each quadrat had a 1m radius ($3m^2$) in which all ungulate dung pellets were recorded. Nested within this quadrat was an inner sub-quadrat with a 0.18m radius ($0.1m^2$) in which all hare and rabbit pellets were counted. In the first season the team realised that they could not reliably distinguish deer and goat pellets, so these have been combined in the monitoring results described here (Department of Conservation 2016b).

Site descriptions data were recorded with the intention of revisiting sites on a five year rotation.

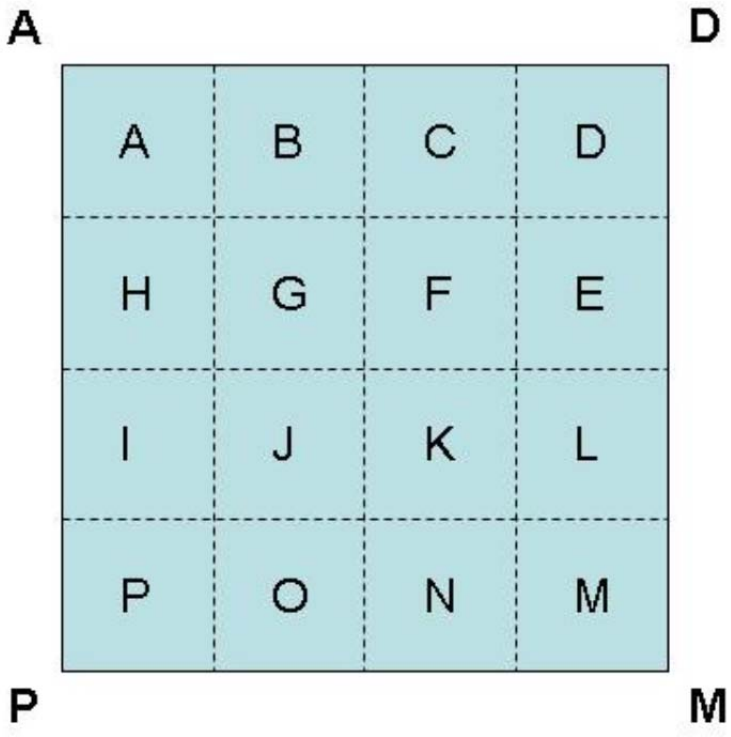

Figure A1: Outline of 20m × 20 m vegetation plot, illustrating the labelling system used to identify each corner of the plot and each of the 16 (5m × 5 m) subplots within it

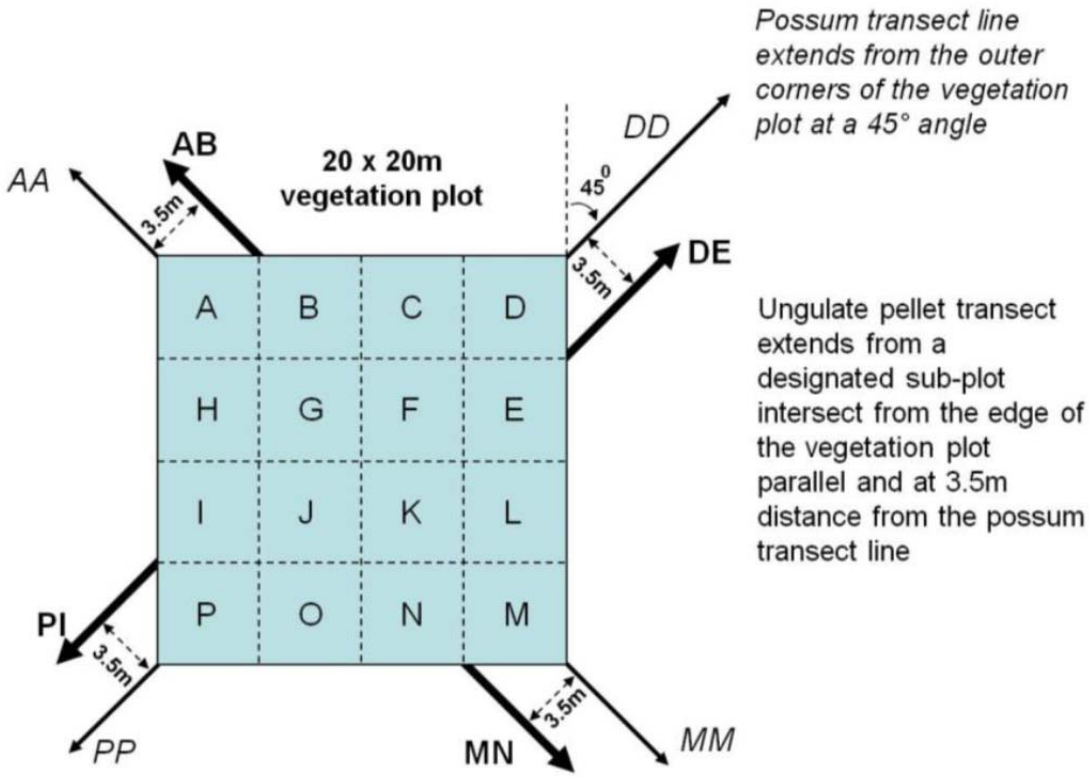

Figure A2: Location of possum transect lines in relation to pellet transects and the vegetation plot layout

Appendix B: Data tables

1. Vegetation

Table B1: Species richness and indigenous dominance of plant species monitored in 20m x 20m plots at each site

Plot ID	Indigenous species	Exotic species	Unknown species	Total species
CG101	15	35	0	50
CH100	0	20	0	20
CH101	38	2	0	40
CI99	5	41	0	46
CI100	38	14	0	52
CJ95	37	0	0	37
CJ98	9	42	0	51
CJ99	0	27	1	28
CJ100	37	4	0	41
CJ101	71	0	0	71
CJ102	73	2	0	75
CK96	24	26	0	50
CK97	65	1	0	66
CK98	55	8	1	64
CK99	18	10	0	28
CK100	42	32	0	74
CK101	66	0	0	66
CK102	89	2	0	91
CL94	2	20	1	23
CL95	44	8	0	52
CL96	70	0	0	70
CL97	80	18	0	98
CL99	6	77	0	83
CL100	60	0	0	60
CL101	66	0	0	66
CL102	19	27	2	48
CM94	36	3	0	39
CM95	55	0	0	55
CM96	58	0	0	58
CM97	43	0	0	43
CM98	34	20	0	54
CM99	61	0	0	61
CM101	3	21	0	24
CM102	0	21	0	21
CM103	20	23	0	43
CM104	66	1	1	68

Plot ID	Indigenous species	Exotic species	Unknown species	Total species
CM105	6	32	1	39
CN94	53	0	0	53
CN95	77	1	0	78
CN96	72	0	0	72
CN97	38	0	0	38
CN98	66	0	0	66
CN99	0	34	0	34
CN100	0	18	0	18
CN101	1	25	1	27
CN102	50	0	0	50
CN103	50	3	0	53
CN104	103	16	2	121
CN105	55	3	0	58
CO94	58	0	0	58
CO95	45	0	0	45
CO96	97	9	0	106
CO97	56	0	0	56
CO98	1	23	0	24
CO99	1	17	0	18
CO100	2	34	0	36
CO101	1	14	0	15
CO103	55	30	0	85
CO104	53	32	0	85
CP93	49	0	0	49
CP94	69	0	0	69
CP95	43	0	0	43
CP97	1	19	0	20
CP98	1	32	0	33
CP99	2	28	0	30
CP100	0	19	0	19
CP101	2	26	0	28
CP103	9	19	0	28
CQ94	33	27	1	61
CQ95	8	23	0	31
CQ96	2	23	0	25
CQ97	1	28	0	29
CQ98	0	26	0	26
CQ99	1	28	0	29
CQ100	2	28	0	30
CQ101	4	41	0	45
CQ102	55	3	0	58

Plot ID	Indigenous species	Exotic species	Unknown species	Total species
CQ103	51	3	0	54
CR94	19	49	0	68
CR95	2	24	0	26
CR96	0	26	0	26
CR97	2	24	0	26
CR98	1	19	0	20
CR99	1	26	0	27
CR100	59	45	0	104
CR101	67	23	0	90
CR102	60	25	1	86
CS95	0	22	0	22
CS96	5	26	1	32
CS97	1	19	0	20
CS98	2	21	0	23
CS99	7	28	0	35
CS100	38	31	1	70
CS101	50	26	1	77
CS102	45	33	0	78
CT95	2	21	1	24
CT98	20	9	0	29
CT99	27	21	0	48
CT100	42	0	0	42
CT101	3	39	0	42
CU95	46	15	0	61
CU96	2	26	0	28
CU97	37	24	0	61
CU98	30	14	0	44
CU99	32	19	0	51
CU100	2	35	0	37
CV94	67	15	0	82
CV95	2	18	0	20
CV96	3	19	0	22
CV97	7	29	0	36
CV98	8	32	0	40
CW94	3	29	0	32
CW95	36	22	0	58
CW96	54	8	0	62
CX93	9	38	0	47
CX95	63	16	0	79

2. Birds

Table B2: Species richness and indigenous dominance of bird species monitored in five minute bird counts at each site

Site	Indigenous species	Exotic species	Total species
CG101	1	7	8
CH100	9	2	11
CH101	15	2	17
CI99	8	6	14
CI100	6	10	16
CJ95	15	0	15
CJ98	8	10	18
CJ99	5	8	13
CJ100	9	4	13
CJ101	10	2	12
CJ102	6	3	9
CK96	11	4	15
CK97	7	5	12
CK98	5	10	15
CK99	10	11	21
CK100	7	11	18
CK101	10	3	13
CK102	6	3	9
CL94	6	12	18
CL95	8	8	16
CL96	4	8	12
CL97	9	4	13
CL99	7	8	15
CL100	7	0	7
CL101	8	4	12
CL102	11	8	19
CM94	6	9	15
CM95	8	2	10
CM96	8	1	9
CM97	1	8	9
CM98	10	9	19
CM99	6	3	9
CM101	8	3	11
CM102	7	9	16
CM103	13	12	25
CM104	4	9	13
CM105	9	10	19
CN94	0	7	7
CN96	4	1	5

Site	Indigenous species	Exotic species	Total species
CN95	3	8	11
CN97	1	8	9
CN98	1	5	6
CN99	8	9	17
CN100	9	14	23
CN101	10	10	20
CN102	6	1	7
CN103	10	3	13
CN104	8	2	10
CN105	8	3	11
CO94	9	2	11
CO95	8	0	8
CO96	8	3	11
CO97	6	2	8
CO98	11	8	19
CO99	6	8	14
CO100	12	12	24
CO101	8	6	14
CO103	8	5	13
CO104	6	10	16
CP93	5	4	9
CP94	5	2	7
CP95	9	0	9
CP97	12	9	21
CP98	9	9	18
CP99	6	12	18
CP100	7	7	14
CP101	8	11	19
CP103	8	9	17
CQ94	7	7	14
CQ95	13	6	19
CQ96	9	11	20
CQ97	10	3	13
CQ98	3	15	18
CQ99	8	9	17
CQ100	6	10	16
CQ101	6	13	19
CQ102	9	7	16
CQ103	8	4	12
CR94	7	7	14
CR95	12	9	21
CR96	5	11	16

Site	Indigenous species	Exotic species	Total species
CR97	10	11	21
CR98	8	10	18
CR99	8	10	18
CR100	10	11	21
CR101	7	6	13
CR102	9	10	19
CS95	10	9	19
CS96	5	9	14
CS97	5	13	18
CS98	8	3	11
CS99	8	12	20
CS100	8	6	14
CS101	7	6	13
CS102	5	11	16
CT95	5	9	14
CT98	10	6	16
CT99	7	9	16
CT100	9	4	13
CT101	13	7	20
CU95	6	7	13
CU96	8	6	14
CU97	5	4	9
CU98	12	9	21
CU99	8	9	17
CU100	11	14	25
CV94	12	13	25
CV95	12	10	22
CV96	7	5	12
CV97	7	8	15
CV98	6	11	17
CW94	8	9	17
CW95	8	12	20
CW96	4	7	11
CX93	7	10	17
CX95	6	6	12

3. Possums

Table B3: Number of devices that monitored possums, rats and mice from one night of trapping ("-" indicates that the site was not monitored using that technique)

Site	Leg-hold trap catch		Wax tag records				Chew card records			
	Possum	No. traps	Possum	Rat	Mouse	No. tags	Possum	Rat	Mouse	No. cards
CG101	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	2	2	40
CH100	1	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CH101	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CI99	-	-	14	0	1	40	-	-	-	-
CI100	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CJ95	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CJ98	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	40
CJ99	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CJ100	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CJ101	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	3	40
CJ102	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	0	40
CK96	-	-	21	4	1	40	-	-	-	-
CK97	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	0	40
CK98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CK99	-	-	4	1	0	39	0	0	0	40
CK100	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CK101	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	0	40
CK102	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	0	40
CL94	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CL95	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	0	40
CL96	11	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CL97	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	0	0	40
CL99	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CL100	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CL101	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	0	40
CL102	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	35
CM94	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	0	40
CM95	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	5	0	40
CM96	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	0	0	40
CM97	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	5	40
CM98	-	-	4	2	1	40	1	1	2	40
CM99	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CM101	-	-	1	0	0	20	-	-	-	-
CM102	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	40
CM103	-	-	8	8	8	40	2	0	2	40
CM104	1	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CM105	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40

Site	Leg-hold trap catch		Wax tag records				Chew card records			
	Possum	No. traps	Possum	Rat	Mouse	No. tags	Possum	Rat	Mouse	No. cards
CN94	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CN96	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	31
CN95	1	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CN97	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	40
CN98	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	40
CN99	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CN100	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CN101	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CN102	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CN103	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	3	39
CN104	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	1	40
CN105	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CO94	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	37
CO95	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CO96	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	5	0	40
CO97	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	40
CO98	-	-	0	1	3	40	0	2	0	40
CO99	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CO100	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CO101	-	-	3	0	0	20	-	-	-	-
CO103	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	40
CO104	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CP93	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CP94	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	40
CP95	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CP97	-	-	1	1	3	38	0	0	0	40
CP98	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CP99	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CP100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CP101	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CP103	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	40
CQ94	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CQ95	-	-	0	1	3	30	0	0	0	40
CQ96	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	40
CQ97	-	-	0	0	2	30	1	0	0	40
CQ98	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CQ99	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CQ100	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CQ101	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	40
CQ102	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	0	40

Site	Leg-hold trap catch		Wax tag records				Chew card records			
	Possum	No. traps	Possum	Rat	Mouse	No. tags	Possum	Rat	Mouse	No. cards
CQ103	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	0	0	40
CR94	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CR95	-	-	2	1	1	40	-	-	-	-
CR96	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CR97	-	-	0	0	6	30	0	0	0	40
CR98	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CR99	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CR100	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	0	0	40
CR101	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	0	40
CR102	-	-	7	0	1	40	-	-	-	-
CS95	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CS96	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CS97	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CS98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CS99	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CS100	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	0	0	40
CS101	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CS102	-	-	6	1	0	40	-	-	-	-
CT95	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CT98	-	-	0	1	7	40	0	0	1	40
CT99	-	-	3	0	0	40	0	0	0	40
CT100	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CT101	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CU95	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	40
CU96	-	-	1	0	0	20	0	0	0	40
CU97	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CU98	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	1	40
CU99	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	40
CU100	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CV94	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	2	40
CV95	-	-	0	4	7	30	1	1	2	40
CV96	-	-	1	0	4	40	-	-	-	-
CV97	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CV98	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CW94	-	-	2	1	2	40	0	0	0	40
CW95	-	-	14	2	0	40	-	-	-	-
CW96	-	-	11	4	2	40	-	-	-	-
CX93	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	40
CX95	-	-	1	0	3	40	-	-	-	-

Note: The number of traps, tags or cards monitored has been highlighted where the planned number (i.e. 40 quadrats) could not be sampled.

4. Ungulates

Table B4: Numbers of 3m² quadrats that pellets (intact or non-intact) were present in at each site

Site	Deer & Goats	Rabbits	Hares	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Quadrats sampled
CG101	60	1	1	0	1	17	120
CH100	0	26	10	0	106	0	120
CH101	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
CI99	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
CI100	0	3	0	0	0	0	120
CJ95	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
CJ98	0	4	1	11	108	0	120
CJ99	0	4	11	1	49	0	120
CJ100	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
CJ101	4	0	0	0	0	0	120
CJ102	4	0	0	0	0	0	109
CK96	0	0	0	6	1	0	120
CK97	1	0	0	0	0	0	120
CK98	2	2	0	0	0	2	120
CK99	0	0	0	0	0	20	120
CK100	4	15	4	2	24	0	120
CK101	6	0	0	0	0	0	120
CK102	17	0	0	0	0	4	120
CL94	0	2	0	34	0	0	120
CL95	12	0	2	0	0	1	120
CL96	17	0	0	0	0	0	120
CL97	13	0	1	6	0	1	120
CL99	0	6	3	18	18	1	120
CL100	10	0	0	0	0	0	120
CL101	19	0	0	0	0	2	120
CL102	0	1	1	0	0	0	115
CM94	4	0	0	0	0	0	120
CM95	1	0	0	0	0	2	120
CM96	8	0	0	0	0	0	120
CM97	9	0	0	0	0	0	120
CM98	1	8	0	33	0	3	120
CM99	10	0	0	0	0	4	120
CM101	0	0	2	36	82	0	120
CM102	0	0	0	40	71	0	120
CM103	0	0	1	15	49	0	120
CM104	42	0	0	0	0	0	120
CM105	0	8	6	2	105	0	120
CN94	4	0	0	0	0	0	120

Site	Deer & Goats	Rabbits	Hares	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Quadrats sampled
CN95	6	0	0	0	0	0	120
CN96	12	0	0	0	0	0	120
CN97	6	0	0	0	0	0	117
CN98	9	0	0	0	0	0	120
CN99	0	2	0	9	0	0	120
CN100	0	0	0	49	0	0	120
CN101	0	0	1	42	16	0	120
CN102	3	0	0	0	0	0	120
CN103	15	0	0	0	0	11	120
CN104	21	0	0	0	0	2	120
CN105	29	0	0	0	0	5	120
CO94	9	0	0	0	0	0	120
CO95	6	0	0	0	0	0	120
CO96	1	0	0	0	0	1	120
CO97	9	0	0	0	0	0	120
CO98	0	3	0	33	59	0	120
CO99	0	0	0	69	0	0	120
CO100	0	3	1	15	0	0	120
CO101	0	3	8	70	103	0	120
CO103	23	2	3	0	1	3	120
CO104	12	0	0	6	2	8	120
CP93	8	0	2	0	0	0	120
CP94	6	0	0	0	0	0	120
CP95	5	0	0	0	0	0	120
CP97	0	2	0	32	0	0	120
CP98	0	1	0	11	10	0	120
CP99	0	0	1	8	25	0	120
CP100	0	2	7	55	97	0	120
CP101	0	0	0	22	105	0	120
CP103	9	1	3	0	39	3	120
CQ94	3	0	9	31	13	0	120
CQ95	0	0	8	17	65	0	120
CQ96	0	7	0	0	83	0	120
CQ97	0	5	1	4	86	0	120
CQ98	0	0	0	26	32	0	120
CQ99	31	5	10	7	102	0	120
CQ100	0	5	12	27	71	0	120
CQ101	0	1	2	19	82	0	120
CQ102	51	1	3	0	0	3	120
CQ103	84	0	0	0	0	9	120
CR94	0	1	2	15	10	0	120

Site	Deer & Goats	Rabbits	Hares	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Quadrats sampled
CR95	0	2	3	85	0	0	120
CR96	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
CR97	0	19	17	36	0	0	120
CR98	0	0	3	14	96	0	120
CR99	0	7	0	43	100	0	120
CR100	2	0	0	0	5	0	120
CR101	1	0	1	14	41	0	120
CR102	33	1	3	0	18	2	120
CS95	0	10	7	21	102	0	120
CS96	0	1	2	0	106	0	120
CS97	0	0	0	1	83	0	120
CS98	0	0	0	45	81	0	120
CS99	0	0	0	31	6	0	120
CS100	13	11	22	22	51	5	120
CS101	40	1	3	4	0	17	120
CS102	36	0	0	5	17	3	120
CT95	0	7	28	51	87	0	120
CT98	4	0	4	0	0	0	120
CT99	6	0	3	0	0	1	120
CT100	33	0	1	0	0	20	120
CT101	0	13	1	33	22	0	120
CU95	4	0	0	0	3	2	120
CU96	0	0	2	20	8	0	120
CU97	9	0	25	0	0	6	120
CU98	12	0	13	0	0	14	120
CU99	1	3	1	12	37	0	120
CU100	0	0	0	0	36	0	120
CV94	0	1	0	6	45	0	120
CV95	0	0	9	47	92	0	120
CV96	0	12	16	10	115	1	120
CV97	0	2	3	25	93	0	120
CV98	0	0	5	17	41	0	120
CW94	0	7	25	19	103	0	120
CW95	3	0	0	2	9	0	120
CW96	10	0	0	0	0	0	120
CX93	0	8	0	11	57	0	120
CX95	45	0	1	0	10	7	120

Note: The number of quadrats monitored has been highlighted where the planned number (i.e. 120 quadrats) could not be sampled.

Table B5: Total number of individual intact pellets counted at each site for deer and goats in 3m² and rabits and hares in 0.1m²

Site	Deer & Goats	Rabbit	Hares	Quadrats sampled
CG101	1775	0	2	120
CH100	0	304	3	120
CH101	0	0	0	120
CI99	0	0	0	120
CI100	0	20	0	120
CJ95	0	0	0	120
CJ98	0	1	0	120
CJ99	0	5	3	120
CJ100	0	0	0	120
CJ101	211	0	0	120
CJ102	101	0	0	109
CK96	0	0	0	120
CK97	5	0	0	120
CK98	8	3	0	120
CK99	0	0	0	120
CK100	65	7	0	120
CK101	267	0	0	120
CK102	177	0	0	120
CL94	0	0	0	120
CL95	109	0	12	120
CL96	131	0	0	120
CL97	37	0	0	120
CL99	0	0	0	120
CL100	95	0	0	120
CL101	204	0	0	120
CL102	0	0	0	115
CM94	3	0	0	120
CM95	28	0	0	120
CM96	414	0	0	120
CM97	55	0	0	120
CM98	1	7	0	120
CM99	265	0	0	120
CM101	0	0	0	120
CM102	0	0	0	120
CM103	0	0	0	120
CM104	597	0	0	120
CM105	0	5	6	120
CN94	16	0	0	120
CN96	104	0	0	98

Site	Deer & Goats	Rabbit	Hares	Quadrats sampled
CN95	82	0	0	120
CN97	0	0	0	117
CN98	139	0	0	120
CN99	0	10	0	120
CN100	0	0	0	120
CN101	0	0	0	120
CN102	57	0	0	120
CN103	175	0	0	120
CN104	343	0	0	120
CN105	916	0	0	120
CO94	269	0	0	120
CO95	82	0	0	120
CO96	202	0	0	120
CO97	144	0	0	120
CO98	0	9	0	120
CO99	0	0	0	120
CO100	0	0	0	120
CO101	0	2	1	120
CO103	448	0	11	120
CO104	138	0	0	120
CP93	292	0	28	120
CP94	89	0	0	120
CP95	122	0	0	120
CP97	0	1	0	120
CP98	0	1	0	120
CP99	0	0	0	120
CP100	0	1	0	120
CP101	0	0	0	120
CP103	169	8	1	120
CQ94	5	0	5	120
CQ95	0	0	8	120
CQ96	0	0	0	120
CQ97	0	65	0	120
CQ98	0	0	0	120
CQ99	339	0	21	120
CQ100	0	2	17	120
CQ101	0	0	1	120
CQ102	525	0	0	120
CQ103	1806	0	0	120
CR94	0	0	0	120
CR95	0	0	0	120

Site	Deer & Goats	Rabbit	Hares	Quadrats sampled
CR96	0	0	0	120
CR97	0	8	12	120
CR98	0	0	0	120
CR99	0	0	0	120
CR100	10	0	0	120
CR101	1	0	1	120
CR102	622	2	59	120
CS95	0	4	2	120
CS96	0	0	6	120
CS97	0	0	0	120
CS98	0	0	0	120
CS99	0	0	0	120
CS100	24	7	20	120
CS101	510	14	0	120
CS102	1059	0	0	120
CT95	0	24	12	120
CT98	264	0	21	120
CT99	269	0	10	120
CT100	259	0	1	120
CT101	0	11	1	120
CU95	35	0	0	120
CU96	0	0	37	120
CU97	7	0	11	120
CU98	160	0	9	120
CU99	30	2	0	120
CU100	0	0	0	120
CV94	0	2	0	120
CV95	0	0	35	120
CV96	0	50	2	120
CV97	0	1	0	120
CV98	0	0	2	120
CW94	0	3	43	120
CW95	20	0	0	120
CW96	174	0	0	120
CX93	0	6	0	120
CX95	552	0	2	120

Note: The number of quadrats monitored has been highlighted where the planned number (i.e. 120 quadrats) could not be sampled.