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Community & Environment Trust**
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Annual Report

1st July 2019 – 30th June 2020

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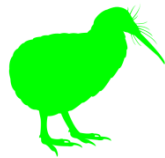
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SIRCET's 2019/20 Overview

61 resident or
visiting
volunteers
contributed
2251 hours of
time



31 dogs attended Kiwi
Avoidance Training
workshops.



2347 rats were trapped



7 possums were
trapped.



124.3
hectares of
land was
searched for
Darwin's
Barberry with
9,364 plants
removed



SIRCET's 2019/20



28 feral cats
were
removed



477 forest birds
heard or seen
during call count
monitoring within
the Halfmoon Bay
Habitat
Restoration
Project area

210 hectares
of habitat was
protected
with pest
animal and
weed control



33 children from **1**
school visited us to
learn about
practical
conservation such
as checking or
building traps



Plants were
grown and
planted from the
Community
Nursery



18 people attended
conservation events –
two working bees to
move the community
nursery and a
Lonnekers Restoration
planting day

Chairperson's Report

Di Morris SIRCET 1 July 2019- 30 June 2020

Kia ora,

What a whirlwind of a year! We had our share of the usual changes and challenges, however nothing compared to the world chaos that continues due to the Covid19 pandemic.

Prior to this world changing event the trustees, staff and volunteers had been diligently and conscientiously toiling on our environmental efforts here on Rakiura.

An increase in the area that we wanted to trap required some changes to our memorandum of understanding with the Department of Conservation (DOC). The project area now includes the Raroa and Fuchsia walks. We also added "Leg Hold" traps to our approved trapping methods. The War on Weeds (WoW) project continues, and the team made fantastic progress with the removal of thousands of plants from seedlings to trees. These times of increased staff numbers and volunteers sees a direct increase in the trusts work around Health and Safety processes. It is a constant effort to ensure staff are well supported, safe at work and that the somewhat inclement environment is mitigated with appropriate gear!

Possum monitoring using 'wax tags' now allows staff to undertake this work and means we are less reliant on external agencies. Having said that, we have really appreciated the help and assistance offered by DOC and Environment Southland who continue to help the trust tick along.

Our winter shift of the nursery kept us all warm! We transferred all plants from Horseshoe Bay to a temporary site in Halfmoon Bay. A huge effort and I would like to especially thank Rachel and Roy of Mamaku Point for their understanding and patience as we finally shifted from their site and allowed them more room for their Billion Dollar Trees project. Finally, with more volunteer efforts and a shoestring budget the plants are now safely behind deer fencing up at Traill Park and ready for sale.

Shoestring budgets and reducing opportunities for environmental funding have seen our reserves start to dwindle, however thanks to Willy Gamble's motivation, coercion and skills a new fundraising initiative was launched this year and has been a terrific success, if you haven't checked out 'Adopt a Trap' - you should!

Our discussions and hopeful action around deer control on Ackers Point continued through the year however were interrupted by a global pandemic! Another year has gone by where the damage being wrought on the environment by deer is truly heartbreaking – I have high hopes implementing a plan for 2021!

The Trust have recently entered into discussions to work with the New Zealand Penguin Initiative to assist them in gaining more knowledge about the endemic Little Blue Penguin –Kororā. Working with Halfmoon Bay School this is an exciting collaborative effort and the results will help shape our future protection efforts for these special birds.

Our commitment to our environment has been challenged with the pandemic, we all felt gutted that we were not allowed to trap over Level 4 lockdown. However, little by little and with adjusted Health and Safety plans and appropriate alert levels the momentum has ramped up again to continue the good work. Roll on Predator Free Rakiura.

Finally, I wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to Letitia McRitchie who stepped down in October 2019 from the Trust. Letitia has contributed countless hours for fundraising and administrative tasks. We are fortunate she continues to run the WoW project until the end of the funding. The trust is always keen to find more energetic and enthusiastic people to assist in the running of SIRCET. This is not an easy task when everyone is so busy and the world is in such turmoil! So, thank you to all Trustees, staff and volunteers for the work that you do to help keep our special place in the world extra special.

Volunteers

During the 2019-20 season 61 volunteers contributed over 2251 hours to a variety of SIRCET projects including: animal pest control and monitoring, weed surveillance and control, maintenance of Lonneker's Beach plantings, Trust administration, nursery tasks, species monitoring, Kiwi Avoidance Training days and educational workshops. Volunteers ranged from dedicated local residents to visiting volunteers, DOC volunteers, visiting school groups and our own hard-working Trustees.



Environmental Education and Events

SIRCET hosted 2 visiting school groups (33 children total) this year, both from Cobham School in November 2019. There were significantly less education sessions due to the Covid-19 pandemic preventing schools from coming to the island in the autumn.



Cobham School trap making workshop at the Community Centre

The local Halfmoon Bay School has continued with their trap line maintenance. The line is checked by students weekly.

The following community events were held over the year:

August 2019 – Film Screening of *"Fools and Dreamers"*

September 2019 – DOC Conservation Week "Game Changer" Event, Invercargill

October 2019 – Kiwi Avoidance Workshop

October 2019 – Kiwis for Kiwi Bake sale

October 2019 – Lonnekens Beach planting day

June 2020 – Halfmoon Bay School Ackers Point World Albatross Day walk and education event

June 2020 – Volunteer appreciation nibbles and drinks, Ringaringa Golf Course

The April 2020 Kiwi avoidance workshop was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



Planting at the Lonnekers Beach Restoration day

Funding and Fundraising

2019 - 20 was a successful year for SIRCET, however some of our major funders have reduced their funding pools because of global economic uncertainty surrounding the COVID 19 pandemic.

Our War on Weeds team were funded by DOC's Community Fund.

Project costs were covered by a variety of donations, grants and sponsorship. Pub Quiz funded a scanner to check for microchips in cats caught in live capture cat cages, and a GPS.

Community Trust South awarded us \$5000 at a strange time shortly after the Covid Pandemic struck, when the global economy was changeable.

Environment Southland funded \$10,000 for the Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project for the second year in a row, and \$5000 towards the War on Weeds Darwins Barberry project.

A successful Trade Me auction for World Albatross Day raised \$800. Many thanks to local businesses who donated to the prize package: Stewart Island Experience, Pilgrim Cottage, Stewart Island 4 Square, Stewart Island Electric Bikes, Ulva's Guided Walks, Rakiura Charters and Southland Branch of Forest and Bird.

The Town Gardens contract for Southland District Council continued for another year, bringing in valuable income.

We thank those who supported us financially this year, we couldn't run this project without your support!

Collaboration

SIRCET continues to work with the Department of Conservation (DOC) and Environment Southland. The support provided by DOC has been invaluable and the relationship is in good heart. SIRCET also continues to correspond with the Predator Free Rakiura group and the Rakiura Māori Land Trust and these relationships are strong with letters of support in our funding applications.

Media Releases & Awards

SIRCET articles were produced in the Stewart Island News publication throughout the year (in August September and October 2019 and in February, April and June 2020). Articles covered updates on events, pest control and weed control work. Advertisements for 'rat traps for sale' were included in additional publications when an article was not produced.

Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project

The Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project (HMBHRP) is SIRCET's primary project focusing on pest control and species monitoring on Ackers Peninsula. Pest control initially started in 2003 at Ackers Point to protect sooty shearwater/ tītī and little penguin colonies and has since expanded to protect 210 hectares from Ackers Point to Golden Bay Road, Oban.

The project's goals are:

- To increase the native bird population within the Halfmoon Bay project area;
- To provide a safe habitat for re-introduction and survival for Stewart Island species (both plants and animals); and
- To educate and involve the community in conservation activities

Animal Pest Control

The grid of A24 traps are planned to be re-gassed and rebaited on a six-monthly cycle, which occurred in November 2019 and again in May 2020.

In May 2020 – 72 of our A24 traps were replaced with new models after a previous check had identified traps as faulty. We continue to check the status of each trap at every six-monthly cycle.

The A24 is a self-resetting multi-species kill trap. It resets itself after each humane kill up to 24 times per CO₂ canister. Goodnature traps kill instantly meaning no suffering and have been tested to meet the highest humane standards. They can now also be baited with 'auto' lure; this lure uses a

technology that releases the lure slowly for six months which keeps it fresh. A huge benefit of these traps is saving time, they can be left for six months before servicing is required.



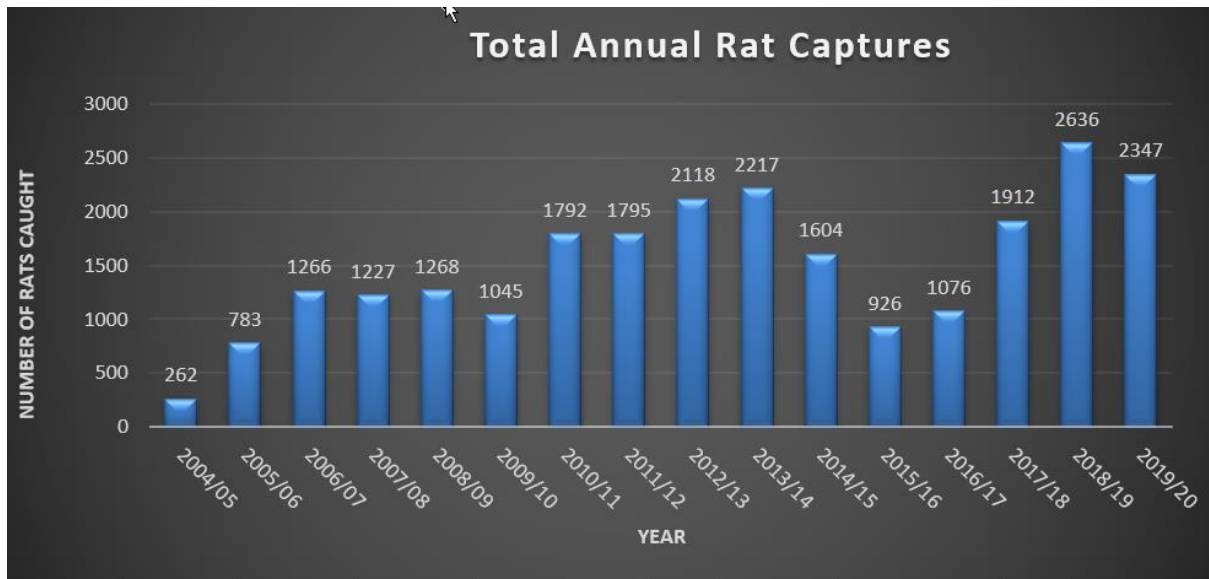
Map of A24 rat trap placements in the Core Project Zone

Trapping Results

Rats

A total of **2,347** trapped rats were recorded during this financial year which is a decrease from last year's result of **2,636**. This is a brilliant result in spite of the effects of a mega-mast providing predators with rich food availability from seeding trees and thus eliminating the need for them to forage widely and encounter traps or enter tunnels.

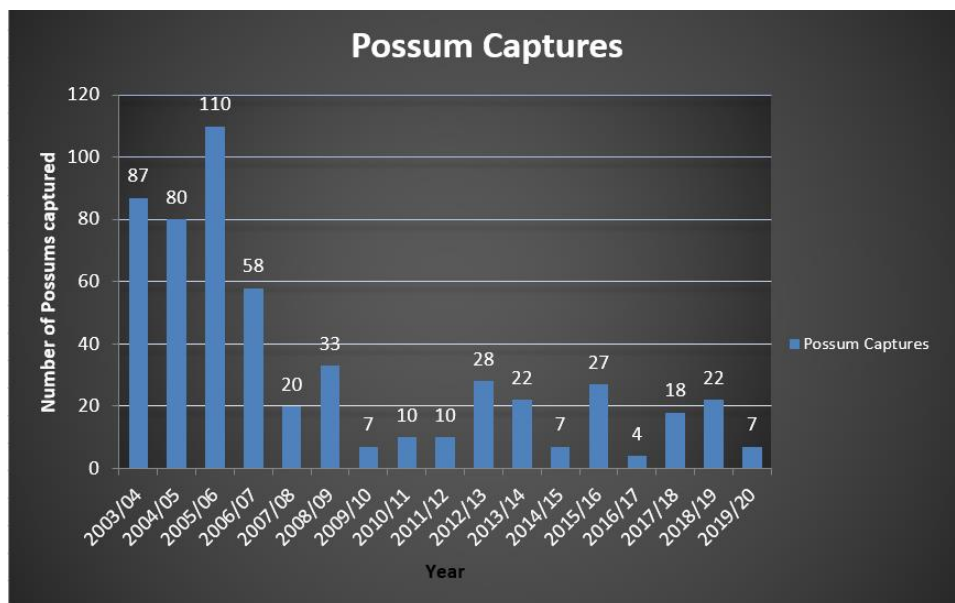
We are also observing a decrease in rat catches due to closing down over 400 Victor rat traps in our core project area and opening up 123 A24 Goodnature traps. These traps automatically re-set so each kill the trap makes is unrecorded and not included in our data.



Possoms

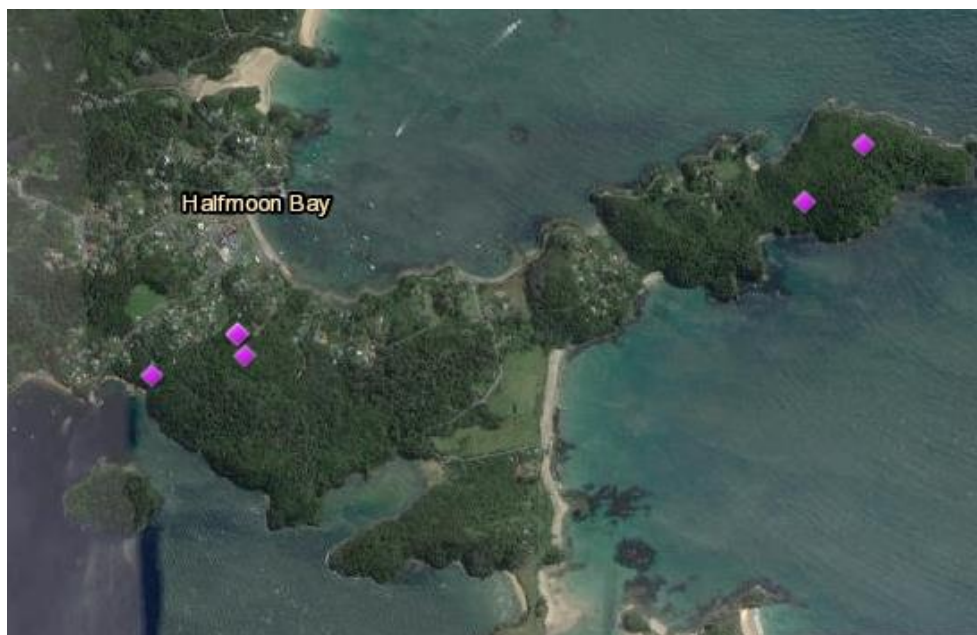
7 possums were caught in the 2019-2020 season in the Warrior kill traps. This is a decrease from the 2018/19 season when 22 possums were caught.

Thirty-nine A12 Goodnature self-resetting traps are present in the core zone, five in the buffer zone and six in the community zone. We are unable to accurately record how many possums have been killed by the A12 self-resetting traps, but two dead possums were observed by volunteers in the community zone. Due to the age and defectiveness of the A12 self-resetting traps, we are planning to remove them from the project area until funding becomes available to replace them with newer models





Map showing Trapinator Possum Trap locations



Map showing the locations of possum catches. Note some markers represent more than one catch.

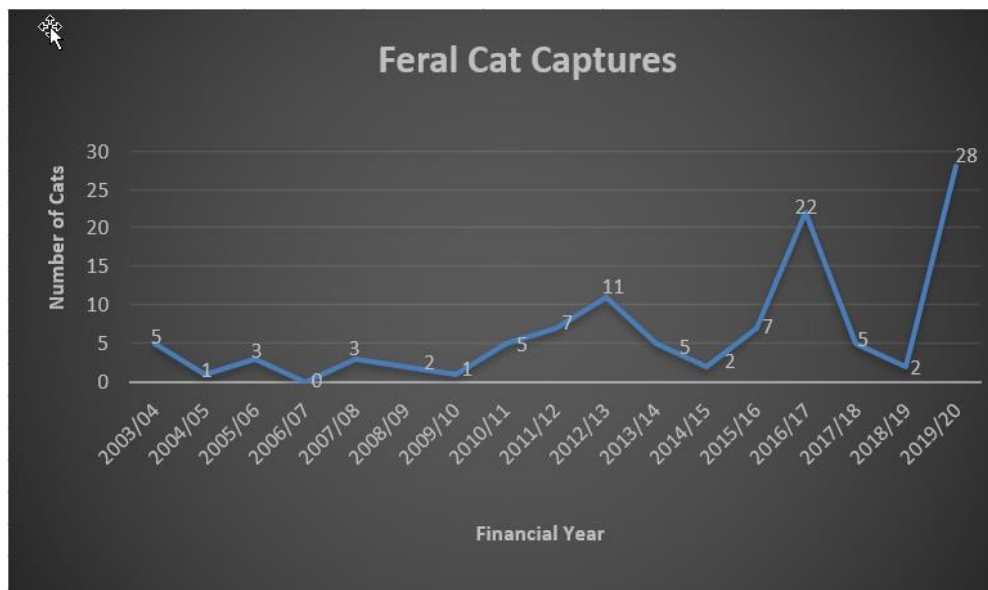
Feral Cats

A Total of 28 feral cats were captured in the 2019/2020 season. This is a large increase from the previous season when 2 cats were caught. Locally sourced fish scraps were mostly used as bait as

well as concentrated salmon spray lure from Connovation Ltd. Of the 28 cats caught, 8 were from cages looked after by members of the community. Cat cages are now available to the local community outside the project area as part of our trap library.



Map showing feral cat capture locations within the project area with numbers of feral cats caught



Pest Monitoring

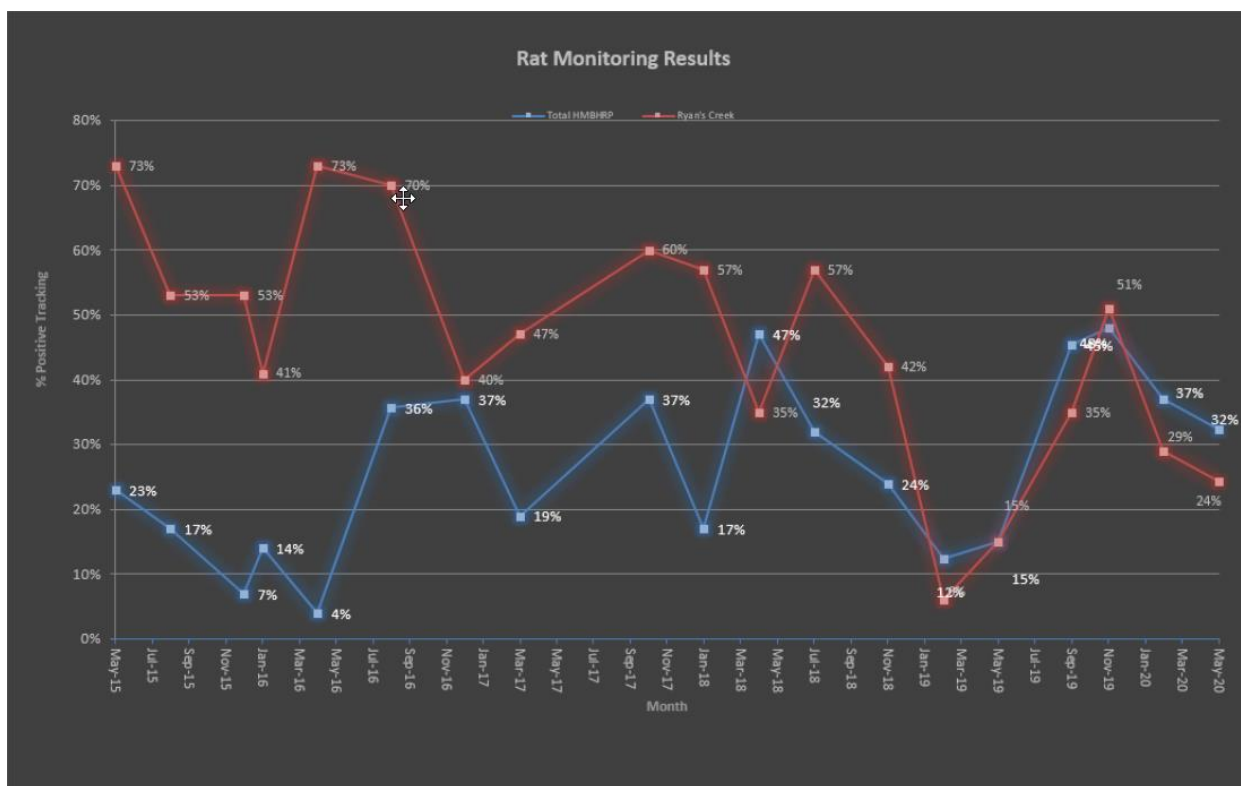
Rats

Rat monitoring across the HMBHRP area and the un-trapped Ryan's Creek control area was undertaken in July and November 2019 and February and May 2020.

As observed in the previous year, tracking was at times lower in Ryans Creek than within the HMBHRP area. High possum disturbance in the untrapped area may have been a factor in this discrepancy. Possum proof tunnels are being investigated.

Rat numbers crept up to 24% after being kept below 10% for previous year in our core zone due to the aftermath of the mega-mast season. Rat numbers throughout the entire project area (Core, buffer, and community zones combined) peaked at 48% in November 2019. This is the highest peak observed in the HMBHRP area throughout the history of the project.

These results are a reminder of the power of nature over wild populations, with the mega-mast tree seeding event creating a boom in predator numbers due to greater food availability.

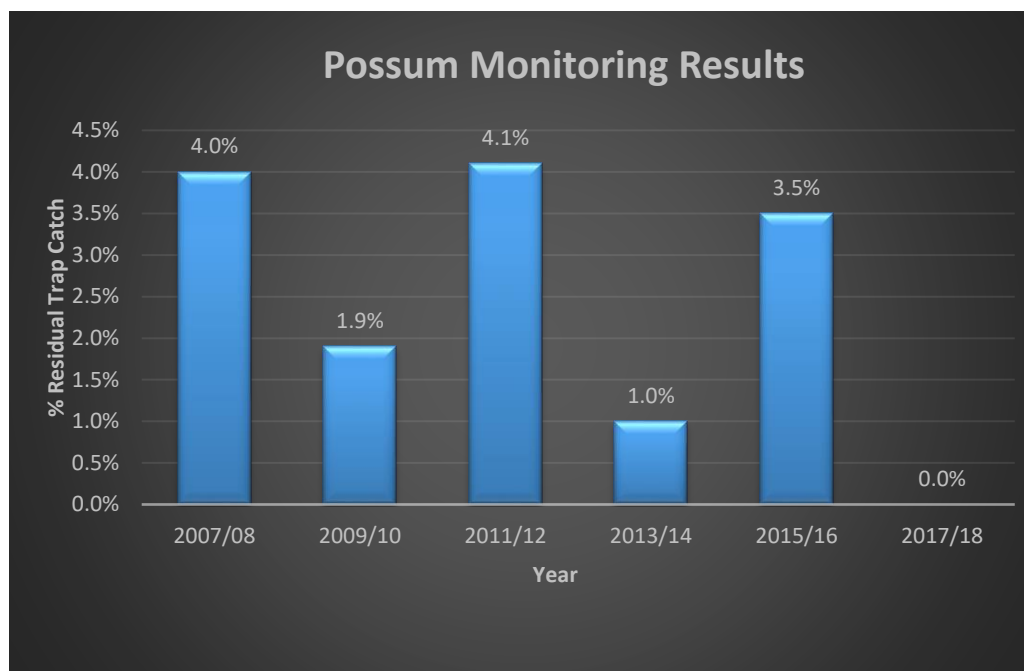


Graph showing rat monitoring results to May 2020

Possums

The Department of Conservation (with assistance from SIRCET'S Pest Manager) run possum monitoring within the HMBHRP area biennially. Monitoring was undertaken according to the National Pest Control Agencies (NPCA) protocol which sets out the standard trap-catch method used across New Zealand. Possum monitoring is carried out every two years and was last monitored in in July 2018. The results were low at 0% RTC, (residual trap catch) an outstanding result. SIRCET's RTC target is of <5%.

In 2020 a decision was reached to change our possum monitoring method from RTC to wax chew tags. This work was scheduled for May 2020 but was delayed due to the pandemic and actually carried out in the following financial year and will therefore be included in the next annual report.



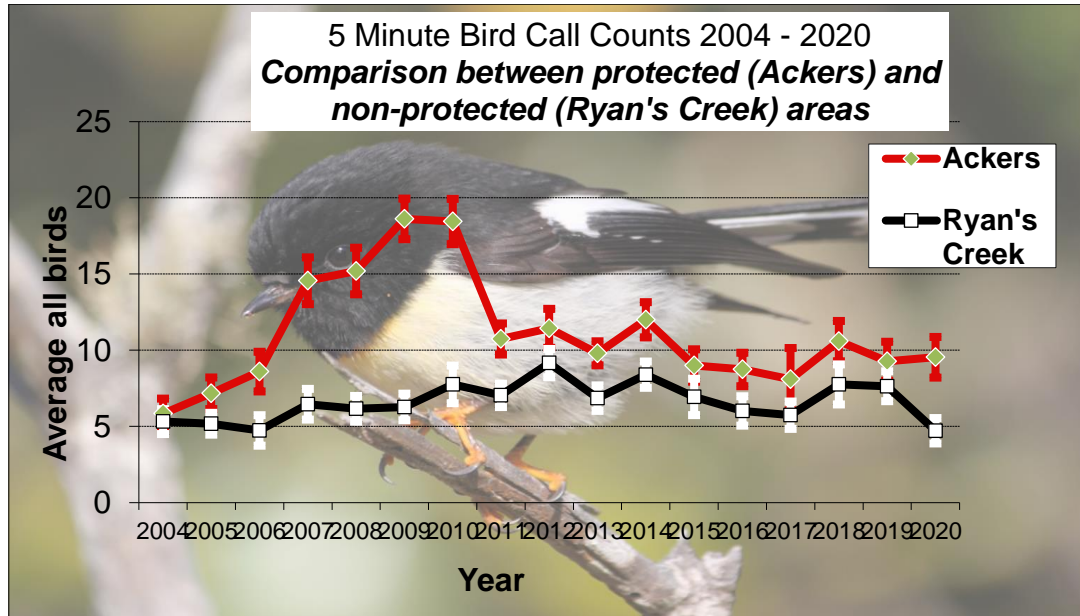
RTC leg hold trap locations July 2018

Species Monitoring

Forest Bird Monitoring

The annual forest bird monitoring (using a five-minute bird call count) was conducted in May 2020 in the Project area (at Acker's Point) also in Ryan's Creek area, where there is less intensive pest control in a fairly similar Stewart Island forest environment. The counts were performed a month later than

usual due to the global COVID 19 pandemic and lockdown event in April. The results show an increase in the number of birds heard at Ackers Point when compared to 2019's counts, and a decrease in birds at Ryan's Creek. The Ryan's Creek decrease could be explained by the later May survey, due to reduced sunshine hours in the winter months. There has been an overall increase since bird counts began in 2004. Bellbird and Silvereye remain the birds most encountered followed by Tui and Piwakawaka.



Forest Bird monitoring: 2004 – 2020 Five minute bird call counts at Ackers Point and Ryan's Creek

Night Bird Monitoring (Weka, Kiwi and Ruru)

Weka, Kiwi and Ruru are all present in the Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project (HMBHRP) area. Kiwi are self-introduced and along with Ruru appear to be increasing in number. An additional 13 Kiwi were translocated from Ulva in 2013. Weka were introduced in 2005 and until 2009 were monitored via transmitter technology. SIRCET undertake call count monitoring of Weka, Kiwi, and Ruru within the Project area, and a control area to provide information on species population health. This monitoring is set up with the aim of recording gross changes in their numbers over time.

Night bird and kiwi call counts and bat monitoring were not performed in the 2019-20 season, but will be recorded in 2021.

Bat monitoring also took place in 2019 for the first time and SIRCET would like to continue to do this alongside the night bird monitoring to see if any trends or patterns can be seen over time.

Little Blue Penguins/Kororā

In 2019-2020 we re-started our little blue penguin/kororā monitoring work, which had been inactive since 2015. This reinstatement of work followed discussions with the New Zealand Penguin Initiative (NZPI), who are working to coordinate a national monitoring programme and build a centralised database that will house monitoring data for community groups and make reliable kororā data available for conservation purposes. SIRCET are working together with Halfmoon Bay School to monitor kororā using trail cameras, and hope to compare the results with our previous monitoring

method of slow walk counts. So far we are delighted to learn that there are much greater numbers of kororā than we have previously thought. The ownership and hard work put into this project by the committed Halfmoon Bay pupils has been magnificent and we thank them for this.

Sooty Shearwater/Tītī Monitoring

SIRCET had been undertaking monitoring of Sooty Shearwater/ muttonbird/ tītī colony on Ackers Point since 2004. The purpose of the monitoring is to gauge the response of this colony to the community pest control operation in the area, by analysing its population dynamics over time. Nesting success is our main measure of the survival of this colony, and this has been monitored using mark-recapture (banding) and burrow scoping.

In 2018 and 2019 the Board of Trustees chose not to undertake the same monitoring as past years for a couple of reasons: firstly, fledgling success was low, indicating a problem but not bringing the Trust any closer to why. Secondly, there was uncertainty around whether the Trust would seek funding as per the expertise required. It was decided not to engage a contractor and therefore no monitoring of Titi has taken place.

The Trust continues to believe that monitoring Tītī at Acker's Point is important and worthwhile. A review of the Project Outline for this monitoring work would be very helpful and funding for future work is being sought.

Lonneker's Beach Revegetation

The Lonneker's Beach Revegetation Project has continued, with weeding undertaken by volunteers. A planting day was completed in October 2019. Conditions for survival of the plantings remain challenging but slowly and steadily natives are filling in the spaces along the beach front. Volunteer / Education groups: Sustainable Coastlines, Little Brown Kiwi and Ornithological Society New Zealand Southland Youth Camp have all put considerable work in here.

Kiwi Advocacy Project

For the last few years Sandy King and Di Morris have been running a training session for local and visiting dogs to avoid kiwi. The aim of the training is to create negative association for the dog toward kiwi.

This is a regular bi-annual calendar event for SIRCET undertaken at Easter and Labour weekend each year since 2014. We encourage all those with dogs in the community or who visit the island to take part. This is a free activity that is endorsed by Kiwis for Kiwi.

SIRCET have been very fortunate to have received generous funding for the purchase of the 'E Kiwi' as well as the electric collars which are still used on some dogs. The 'E kiwi' is an electronic device that has been developed by some clever technical folk at DOC in Wellington. Sandy has had training specifically in the use of this tool and we are very grateful for her continued voluntary support of SIRCET. The dog, if interested in the very distinctive smell of the e kiwi, from bedding and /or kiwi poo carefully placed around the device, receives an electric shock through the nose as they go to investigate and touch the fine wires that are surrounding the lump of fluff and smell. This shock

reinforces a negative association of kiwi smell – as something to avoid!! The shock for some dogs creates a strong reaction, for other dogs they seem to shrug it off.

In October 2019 31 dogs were seen over the day, with each dog receiving a certificate and a treat! In April 2020 our planned training was cancelled due to the COVID19 pandemic.

Community Native Plant Nursery

The nursery continued to be used to grow a selection of native plants. These are available for a small donation and have been used for town garden plantings, restoration planting at Lonnekers Beach and to add native plants to local gardens. A selection of plants has been made available at the Rakiura Environment Centre and these have proven very popular.

The SIRCET nursery shifted to Traill Park in 2019-2020 in order to be more central to volunteers / education groups. We wish to thank Mamaku Point Trust, the new owners of the site at Horseshoe Bay for allowing us to operate at their site for many years. After a few working bees and thanks to the efforts of all involved we are looking forward to our new more central location. Thanks to Southland District Council and the Stewart Island Community Board for their support of our move.



Working bee for the new Nursery at Traill Park

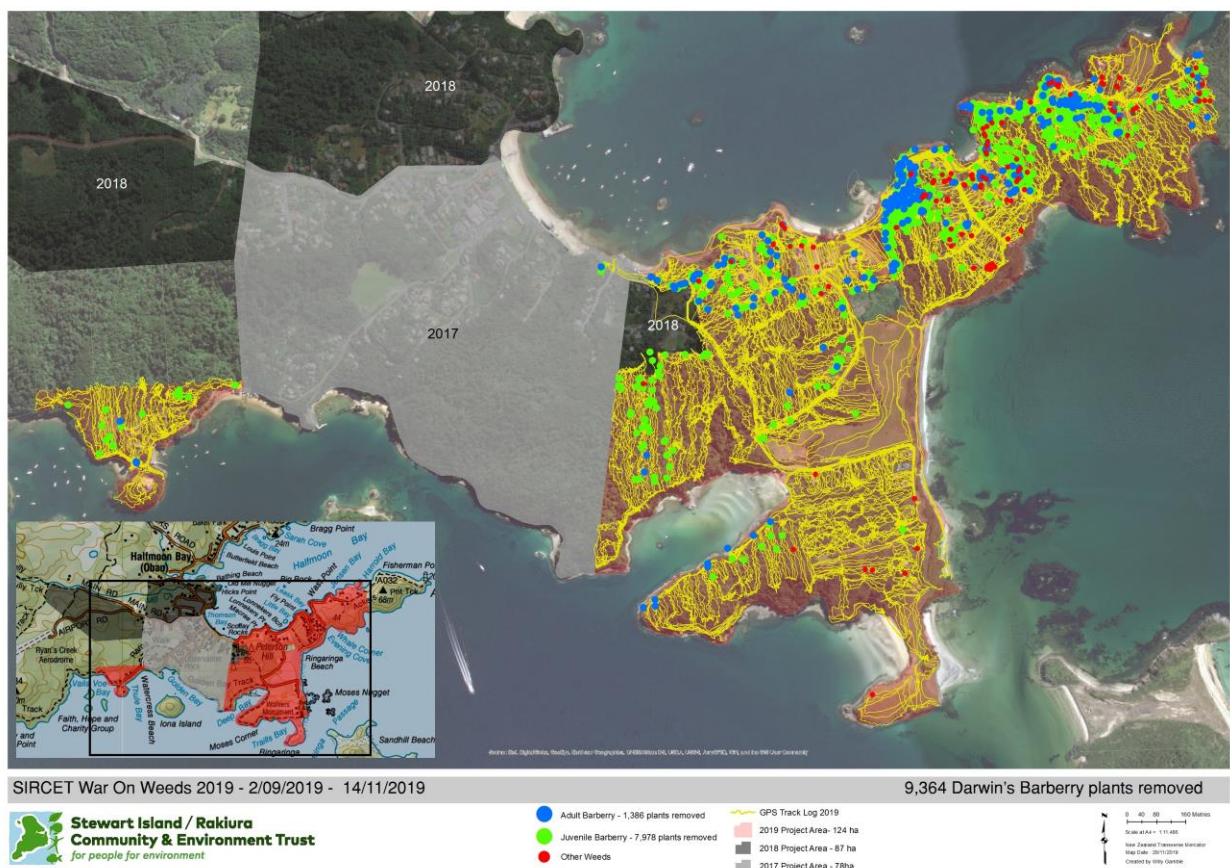
Rakiura Environment Centre

The Environment Centre continues to be an important resource which enables SIRCET to be 'visible' to the local community and the thousands of visitors who come to Stewart Island each year. Glowing Sky Ltd generously provides this space for the trust to display and inform these visitors of our activities and plans. Information is continually updated and new ideas put forward in this visually stimulating space.

War on Weeds Project

Environment Southland received funding from the Department of Conservation to distribute to community groups to undertake weed control. We were fortunate to receive funding to undertake 2 months of Barberry Control. A team of 3-5 staff (at different stages of the project) were hired, with Belinda leading the field team, Willy providing GIS support and Letitia project managing.

The team did an excellent job of covering the ground and we covered 124.3ha of land, far exceeding the previous year's target of 87ha. Further funding was applied for and we were successful in receiving another 2 years of funding from the DOC Community Fund.



Community Trap Library

The Trap Library – In November 2017 we were very fortunate to receive funding from the Predator 2050 DOC Community funding for a Community Trap library. This was a fantastic way to spread the project across a wider geographical area at the same time having the ability of supplying a range of traps that people could be interested in trying a particular trap without having to outlay financially. There is a range of traps available for hire and whilst our initial uptake has been slower than hoped it is anticipated that as the word is spread more people will take up this great offer.



Community Trap Library

Website and Social Media

SIRCET's website (www.sircet.org.nz) has been maintained with project and event updates created. The Sponsor a Hectare map is up to date with sponsor information.

SIRCET's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SIRCET/>) is regularly updated with news and events each week and has over 1,000 page likes (an increase of 120 compared to last year) and posts which reach up to 4,000 people. This has proved a great way to share notification of events and videos, especially those created by other groups about SIRCET. Adopt a Trap was launched in May 2020 and proved immediately popular and is a great digital platform for supporters to get involved in our trapping project

Trustees and Employees

Pest Manager Willy Gamble

Willy has continued his efforts to keep SIRCET on the cutting edge of GIS technology with innovations such as the Adopt a Trap system which will provide a new source of donations given that the Sponsor a Hectare scheme is close to fully subscribed. This is in addition to his regular duties (which are many and varied) as Pest Manager and we thank him for all his hard work. We admire his dedication and enthusiasm for SIRCET and for the Island.

Project Administrator Becky Bell

SIRCET were fortunate to recruit new arrival to the island Becky Bell as a Project Administrator. Becky's background in Ecology and passion for the environment makes her a great fit for this role

and we look forward to harnessing her expertise and welcoming her and her family to the SIRCET whanau.

Project Administrator Emily Barnett

Emily successfully and confidently performed the role of Project Administrator for half of this year. We thank Emily for her thorough service to SIRCET.

War on Weeds Team

Thank you to the staff that undertook the hard work of barberry control, in some trying conditions! Willy Gamble, Belinda Dobbins, Laire Purik, Rosie Bowman, Bec Baxter, and Wayne King.

Letitia McRitchie

Letitia stepped down as a Trustee for SIRCET after over 10 years service. We thank Letitia for her unwavering dedication to the Trust. She has continued to head the War on Weeds project and we look forward to her continued involvement with SIRCET.

Di Morris

Di led the trust as Chairperson after Letitia's departure in November 2019. Di resigned from the Trust in June 2020. She also organises the Kiwi Avoidance Training, which is held twice yearly with Sandy King. We thank Di for all her years of hard work and dedication to the trust and look forward to her continued involvement as volunteer.

Shona Sangster

Thanks to Shona for taking the lead with the Little Blue Penguin monitoring and taking over part way through the year as Staff Liaison for the Project Administrator role.

Anita Herbert

Anita continued her role as Treasurer and looks after some of our volunteer traplines. She is always happy to help out wherever needed, for which we are grateful. She and husband Ian also hosted the nursery in their driveway during the shift to Traill Park.

Alasdair Burns

Thanks to Al for his willing support of secretarial duties and his expertise in the trapping field.

Jim Barrett

As in past years, Jim's attention to detail when reading documentation, his accurate recollection of the historical milestones, achievements etc are an invaluable resource and contribution to this organisation.

Wayne King

Thanks to Wayne for taking the role of staff liaison for the Pest Manager and all his dedication to the nursery. We value his contribution.

Major Donors, Supporters and Business Sponsors



Volunteers

Alexandra	Kate Morrison
Andrew King	Kath Johnson
Anita Hebert	Letitia McRitchie
Barbro Haugland	Lynn Mcpherson
Ben Hopkins	Maggie
Bevan Mudie	Margaret Hopkins
Bill Watt	Mel Miller
Birgit	Monty Williams
Bonnie Mager, Hendrix	Morirz Hoffman
Joas	
Carola	Natasha Lundin
Chad Benham	Noemie
Chris and Macca	Pauline Joy
Christina Paterson	Peter Haynes
Cushen Family	Rachael Giles
Dan & Julie Asher	Rachael Sagar
Di Morris	Rebecca Guest
Emma Jenkinson	Rosie Bowman
Estelle	Sarah S
Ethan	Sarah Schriener,
Evan Thomas	Shona Sangster
HMB School	Tiphane and
	Maxym
Ian Herbert	Tom Hardy
Jason Hosking	Wayne King
Jess Kany	Willy Gamble
Joey	Yi Pei Chung
Julie Price	

Thanks to all our supporters!

Appendix A: Financial

Notes to the Performance Report

Stewart Island / Rakiura Community and Environmental Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2020

Cash Basis

	2020	2019
1. Analysis of Receipts		
Grants & Donations		
Community Trust of Southland	5,000	-
Community Nursey Donations	1,477	2,329
Department of Conservation - Community Consultation Partnership Fund	24,723	55,647
Department of Conservation - Lee Bay	-	3,000
Department of Conservation - War on Weeds	26,669	-
Environment Centre	728	745
Environment Southland - Administration Support	522	-
Environment Southland - Barberry	-	5,000
Environment Southland - Forest Bird Monitoring	600	-
Environment Southland - Pest Control	10,000	-
Environment Southland - War on Weeds	10,000	-
Genera Ltd	-	2,500
Kiwi's for Kiwis	2,760	4,120
NZ Forest Research	-	5,000
Other Donations	4,700	4,310
Sponsor a Hectare	8,405	15,006
SDC - Gardens	2,250	1,900
SDC - RRRC	750	-
SDC - Stewart Island Visitor Levy	-	13,284
SDC - Toy Library	803	1,200
Trustpower	-	1,000
WWF for Nature	5,000	9,214
Total Grants & Donations	104,386	124,255

Note: On 27 November 2019, a Mazda BT50 truck was donated to SIRCET by Environment Southland, for use by the Trust to assist in transporting staff, volunteers and equipment to the project area.

Receipts from providing goods or services		
Trap Sales Income	2,373	984
Total Receipts from providing goods or services	2,373	984
Other receipts		
Interest Received	1,818	1,329
Total Other receipts	1,818	1,329
Total Analysis of Receipts	108,578	126,569
	2020	2019

2. Analysis of Payments

Volunteer and employee related payments		
Acc Levies	140	166

Notes to the Performance Report

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Cash Basis

	2020	2019
Wages	78,135	70,698
Total Volunteer and employee related payments	78,275	70,864

Payments relating to providing goods or services

Bait	4,292	3,853
Employment Expenses	107	634
Field Supplies	3,019	4,689
Field Work - Contract	5,756	4,097
Freight/Courier	-	87
Motor Vehicle Expenses	878	885
Traps	6,887	1,128
Travel Expenses	-	48
Total Payments relating to providing goods or services	20,938	15,420

Other operating payments

Accounting Fees	964	264
Administration Expenses	138	360
Administration Motor Vehicle Expenses	747	3,094
Advertising Expenses	150	-
Bank Charges	20	2
Computer Expenses	522	1,290
GST	2,374	501
Office Expenses	430	-
Phone Expenses	237	419
Stationery/Printing/Postage	322	347
Subscriptions	293	44
Sundry Expenses	342	165
Website Expenses	134	134
Total Other operating payments	6,674	6,621

3. Related Parties

Letitia McRitchie, a Trustee performed contract work for the Trust during the year at a value of \$2,400 (Last year \$1,500).

4. Grant in Advance

Funds were received from the World Wildlife Fund for a proposed translocation of birds. To date due to low monitoring numbers this cannot safely happen. The amount received was \$13,976 and will be retained until the conditions are suitable.

5. Events After the Balance Date

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report (Last year - nil).