
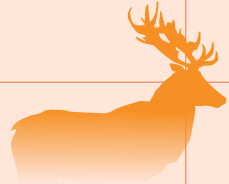





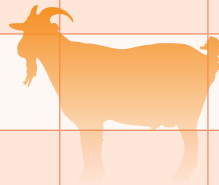


North Coast Local Land Services - Regional Strategic Pest Animal Management Plan

Implementation Plan Summary 2021/22

PEST SPECIES	PRIORITY	IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ACTION	RSPAMP ACTION CODE	ONGOING PROGRAM	2021/22 FOCUS	RESPONSIBILITY	
All Alert Species	High	Develop rapid response plans for new incursions.			●	DPI/ Invasive Pests Team	
		Implement rapid response plans as required.			●	DPI/ Invasive Pests Team	
		Maintain staff capacity to contribute to animal and agriculture aspects of a coordinated response to a new incursion.		●		DPI/ Invasive Pests Team	
		Manage the initial response through consultation with NSW DPI, NSW EES and LLS as per MOU.		●		DPI/ Invasive Pests Team	
Wild Dog	High	Continue to collect data on wild dog numbers, sightings and impacts.	WD9, WD14	●		Invasive Pests Team	
		Support formation of wild dog management groups (and integrated predator groups) in priority areas and the development and implementation of local plans (#) and facilitate and support cross-tenure and landscape scale management programs.	WD1, WD3 WD13, WD4	●		Invasive Pests Team	
		Support research to improve effectiveness of wild dog management and promote best practice to land managers, including implementation of the wild dog DNA project.	WD7		●	DPI/ Invasive Pests Team	
		Raise land manager awareness of their obligations under the Biosecurity Act and assess the need for compliance programs.	WD16, WD12, WD4		●	Invasive Pests Team	
		Provide wild dog management workshops and education and awareness programs that support the priorities listed above (e.g. local groups and landscape scale programs).	WD15		●	Invasive Pests Team	
Feral Deer	High	Support implementation of the priority actions within the Hastings Feral Deer Management Plan Implementation Plan, including maintaining the Hasting Feral Deer Working Group.	D4	●		Invasive Pests Team	
		Establish groups and local management plans consistent with the Hastings Feral Deer Management Plan, including Nambucca and Coffs Harbour as priority areas for 2021/22.	D2, D3, D5		●	Invasive Pests Team/ Business Development	
		Provide education and awareness programs to increase land manager awareness of obligations under the Biosecurity Act and wild deer reporting, including those to be delivered under the New and Small Landholder Program.	D14 D16		●	●	Invasive Pests Team
		Participate in the Northern Rivers Feral Deer Working Group and associated Expert Panel by attending meetings and providing feedback.	D1			●	Invasive Pests Team
Feral Pig	High	Develop feral pig management plans and implement control programs for new feral pig populations, as new populations are identified.	FP10, FP9	●		Invasive Pests Team	
		Review existing feral pig programs and local plans and support implementation of local plans, focusing on the Bungawalbin, Newrybar and Upper Clarence areas.	FP1, FP3, FP4		●	Invasive Pests Team	
		Provide feral pig management education and awareness programs that support the priority short- and medium-term North Coast LLS priorities listed above.	FP12		●	Invasive Pests Team	
Wild Horse	High	Support existing programs and implementation by stakeholders that manages wild horse impacts, including Corindi Beach and Halfway Creek as priority areas for 2021/22.	H2		●	Invasive Pest Team	
Red Fox	Medium	Support stakeholder participation in the pest predator planning process, including development of fox management plans and programs in priority areas.	F4, F5, F6, F9	●		Invasive Pest Team	
		Provide advice to land managers on best practice fox control management.	F10		●	Invasive Pest Team	
		Support research and development into fox control, and work with DPI where opportunities arise.	F8		●	Invasive Pest Team	
Wild Rabbit	Medium	Provide advice to land managers on best practice rabbit control.	R8		●	Invasive Pest Team	
		Support best practice programs such as virus release.	R8		●	Invasive Pest Team	
Cane Toad	High	Develop management plans for Cane Toads in the Biosecurity Zone, including working with stakeholders to develop a North Coast Cane Toad plan of management that guides local responses.	CT3		●	Invasive Pests Team/ Natural Asset Protection Team	
		Implement passive surveillance programs (including high risk pathways and conservation areas) in collaboration with Landcare, National Parks, DPI and other partners and identify where Cane Toads occur in the Biosecurity zone.	CT1 CT2		●	Invasive Pests Team/ Natural Asset Protection Team	
		Deliver and support education and awareness programs that include information on land manager biosecurity obligations.	CT10		●	Invasive Pests Team/ Natural Asset Protection Team	
Feral Cat	Medium	Support development of a knowledge plan that informs regional feral cat management.	FC1		●	Invasive Pests Team/ Natural Asset Protection Team	
		Support development and delivery of pest predator plans and their contribution to integrated pest predator management strategies.	FC2		●	Invasive Pests Team/ Natural Asset Protection Team	
		Support research and development that identifies more effective control techniques sensitive to cat welfare issues, including delivery of the Felixer Trap Pilot Bushfire Recovery Project.	FC6		●	Invasive Pests Team/ Natural Asset Protection Team	
Indian Myna	Low	Support Indian Myna management and community engagement activities that build on existing programs by other stakeholders (eg. Landcare and Local Government).	IM7 IM8		●	Invasive Pests Team/ Natural Asset Protection Team	
Feral Goat	Low	Provide education and awareness programs that promote responsible goat ownership.	G7, G8		●	Invasive Pests Team	

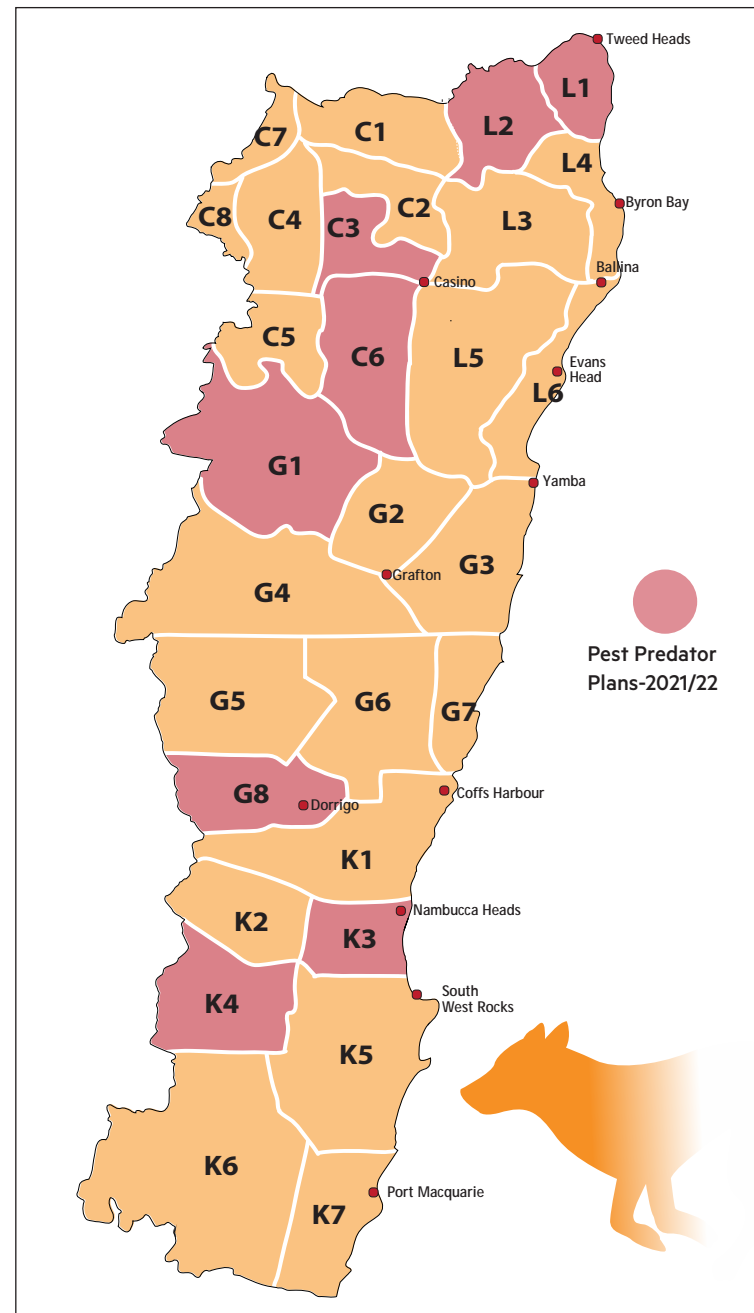
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Implementation priorities for 2021/22

1. WILD DOGS AND OTHER PEST PREDATORS (WILD DOGS, FOXES AND FERAL CATS)

Priority areas for Local Pest Predator Management Groups (Wild Dog, Fox and Feral Cat) have been identified using natural landscape features to define plan areas. There are 28 pest predator plan areas identified across the North Coast region.

Map 1 The North Coast's 28 Pest Predator Plan (PPP) areas.



The Invasive Pests Team will deliver 8 pest predator plans in priority areas - C3, C6, L1, L2, G1, G8, K3, K4.

These plan areas are priorities because:

- They already have draft management plans in place which can be quickly updated and finalised
- They contain active and proactive stakeholder groups that are easily engaged
- They address high stakeholder need and risk.

On-ground coordination of integrated control support for local pest predator landholder groups and stakeholders will still occur across the region in areas not identified for a PPP this year.

2. FERAL DEER

Nambucca and Coffs Harbour are priority areas for feral deer management with data showing that numbers are increasing in these areas. The team aims to establish

a Nambucca and Coffs Harbour Feral Deer Working Group that will develop a management plan that will bring stakeholders together to initiate integrated control. This will include continuation of piloting of deer traps in these areas during the 2021/22 financial year.

The Invasive Pests Team will continue to support the implementation of the Hastings Feral Deer Management Plan and associated annual implementation plan with the support of the Hastings Feral Deer Working Group.

The Team will also participate in the Northern Rivers Feral Deer Working Group and Expert Panel and provide support to Tweed Shire Council in their development of a Northern Rivers Feral Deer Management Plan.

3. FERAL PIGS

While Feral Pig control will be supported throughout the region, the Bungawalbin, Newrybar and Upper Clarence areas will be priorities for control action. The Team will continue the trial of Hoggone, working closely with landholders to make sure the product is used as per best practice guidelines. Feral pig management plans will be reviewed and, if required, in these priority areas during the 2021/22 financial year.

4. CANE TOADS

The focus will be on bringing together all stakeholders currently involved in cane toad management and control to build a regional understanding of cane toad management issues. This includes identifying the current distribution of where cane toads are and priority areas for action in the Cane Toad Biosecurity Zone. The aim is to work with all the relevant stakeholders to develop a Regional Cane Toad Management Plan.

The Team will continue to build on the project work achieved in 2020/21 through the NSW Bushfire Stimulus Project. This year the project will be funded by the Australian Government's Bushfire Recovery Project and will value add to many other projects implemented by North Coast Regional Landcare and National Parks and Wildlife Services.

5. FERAL CATS

This year we will continue to build on foundational work completed in 2020/21 through the NSW Bushfire Stimulus Feral Cat project. We will act as a coordinator to bring stakeholders together and gain joint understandings of barriers to feral cat control in the North Coast.

An issues paper with recommendations developed by Griffiths University will be central to identify actions moving forward. Partnerships established in the first year of the Feral Cat project will be fostered with the establishment of a North Coast Feral Cat working group and associated MoU will be key goals.

On-ground piloting of the Feral Cat Felixer units will also be completed and cat trapping will occur in areas identified as high priority to protect threatened species in bushfire impacted areas.

6. WILD HORSES

Wild horses created major issues in the Corindi area in March 2021 following a localised flood event that destroyed most of the fencing in the Corindi Park Drive area. Whilst this issue is largely resolved due to the horses being removed and the fencing reestablished, the wild horses originated from a known population that exists largely in State Forest and NPWS land stretching from Red Rock in the south to Glenugie in the north. The recent action by North Coast LLS in removing the wild horses seems to have reduced the impacts in this area. The Team will continue to offer landholders support including the development of a management plan for this area to further reduce the wild horse population.

7. RED FOXES, WILD RABBITS

North Coast LLS will continue to provide support to landholders in the control of red foxes and wild rabbits. Red foxes will also be targeted through the development and implementation of Pest Predator Plans and Wild dog control programs.

8. NEW INCURSIONS

Any alert species new incursions will automatically become a high priority for the Team who will follow incursion response best management practice by working with the appropriate stakeholders to develop response and management plans. Alert Species new incursions may include Red Imported Fire Ant or Red Eared Slider Turtle and these will be managed in consultation with the NSW Dept of Primary Industries and in accordance with the agency MOU.

In relation to new incursions of other pest animal species such as feral deer or feral pigs, efforts will be directed to investigate the report and to respond as required. For example, feral deer are established in parts of the North Coast region south of Grafton and have the potential to move into new areas to the north. Where a population of feral deer is identified north of Grafton it will be treated as a high priority and we will work with all stakeholders to contain and if possible eradicate the population.

North Coast Local Land Services Pest Animal Priorities for 2021/22

