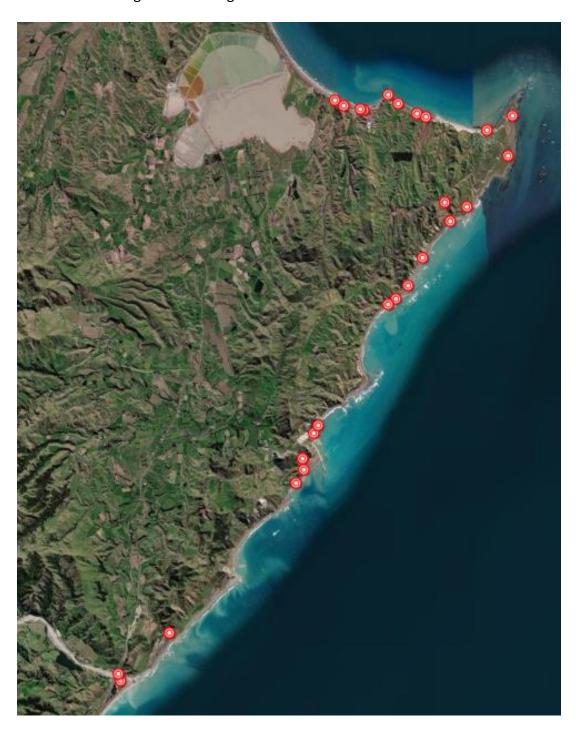


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With funding achieved and ECPG additional funding, an additional 29 traps have been purchased. This consists of 26 SA2s and 3 Flipping Timmys (SA2s are a new trap that is highly effective on cats) The 26 SA2s have been distributed as per below with the Pinoli line being extended slightly with these towards The Booboo where significant cat sign has been seen.

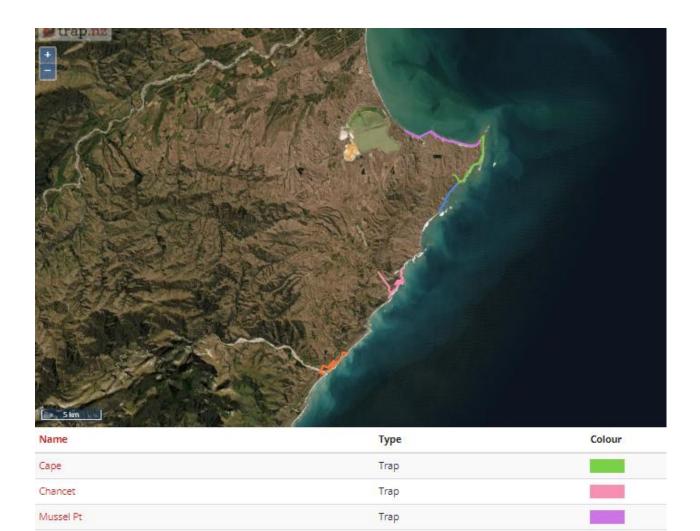




Traps are broken into 5 monitoring lines

Pinoli

Ure



Trap

Trap



Catches Tallys

Month	Cat	Ferret	Hedgehog	Rabbit	Rat	Weasel	Total pests
Aug 2021	9	2	10	0	1	0	22
Sep 2021	6	0	36	1	2	1	46
Oct 2021	2	0	34	0	0	0	36
Nov 2021	0	0	16	2	0	2	20
Total	17	2	96	3	3	3	124

Hedgehogs were plentiful as predicted in October and predator sign is fairly high in many areas. This is expected in Spring. Cat sign is isolated and the SA2s have been positioned to target this where trap lines are present. Reports from some local farms is that cat numbers seem to be lower which is positive although there is definitely still cats!

There was some potential trap tampering at the Ure early October although recent checks confirm this seems to have subsided.

The trapping of Loes (homestead) is planned for December, funding allowing. Loes have a significant portion of coastline with a lot of predators this area has not been trapped before and will require significant coverage. The area will be leghold trapped prior to the deployment of kill traps. Funding for kill traps to cover this area will need to be investigated.

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