

Eradicating pests to support native regeneration

Nateva operates New Zealand's largest, privately managed Pest Animal Eradication Programme. The programme is a key element of the active management we undertake to transition our forest estate into permanent biodiverse native environments.

2019

Programme
first established

95

Forests currently in the
programme from North Otago
to the far North

68,000

Hectares currently
covered by the programme

17

Pest operators and
two managers employed

35,000

Hours of pest
operations annually

108,000

Pest/predator animals
removed

Nateva works with neighbours, communities, schools and Councils to help support local pest and predator control programmes. We also partner with the Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki (WITT) to help train the next generation of conservation professionals.

Predator control

To protect and support the biodiversity of our conservation estate, Nateva also focuses on predator control.

The predator control programme helps protect our valuable native species, including Kiwi, Whio (blue duck), Karearea (NZ bush falcon) and Pekapeka (native bat). Predator control also allows us to provide a safe haven for birds – especially the Kererū – which play a vital role in dispersing the seeds of native plants and trees.

1,726

Individual traps

21,739

Predator animals removed



Smart weapon in biodiversity fight

In 2023, Nateva bought a 50% share in an innovative local business, NZ AutoTraps, to provide a boost in its fight against predators.

The company produces the AT220 automatic resetting combined possum and rat trap, which has proved highly effective across the Nateva conservation estate.

NZ AutoTraps' latest innovation, the AT520-AI, incorporates an automatic resetting trap with Artificial Intelligence. The trap includes a camera and onboard management system that engages the trap only when it recognises a target species. These new traps are being rolled out as part of Nateva's programme.

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Forests with enhanced trapping

1,200

AT220 traps

For more information on the Nateva pest eradication and predator control programmes:

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