Get Started Rat Trapping

Until June 2009, the islands of Ipipiri were infested with introduced pests including rats, mice and stoats. They were gnawing through tents on Urupukapuka Island to get to campers' food; eating native birds and their eggs; and destroying the bush by eating native plant seeds.

In winter of that year, the Department of Conservation eradicated all rats, mice, and stoats from the seven main islands of the eastern Bay of Islands (Ipipiri). Project Island Song monitors the Islands regularly to keep them pest free, and has re-introduced 7 vulnerable species that are thriving in their pest free homes.

Use your trap to help support NZ to become predator free by 2050 and bring more native birdsong to your backyard

Collecting Data

Keep track of your results. Can you catch a rodent every week? Try placing your trap in different areas of your garden. Use the table below to get started, and then set up your own notebook or make your own table. There are also great online tools for capturing your data.

trap.nz

Visit **www.trap.nz** or download the app.
You can join thousands of projects around NZ that are collecting data records. Simply set up a login and you'll have the tools at hand to add your location and the predators you catch. You can also search to see who else is catching predators in your area. Simply jump online and click

Register Now

Using your Rat Trap

Lure (bait) : We recommend peanut butter.

Setting your trap

1. Be Safe! keep fingers away from the trap and get an adult to help!
2. Turn the round cover to 'open' and lift off
3. Use a utensil to put a blob of peanut butter into the hole
4. Return the cover and and turn 'closed'
5. Squeeze down the back of the trap to set it
6. Gently place it in the housing

Date Set	Location	Lure	Date Checked	Pest Caught

We'd love to see photos of your traps in action! Send us an update to **info@projectislandsong.co.nz**

For more activities visit our website: https://projectislandsong.co.nz/activities-adventures/

Keep the Islands pest-free

When visiting, we're all responsible for keeping the Bay of Islands wildlife sanctuary pet and pest-free. Before you leave the mainland make sure you leave pests and pets at home by checking your belongings for any stowaways. Use this checklist to ensure you're keeping the islands safe.

REPORT ANY PEST SIGHTINGS ON THE ISLANDS TO 0800 362 468

CHECK YOU ARE PEST-FREE

CHECKED:

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