

Basic possum and rodent density monitoring

Wax block assessment



Completed by;

Date;

Location;

Transect;

Drawing	Notes (forest species, GPS, compass bearing, location notes, spacing of blocks etc)
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Tooth mark sizes.

Possum - two grooves, 3mm wide each

Rat - two grooves, total 3mm

Mouse -Two grooves 1-1.5mm wide each

Purchase wax tags (blocks)

Set for three fine nights, set blocks (staple to tree close to ground), 20m apart, record chewed blocks on form, Flour lure can be shaken over tag but this must be done every time monitoring is carried out. If 50 tags are placed the % interference can be calculated by number of tags chewed x 2 ÷ 3 (no. of nights).

Gives an indication of density of possums and rodents present and where they are.