

<b>Title</b>	<b>Destroy vertebrate pests using traps for pest management</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>6</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is for people who conduct pest management in accordance with a regional council or unitary authority Regional Pest Management Strategy as provided under the Biosecurity Act 1993.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe traps, baits, and lures used for vertebrate pest management; set traps for vertebrate pest management; release live animals from traps and destroy target vertebrate pests; remove dead animals from traps; and monitor and record vertebrate pest management.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Compliance and Law Enforcement > Compliance and Regulatory Control
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to: Biosecurity Act 1993, Local Government Act 1974, Local Government Act 2002, Resource Management Act 1991, Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- 2 Evidence to be collected includes the control of vertebrate animal pests using at least three traps, of which one must be a leg hold trap. Examples of traps are – Timms trap, cage or box trap, jaw trap, soft catch trap.
- 3 **Definitions**  
*Organisational requirements* refer to instructions to staff on policy and procedures which are documented in memo or manual format and are available in the workplace. These include the application of legislation and the implementation of the Regional Pest Management Strategy;  
*Vertebrate pests* include rabbits, possums, hares, wallabies, ferrets, weasels, stoats, and feral cats.

### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Describe traps, baits, and lures used for vertebrate pest management.

**Performance criteria**

- 1.1 Description identifies traps, baits, and lures for the destruction of each target vertebrate pest.
- 1.2 Description includes risks associated with the use of each trap and bait in terms of operational safety and non-target species.
- 1.3 Description includes advantages and disadvantages of each type of trap.

**Outcome 2**

Set traps for vertebrate pest management.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Trap selected is appropriate for the target vertebrate pest and surrounding physical environment.
- 2.2 Site selected for the placement of the trap is appropriate to the target vertebrate pest, trap, and surrounding physical environment.
- 2.3 Bait and lure selected is appropriate to the target vertebrate pest, trap, and surrounding physical environment.
- 2.4 Traps are set so that the target vertebrate pest cannot remove the bait without triggering the trap.
- 2.5 Traps are set without injury to the trapper.
- 2.6 Topographical maps of trap locations are prepared in accordance with organisational requirements.

**Outcome 3**

Release live animals from traps and destroy target vertebrate pests.

**Performance criteria**

- 3.1 Animals are removed from the trap without injury to the trapper.
- 3.2 Released non-target vertebrate animals are processed in accordance with organisational requirements.
- 3.3 Released target vertebrate pests are destroyed and carcasses are disposed of in accordance with organisational requirements.

**Outcome 4**

Remove dead animals from traps.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Dead animals are removed from the trap without injury to the trapper.
- 4.2 Carcasses are disposed of in accordance with organisational requirements.

**Outcome 5**

Monitor and record vertebrate pest management.

**Performance criteria**

- 5.1 Traps are checked at least once within every 24 hour period, in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- 5.2 Record is made of animals destroyed in accordance with organisational requirements.
- 5.3 Target vertebrate pests are destroyed in proportion with the estimated total population in accordance with organisational and contractual requirements.

**This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.**

**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**

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