

# INFO SHEET | TRAPS 3

## DOC150 & DOC200

TARGET: MUSTELIDS, RATS & HEDGEHOGS



### WHAT THEY ARE

These are manual traps inside boxes. They require resetting after every kill. The only difference between the DOC series is their size. The DOC150 and DOC200 kill stoats, weasels, rats and hedgehogs. The largest trap, the DOC250, is for ferrets.

### HOW THEY WORK

Bait entices rats and mustelids to enter the trap box through small openings in the mesh end. They must find their way around partitions or "baffles" before stepping on the trigger plate (treadle), releasing the kill bar that closes on the back of the animal's skull, killing it quickly and humanely.

### HOW EFFECTIVE THEY ARE

It is standard practice to check mustelid traps on a monthly basis, however, increasing the frequency to fortnightly over the stoat juvenile dispersal period (summer) can increase the catch. Traps are more effective when their entrance is clear of vegetation.

### INSTALLATION

Trap boxes are installed on flat ground, clear of vegetation that would cover the entrance.

Hedges, fencelines, ridges, waterways, bush tracks and trails are good places to install a trap.

One trap per 10-20 hectares is sufficient to control mustelids. A spacing of at least one trap per ha is needed to control rats to low densities.

### SAFETY

Traps are regularly serviced to ensure they are working well and calibrated to be set off by the weight of target animals (stoats and rats) and not by lighter animals such as mice or lizards. They are made safe by being housed in long wooden boxes with lids screwed on.

### LURE

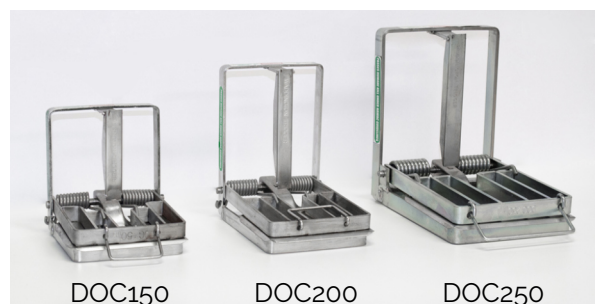
Pieces of rabbit or dehydrated long-life bait are used to lure predators into the trap. Eggs are occasionally used as an additional 'visual lure' to attract predators, and not birds.

### DISPOSAL OF CARCASSES

When disposed of under vegetation close to the trap, carcasses return nutrients to the soil and can help lure others predators to the trap.



'Double set' DOC200s in box.  
Bait is placed between the traps.



The DOC series traps (unset).



'Single set' DOC200 in box.  
The kill bar is down and the trap is unset.

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