

Waimea Inlet Forum - notes on September 2018 meeting

Regional Predator Control Strategy

Work has begun with TET, NCC, TDC and DOC. Targeted areas will be the Waimea Inlet, Ruby Coast/Tasman, and the Baton, Pearse and Graham Rivers. Cats will be included in the strategy.

Brown Teal

The Waimea Inlet does not fit the criteria of a 300 hectare minimum area suitably vegetated, and with cat control.

Maungarakau swamp will be suggested as a suitable site

Waimea Inlet Action Plan

The Draft Action Plan has WIF as the lead in five actions:

1. Identify key sites to be managed to protect estuarine habitats by 2019
2. Create a priority list of sites to be managed by 2019
3. Identify important wildlife area and actions required to manage human activities that disturb wildlife by 2019
4. Discuss with Birds N Z a plan for bird surveys conducted by different groups by 2020
5. The area of naturally vegetated estuary margin has increased by 10km (to an average width of 10m) compared with 2018 by 2030

A Sub-group will work on this.

The sub-group will discuss with TDC about funding for a university student to work on the key sites this coming summer. The student could also GPS all the predator traps, and help with scoping the work needed for items 2 and 3.

A public meeting was suggested as a way of involving others.

Next Meeting will be on Monday 19 November at 4 p.m. in the Mapua Community Hall.