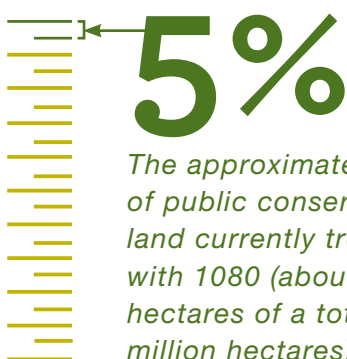




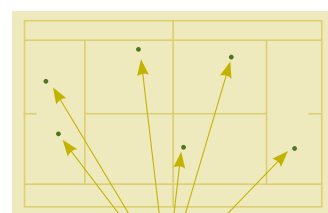
1080 IN NEW ZEALAND INFORMATION

1080

is a biodegradable poison. It breaks down naturally in the environment and does not leave permanent residues in water, soil, plants or animals. The active component of the poison occurs naturally in many plants found in Australia, South America and Africa. These plants evolved the poison as a defence against browsing animals.



The approximate amount of public conservation land currently treated with 1080 (about 440,000 hectares of a total 8.75 million hectares).



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The approximate number of bait pellets dropped over an area about the size of a doubles tennis court in an aerial 1080 operation.

The number of kiwi that have been monitored using radio tracking equipment through 1080 operations since 1990. None has ever died as a result of 1080 poisoning.



Rat tracking rates dropped to zero and remained undetectable for



after the 2006 Hawdon Valley 1080 operation.

ZERO

The number of times traces of 1080 have been found in reticulated drinking water supplies, in over 500 samples tested over the last 5 years. 1080 is readily soluble and dilutes quickly to low concentrations in contact with water.



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The average cost per hectare of aerially spreading 1080 to control rats, possums and stoats across large areas of often difficult terrain. Costs for ground control, like trapping, vary but can be more than three times as much.



The Department of Conservation is planning to manage pests in response to a predicted predator plague this year. For more information visit: