Our learnings from the two largest Mokomoko relocations in New Zealand

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Kōrero Gecko

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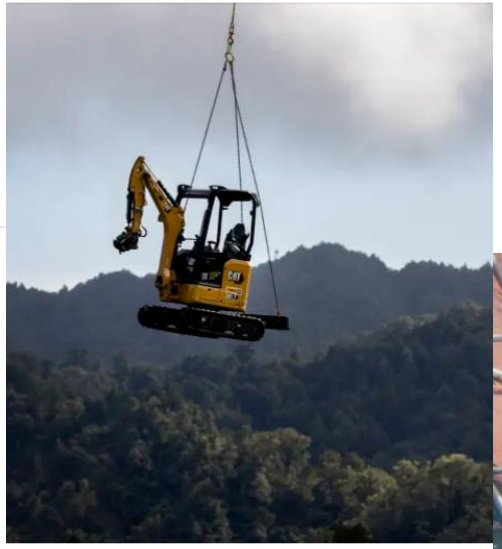
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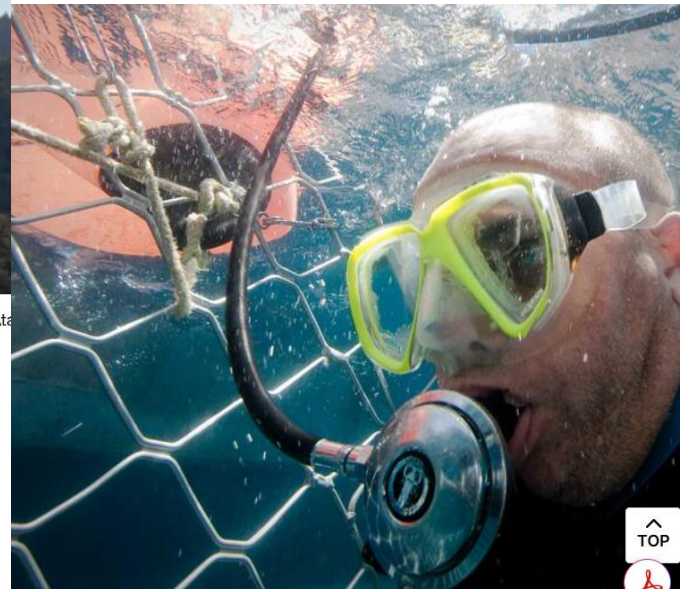


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Coronation Salvage (1st)

Coronation North Salvage

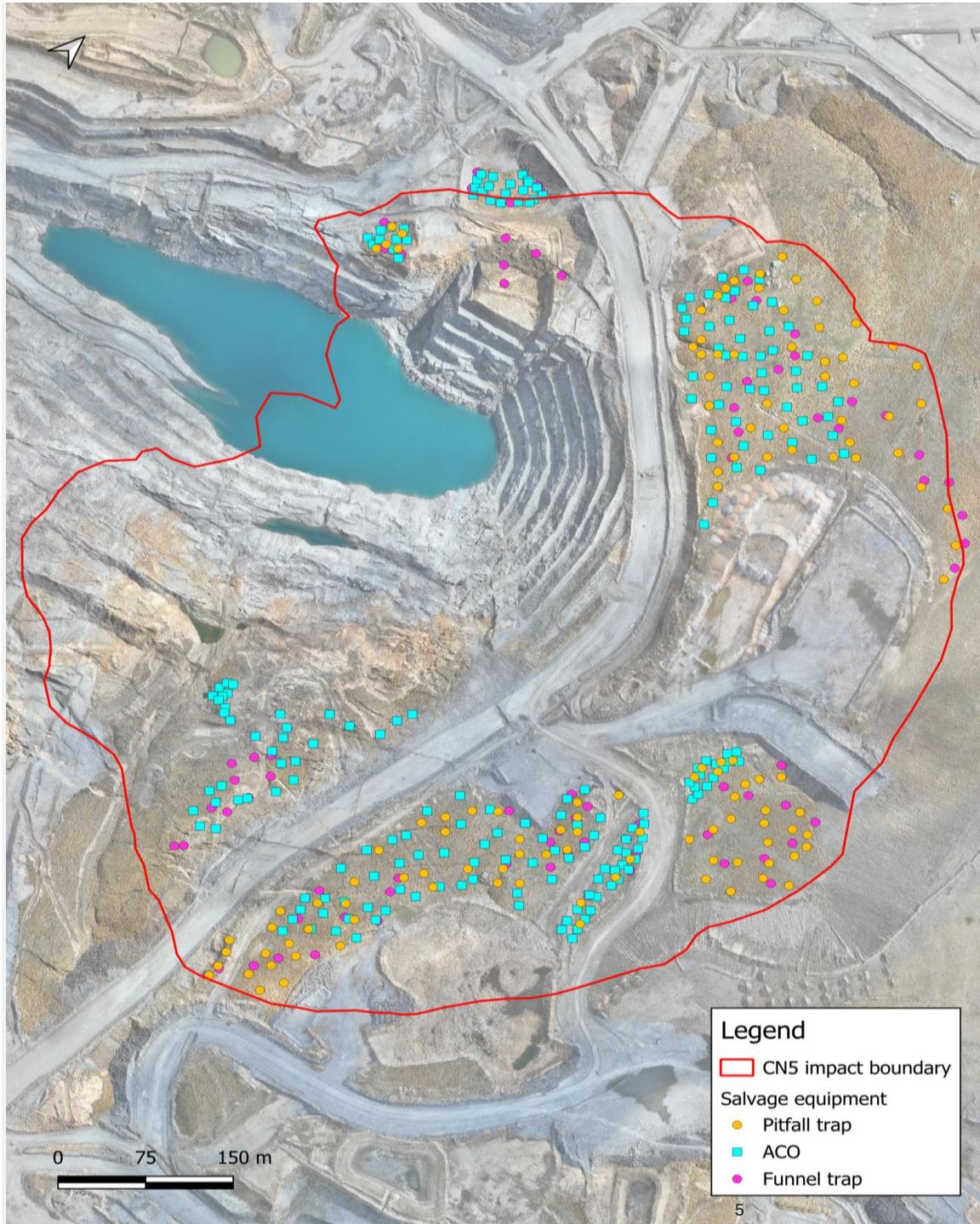




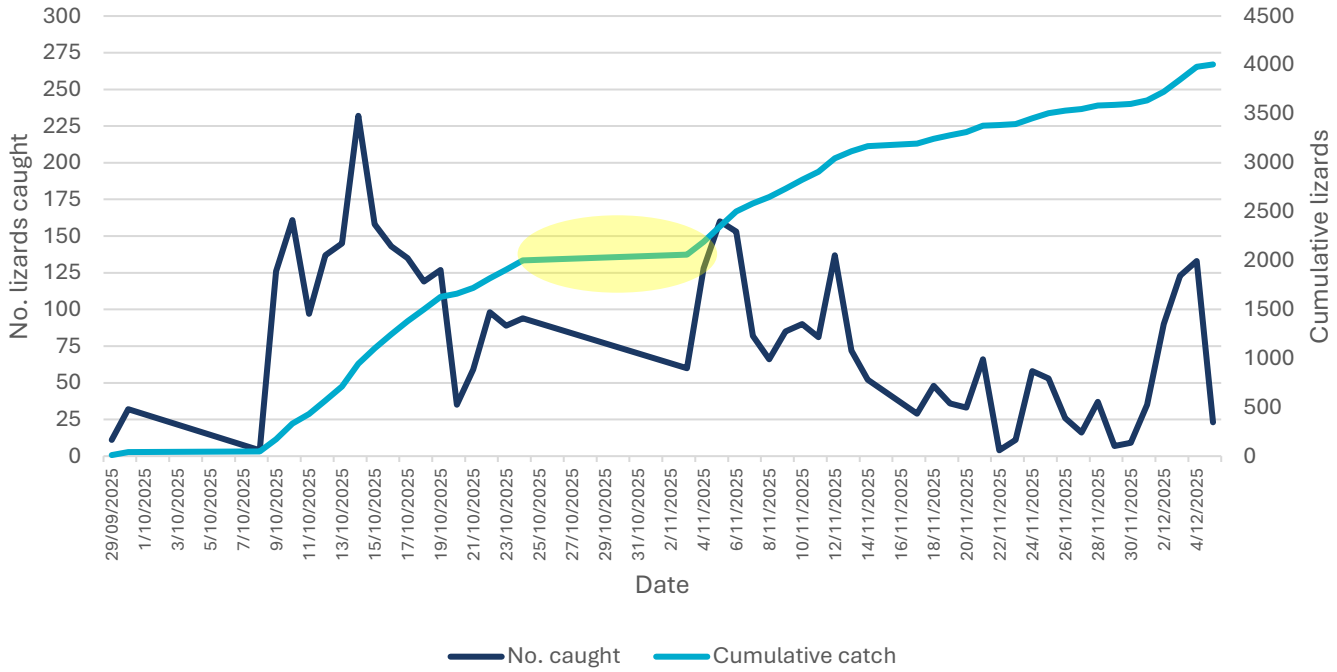




Varied methods of trapping & catching



Modelling & Effort



Trap Checks

9,590

Days

73

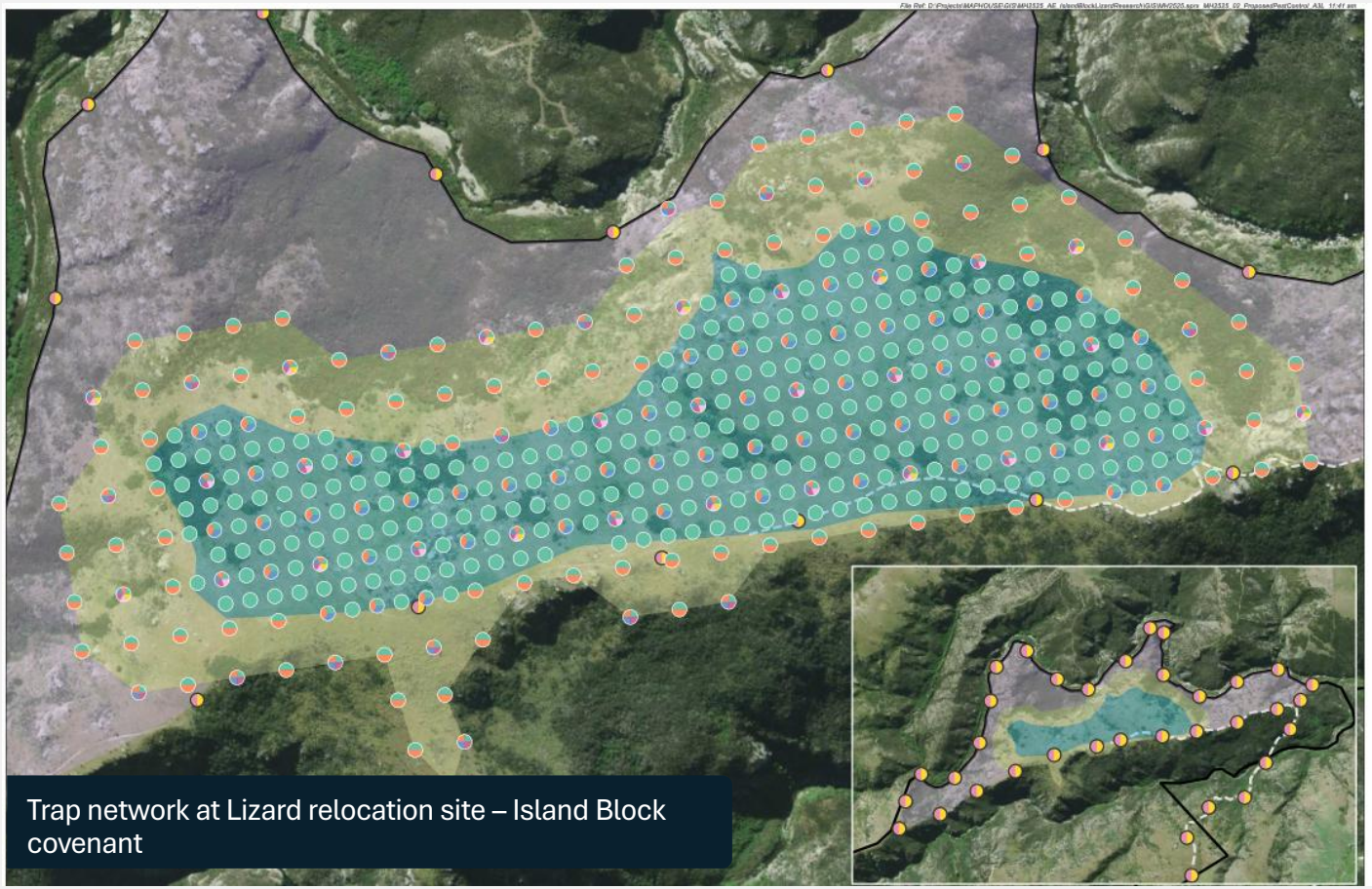
ACO Inspections

8,505

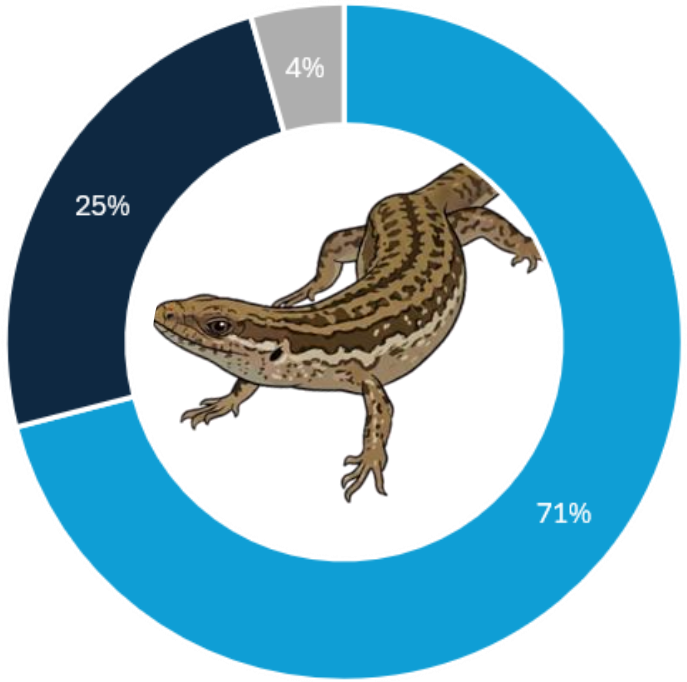
Hand Search Hrs

1,350

Coronation North Relocation



Trap network at Lizard relocation site – Island Block covenant



Southern Grass Skink

McCann's Skink

Korero Gecko

82.5 Ha

Monthly Trap Checks

Quarterly Monitoring

9 Years of Control

4005 relocated



Innes Mills Salvage (2nd)



18th Feb — **START**

3rd Mar — Population estimate exceeded

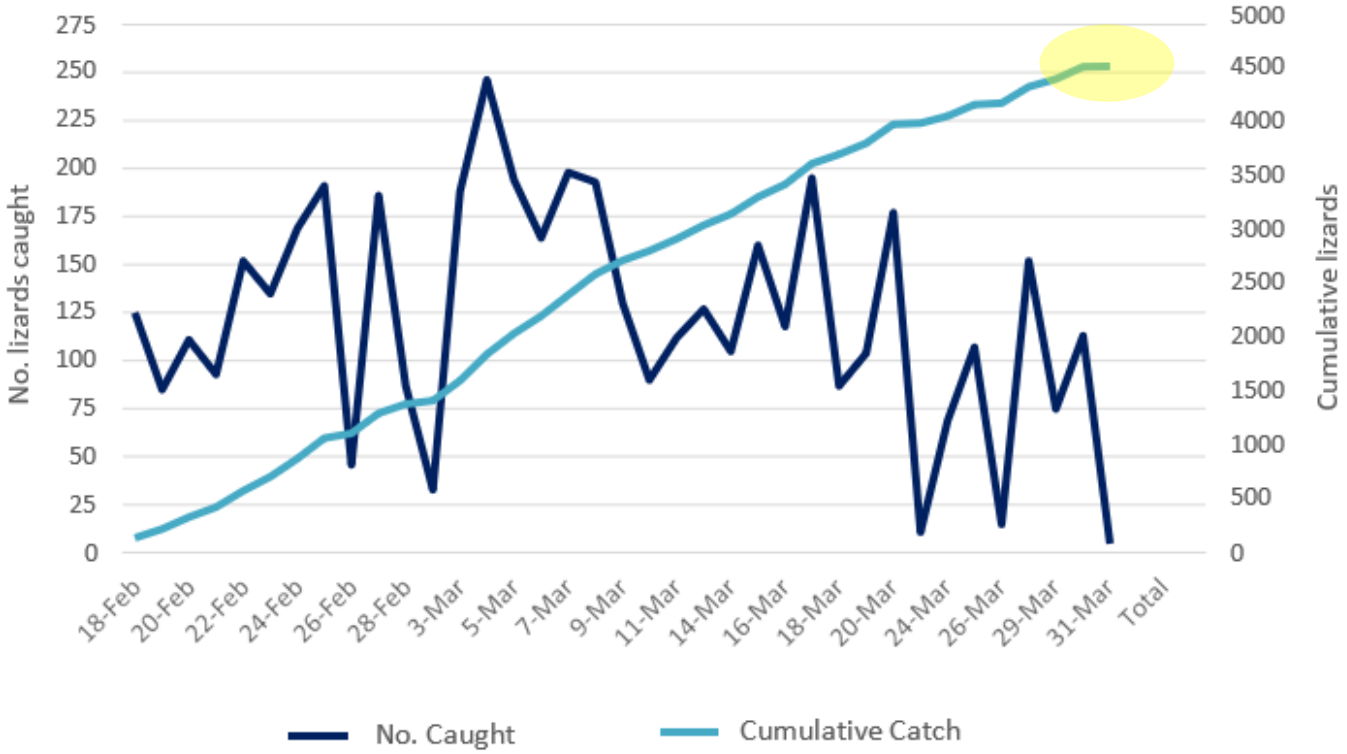
New estimate 3,517

Stopping conditions set

16th Mar — Exceeded 3,517

31st Mar — Stopped efforts, 4,515

Modelling & Effort



Trap Checks

5,091

ACO Inspections

21,966

Hand Search Hrs

3,325



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Key Learnings


Fatigue


Weather dependent


Survey pegs on traps



Snack of choice



Iwi involvement


Pitfall vs Funnel


Internal staff assistance


Progressive degradation



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