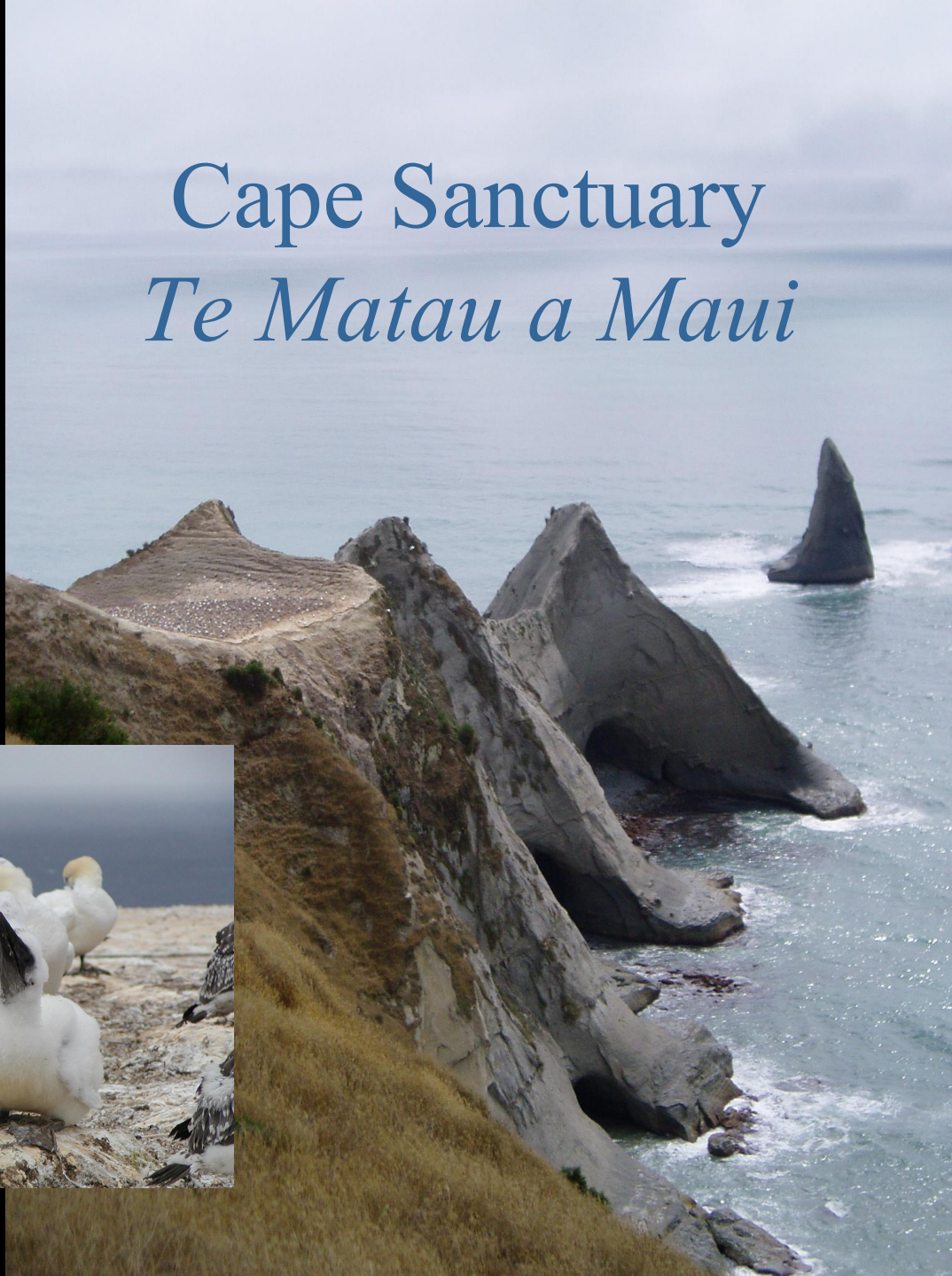


# Cape Sanctuary

## *Te Matau a Maui*



# Expect to see

- Lots of sheep and cattle
- A world class golf course and lodge
- A stunning landscape that is still largely devoid of native wildlife
- A place with a long history of human occupation
- Gannet colonies with no gannets
- A pest-proof fence
- A wildlife sanctuary in its early stages of development

# You will also see....

- The largest privately owned and funded sanctuary in NZ.
- A place where wildlife is being restored in what is predominately a production landscape.
- A place where *P.radiata* is valued as a wildlife habitat.
- A place where pests always have an opportunity to 'leak in' along the beaches
- A place where restoration has to begin almost from scratch.

# Pushes the boundaries..

- Blurs the distinction between conservation and production estate
- Virtually no conservation covenants
- No certainty of tenure
- No certainty of long-term persistence
- DoC hugely supportive
- Make it self-funding as soon as possible



# Cape Kidnappers and Ocean Beach Wildlife Preserve Partnership

- Landowners
  - Julian and Josie Robertson
  - Andy and Liz Lowe
  - Warwick and Juliet Hanson
  - Peter West
- Locals
  - Pukepuke Tangiora
  - Heretaunga Taiwhenua
- Staff
  - John McLennan (Advisor)
  - Tamsin Ward Smith (Project Manager)
  - Travis Cullen (Predator Control)
  - Full time assistant (Predator control)





# How?

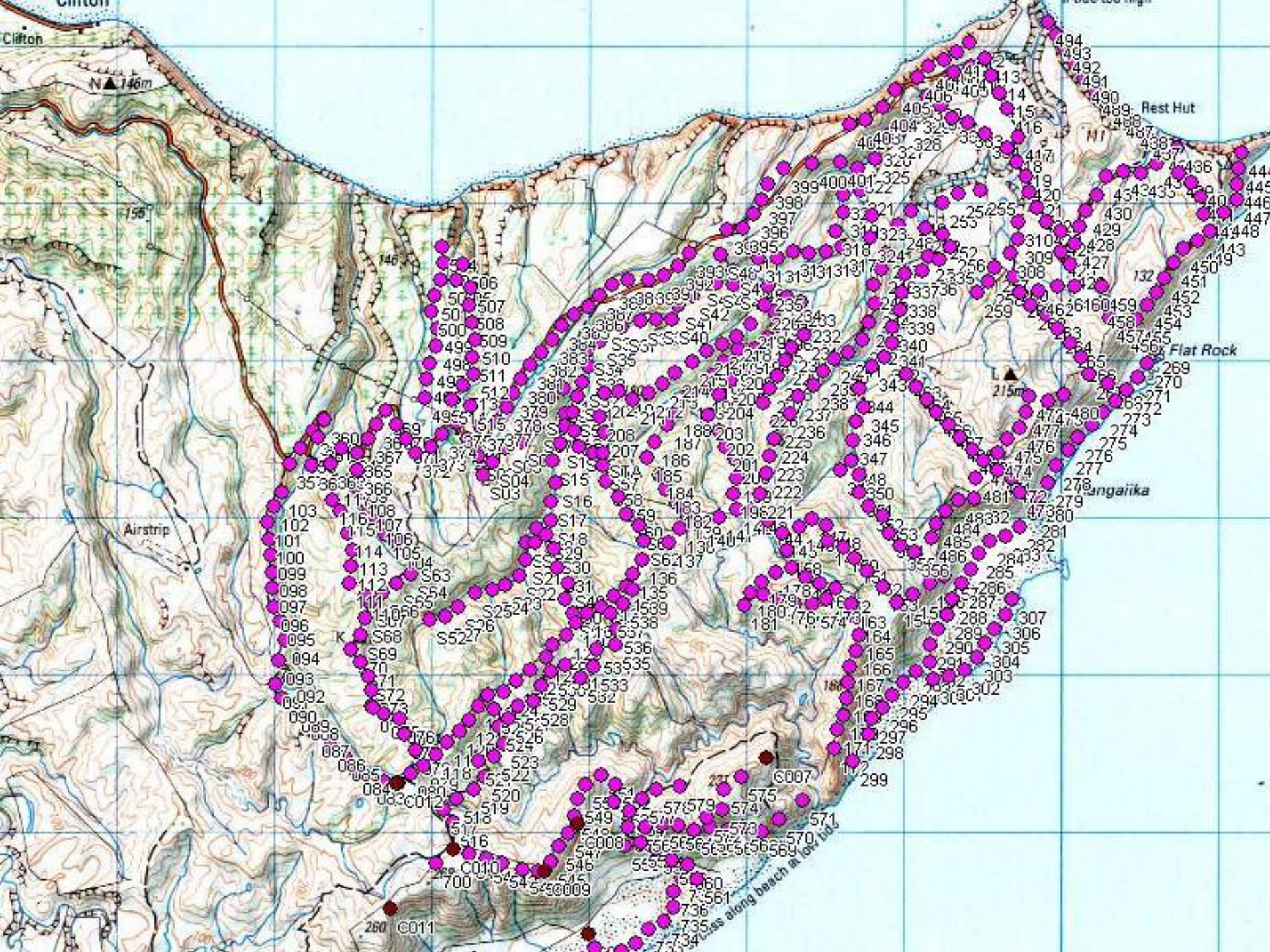
- Constructing an 10.6 km predator proof fence from Clifton to Ocean Beach
- Installing and maintaining an intensive predator control programme
- Re-establishing native species













# Rodents — Ship and Norway rats, mice

- 100 x 100 m bait station grid — “core area” and gullies radiating out

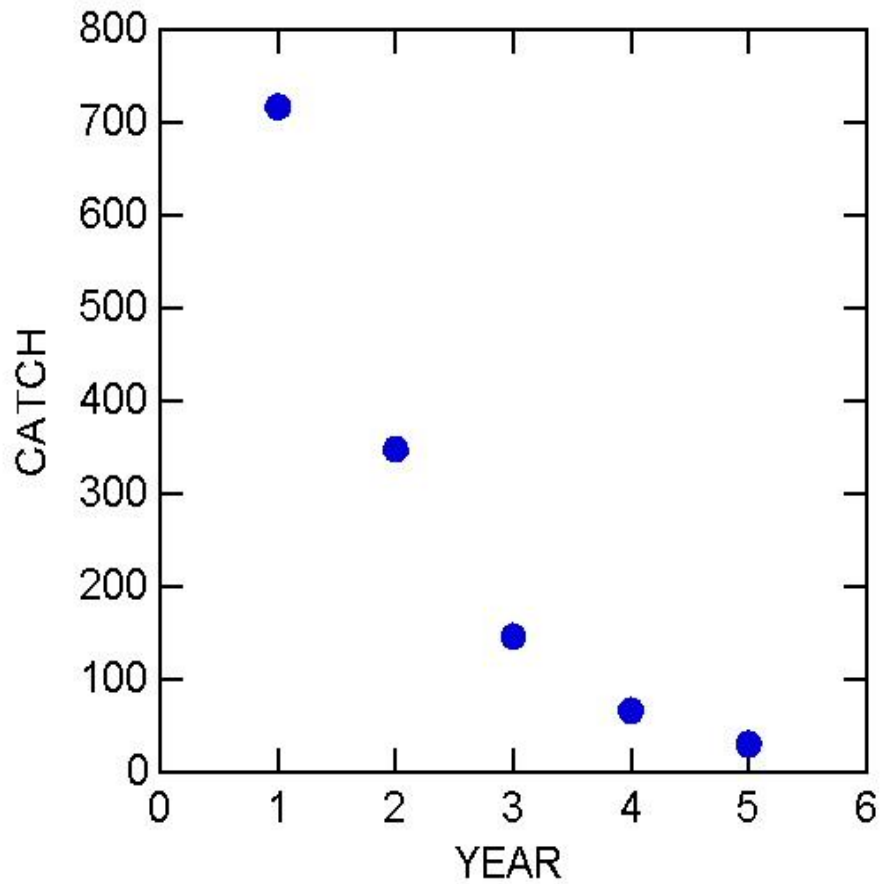


# Philosophy of pest control

- Recognition at the outset that the sanctuary would always be leaky.
- No attempt at mouse eradication
- No attempt at a comprehensive poisoning programme following fence completion
- No requirement to monitor frequently to detect invasions
- Instead – ongoing trapping/poisoning & gradual pest removal, both inside and outside fence.



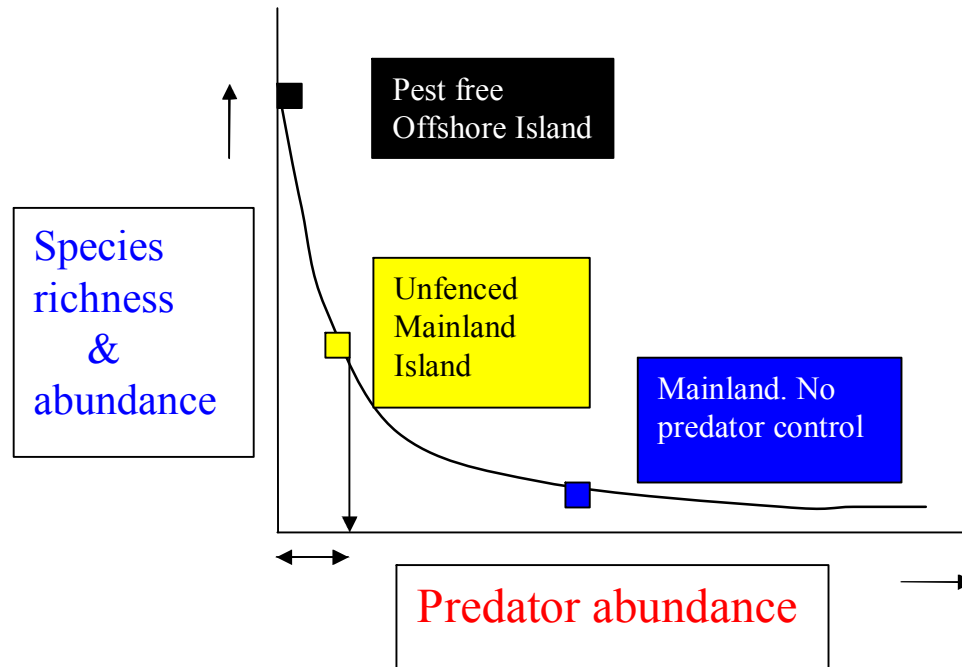
# Trap data - hedgehogs



# How we going so far?

- Hedgehogs Temporary eradication possible
- Possums “”
- Goats “”
- Stoats/Ferrets/Weasels “”
- Rats < 5% tracking rates
- Cats 370 thus far and still counting
- Rabbits Most difficult pest of all
- Mice Partial control with bait stations

# Where are we going to end up?



Pest-free Offshore Island



Tuatara & burrowing seabirds in a fenced cell

Saddleback, Red crowned parakeet, Pateke, Little spotted kiwi, Takahe, White-faced storm petrels, Black-winged petrels

Unfenced Mainland Island

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# Pateke introductions 2007/2008





# Burrowing seabirds





# Self introductions





# Nice surprises





# And another one too





# Ocean Beach and dune system





# Rangaiika





# Seabird/reptile site





# Midden and paleofaunal sites



30 species birds, 2  
bats, 700 year old  
tuatara tooth, moa  
bones and egg  
shell













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