

ZERO INVASIVE PREDATORS: Developing the 'Remove and Protect' model

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The New Zealand Government has recently announced that New Zealand will be predator-free by 2050. Many have embraced this vision, but some question how it might happen. Zero Invasive Predators Ltd (ZIP) is a research and development entity, established in 2015 through public, private, and philanthropic funding, to drive the development of technologies to enable the complete removal of rats, possums, and stoats from large areas of mainland New Zealand, and then protect those areas from reinvasion. In this talk, we will explain more about who we are, and outline the transformative predator management model we are developing – the 'Remove and Protect' model – and how it could help to pave the way towards the predator-free New Zealand of 2050.