

Stakeholder Forum – 5 July 2021 - Additional Questions and Answers

Question	Presenter	Answer
How does the corral trap designed as a figure 6 work?	Alex Ernst	Three reinforced mesh panels are used to form a shape like a 6. Use star pickets every 1.5m around the trap to secure the mesh panels. Pigs prefer to walk around a circular trap and go inside. Alex can be contacted if further details are required.
The 'yams' you described - have you looked into propagating them to produce a year round bait supply	Alex Ernst	This is an interesting idea - propagating yams has not been looked at, at this stage. How long this would take, what resources would be required and its cost effectiveness is now known. If it could be done, it could potentially trap many pigs.
What drugs and dose rates are used (to place collars onto feral pigs)?	Alex Ernst	Zolatil- 1-2 ml per pig is used. A training course must be undertaken. Putting a collar on and recording all the data only takes up to 10 mins once you have had a bit of practice.
Do you think there is any potential for Cybertracker data to be shared with the FeralPigScan platform (www.feralpigscan.org.au) to help ensure that your efforts are also identified nationally?	Alex Ernst	I really like the FeralPigScan website and APP- unfortunately because we deal with large amounts of pigs and big boars, there are concerns about pig hunters coming onto Aboriginal land using the data provided. This compromises my relationship on the ground and the research we do. I have had issues with people within the community hearing about where our pig traps and cameras are and they have actively gone to these sites without Traditional Owner permission. All data is provided to CSIRO and to the local Indigenous ranger group (Djelk Rangers)
Sharing of cybertracker App platform and support	Alex Ernst	I am happy to share our LOC APP- I would change a couple of things but really its set up for pig trap deployment and data collection- Also pig collar data collection
How are all organisations and states managing accreditation for aerial shooters? Nationwide, are there adequate providers to skill up aerial shooters? Are there adequate pilots across Australia that are permitted to fly with an aerial shooter? Could the national feral pig program internally host a list of contacts for aerial shooters & pilots? Not a list on the public hub, in case of animal activists accessing the list for ulterior motives.	Alex Ernst	CASA legislation requires carriage and discharge license Helicopter pilots need mustering endorsement There are plenty of qualified chopper pilots around to conduct aerial culling. As for platform shooters training, there are RTOs in every state that can provide the platform training and assessment for new aerial shooters. The hardest part is moving to semi-automatic weapons - this takes time. For lists of Approved Helicopter Pilots and companies, see bladeslapper.com . A forum regarding setting up an approved shooters list could be included on this site. North Australian Quarantine Strategy (NAQS) can also be contacted for information on training, if needed
Would there be interest in a method of distributing reproductive control through intra-dermal sprays onto pig – Graeme Crook	Heather Channon	For further discussion by the Scientific Advisory Panel
The Queensland Department of Environment and Science's Wetlands Unit has collated some information about feral pigs, linking to the NFPAP website and additional resources. Can be found here for anyone interested: https://wetlandinfo.des.qld.gov.au/wetlands/management/pressures/feral-pigs/ https://wetlandinfo.des.qld.gov.au/wetlands/ecology/components/fauna/wetland-pests/feral-pigs.html	Heather Channon	For noting and inclusion of links on NFPAP site