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Fox Control at Booderee National Park

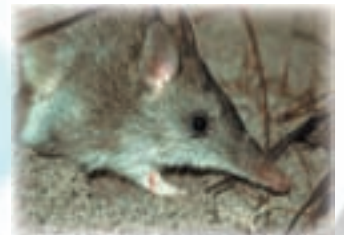
Background



- Foxes are highly adaptable predators
- They can survive in a wide number of habitats
- They were introduced into Australia in the 19th Century and are now found throughout the southern two thirds of the continent

Why do we want to get rid of foxes?

Foxes have a major negative impact on a wide range of Australian fauna particularly medium sized mammals (bandicoots, quolls, bettongs, potoroos, bilbies, pademelons)



How are foxes controlled in the Park?



- using buried baits containing sodium monoflouroacetate (1080) placed at 1 km intervals throughout the Park
- 1999 to August 2003, baiting once every six months with non-lethal baits, replaced with lethal baits when evidence of consumption by foxes.
- 2003 to present, baiting every month with lethal baits & all baits removed after two weeks.

How do we know whether it has been successful?



- Because foxes have declined
- Because bandicoots have increased until 2007 when they declined probably due to drought conditions
- There are more animals in Booderee National Park than in surrounding National Parks

... a jointly managed place