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Government launches Cane Toad trap rebate

The NT Government is delivering on an important election promise with the launch today of the Cane Toad Trap \$30 rebate.

The rebate is available for traps approved by the Parks and Wildlife Service. The NT Government is providing \$100 000 to fund the scheme.

Cane toads are expected to reach Darwin in numbers by the end of the upcoming Wet Season.

“This is the latest weapon in our battle against the cane toads,” Ms Scrymgour said.

The NT Government has committed more than \$1.2 million to tackling the toad, including funding for Frogwatch’s community-based toad trapping campaign, \$300,000 for the Island Ark project to relocate endangered native species, and \$300,000 for research into a long-term biological solution.

Government also successfully lobbied the Commonwealth and States to have the spread of the cane toad listed as a key environmental threatening process last year and we now have the Queensland and Western Australian Governments joining us in the fight.

“We are determined to protect our unique Territory lifestyle from the spread of this toxic pest,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“Cane toad traps can play an important role in managing cane toad numbers at the local scale – making them ideal for people’s backyards. While they will not eradicate cane toads, they will help reduce numbers to the point where we can keep our native wildlife.”

“This is why I am pleased to launch the scheme today and I encourage everyone to go out and buy a trap, get their \$30 back from government and take action in the battle against the toad.”

“If each trap that Government subsidises only catches 100 toads each year then together we can remove around 200 tonnes of cane toads from our environment – that’s about 10 semi-trailer loads!”

The rebate is available off approved cane toad traps, which can be purchased through several suppliers around Darwin and remote areas. Rebates can be claimed at offices at Palmerston, Katherine and Nhulunbuy. For more information visit www.canetoads.nt.gov.au.

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