Cane Toads What can you do?



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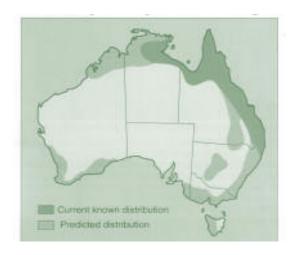
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Educate yourself. Further reading on line:

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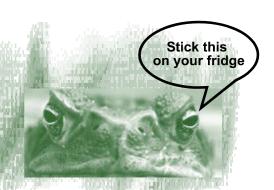
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NORTHERN HABITAT

Cane Toads What can be done?



Immediate WA Government support should be applied to the Key Threatening Process submission from the Northern Territory to impress upon the Federal Government the serious nature of the impending threat to the Kimberley.

A dedicated education program targeting schools and communities through the region should be initiated without delay. This program should incorporate a touring display supported by public presentations. Every public officer (CALM, AGWA, Fisheries, Police etc) should be given an intensive training program on cane toad identification.

A wash down bay at border checkpoint be built immediately. All vehicles to be high pressure sprayed underneath with chemicals toxic to toads.

The present location of the border checkpoint at Kununurra should be relocated to the NT access to the Duncan Highway. This will effectively ensure inspections of ALL road traffic entering WA and help protect the eastern shores of Lake Argyle, Purnululu National Park and West Kimberley.

Immediate investigation of suitable topography within the NT to establish an "outer perimeter" incorporating portable traps and barrier fencing. The 'line in the sand'.

Identify habitats within the Kimberley that are most at risk (due to watershed access), and commence activities to protect these either through physical modification or habitat perimeter modification.

Ensure a cooperative strategy exists that results in every aircraft and vessel departing Darwin en route to the Kimberley has had stores inspected and that stores are transferred to a quarantine holding facility upon arrival in WA.

All of these measures are possible if communities demand this action from their elected representatives. Cane Toads are an issue that transcends politics, race, religion and social activities. A unilateral approach must be demanded to ensure the maintenance of biodiversity in WA.

This same approach should be implemented for road transport along the lines of the Kununurra working group proposal (cane toad proof fences around trucking yards and daily inspection of perimeter backed up with traps).

Immediate heightened level of vehicle and luggage inspections at border checkpoints.

Immediately legislate significant penalties for any attempt (deliberate or otherwise) to import toads into WA—let's get serious.

Joint WA/NT roving inspection teams should be initiated along the lines of the successful APB Starling control program, to monitor traps and barriers.

Immediately ensure that significant research resources are directed at investigating biological and behavioural control i.e. Lavender beetles, pheromone, aural attractants and native predators.

Promote an immediate cessation of toad virus genetic modification research given the inherent cross species devastation that could occur.



What can you do? See over.