

Clarence Valley Conservation in Action

Indian (Common) Myna Control Program

PROTOCOL FOR ANIMAL WELFARE AND TRAP MANAGEMENT

Welcome to the CVCIA's Indian (Common) Myna control trapping program.

Community members who volunteer to participate in trapping are required to commit to the following animal welfare, trap management and care protocol.

When trapping and using caller birds

When trapping or using caller birds you must follow the NSW Department of Primary Industries "Standard Operating Procedure for Trapping Pest Birds" (BIR002) as follows:

- The trap and any separate caller cage **must be clean, contain food and water at all times.**
- Trappers are not to use grain-based food (including bread) as this can attract native birds.
- The diet for a caller bird can be varied to include insects, fruit and perhaps a little mince meat.
- If a native bird is trapped it should be released as soon as possible.
- The birds are not to be unduly stressed - avoid handling or approaching the trap frequently.
- The trap is to be monitored regularly (preferably from a distance) - at least twice a day.
- Be aware of points mentioned in SOP 06 "Myna trapping risk analysis & safety issues" attached.

Dealing with trapped mynas

The trapped mynas are to be treated in a humane and responsible manner. It is a condition of borrowing this trap that you observe the requirements of the NSW *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*.

The method of euthanasia to dispose of trapped mynas is to be **quick and humane, and as stress-free as possible.** There are three preferred methods of euthanasia. They are: gassing with carbon dioxide gas (NOT car exhaust gasses); or cervical dislocation (breaking their necks). Both of these methods require some experience and or training. Use gloves when handling birds. OR locating a Vet who will provide a free euthanasing service. If you feel that you are unable to euthanase, please contact your area coordinator who may put you in touch with someone who could do it for you.

Trap management and care

- Traps are provided in good faith and any injury or damage to persons or property whilst being transported or in use is the responsibility of the person signing this agreement.
- When your trapping is complete please return the trap to your coordinator ensuring it is **clean** and in good working condition. A fee of up to \$20 maybe charged if trap is not returned or returned damaged (excluding normal wear & tear).

Please advise your coordinator by phone or email of your tally each month (even if 0).

You may be asked to return the trap if it is felt that there is a greater need somewhere else.

I (*print name*).....agree to act in accordance with the above and understand that I have become a member of Clarence Valley Conservation in Action (CVCIA Landcare Inc) for the duration of borrowing the trap and accept CVCIA's Code of Conduct Policies (available to be viewed on our website www.cvcia.org.au).

Trap No. **CVC** _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email or postal address: _____



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