

Job Description

Position Title: *Predator Free Field Technician*

Responsible to: Programme Lead- Towards Predator Free Taranaki

Responsible for: n/a

Relationships:

Environment Officers
All Taranaki Regional Council staff
Land occupiers and owners
General public and interest groups
Contractors
Commercial business sector
Government Departments
Other Regional/District Councils

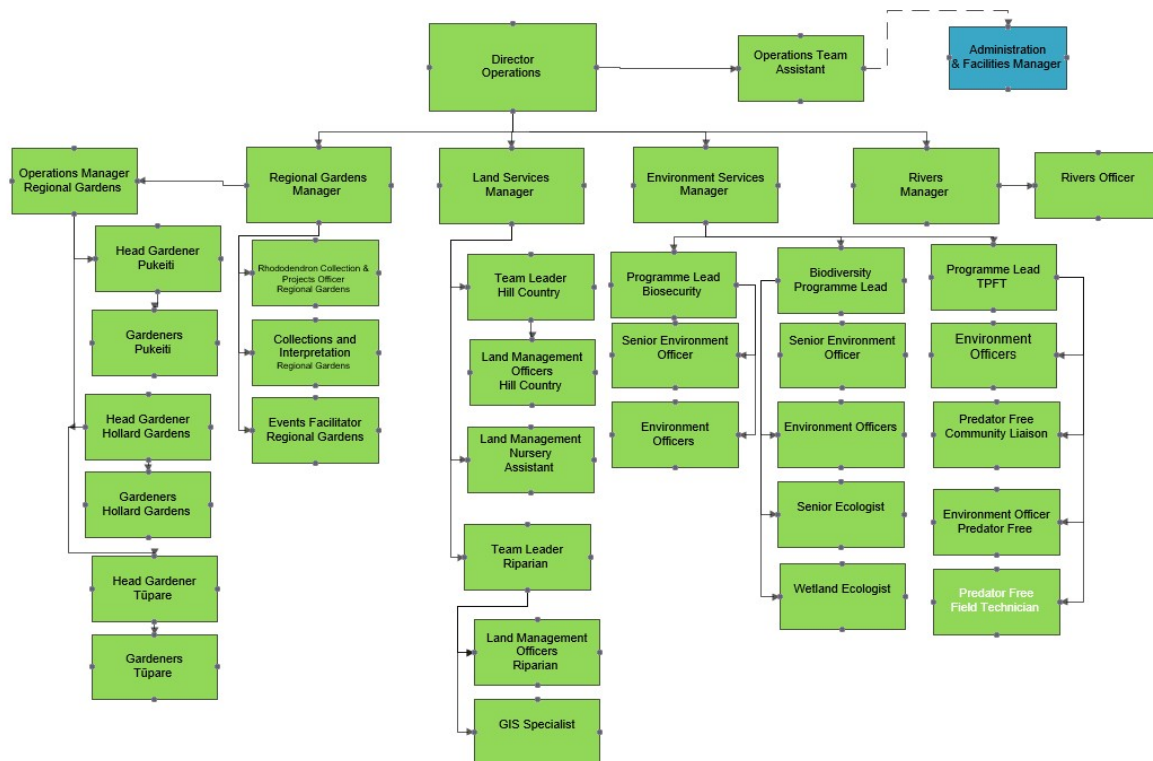
Salary: A market salary for the position will be negotiated, depending on experience, qualifications and aptitude.

Location: Stratford, although travel throughout the region maybe required as part your daily duties

Job Context: Fixed term (12 months), Full Time

Position Number: TBCx

Holder: Vacant



Role of Predator Free Field Technician

The role of a Predator Free field Technician will be to carry out field activities associated with the Towards Predator Free Taranaki and the following:

- Relevant Council Policy, Strategies and Plans as they relate to Biosecurity and Biodiversity, including - Regional pest management plans for Taranaki, Council biodiversity strategy, and
- the *Biosecurity Act 1993* and *Resource Management Act 1991*

Key Skills

Qualification

- Required: an appropriate qualification, and/or relevant experience in biosecurity
- Appropriate and current licences and certificates for relevant aspects of the position, for example current Controlled Substance Licence

Knowledge

- Understanding of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993
- Knowledge of field techniques in predator monitoring and management
- Must be conversant with relevant Council Policy, Strategies and Plans as they relate to Biosecurity and Biodiversity
- Committed to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

Skills / Experience

- Proven reporting ability, both oral and written
- Be competent in the use of the Microsoft suite of programmes, particularly spreadsheets, and databases
- A methodical and common-sense approach to problem solving

Personal Attributes

- Ability to work as an effective team member of a multi-disciplinary team
- Good health and fitness (this is a field based position)
- Responsible attitude to poisons and firearms
- Ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of individuals and groups

Tasks

- Undertake operational works to implement Council's Predator Free work programmes in an efficient, professional and cost-effective manner and in accordance with statutory requirements and Council policy.
- Undertake detection surveys to identify the presence of predators
- Undertake predator removal operations using appropriate techniques including, toxins and traps.
- Provide guidance to landholders on matters of predator control.
- Maintain good public relations with land occupiers, the general public and other interest groups.
- Any other task and duties as required by the Programme Lead- Towards Predator Free Taranaki, Environment Services Manager, Director – Operations or Chief Executive

Special requirements

- May be required to work outside normal working hours
- Will be required to work weekends on a rostered basis for trap duty cover (approximately one weekend in every 8 weeks)
- Must be able to undertake the physical requirements of the position
- May be required to work with hazardous and toxic materials
- May be expected to work under conditions in which personal risk is maybe incurred and safety procedures must be adhered to in accordance with the Council's Policies and Procedures.

Health and Safety

The Taranaki Regional Council is committed to a process of continuous improvement in order to achieve excellence in the management of health and safety at all of our workplaces. We recognise the positive impact that the values and benefits of enhanced health and safety bring to the organisation, our employees and our communities. There are two key points to health and safety:

- The safety of our people and the communities in which we operate always comes first.
- We are all empowered and expected to challenge any unsafe situation at work.

We will achieve these by:

- Building culture
- Aiming for zero harm
- Taking reasonable practicable steps
- Managing contractors
- Communicate
- Develop knowledge
- Investigate and learn
- Ensure competence to do the job

Mission and Key Message

Our Mission:

To work for a thriving and prosperous Taranaki by:

- Promoting the sustainable use, development and protections of our natural and physical resources
- Safeguarding Taranaki's people and resources from natural and other hazards
- Promoting and providing for significant services, amenities and infrastructure
- Representing Taranaki's interests and contributions regionally, nationally and internationally

We will do this by leading with responsibility, working cooperatively, encouraging community participation, and taking into account the Treaty of Waitangi.

Our Key Message:

The Taranaki Regional Council works with the Taranaki community to help make the region a fantastic place to live, play and do business.

Values:

We are committed to:

- Public service
- Service First
- Improving the quality of our performance
- Working safely
- Effective communication and teamwork
- Initiative and the right to make mistakes
- Accountability and results
- Presentation, respect and care
- Job satisfaction