



Felixer Feral Cat Grooming Trap Trials in the Presence of Northern Quolls in the Pilbara region of Western Australia

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Acknowledgement of Country

I'd like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging. I also wish to extend this respect to other Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders who are present.



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Pilbara Felixer Trial



Methods

- **Three Felixers** tested in ‘conservative mode’
- **Phase 1: Photo only trial** - April 2018 and January 2020 (Indee Station, then North Star trial site)
- **Phase 2: Toxic trial** - 29 January to 22 October 2021 (North Star trial site)
 - Monitoring cameras (1 per Felixer, 8 within trial site, plus local area Northern Quoll trapping program)
 - Each unit was loaded with four 1080 cartridges
 - And many logistical challenges!

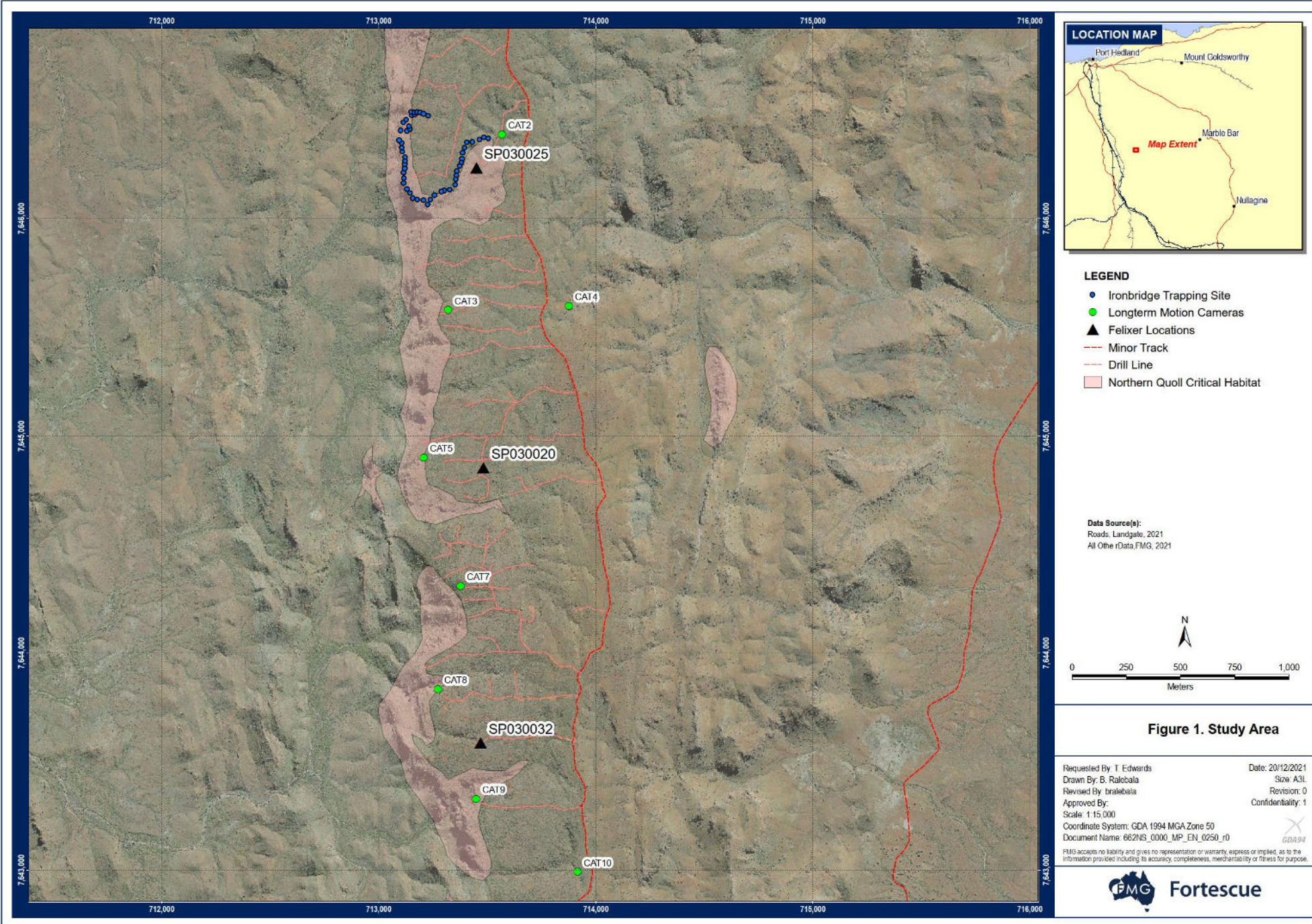


Figure 1. Study Area

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Pilbara Felixer Trial

- Photo Only Trial
 - 1337 photo trigger events, with **no false positives**
 - **11 feral cats** identified as targets (plus 13 not identified as targets)
 - **226 Northern Quoll** trigger events, zero identified as targets



Pilbara Felixer Trial

- Toxic Trial
 - 504 photo trigger events, with **zero false positives**
 - **6 feral cats** identified as targets, and 1080 gel discharged (plus 8 not identified as targets)
 - **67% success rate** (estimated 9 individual cats present)
 - **2 Northern Quoll** trigger events, zero identified as targets



Pilbara Felixer Trial

Key takeaways:

- **6 feral cats** successfully targeted
- **Zero Northern Quoll** or other native fauna targeted
- Trial continues.





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