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Reintroduction of Long Nosed Potoroos to Booderee National Park

In 2004, planning commenced to repopulate the Booderee National Park with Long-nosed Potoroos (LNP). The once flourishing population of LNP in the Jervis Bay area had become extinct many years ago.

In August 2009, the Animal Experimentation Ethics Committee at the Australian National University gave approval for the translocation of LNP from Victoria to Jervis Bay.

In November 2009, the Australian Government Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts approved the translocation of up to 24 LNP, a species listed as vulnerable under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC).

The animals were to be captured in the Cape Conran Coastal Park in East Gippsland for translocation to Booderee National Park near Jervis Bay in NSW.

In late 2014, the translocation occurred, with the animals actually captured in Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) managed State forests in the Eden Management Area on the NSW far south coast.

For decades, anti-native forest harvesting activists have claimed that the timber industry is the major threat to biodiversity in native forests. Consequently, the translocation of LNP from forests, which have been harvested for a range of timber products for over 100 years, has left local activists perplexed.

FCNSW have demonstrated that a rational approach must be taken to assessing key threats to native species. Adopting a more effective predator control process is the key to an increased population of LNP and other critical weight range mammals in the Eden forests. More effective predator control has also seen a significant increase in the population of other threatened and vulnerable species, including the Southern Brown and Long-nosed Bandicoots.

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Fox Killing a Bandicoot Photographed on an Infra Red Camera

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