



# National Nest Predation Survey Checklist

## Essential Checks

- ☐ Do you have access to a wetland, e.g., river, creek, lagoon, or pond (the survey can also be done anywhere if you have enough space and the right permissions in place)?
- ☐ Would you be able to return to the site in 3 weeks after setting up the survey?
- ☐ Have you downloaded and familiarised yourself with using TurtleSAT mobile app? (IMP: you will be using TurtleSAT to record data)

## Getting Started with Training

### The Three 'R' Principles

- ☐ Have you completed reading the section on the three 'R' principles?
- ☐ Have you watched the video explaining the three 'R' principles?

### Completing your Training

- ☐ Have you watched the 'How to conduct the survey' video?
- ☐ Have you completed reading all the sections included on the 'National Predation Nest Survey' webpage or this guide? (Including familiarising yourself with the equipment list)?
- ☐ Have you completed the online quiz?

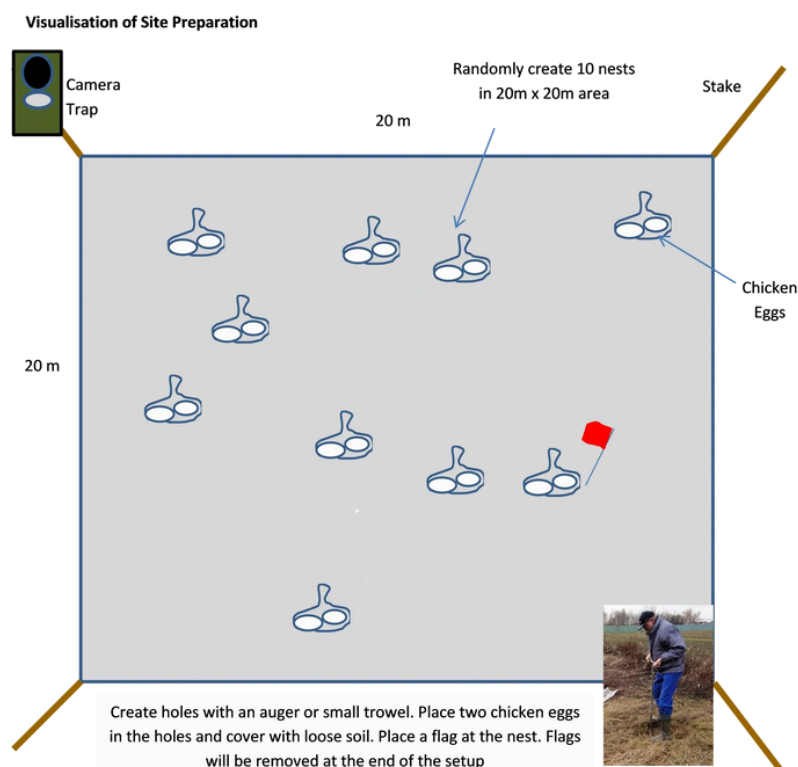
### Selecting the Survey Site

- ☐ Are you conducting the survey on a private land or area that you have permission to access?
- ☐ Or if on public land, do you have approvals from the land management agency in place?
- ☐ Is the survey site easy and safe to access?
- ☐ Have you completed the required 'Risk Assessment' document and submitted this to the 1 Million Turtles program team? (You can find a sample on the NNPS website to view and modify)



## Setting up and Leaving the Survey Site

- ☐ Do you have all the necessary equipment to begin setting up the survey site?
- ☐ Do you have your gloves on?
- ☐ Have you completed the measurements and secured the wooden stakes (or star posts) to mark a 20m X 20m square plot? (Secure the wooden stakes or star posts on the ground by using a hammer or mallet. The wooden stakes will mark the four corners of the plot – if unsure, please refer to the plot set-up image on the webpage.
- ☐ Have you dug the holes to be approximately **10cm to 15cm wide** and about **15-20cm deep**?
- ☐ Were the 10 holes selected randomly?
- ☐ Have you placed two store bought chicken eggs in each hole and covered them back using the loose soil? Have you marked each nest hole with a brightly coloured flag or visible markers (a visible marker could be a brightly coloured flagging tape tied to stick)?
- ☐ Have you taken photographs from all angles from the corner posts to ensure you can use the photos as a reference to locate your nests?
- ☐ Are all the nests visible in your photos?
- ☐ Have you removed all coloured flags (or visible markers) from the nests?
- ☐ Have you bagged and brought back all the rubbish or debris to discard or recycle generated from this survey set-up (e.g., empty egg cartons, disposable gloves)?
- ☐ Have you noted the date to go back to the site? This will be three weeks from the time of the set-up.
- ☐ Have you noted the GPS coordinates for your site? Are they in decimal digits?





## Setting Up Wildlife Camera (Optional)

- ☐ Have you selected a spot with low grass?
- ☐ Have you faced the camera in a southerly direction?
- ☐ Have you mounted the camera securely and faced it angled slightly downwards?
- ☐ Have you checked that the batteries have sufficient power and the SD card is in place?
- ☐ Have you set the camera to capture 3 photos with 1 minute delay?
- ☐ Have you tested the camera to ensure it is working properly?
- ☐ Have you switched on the camera (you may opt to switch it on after the bright coloured flags have been removed and you are about to leave the site)?
- ☐ Finally, have you wiped the camera with alcohol wipes to ensure that there are no traces of your scent? For more information, please refer to the 'Wildlife Camera Set-up' section on the website.

***IMP: If you do not have a wildlife camera, we encourage you to take a photo (e.g., your phone camera) of the digging and any animal tracks around the digging and email the photos to [1millionturtlesprogram@gmail.com](mailto:1millionturtlesprogram@gmail.com)***

## Returning to Collect Data

- ☐ Do you have the photos of the nests with the bright coloured flags with you?
- ☐ Do you have someone with you to help guide you to the location of the nests?
- ☐ If you have set-up a wildlife camera, have you switched it off?
- ☐ Have you written down the number of destroyed nests?
- ☐ Have you removed any eggs that were not dug up? (Caution: At times, the eggs that have been undisturbed may have deteriorated and potentially crack releasing a foul smell. Please exercise caution when removing old eggs.)
- ☐ Have you removed all the wooden stakes and the wildlife camera?
- ☐ Have you bagged any rubbish or debris from the site?
- ☐ Have you completed reviewing the images from the wildlife camera? (please skip this step if you did not use a wildlife camera)
- ☐ Have you completed your data check?
  - ☐ *Number of nests destroyed*
  - ☐ *Number of nights that the cameras was deployed*
  - ☐ *Number of day/nights that at least one fox was observed on camera*
  - ☐ *Dates when you started and ended the survey*
  - ☐ *Location (the GPS coordinates) : You can tap on the TurtleSAT map.*
- ☐ Have you submitted all the data to TurtleSAT?

**Great work on completing your survey and a  
BIG thank you from the 1 Million Turtles  
program team!**