



# 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?

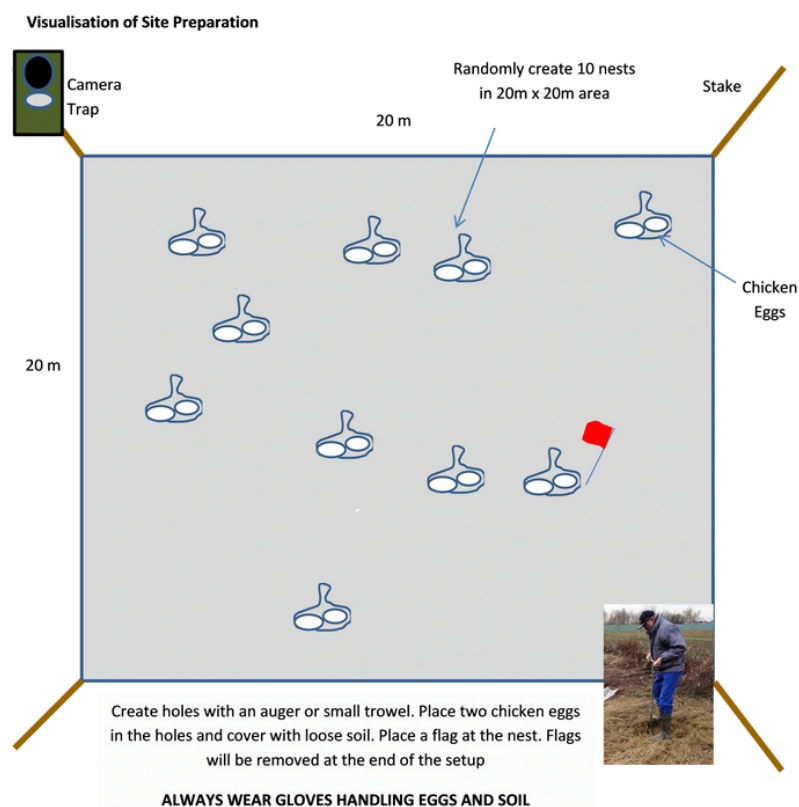
### Selecting the Survey Site

- 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 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 [1millionturtles@1millionturtles.com](mailto:1millionturtles@1millionturtles.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!**