

# Feral goats

This task is about pests and pest control.



Wild or feral goats in NZ are pests that have to be controlled. Some feral goats used to be domestic goats that have escaped to become wild.

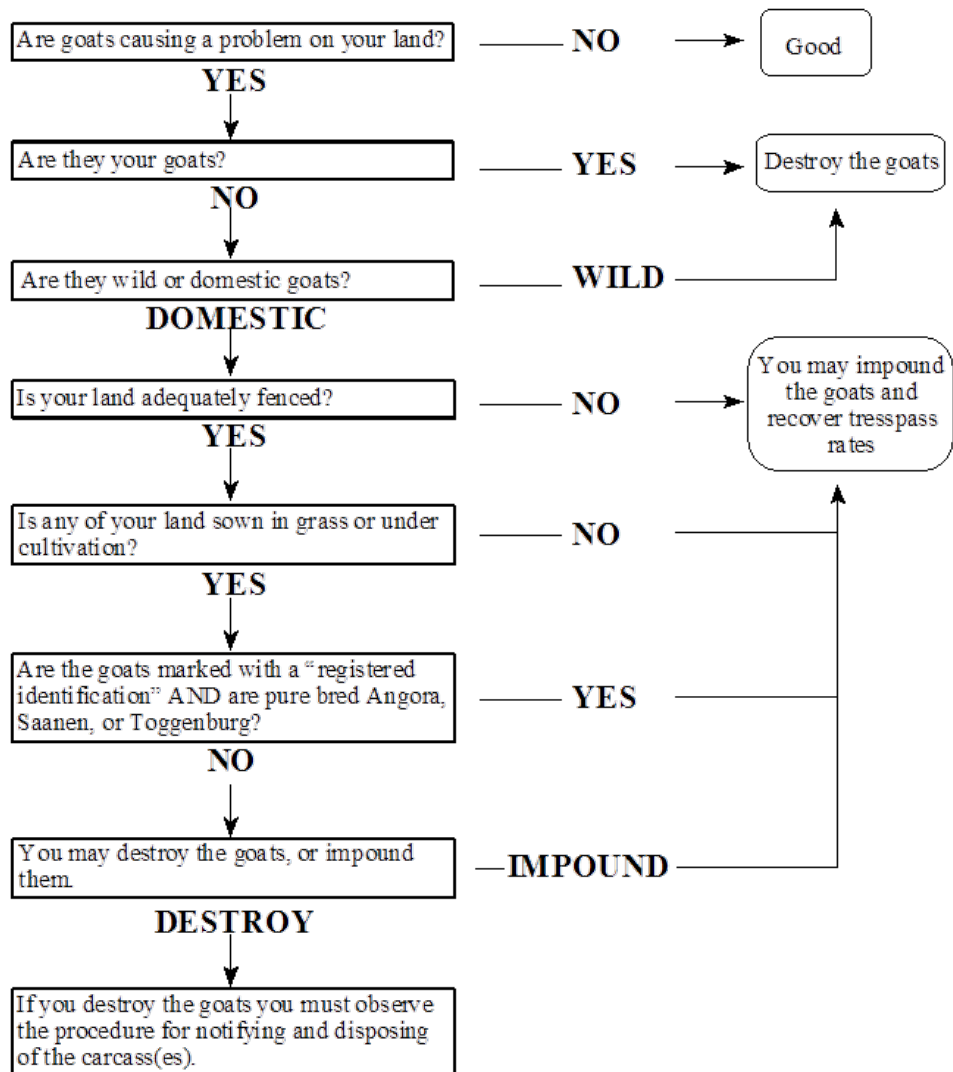
native birds
farmers
forest trees
regenerating bush
fences rivers and  
streams
soil erosion
farm animals
changes the habitat

a) Complete the chart to describe the effects of the actions of feral goats. (The first one is done for you). The words and phrases in the box above might help you think about the possible effects.

Actions of feral goats	What is the effect of this?
Feral goats strip bark off forest trees.	When forest trees are damaged native birds find it hard to find places to nest and feed.
Feral goats eat undergrowth and shrubs in forests and bush.	
Feral goats destroy farmland grass.	
Feral goats break down fences.	
Feral goats eat plants that hold the soil in place on steep hills.	

## Legal Options for Goat Control

Use the flow chart to help answer the following questions.



b) What can you do if you find wild goats causing a problem on your unfenced land?

c) Give 3 examples of when you are allowed to destroy goats.

1.

2.

3.