



## Achievements and Future direction

For the last 4 years the Indian Myna Project for Mid North Coast has been coordinated by Tien Pham. She has been the driving force of the project with up to 500 volunteers and over 3190 birds trapped and destroyed. Tien has left after 4 years of dedicated work to start a family.

The newly appointed Coordinator is Dave Hitchcock. Having previously been with National Parks in Dorrigo for 25 years he said, "The project is a credit to Tien who has been focused on building volunteer numbers and awareness of the seriousness of Indian Myna's to our environment." "Her enthusiasm and dedication will be hard to follow, and the project has been consolidated into an effective and enthusiastic group of volunteers on the Mid North Coast."

The project funding will run out in March 2014 and the main aim will be to ensure the projects ability to continue effectively and be maintained by volunteers, supporting Councils and Landcare Groups

## Website upgrade.

The Website is jointly managed between the Hastings / Macleay and Nambucca / Bellingen / Coffs Project. It has been recently upgraded to keep up with technology and to improve the ability for adding updates and reducing the occurrence of hacking. The website is designed to be the one stop shop for all Indian Myna information and contacts.

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Managing the invasion on the NSW mid-north coast

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**Welcome to the Mid North Coast Indian Myna Control Project website**

The Indian Myna Control Project is a joining of two community driven projects funded by the NSW Environmental Trust covering the Coffs Harbour, Bellingen and Nambucca Local Government Areas and the Hastings and Macleay LGA's. The projects seek to reduce the impacts of the growing Indian myna invasion in our urban and rural environments.

The web site provides you with background information on this feral species and how you can participate in the population reduction program. You'll find all the latest news on Indian mynas, as well as details of up-coming events and activities in your local area.

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Check out our new video: Trapping Demonstration

Filmed in partnership with the Research Centre for Invasive Species (PestSmart), the video provides step by step instructions on how to set your trap, and extra tips and hints on how you can increase trapping success.

Cage trapping of Indian Mynas

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## 2013 Surveys

A one day "Report a Roost" survey is currently planning for August 2013 and February 2014, with the February 2013 survey falling on one of the wettest day of the year and amidst a major flood event, with no data collected.

In addition the project will be engaging an ornithologist to conduct Transect and Roost survey in strategic sites similar to survey completed in 2009-10. The aim of this work will be to provide data on variations of native species and Indian Myna numbers between surveys. Sites that are targeted for trapping will be surveyed after trapping to

determine the native species increase rate for that site. This data will assist research and provide some real evidence of the impacts of this invasive species.

## Trap construction DVD

A trap construction DVD has been developed with Coffs Landcare Member Ron Smith to give greater detail to the Pee Gee trap construction techniques. This DVD will be placed on the website with downloading ability from mid-June.



## Future Direction

When the current funding from the Environmental Trust runs out the program will be required to run on a bare bones budget supported by the Councils and the local Landcare groups. The critical costs for the project to run will relate to maintenance of the website, hotline and email contact and provision of literature and advice. Cost relating to trap construction, trapping and euthanasia will most likely be administered by Councils

## Facebook

A new Facebook page has been launched to increase the connection to a broader range of people interested in the project. It will improve communication between volunteers and key environmental groups to aid in combatting the increase of the Indian Myna's. Likes and comments are encouraged to support the cause to get the species listed as a threatening process with Government.



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