

# Pod Traps



Many Western Australian wetlands and rivers have been severely affected by large bodied pest fish species, such as koi-carp and goldfish. Noxious fish can have devastating impacts on the water quality, vegetation and native fish populations of our precious wetland ecosystems.

**Wetland Research & Management (WRM)** offer pest fish removal services, using state-of-the-art sampling techniques.

This includes purpose-built pod traps for koi carp removal. Pod traps are pyramid shaped nets and work by using a timer feeding system that frequently adds fresh bait to attract fish. Once inside the pod traps, one-way doors keep fish within the trap until emptied. Traps are left in the waterway for a minimum of seven day and are checked twice daily (minimum).



Above: One of our consultants resetting bait for a pod trap set in the City of Stirling, Perth.

Below: Carp & goldfish catch from pod trap trials in local wetlands in Perth, WA.



Pod traps are a cost-effective, non-invasive way to catch and remove pest fish species and have been shown to improve catch rates when compared to other types of nets. Pod traps, coupled with boat-based electrofishing, as part of an integrated management program can result in substantial population reductions.

*We're here to help!*

If you require professional and cost-effective assistance with pest fish removal, please contact Mel on **(08) 9361 4325**, email [mel.tucker@wetlandresearch.com.au](mailto:mel.tucker@wetlandresearch.com.au), or visit [www.wetlandresearch.com.au](http://www.wetlandresearch.com.au) for more information.