

Cane toad tadpole funnel trap

Materials:

Small tub
2 x funnels or plastic wine glasses
Stanley knife or saw for cutting holes
Sealant

Instructions:

1. Using a marker trace around the mouth of the funnel or plastic wine glass on the bottom right corner of both short sides of the tub. See image 1.
2. Using a Stanley knife or a hole saw carefully cut the circles out. Remember you can make a hole bigger but you can't make it smaller.
3. If using plastic wine glasses make a funnel by cutting the stems, leaving a small spout.
4. Insert the funnel into the hole from the inside so that about 4mm extends outside the trap.
5. Use silicon or similar sealant to seal inside and outside of each join. Test for leaks in the join. The attractant should only escape via the funnel spouts or the trap will not be functional. See image 2.
6. If using in deeper water you can think of attaching flotation devices and rope for anchoring such as used in image 3.
7. Place dead toad inside trap and place in still water source such as dam. Cover with lid or shade cloth.
8. Dispose of tadpoles humanely by straining and placing in bags and placing in the fridge until they are no longer moving. Store in freezer until frozen solid. Dispose by burying tadpoles deeply or by placing in rubbish bin. Cane toad tadpoles are poisonous to native animals and pets so do not leave where they can be eaten.
9. Use gloves when handling toads and tadpoles dead or alive.
10. For more information on use of funnel traps:

https://imb.uq.edu.au/files/19094/CTC_FAQ_Guide_v4.pdf



Image 1. Tadpole trap showing location of entry points.



Image 2: Tadpole trap showing sealant around funnel

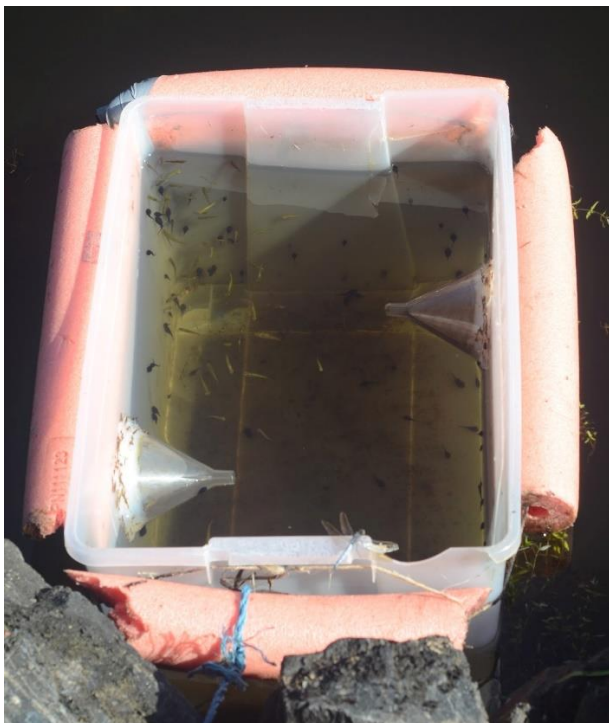


Image 3: Tadpole trap with flotation device. Image Cara from Brisbane Daily Photo <http://brisdailyphoto.blogspot.com/2016/04/cane-toad-trap.html>