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FRE NOTE

Rats on Boomerang Island.

Following the WAWA - DAW visit to Barrow
Island in March 83, Harry Butler dropped
Boomerang Island when we had seen tracks
thought to be those of Rattus. One Rattus
rattus was captured. This animal was
a juvenile and had dark fine fur, unlike
those of Double Island which have lighter,
coarser fur. It is suspected that it
results from an introduction to Barrow
via the Barge Landing area nearby.

A meeting was held between Harry Butler,
(Consultant to WAPET) Tony Olive, Dennis Kip,
Stuart Wheeler (APB Research) and myself on
30 March. It was decided

1. Boomerang Island should be poached in
delay.

2. A trapping programme should be
undertaken on adjacent parts of the main island
without delay.

3. The work would be carried out
over the period April 17 to 26.

Harry Butler will be available on these dates
if they coincide with a period of neap tides
that Boomerang will be cut off from Barrow
during the period.

Because of the proved tolerance of Middle I Rats to 1080, the ~~proved~~ ^{will} be used on Boomerang. The same techniques as used on Bedout Island in 1984 will be employed. APP will supply the pesticide treated oats. Only one DFW person will be needed - Keith Moor. WAPET will provide transport to & from Karratha accommodation on the island, transport on the island as a boat to get to Boomerang. On the first night an attempt will be made to catch as many native mammals on Boomerang as possible & transfer them to the main island. Indications are that Hea-wallabies, Bulelocks, Pomona, Water Rats & possibly other species are present.

No media interest will be encouraged.

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Mr Bowen : for note, please. BWS
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