

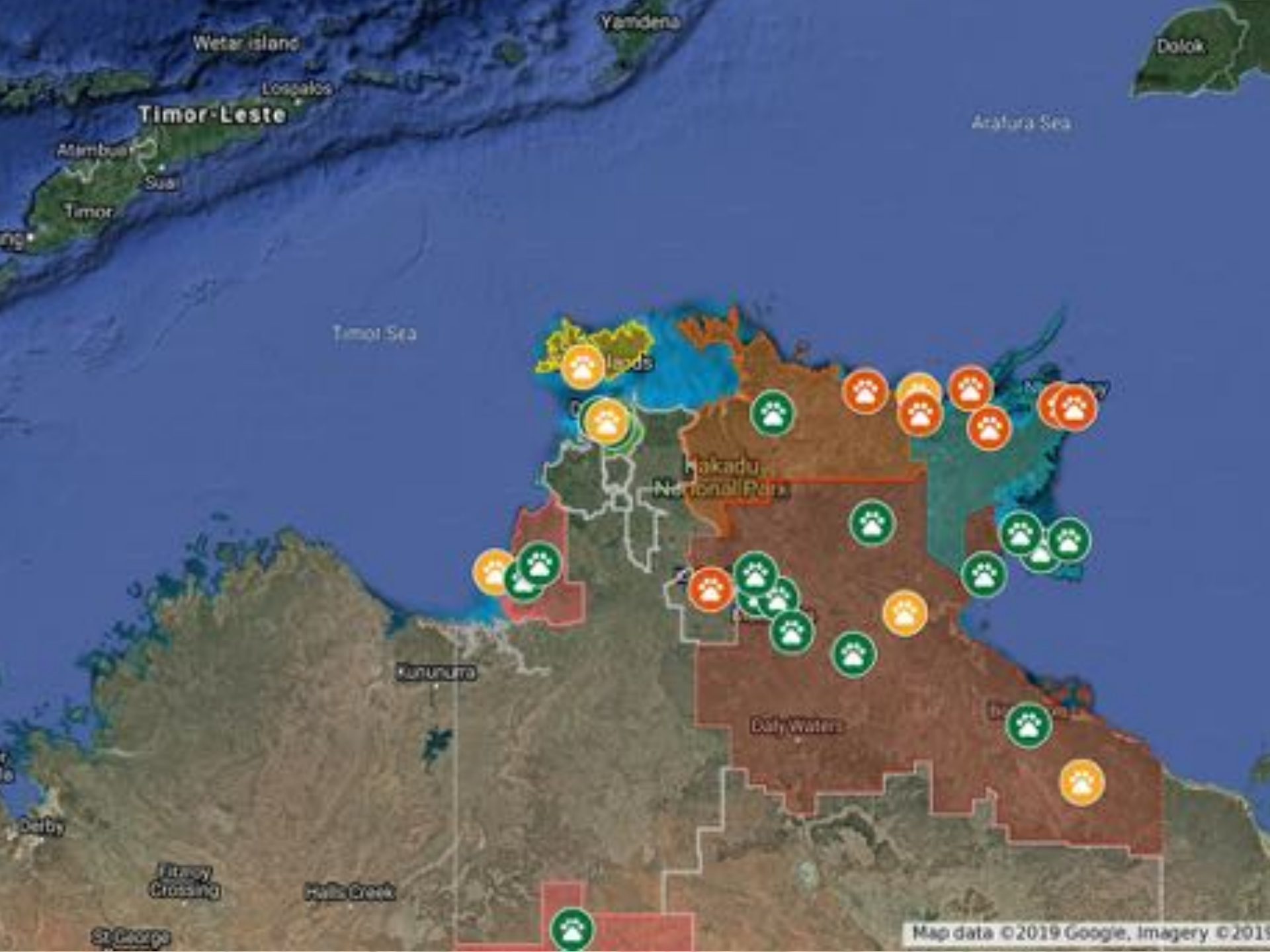
Cats in Remote Communities













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- Census in Sept 2019
 - ~400 cats
 - ~790 dogs
- Number of houses with 20-30 cats
- 4 verbal records of families taking cats out bush as too many.



Australia's Extinction Crisis

- A report published by The Australian Conservation Foundation **has** revealed that Australia **has** lost more animals to **extinction** than any other **country** in the world.
- Since colonisation, 29 species have become **extinct** in Australia, compared to just one in the United States.

Between 1890 and 1950 - losses have mostly occurred in inland and in temperate parts of Australia.

Extinction Crisis Hits Northern Australia

A new wave of extinctions is now occurring in northern Australia.



Feral Cats in the Landscape

- <https://www.facebook.com/denrnt/videos/355644782042576/>

Kimberley Cat Project



- In partnership with Shire of Derby West Kimberley and Nindilingarri Cultural Health Service

Objectives

- To address escalating cat populations in remote Aboriginal communities within the biodiverse Kimberley region through veterinary services focused on cat population control.
- Development of cat education resources.

Outcomes



38 cats desexed

74 students participated in
education sessions

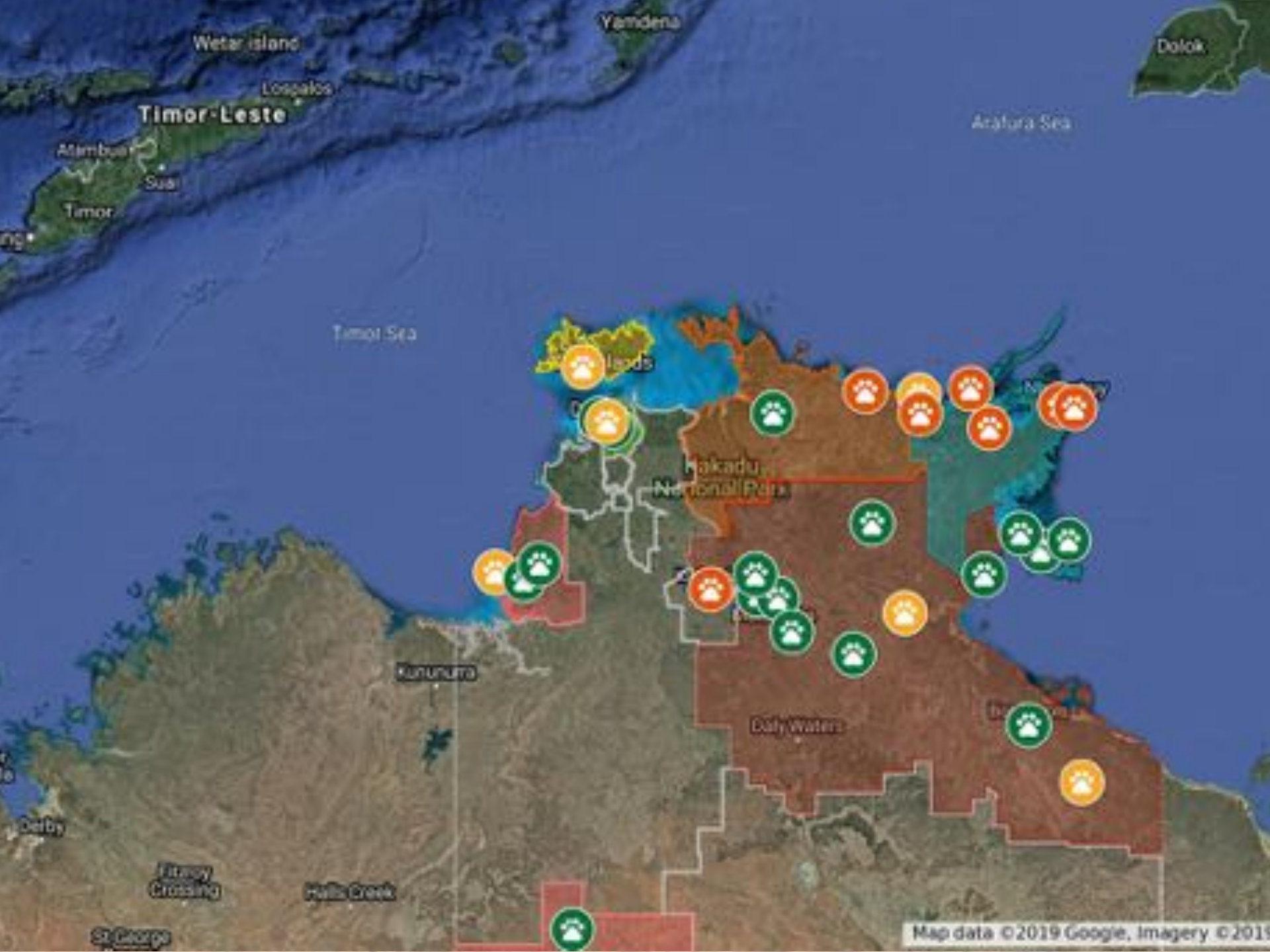
486 residents involved in
community engagement



Next Steps – Short Term

- PhD Student Intern - Brooke
- Establish the size and extent of the increasing cat populations.
- Raise awareness of the issue and continue to search for funding.







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