



## Kakadu National Park

### EXPANSION OF THE 'TOAD SMART' QUOLLS PROJECT

*This project aims to reintroduce 'toad smart' northern quolls to the Mary River District, Kakadu National Park, expanding on the highly successful toad smart quoll research conducted in Kakadu since 2010*

### Year 1 update (3-year project)

#### OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS

- A 150km<sup>2</sup> site near the Mary River Ranger Station in southern Kakadu has been selected for the project. The quoll release location will be in and around Fern Gully.
- The Northern Territory Government Department of Natural Resource Management is implementing baseline surveys of the area. They have worked with Kakadu's threatened species team, rangers and traditional owners to deploy 200 camera traps across the project area. The survey will assess feral cat densities and determine whether quolls remain in the area.
- Quolls that are being collected from Astell Island will be taken to the Territory Wildlife Park to be 'toad trained' before release into Kakadu.
- An Indigenous person from the southern end of the park will be recruited to work for two months at the Territory Wildlife Park where they'll be trained about quoll husbandry and toad training.
- Next steps include completing a baseline survey and undertaking a second quoll capture mission.



Quoll being captured on Astell Island  
(photograph by Damien Stanoich)