

Potassium Cyanide (Feratox)

What is Feratox?

Feratox is the trade name for encapsulated pellets of potassium cyanide. The pellets are coated with non-toxic feed and are fed, with non-toxic paste (Ferafeed) in bait bags or bait stations for possums

How does Feratox work?

Cyanide acts by inhibiting the enzymes involved in oxygen utilisation in body cells. It mainly affects the part of the brain which controls breathing. Once an animal has crushed a Feratox pellet in its mouth, it will be comatose within 60 seconds and dead within two to five minutes.

Risk to humans, animals and the environment

The risk of ingestion by non-target animals is low because pellets are placed in bait bags or bait stations that cannot be accessed by animals other than possums. There is a risk to domestic pets and dogs, owners are advised to not allow them access to areas where they may come in to contact with Feratox baits or poisoned carcasses. The pellets decompose within days after contact with ground moisture. Cyanide breaks down rapidly once released from the pellets and leaves no residues in soil or water. Encapsulation makes Feratox much safer to handle than conventional cyanide paste.

Accidental poisoning

Feratox is lethal if ingested by humans. Onset of symptoms is extremely rapid- dizziness, headache, palpitation, difficulty with breathing, sudden collapse, followed by unconsciousness and death soon after.

If breathing stops, administer mouth to nose respiration, **do not attempt mouth to mouth.**

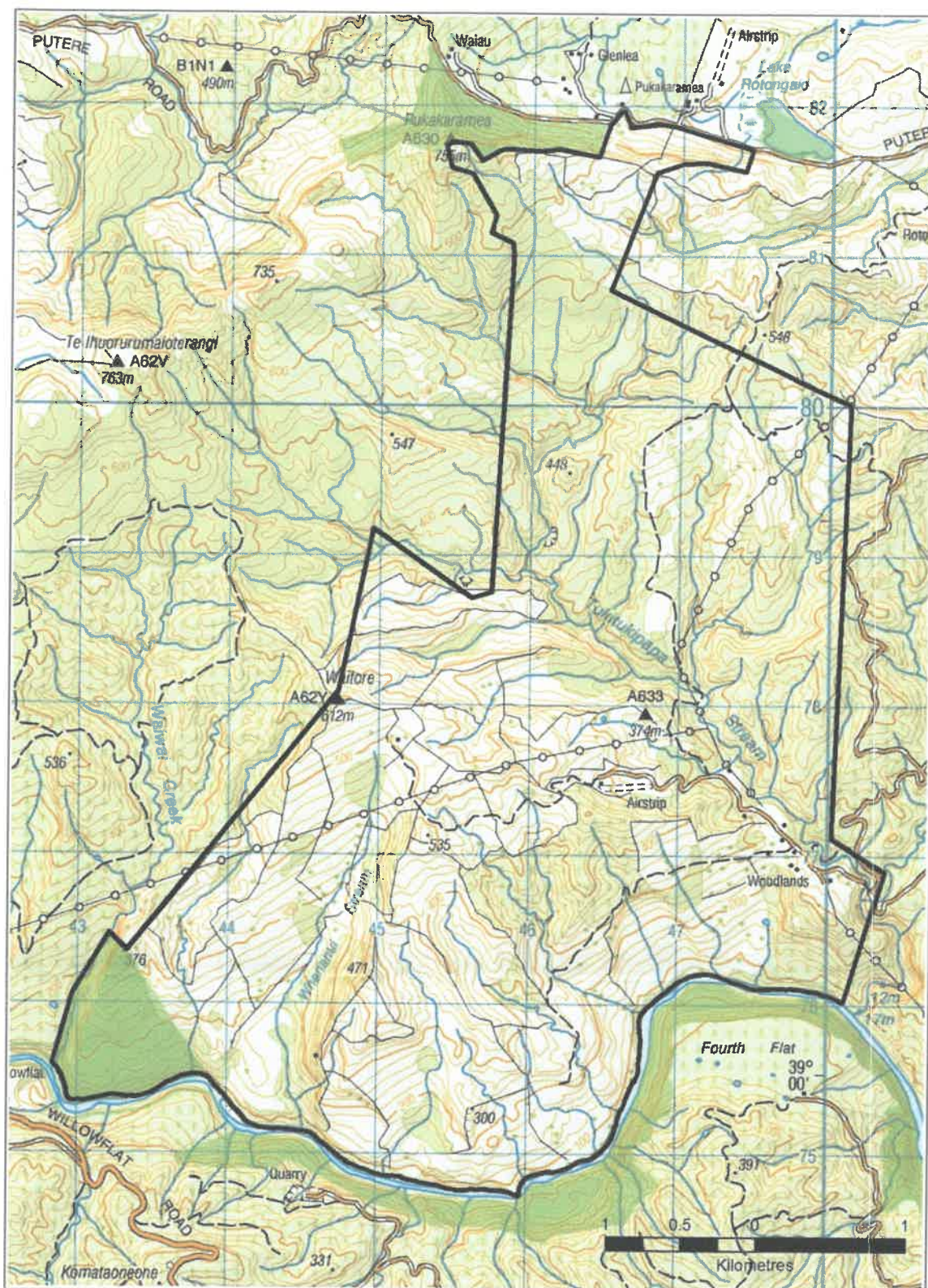
Emergency Telephone Number

If you suspect accidental poisoning ring 111 immediately or

National Poisons Centre: 0800 764 766

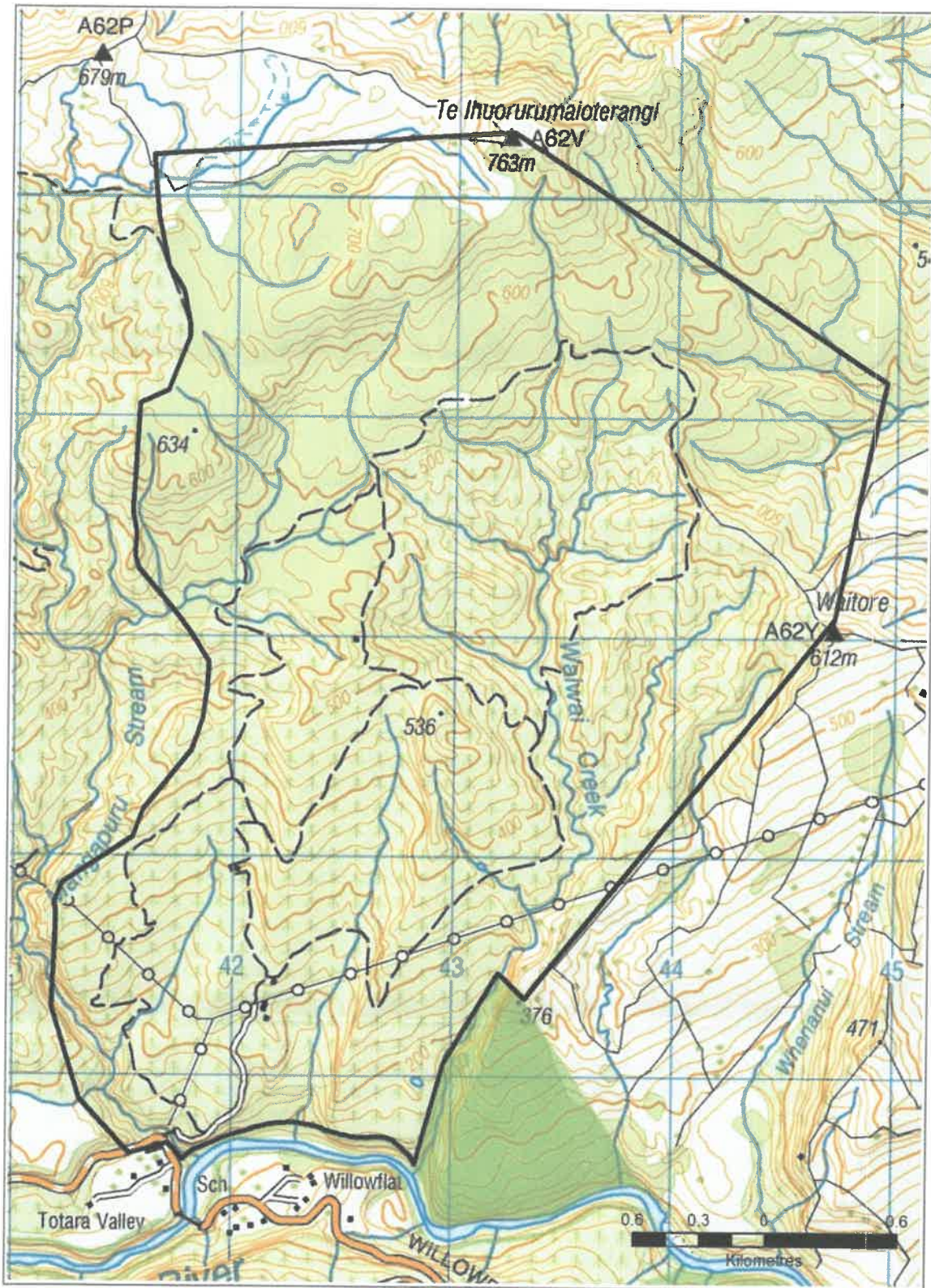


Image is of a Feratox Bait bag stabled to tree and a bait station. The two most common devices used when deploying Feratox bait.



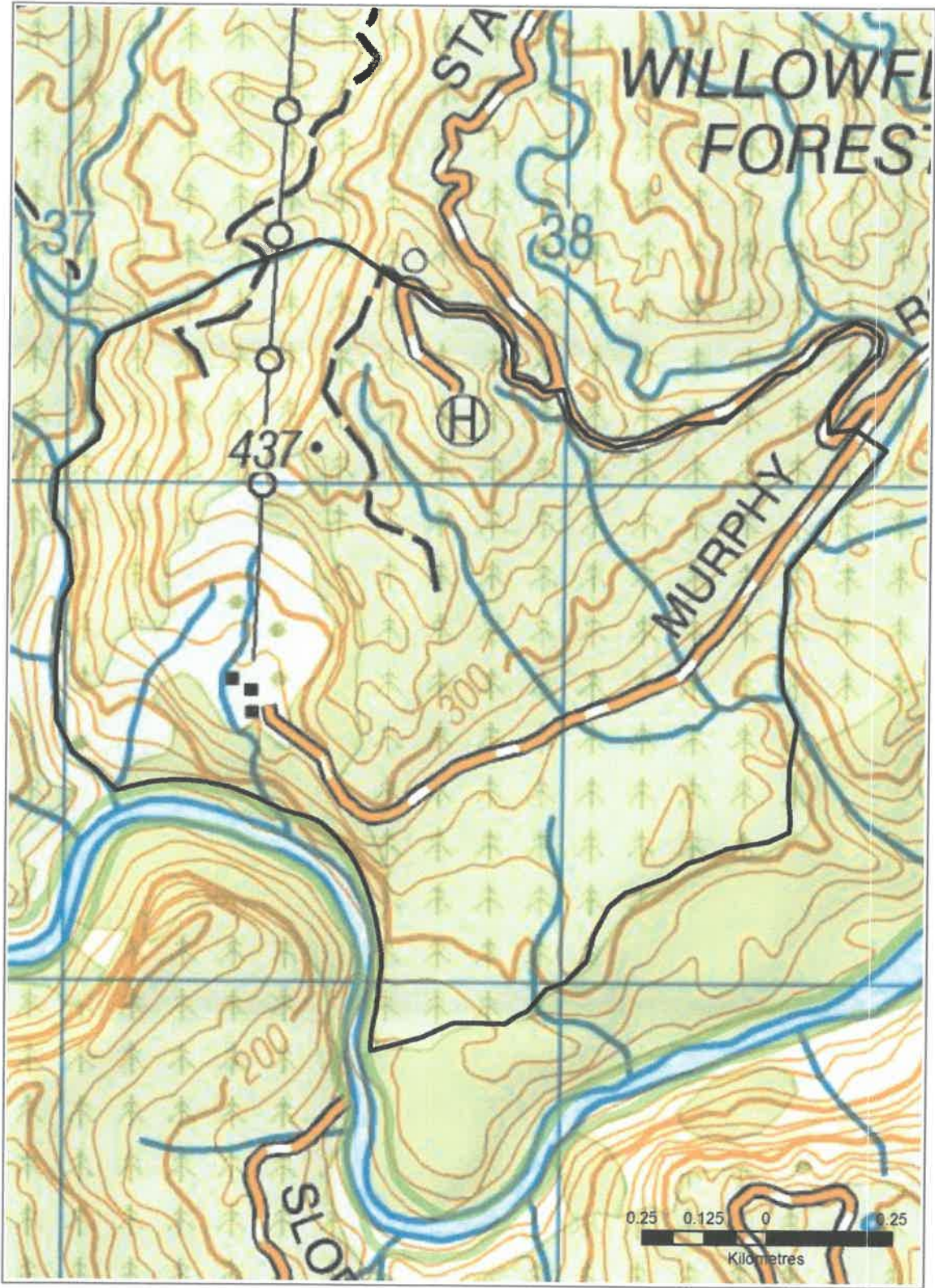
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