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Description	<p>Rabbit numbers counted by pest destruction boards to measure the affect of control operations are used to assess the relationship between recorded elements of land resources (parent material, soils, vegetation, slope, erosion) and rabbit populations. The results of the study clearly confirm the often observed concentration of high rabbit populations on the brown-grey earth soils and a corresponding reduction in rabbit numbers with increased rainfall and pasture improvement.</p> <p>This analysis uses the NZLRI/FSL soils data to assign rabbit proneness.</p> <p>This analysis precedes the illegal release of rabbit haemorrhagic disease (RHD) in 1997 and does not factor in any interactions between environment and RHD in terms of assigning rabbit proneness.</p>
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