

HUNTER REPORTS FROM STEWART ISLAND – RAKIURA. Maori Land Blocks not included

	1977	1987	1997	2007	2017
# PERMITS ISSUED	363	1092	490	559	462
# RETURNED **			108	162	109
# HUNTERS **	958		440	626	401
ESTIMATED TOTAL # HUNTERS			1994	2157	1699
AVERAGE # HUNTERS per PARTY**	2.63		4.07	3.86	3.67
TOTAL DAYS HUNTED **		5898	2532	3568	1860
AVERAGE DAYS HUNTED **		5.4	7.75	5.7	4063
ESTIMATED TOTAL DAYS HUNTED			11270	11286	7866
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY **			7.56	7.54	7.44
WHITETAIL SEEN **			838	1135	921
WHITETAIL SHOT **	503	715	225	354	225
ESTIMATED WHITETAIL SHOT			1016	1108	951
AVERAGE SEEN PER PARTY **			7.75	8.24	8.45
AVERAGE SEEN PER HUNTER **			1.9	2.13	2.96
AVERAGE SHOT PER PARTY **	1.38		2.08	2.18	2.06
AVERAGE SHOT PER HUNTER **	0.52		0.51	0.56	0.56
RED DEER SEEN **			9	34	45
RED DEER SHOT **		8	3	8	12
CATS DESTROYED **		72	26	40	67
SOURCE	NZFS	DOC	NZDA	NZDA	RHCT

** Information from individual reports submitted by hunting parties.

About 25 % of parties return permits. While we would like 100% compliance, the reports of hunter effort are remarkably constant.

Average 8 deer seen per party

Average 2 deer shot per party

One deer seen every 2.5 days hunting

One deer shot every 10 days hunting

One deer killed every 4 deer seen.

A spreadsheet of yearly returns can be available on request.

Hunter returns can now be completed online at <https://www.rhct.org.nz/index.php/hunter>

