

Table 3: Treatment gaps in 2020-21 and reasons for gaps.

Treatment gap category	Cause of treatment gap	Total Gaps in Area 1/WB (Ha)¹⁹	Total Gaps in Area 2 (Ha)²⁰
Not visited	Rain/low temperatures prevents effective treatment as planned and/or insufficient staff to complete within time available	111	2195
Refusal / safety / access issues	Landholders refuse treatment. Safety issues such as dogs, locked gates, extremely long grass or tenants threatening staff with violence prevent treatment, or sites partially completed.	340	883
Poultry	Poultry must be separated from RIFA baits as per APVMA permit. Some free-range chickens weren't penned in time for planned treatment, and/or treatment may not be comprehensive.	21	88
Cropping	Unable to treat certain crops under APVMA permit.	971	451
Horses and livestock	Aerial treatment can spook horses and livestock - causing them to injure themselves. Some landholders refuse all or partial treatment.	60	97
Unsuitable habitat	Land that was unpassable - ie flooded, road parcels etc.	326	922
Other	Sliver left from incomplete aerial treatment, sites reserved for science experiments, gaps left from ground treatment before (rather than after) aerial treatment	140	553
Total		1969	5190
% of total planned area		4.5%	2.8%

¹⁹ Gaps in Area 1/WB reported are for FY20/21 only.

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