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Tiger Poo New Secret Weapon Against Introduced Deer on the Gold Coast (9th March, 2011)

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Tiger poo is being touted as the new secret weapon to eradicate feral deer, which are invading properties on Australia's north east coast.

Scientists from the University of Queensland have spent eight years researching and developing a repellent product using tiger droppings collected from cats at Gold Coast theme park, Dreamworld, the Gold Coast Bulletin reported.

UQ scientist Peter Murray said deer innately recognized the tiger as a natural predator and the scent of its droppings scared them off.

"We know there is an evolutionary relationship between the animals ... and there's a signal in the faeces the animal recognizes as a predator," he said. Researchers were initially focused on feral goats, creating repellents using festering or burnt goats carcass and dog urine.

He said scientists then moved to creating repellent from predatory animal faeces, with tiger faeces proving most effective.

Feral deer roaming in the area of Nerang State Forest about 20km west of the Gold Coast, have sparked environmental and road safety concerns.a