MANAGING ANIMALS IN NEW GUINEA: PREYING THE GAME IN THE HIGHLANDS

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APPENDIX: III HUNTING BY AGE OF HUNTERS.

Age range (yrs)	No. men	No. trips	Time (hrs.)	Weapons carried (no. trips)	Alone/ partner (no trips)	Activities	Game caught	Weight (gms)
>40	2	75	608.07	axe 31 bow 35 machete 47 dog 8	alone 44 1 pnr 28 2 pnrs 3	hunted by moon 20 trips set 19 traps on 3 trips checked traps 14 trips, caught 2 bandicoots checked bird snares 3 trips cleared path thru' regrowth to hunt 5 trips climbed 90 trees, 44 trips, caught 4 marsupials felled 20 trees on 15 trips flushed out & chased marsupials 7 trips shot 2 birds & 2 ringtails with arrows missed 8 birds, 1 ringtail & 1 cuscus ran down ringtail with dog 1 trip sat in ambush under fruiting tree 1 trip	3 ringtail 2 bandicoot 2 birds 4 cuscus	8895
28-35	4	83	635.62	axe 41 bow 70 machete 34 dog 20	alone 77 1 pnr 5 2 pnrs 1	hunted by moon 12 trips set 155 traps on 27 trips checked traps 34 trips, caught 2 ringtail climbed 204 trees, 58 trips caught 2 cuscus felled 26 trees on 19 trips, caught 1 ringtail flushed & lost dasyure, giant rat & ringtail shot 4 birds, 2 cuscus (lost 1) & 3 dasyure (lost 2) with arrows missed 75 birds, 2 rats, 2 dasyure, 2 ringtail with arrows sat in ambush 6 trips caught moss forest rat by hand	3 ringtails 3 cuscus 4 birds 1 rat 1 dasyure	7561
18-27	5	71	513.23	dogs 1 axe 44 bow 28 machete 37	alone 47 1 pnr 15 2 pnrs 8 3 pnrs 1	hunted by moon 10 trips set 92 traps on 14 trips checked traps 20 trips, caught 4 ringtail & 1 giant rat climbed 191 trees on 49 trips felled 98 trees, 40 trips, collected 20 grubs flushed & lost 2 cuscus, 1 dasyure 3 giant rat shot 1 bird, 2 cuscus, 1 ringtail & 1 bat missed 10 birds, 3 ringtail, 1 cuscus, 2 dasyure, 1 possum, & 1 bat with arrows sat in ambush at birds' nests on 3 trips shook trees on 8 trips caught frog by hand	1 bird 1 frog 1 bat 2 cuscus 5 ringtails 20 grubs 1 giant rat 1 rat	9305
<18	3	100	616.86	axe 3 bow 99 machete 22 dog 2	alone 81 1 pnr 15 2 pnrs 1 3 pnrs 1 4 pnrs 2	hunted by moon1 trip set 27 ground traps on 4 trips checked traps 10 trips caught 1 bandicoot, 1 bird & 2 rats tied 60 snares in fruiting trees on 2 trips checked snares 4 trips climbed 4 trees, caught 1 giant rat shot 82 birds with arrows missed 875 birds with arrows built hide 6 trips sat in hide 20 trips sat in ambush by tree 7 trips	83 birds, 2 rats 1 egg 1 giant rat 1 bandicoot	4592