

## **Virtual Forest: Mammals and Habitats Module**

### **Bait Preparation Guide**

#### **Preparing the various bait types**

- Peanut butter mixture
  - Mix peanut butter, oats and/or birdseed together until texture is crumbly, but not too sticky.
  - Put a spoonful in the trap.
- Fruit, such as apple
  - Cut apple in small pieces.
  - Put several pieces in the trap.
- Meat or poultry
  - Usually, cat food is used. Put half a can per bag.
  - Put a spoonful in the trap.
- Fish
  - Usually, sardines are used. Put 1-2 fish per bag.
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- Marshmallows
  - Use the small ones. Put 4-6 pieces per bag.
  - Put 2-3 marshmallows per trap

#### **Inserting bait in the traps**

- Only put ONE type of bait per trap.
- Ensure that none of the bait will interfere with the closing of the trap. Sometimes if too much bait is used, especially in the Sherman traps, the treadle will not fully depress causing the door to remain open.

#### **Other things to put in the plastic bait container**

- TWO wet wipes.
- Plastic spoon to remove smelly bait from bag. This is optional as sticks in the field can be a good substitute.