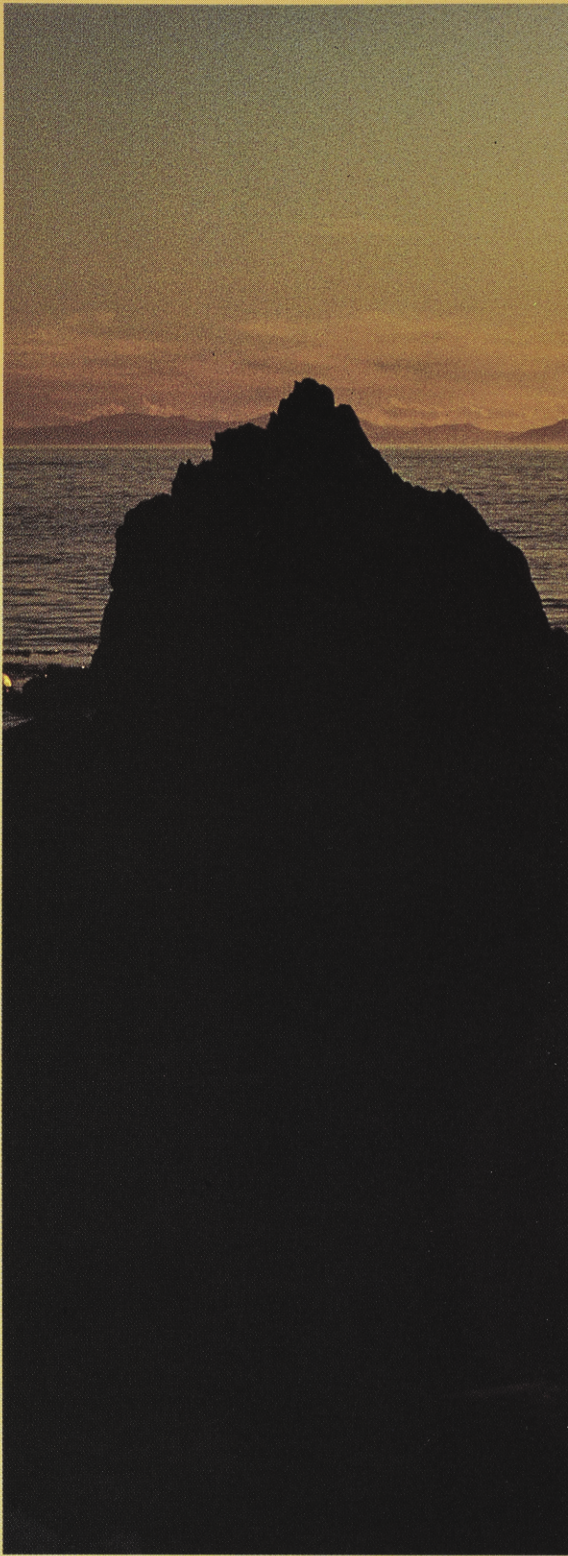




*Mana Island from the Wellington coast: the dream of a secure home for threatened species draws closer. Photo: Terry Fitzgibbon*



*Time magazine was not far wrong in its description of the extent of the Mana Island mice plague. A simple bucket trap laid one night a year ago by Mana Island field staff saw a catch of 204. Photo: Phil Todd*