



**CAUGHT:** The rare northern quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*) accidentally trapped at Mission Beach.

## Rare quoll ends up in rat trap

AN endangered species has been discovered at Mission Beach, says Liz Gallie of C4 (Community for Coastal and Cassowary Conservation).

The northern quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*), listed as endangered under national environment law had not previously been recorded along the coast between Ingham and Cairns but was recorded at Mission Beach last week when it was accidentally caught in a household trap set for a rat, Ms Gallie said.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife (QPWS) Ranger in Charge of the Mission Beach Management Unit Audrey Reilly was "very excited" about the sighting, said Ms Gallie.

Ms Gallie, who accidentally caught the quoll at her home at Bingil Bay, said the new discovery showed there is still so much to be learnt from the ecosystems of Mission Beach.

"Despite being recognised for many years for its biodiversity

significance, there is still no thorough study of the fauna of Mission Beach," she said.

"Additional work on the area's flora is also certainly warranted.

And we need greater understanding of the unique rainforest wildlife corridor from Mission Beach to the southern Atherton Tablelands.

"It is very important that we know what we might be losing before any other areas are cleared or fragmented," she said.