CLAIMS

1. A bird or other animal trap locatable over a trap zone, including an umbrella assembly, a curtain net supported by the umbrella assembly and releasable from an outer periphery of the umbrella assembly, and an actuation arrangement for holding the curtain net at or adjacent the outer periphery, and for releasing the curtain net therefrom when actuated to drop the curtain net downwardly therefrom to thereby at least substantially encompass the trap zone, and further including weights located at or adjacent a lower edge of the curtain net for facilitating the dropping of the curtain net.

2. The bird or other animal trap according to claim 1, wherein the umbrella assembly includes a plurality of support braces extending radially from a central hub region.

3. The bird or other animal trap according to claim 2, further including a drop frame secured at or adjacent the lower edge of the curtain net for facilitating the dropping of the curtain net.

4. The bird or other animal trap according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the weights are provided by a link chain secured to the lower edge of the curtain net.

5. The bird or other animal trap according to claim 3 or 4, wherein the actuation arrangement of the curtain net includes one or more trigger lines respectively secured at one end thereof to the drop frame, with an opposing end thereof passing through the central hub region, and an actuation line connected at or adjacent one end thereof to the opposing ends of the one or more trigger lines.

6. The bird or other animal trap according to claim 5, wherein the or each said trigger line is supported by pulley assemblies respectively located at a peripheral end of each support brace, and at the central hub region.

7. The bird or other animal trap according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the actuation line is releasably secured at or adjacent a free end thereof at a securing

location away from the umbrella trap.

8. The bird or other animal trap according to claim 7, further including a quick release system at the securing location for engaging with the actuation line when the curtain net is secured at or adjacent the outer periphery of the umbrella assembly, and for releasing the actuation line to allow the curtain net to be downwardly dropped.

9. The bird or other animal trap according to claim 8, wherein the quick release system is automatically controllable at a location remote from the umbrella trap.

10. The bird or other animal trap according to any one of claims 5 to 9, further including a support assembly for supporting the umbrella assembly above the trap zone.

11. The bird or other animal trap according to claim 10, wherein the support assembly includes a support pole located under the umbrella assembly, and a base plate for supporting the central support pole.

12. The bird or other animal trap according to claim 11, further including a hollow pipe secured to the base plate and extending generally horizontally therefrom, the actuation line passing down adjacent the support pole and through the pipe.

13. The bird or other animal trap according to claim 10, wherein the support assembly includes a support arm extendable over the trap zone, a peripheral end of the support arm being connected to the umbrella assembly such that the umbrella assembly can be suspended over the trap zone.

14. The bird or other animal trap according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the trap zone covers a field where birds and other animals can congregate.

15. The bird or other animal trap according to any one of claims 1 to 13, wherein the trap zone covers a tree where birds and other animals can roost.