

## **Project Update: February 2019**

The Brazilian Government just approved last month the Action Plan for Cats (*Felis catus*) Control in Fernando de Noronha National Marine Park - Rocas' Atoll - and São Pedro & São Paulo, which was established by the Ministerial Order N. 58, of February 4th, 2019. The objective of this action plan is to reduce the impacts of cats on native fauna and the risk of zoonoses diseases transmitted by them in Fernando de Noronha. This means that the Brazilian Government officially recognised the problem of the invasive feral cats in the archipelago. This is great news for the conservation of threatened species in Fernando de Noronha and I have no doubts that our project funded by Rufford Foundation played a great role in this. We still have a long way to go, as the plan has been approved but financial resources, especially for research, haven't been secured. Still, this is an amazing beginning!