

Project Update: May 2019

In the last field trip to the island, we had the great opportunity to discuss the next steps on the project with the new leader of the Invasive Species Control and Eradication group in the Marine Park of Fernando de Noronha. Ricardo Araujo, who replaced Thayna Jeremias de Mello in this role, has been working extensively with us and the local community to try solving the problem of the invasive cats in the main island of the archipelago. As a result of the effort and dedication of all the people involved in this project, we managed to raise awareness to the problem regionally, and 2 weeks ago an important partnership a NGO that will conduct a strong campaign of capture and sterilisation of free-roaming cats in the inhabited area of the island next September. Even though this cat population is not the focus of the present project, it is the main supplier of individuals that invade the national park and become feral, turning into a significant menace to threatened native species. This is a big win for conservation!