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As a result of the reproductive season of 2005/2006, it was observed 23 active nests. In the whole area studied, 57 eggs were laid, in which 18 were abandoned, 1 were predated and 38 resulted in chick, as explained table 1.

As an experiment 10 nests were installed in the mainland, and no one were explored or occupied.

Ilha Rasa reproductive site is the area that obtained higher occupation rate of artificial nests (47%), was successful in 66% of laid nests, and resulted in 24 births. Ilha das Gamelas obtained occupation rate of 50%, was successful in 75% of laid nests, and resulted in 9 births. Ilha Grande site obtained lower occupation rate, 40% of installed nests, was successful in 44% of laid eggs, and resulted in 5 births.

Table I- Results of use of artificial nests on the study area.

Artificial nests	Ilha Rasa	Ilha Gamelas	Ilha Grande	Total
Nests available	30	10	10	50
Nests occupied	14 (47%)	5 (50%)	4 (40%)	23
Eggs laid	36	12	9	57
Eggs abandoned	12	2	4	18
Eggs predated	0	1	0	1
Chicks born	24	9	5	38