

Night Birds Returning — Gwaii Haanas Invasive Rat Eradication (Haida Gwaii, Canada)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Canada

Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Parks Canada and the Haida Nation ran a five-year, C\$2.5M rat-eradication programme (2009-2013) on Gwaii Haanas islands, aiding seabird recovery — though rats reinvaded at least one cleared island by 2016, exposing an ongoing biosecurity risk.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	0/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Parks Canada / Council of the Haida Nation / Island Conservation / Coastal Conservation](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[The Globe and Mail: Parks Canada completes rat eradication project on Haida Gwaii islands](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Island Conservation: Seabird populations set to recover thanks to collaboration and innovation in Gwaii Haanas](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[CBC News: Rats reinvade 2 islands in Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Parks Canada: Night Birds Returning project record \(parkscanadahistory.com, PDF\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

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