

Project Isabela — Galápagos Archipelago-Wide Goat & Pig Eradication

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

GEF-funded campaign by Galápagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Foundation removed 140,000+ feral goats from 500,000+ ha across Pinta, Santiago and Isabela (1997-2006) via aerial hunting and Judas-goat tracking; peer-reviewed study confirms vegetation and rail recovery.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	3/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Galápagos National Park Directorate / Charles Darwin Foundation](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Galápagos Conservancy — Project Isabela](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[PLOS ONE — Archipelago-Wide Island Restoration in the Galápagos Islands](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

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