

Selvagem Grande Rabbit & Mouse Eradication — Restoring a Strict Nature Reserve

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Portugal

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Madeira's Natural Park removed European rabbits and house mice from the 270 ha Selvagem Grande island using ~17,000 brodifacoum bait points, eliminating rabbits within a month inside a Strict Nature Reserve and Natura 2000 site holding European Diploma status.

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	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

[Parque Natural da Madeira \(Madeira Natural Park\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

[Oliveira et al. 2010, Integrative Zoology \(Wiley\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

[PubMed record 21392324](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

[Council of Europe — Selvagens Islands Nature Reserve dossier](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

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