

South Georgia Habitat Restoration Project — World's Largest Rodent Eradication

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands

Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Three helicopter-baiting phases (2011-2015) cleared invasive rats and mice from 108,723 ha of sub-Antarctic South Georgia, the world's largest rodent eradication. Declared rodent-free in 2018; peer-reviewed monitoring confirms breeding recovery of the endemic South Georgia pipit.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	3/3
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 2026-07-04

[South Georgia Heritage Trust / Government of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands \(GSGSSI\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

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