

Suvarrow Atoll Rat Eradication and Seabird Monitoring (Cook Islands)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Cook Islands

Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

A brodifacoum rat-eradication operation on Suvarrow atoll's Motu Tou in 2013, run by the Cook Islands National Environment Service with BirdLife International and Te Ipukarea Society, aimed to protect seabird colonies including 13% of the world's lesser frigatebirds.

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

[Cook Islands National Environment Service / Te Ipukarea Society / BirdLife International](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Marae Moana \(Cook Islands Govt\) — Rat Eradication in Suvarrow](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[BirdLife International — Rat Eradication Planned in the Cooks](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Te Ipukarea Society — Community Efforts to Remove Rats](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

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