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Team Farallon:

As many of us are gearing up for our upcoming multi-agency field research trial on the Farallones, much of the rest of the **Island Conservation** crew is down in the Galapagos Islands with our partners there, beginning rodent eradications on Pinzon and Plaza Sur today. The local Marin paper ran a short piece on it today: http://www.marinij.com/travel/ci_21998588/rat-kill-galapagos-islands-targets-180-million. Rodent removal trials will also be conducted by Island Conservation on rats and mice on Floreana this month, and future Galapagos restoration projects are in the planning stages.

I also wanted to make you aware of the online availability of Island Conservation's ***Threatened Island Biodiversity (TIB) database*** at <http://tib.islandconservation.org>. We officially launched this product at the Congress on Biodiversity in Hyderabad India last month.

The TIB database is a partnership product between IC, UC Santa Cruz-CCAL, Birdlife International and the IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group.

Island Conservation expects to use this as a tool within the ***Small Islands Big Difference*** campaign to promote science-based decisions about where conservation action should be directed – islands with threatened species at risk from invasive vertebrates, but it should be a valuable resource to any organization involved in conducting conservation on islands.

The online database is a foundation product which we expect to grow by adding new datasets and functionality. In the new year we will be adding a downloading feature for a dataset and a map image, adding all extinct species on islands (for which we currently have the data), and priority islands (a paper in development). We also expect to continually improve the data content that exists on the site – should you have any feedback please do send these to Nick Holmes at science@islandconservation.org.

I will attempt to update you on the progress of our cooperative research effort on the Farallones during the next month, as we keep thinking globally and acting locally. On behalf of Gerry, PRBO and myself, thanks again for the ongoing support from the many agencies and individuals in this local island restoration project.....It's extremely gratifying and rare opportunity to be involved in helping to make a significant and lasting positive change to such a unique place on earth like the Farallones.

If I don't talk to you soon or see you on the island, I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving next week!

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- **Michael Soule, Cofounder, the Society for Conservation Biology**