

Restore the Farallones

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the South Farallon Islands Restoration Project?
2. Who's conducting the project?
3. Where are the Farallon Islands?
4. Why are the Farallon Islands so special?
5. What's the history of the Farallon Islands National Wildlife Refuge?
6. Does anyone live on the Farallon Islands?
7. Why are introduced, invasive species such a big problem on islands?
8. How and when were house mice introduced to the Farallon Islands?
9. How many mice are on the South Farallon Islands?
10. How do mice harm the South Farallon Islands' species and ecosystems?
11. How is the Service proposing to remove invasive mice from the South Farallon Islands?
12. What are the objectives of the proposed restoration?
13. What are the longer-term goals?
14. What other alternatives were considered and why were they dismissed?
15. What is the current status of the project?

16. What are the expected benefits of this project?
17. Why is it important to protect the Ashy Storm-Petrel?
18. Aren't Burrowing Owls native to the South Farallon Islands, and therefore part of the natural ecosystem?
19. Is the Service certain that, if the mice are eradicated, the owls won't stay through winter anyway?
20. If a mouse eradication were to be conducted using rodenticide, what native wildlife could be impacted and what precautions would be taken to protect them from primary or secondary exposure to the bait?
21. How could fish and the marine ecosystem be impacted, and what precautions would be taken to protect them from primary or secondary exposure to the bait from a mouse eradication?
22. What other restoration measures has the Service undertaken on the Farallon Islands in the past?
23. Have projects like this succeeded elsewhere?
24. How can someone learn more about the project?