

Ile aux Aigrettes



- Darwin Initiative project to restore island reptile communities



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- Dec 06 to Feb 07 – 260 Telfair's skinks translocated from Round Island




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- Impact assessment – a major part of the project – what are they eating?




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- Obtained baseline data of terrestrial vertebrate and invertebrate populations prior to the Telfair's translocation



The musk shrew




- The only remaining invasive mammal on IAA
- Has contributed to the loss of small terrestrial reptiles and invertebrates



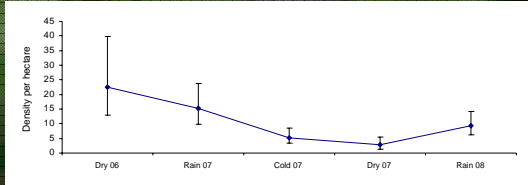
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- Eradication attempt in 1999/2000
- Population recovered to approx 600 by 2006



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- Shrew remains discovered in Telfair's diet and predation observed – population declined to less than 75 individuals within a year
- Partially assisted by very dry conditions at the end of 2007

Restoring natural predators



- Observed declines in other persistent exotic species
- Such declines have not been observed in endemic prey populations – restoring predator-prey relationship