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Hi [REDACTED]

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Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 June 2013 14:47
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: G6 meeting - Br for Minister

Thanks for this [REDACTED] very helpful.

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Couple of questions in the document asking for a bit of additional info (or confirmation of how I'm interpreting what's there).

Give me a ring if that's easier.

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Hi [REDACTED]

Here's the briefing on INNS for the Minister's G6 meeting. Let me know if you need clarification on any of these cases.

Have a good weekend



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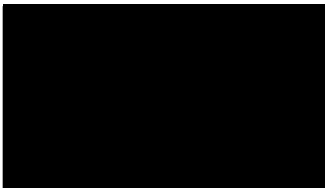
Hi [Redacted]

I've been asked to put together a short brief for the Minister for the next G6 meeting. One of the agenda items is INNS [Redacted] "rats/seabird islands"

[Redacted]
[Redacted] and a couple of general lines on the rats/seabirds issue (presume that his is all about the Shjants [Redacted])

If I could have that by the end of the week that would be really helpful.

Many thanks



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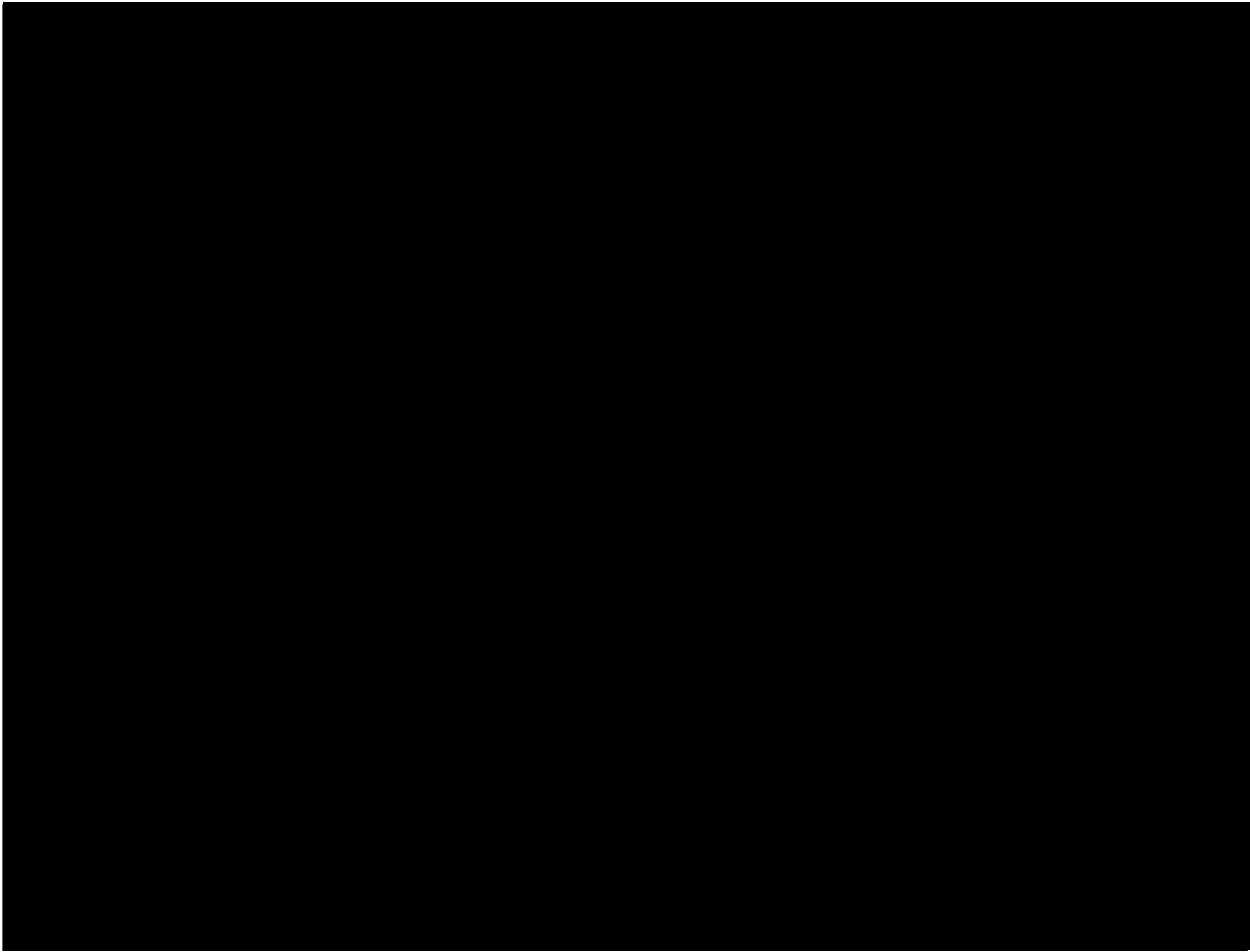
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Brown rat *Rattus norvegicus* and black rat *Rattus rattus* on seabird islands

Line to take

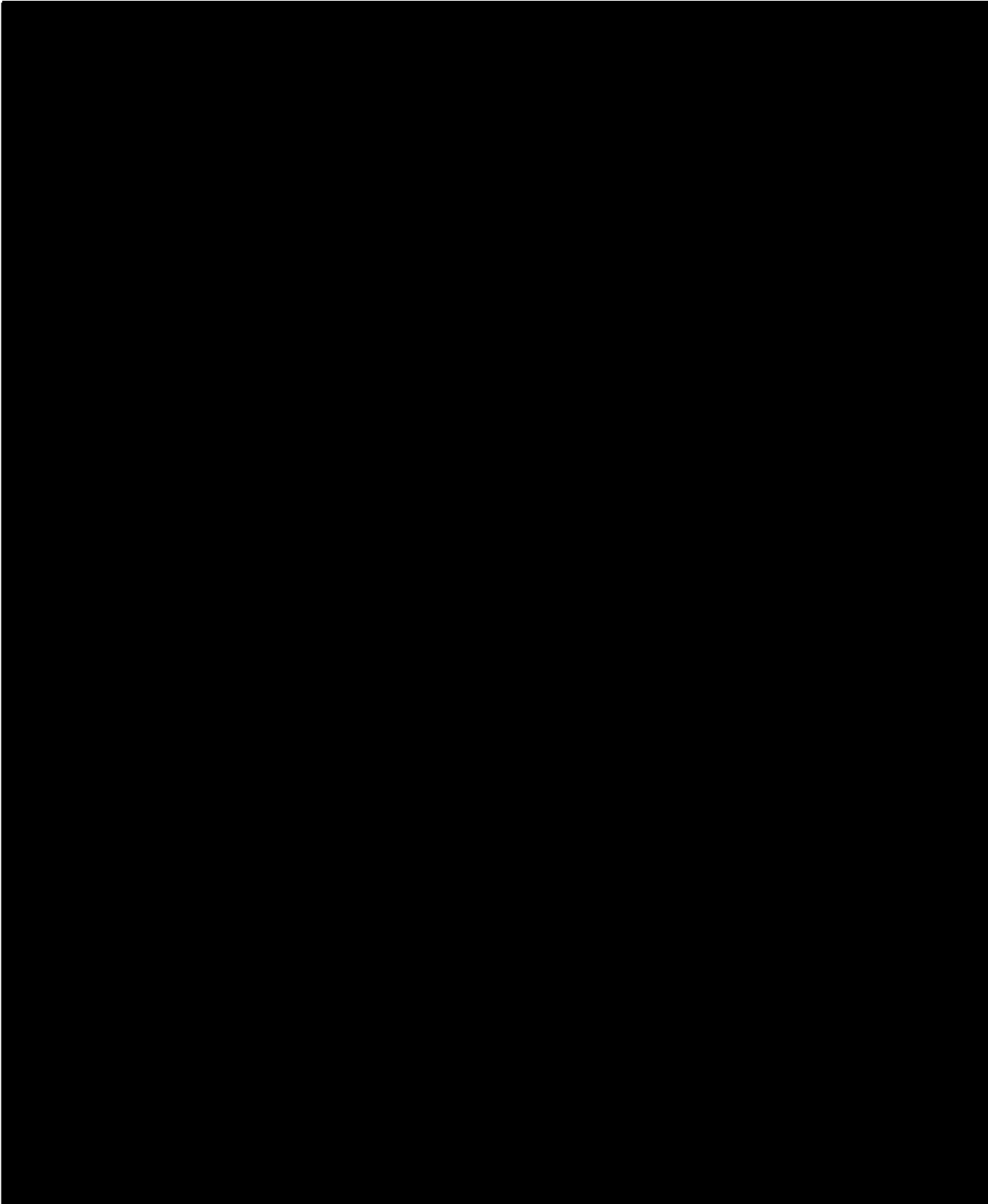
- Protecting Scotland's islands from the impacts of invasive non-native species such as rats is highlighted as a priority in the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy.

Explanation

Rats (mainly brown rats) have had a major impact on breeding seabirds on many offshore islands globally. Severe cases can result in local extinctions but there are also examples of these seabirds recolonising islands after rats have been removed. In Scotland the worst affected seabirds are those which nest in burrows, like storm petrels, shearwaters and puffins. Brown rats have been successfully eradicated from a number of Scottish islands, including Handa (Scottish Wildlife Trust), Ailsa Craig (RSPB and others) and Canna (National Trust for Scotland).

RSPB is about to submit an EU LIFE+ bid for a project to restore of a number of UK seabird islands. This project aims to maintain populations of petrels and shearwaters or create suitable conditions for them to recolonize. Eradicating black rats from the Shiant Islands is a major component of this work. This project has support from SNH, conditional on the LIFE bid being successful.

SNH is funding a PhD student to study the impact of brown rats on breeding Manx shearwaters on the island of Rum. Aspects of the rat's ecology, such as their ranging behaviour, diet and habitat use, will also be studied.



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