



## Part 3

# Eradication of Invasive Species in Fernando de Noronha, Brazil

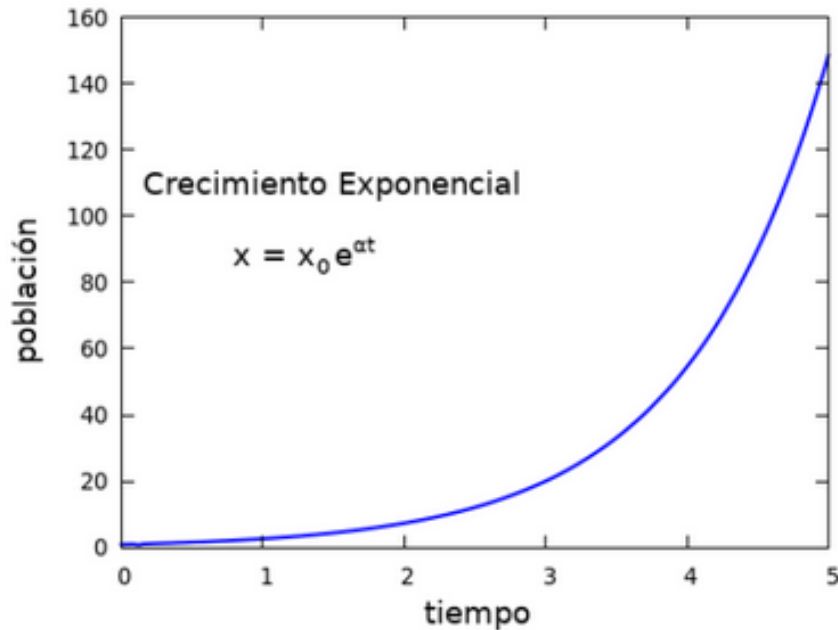
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### What can we do in the future?

Invasive species can increase their populations in a very short time and at an exponential rate, which is why it's so important to act as early as possible to eradicate the problem.



Looking ahead, I believe that captures could be better organised by placing traps in areas where the environmental impact on native species is greatest—particularly around bird nesting sites and turtle breeding areas during the reproductive season. Resources, both human and material, should be planned and allocated more efficiently.

Currently, a daily tax of \$20 is charged to visit Fernando de Noronha. However, this money goes to the mainland rather than staying on the island. A percentage of it could be allocated to improving the island's ecology.

It is also essential to involve and raise awareness among the local population about the unique natural heritage they possess and the importance of preserving it. The most vulnerable areas of the island should be protected, and efforts could be made to create teagu-free zones.

One of the saddest aspects of this work, in my opinion, is having to kill “innocent” animals—because the problem was caused by us. But I also understand that, for now, it's the only realistic solution.

Fernando de Noronha can be seen as a model for the world, as island ecosystems are among the most fragile and biodiverse, yet also the places where most species have gone extinct and where many more are threatened. The conservation efforts taking place on Fernando de Noronha could serve as an example for similar regions across the globe.

Personally, this experience has deeply motivated me to keep believing in a future where threatened species have the chance to thrive in their unique ecosystems—with the support of projects like this one. I believe that although great work is already being done on the island in terms of invasive species, there's still much more to be done.

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