



nature's voice

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Dear Peter

I'm writing to extend the RSPB's appreciation and grateful thanks for your key role in the Henderson Island Restoration Project.

As you are probably aware, an eradication operation of this size and nature was a novel undertaking for RSPB, and we relied heavily on the collective experience of the field team. There is no doubt whatsoever that the considerable skill and experience that you brought to the project was a significant factor in contributing to the successful implementation of the operational plan.

The preparatory work you undertook in terms of assisting in sourcing of helicopters and pilots, providing input into operational planning, gaining ASST approvals, and development of the ship-based helicopter landing and loading operations were instrumental in the actual operation being completed so efficiently. Reports from our Operational Managers were full of praise for your professionalism, resourcefulness and ability to work within a close-knit team, whilst your unsurpassed levels of experience provided us with a great degree of confidence even in such unique conditions as those encountered at Henderson Island.

Whilst it is too early to say if the project has achieved its aim of eradicating rats, we are delighted with how baiting operations proceeded and are confident that the key players such as yourself have done their utmost to give us a high level of optimism for success.

I would therefore like to extend my thanks for your key input, and hope that if the operation should prove successful, you will share our satisfaction in bringing lasting conservation benefits to this remarkable and unique World Heritage Site.

Yours sincerely,

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