# PROTECT OUR ISLANDS FROM NON-NATIVE PREDATORS

BIOSECURITY FOR LIFE

**The Shetland Islands are home to an amazing variety of wildlife from the iconic Puffin to rare plants like Edmonston's chickweed.**

Islands are crucial for seabirds, not only due to their coastal habitat and nearby foraging grounds, but also because many are still free from human-introduced predators like rats or stoats. Our rat-free islands, such as Foula, Fair Isle, Noss, Mousa, Papa Stour and Fetlar, are havens for vulnerable seabirds.

If non-native predators reach our islands, they could decimate bird populations by eating their eggs and chicks. You can help to keep these islands rat free!

**Vulnerable species include:**

ARCTIC TERN | ATLANTIC PUFFIN | BLACK GUILLEMOT | STORM PETREL

**Dangerous non-native predators include:**

RAT | MOUSE | HEDGEHOG | STOAT

## HOW DO NON-NATIVE SPECIES REACH OUR ISLANDS?

## Everyone can help!

**Are you travelling to, between or around islands? Make sure you don't take any stowaways with you!**

- CHECK YOUR BOAT
- CHECK YOUR CARGO
- CHECK YOUR BAGGAGE

## Found signs of a stowaway?

DROPPINGS | GNAW MARKS | ENTRANCE HOLES | NESTING MATERIAL

- DON'T TRAVEL TO AN ISLAND
- DON'T THROW OVERBOARD


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**Thank you for helping to protect our native island wildlife!**

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