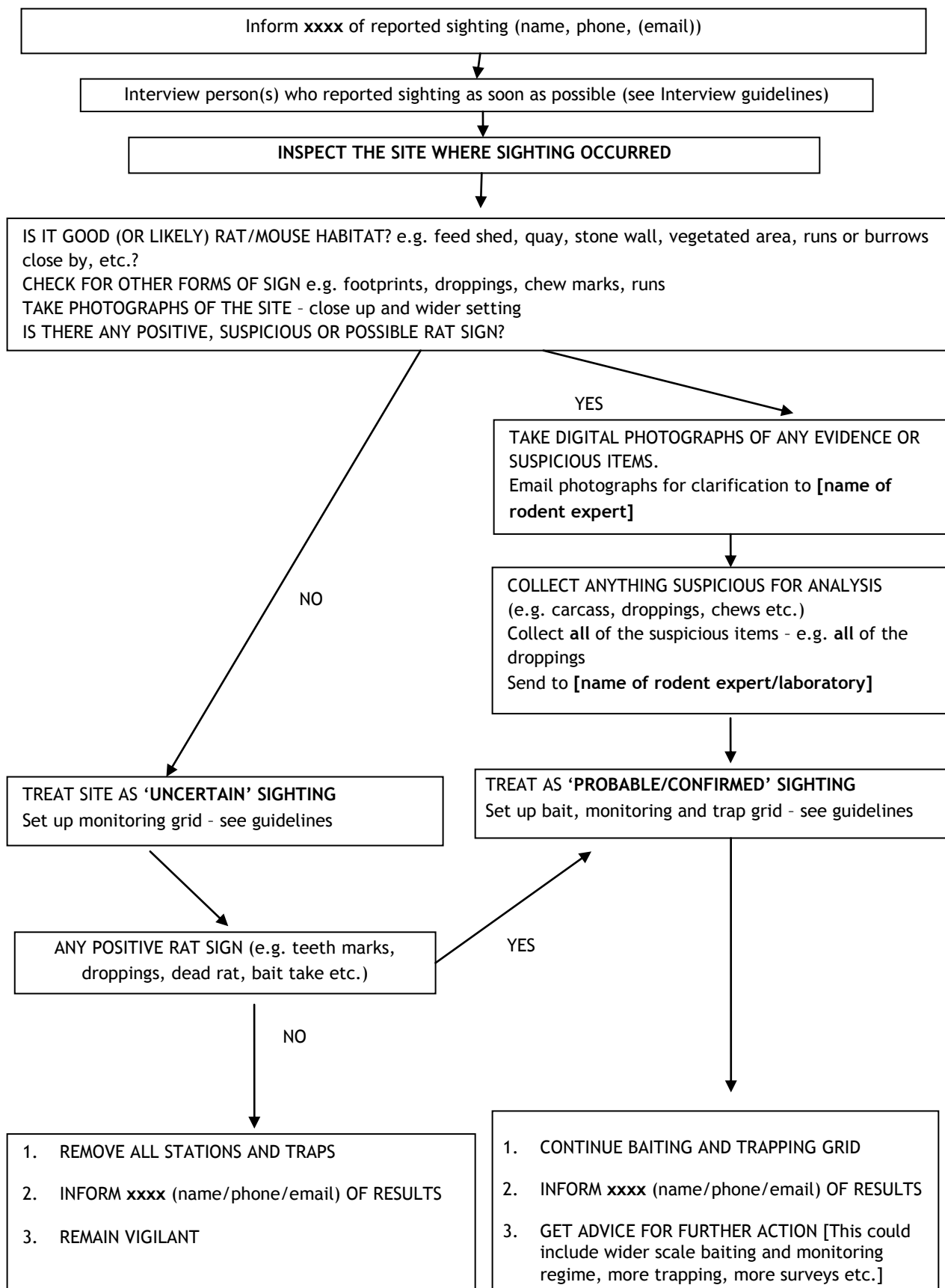


Site inspection guidelines for reported sightings

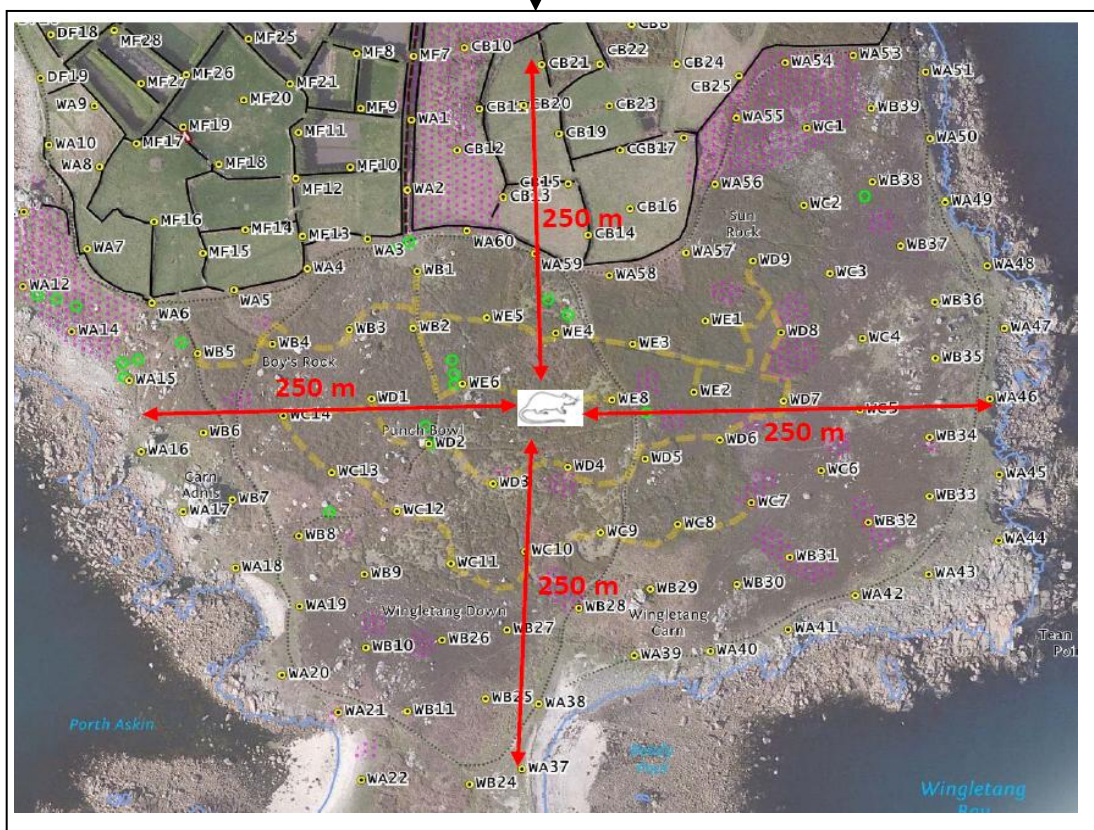


Guidelines for “uncertain” sightings/ evidence

Inform xxxxx of outcome of interview/site inspection (name/phone/email)

SET UP MONITORING GRID:

- Establish/bolster monitoring grid with stations 50 metres apart (closer if it is a mouse sighting) around the area of the reported sighting (use old bait station locations as mapped during the eradication operation for speed and ease of response)
- Spread monitoring stations to out up to 250 metres in all directions from sighting (terrain dependant).
- Put flavoured wax and/or tracking tunnels at each monitoring point. If you have more detection devices available, use them as well.
- **Check all points daily for three days, then once a week for four weeks**
- Check permanent detection devices across the whole island for any sign of rodent
- Enter daily monitoring data in to project database
- If there is any positive rodent sign, move immediately to a baiting, monitoring and trapping grid



ANY POSITIVE RAT SIGN? e.g. teeth marks, droppings, dead rat, monitoring take, etc.

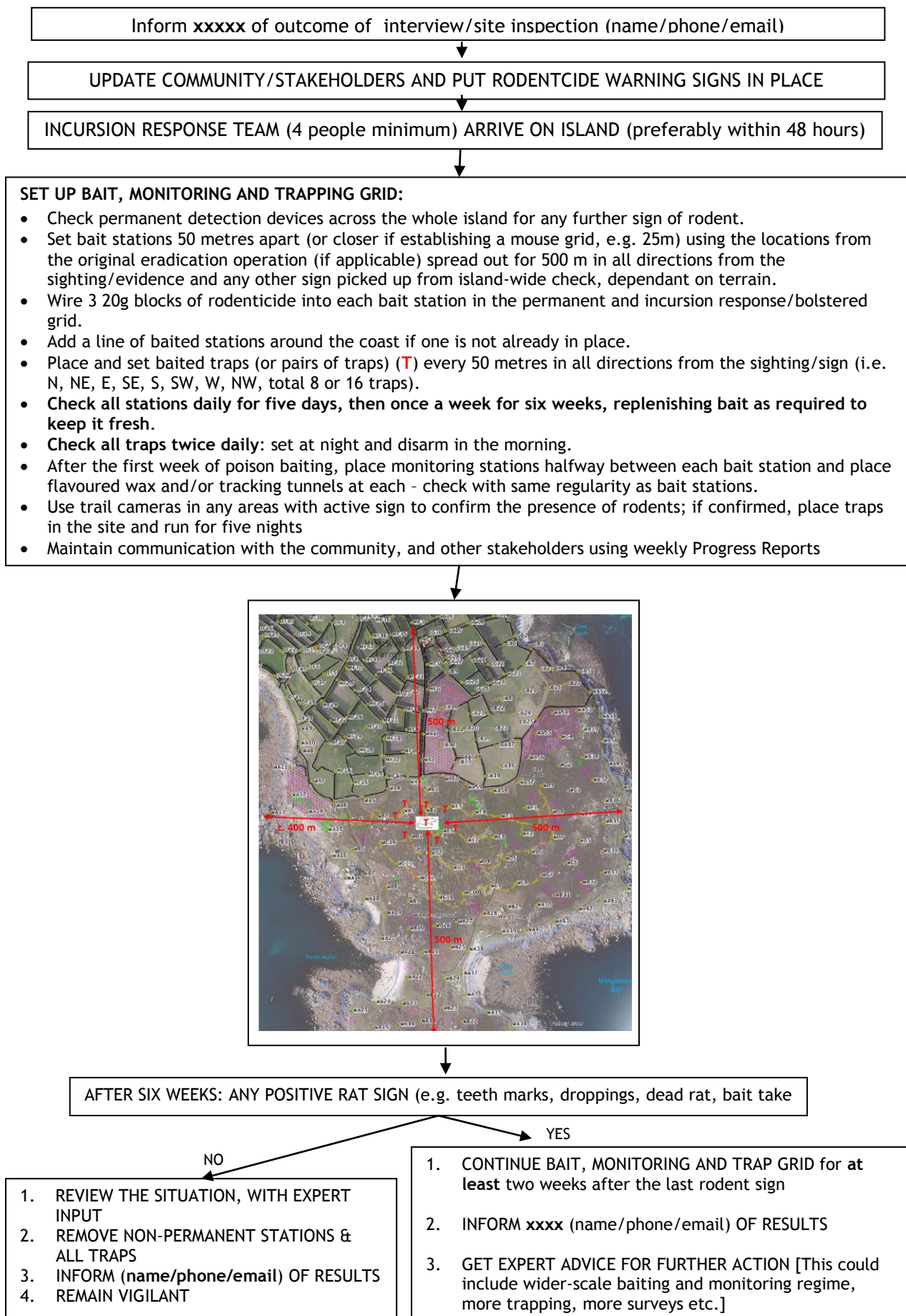
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1. REVIEW THE SITUATION AFTER ONE MONTH, WITH EXPERT INPUT
2. REMOVE NON-PERMANENT MONITORING STATIONS
3. INFORM xxxxx (name/phone/email) OF RESULTS
4. REMAIN VIGILANT

YES

1. IMPLEMENT BAITING, MONITORING AND TRAPPING GRID (see guidelines for “probable/confirmed” sighting)
2. INFORM xxxxx (name/phone/email) OF RESULTS
3. GET EXPERT ADVICE FOR FURTHER ACTION [This could include wider-scale poisoning and monitoring regime, more trapping, more surveys etc.]

Guidelines for “probable/confirmed” sightings/evidence and shipwrecks



IncurSION response bait take form

Example

	Date	1/1/14			Date	2/1/14
	Surveyor	Sophie Thomas			Surveyor	Sophie Thomas
Station	Bait taken	Notes		Station	Bait taken	Notes
A1	2 blocks	Rat droppings found (all removed)		A1	0 blocks	Bait in good condition
A2	0.5 block	Suspected crow interference. Block replaced		A2	0.25 block	Block collected for tooth mark identification
A3	0 blocks	-		A3	0 blocks	bait replaced as damp around edges
A4				A4		
A5				A5		
A6				A6		
A7				A7		
A8				A8		
A9				A9		
A10				A10		
A11				A11		
A12				A12		
A13				A13		
B1				B1		
B2				B2		
B3				B3		
B4				B4		
B5				B5		
B6				B6		
B7				B7		
B8				B8		
C1				C1		

Biosecurity Incident Log
Example;

Date	Recorder: name/contact details	Incident description	Response/Action taken	Outcome	Additional information
12/3/14	Sophie Thomas Sophie.thomas@rspb.org.uk 07703 888651	Rat droppings found on 'Brenda' boat by visitor <i>en route</i> to island	Boat did not land on island - returned to port. Full search conducted of vessel and cargo. Baited and covered traps placed on board. ST discussed tighter quarantine measures for the boat with owner and provided refresher info on rat sign. <u>Boat had recently come out of winter storage.</u>	NEAR MISS No rat found. Assumed it left boat after being disturbed. Boat to obtain rodent-free certification next spring before being launched. Owner committed to checking for sign.	Contact details for 'Brenda' owner, Chris Clune: 0799 1234567
1/5/14	Sophie Thomas Sophie.thomas@rspb.org.uk 07703 888651	Member of public (Joe Bright) reported rat sighting at grid reference SU12341234	ST interviewed Joe on same day and together visited location of sighting. Considered reliability of report to be poor (middle of day, middle of field), but instigated daily monitoring of surveillance grid 250m in each direction from sighting for four weeks, without further sign. Instigated one island wide check of all permanent surveillance stations	No confirmed rat sign. Regular surveillance checking resumed. Assumed False alarm	(Add hyperlink to completed interview form for this incident)
3/6/14	Ben Jones 0781 2345678	Member of public (Sam Hill) reported rat sighting at grid reference SU14371398	BJ interviewed Sam following day and visited location of sighting alone following detailed description. Considered reliability of report to be poor, but instigated daily monitoring of surveillance grid 250m in each direction from sighting for four weeks, without further sign. Instigated one island wide check of all permanent surveillance stations	No confirmed rat sign. Regular surveillance checking resumed. Assumed False alarm	(Add hyperlink to completed interview form for this incident)
9/8/14	Ben Jones 0781 2345678	Member of public (Mary Day) reported rat sighting at grid reference SU12381235	BJ interviewed Mary same day and together visited location of sighting. Considered reliability of report to be poor, but noted almost identical location to that of 1.5.14 so instigated daily monitoring of surveillance grid 250m in each direction from sighting for four weeks and brought in additional detection methods (cameras and tracking tunnels baited with peanut butter). Instigated island wide check of all permanent surveillance stations. No sign of rats found.	No confirmed rat sign. Regular surveillance checking resumed. Assumed False alarm, but extra surveillance (camera) left in place around sighting	(Add hyperlink to completed interview form for this incident)