

### **Project Update: June 2013**

It has been just over a year since the invasive Black rat on Dog Island had been removed. Since the end of the eradication programme, ANT staff, with the help of many volunteers, have been monitoring the island for any sign that rats may still be there. Fortunately, it appears that the island is still rat-free. In an effort to determine the impacts that these rats had on Dog Island's biodiversity, during the summers of 2012 and 2013, with funding provided by the Rufford Small Grant for Nature Conservation and technical assistance provided by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the ANT has completed full nesting seabird, land bird, and reptile assessments as well as a post-eradication vegetation assessment. Results of the seabird surveys will be published later this year.

