

Program Name: Exotic Management
Project Name: Mexican Red Bellied Squirrel Eradication on the Islands in Biscayne National Park
Project ID: 2602
Lead Agency: National Park Service

Strategy and Biennial Report Objective Addressed: 2-B.2 and 2-B.3
Invasive Species Strategic Action Framework Goal: 2 and 3

Measurable Output(s): The ongoing eradication program includes systematic squirrel nest surveys, removal, camera trapping and nest box monitoring.

Project Synopsis:

Biscayne National Park initiated an eradication program of the invasive Mexican Red Bellied Squirrel in 2008. The programs main goals were to protect the natural resources of Biscayne National Park while preventing MRBS from expanding its range to other islands or to the US mainland, where it could compete with native wildlife such as native squirrels and state and federally listed species such as the Key Largo woodrat. The potential damage to Florida’s agricultural industry was also of concern as MRBS is a significant agricultural pest in its native range.

Current Status: Since 2006, EPMT has found 1,814 dreys, 49 squirrels, over 1,760 hours.

Project Schedule:

Start Date: 2008

Finish Date: ongoing

Detailed Project Budget Information

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Balance to Complete	Total
Federal	\$5,000	\$5,000.00	\$5,150.00	\$5,304.50	\$5,463.64	\$20,918.14	\$25,918.14
SFWMD*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Pictures:



Area Map:

