

USDA-WS/Guam: Building International Relationships

Diego Garcia (DG), British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT)

"One Island, One Team, One Mission"



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Diego Garcia (DG): Island and stakeholders

Kenya: 1,112 m

India: 1,112 m

Malaysia: 1,936 mi

3.5 mi

Google Earth

United States Navy

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

B.I.O.T. Police

Gibraltar

United Kingdom

Challenges



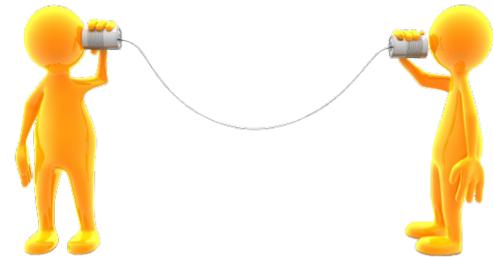
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**EXPECT
DELAYS**



**PROPERTY OF
THE QUEEN**



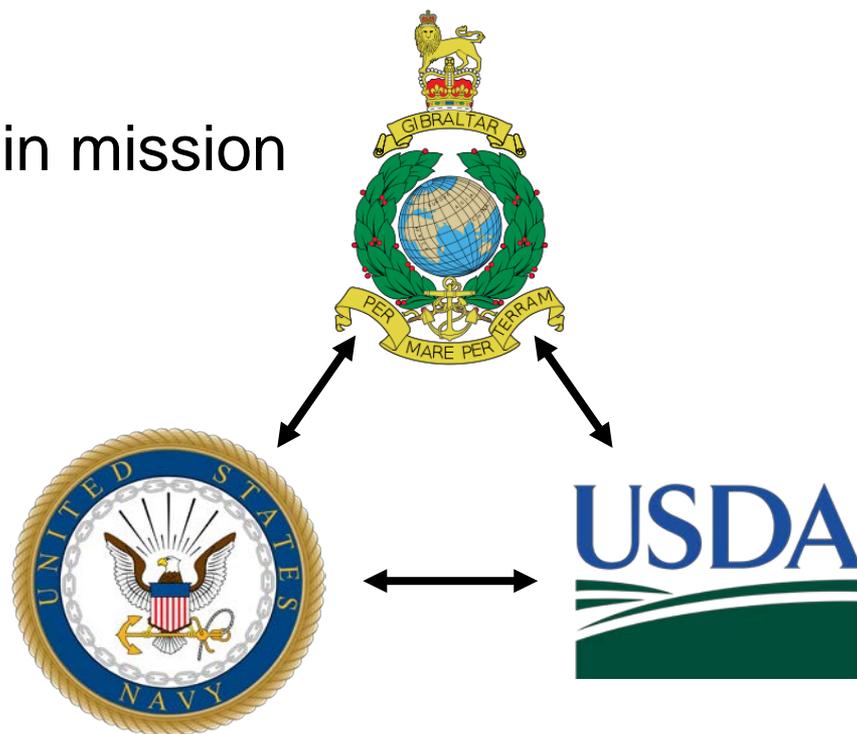
Coordination and Planning

- “Top Down” approach worked best
- Precise planning with all stakeholders
 - Built trust and teamwork



Fostering International Cooperation

- Collaboration between USDA, USN and British Marines
- Coordination with leadership
- Involving stakeholder personnel in mission

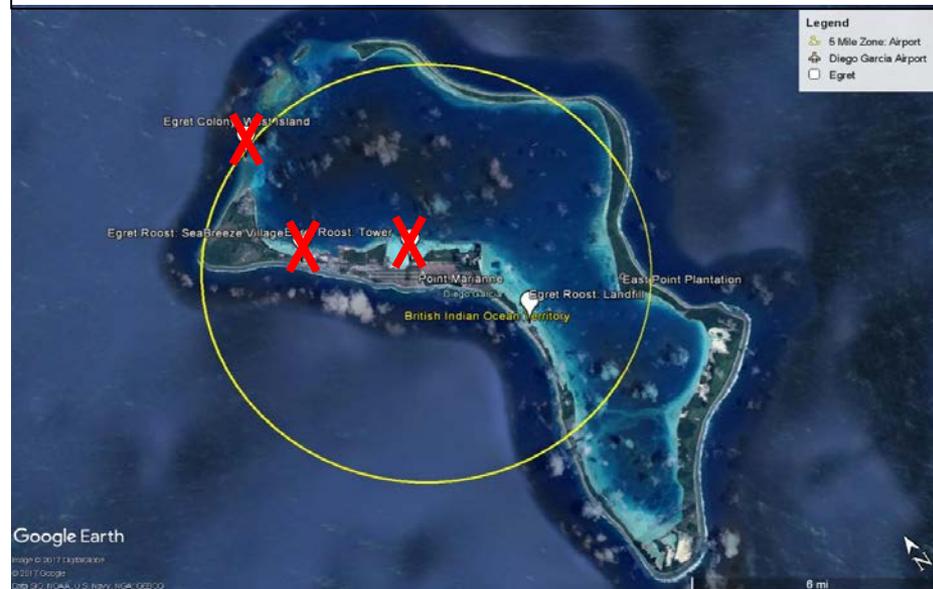
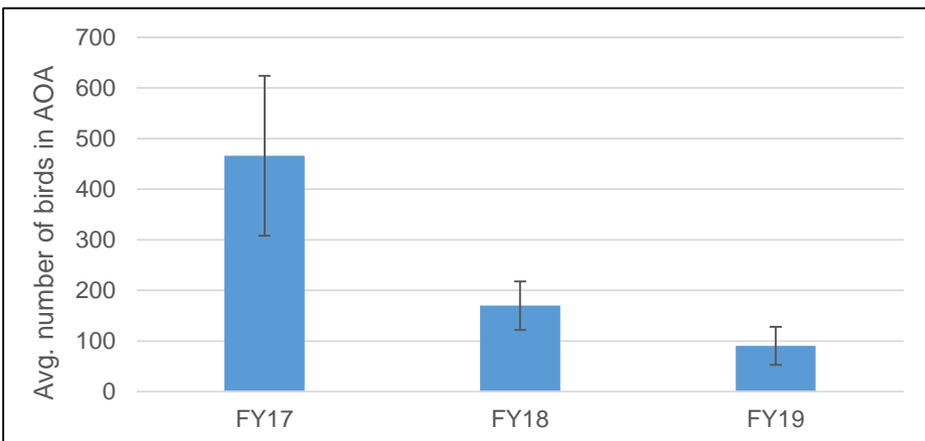


Rewards of successful partnerships

- Reduction in bird strikes
 - FY17 – 8 strikes, one damaging
 - FY18 – 5 strikes, none damaging
 - FY19 – no strikes thus far

- Bird avoidance of airfield
 - FY17: 466 birds/survey
 - FY18: 170 birds/survey
 - FY19: 90 birds/survey

- Roost abandonment near airfield
 - FY17 identified 4 major roosts
 - FY19 one roost remains



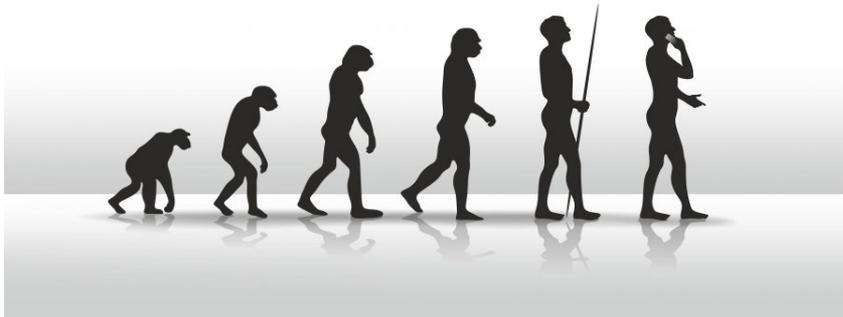
Rewards of successful partnerships

- Increased efficiency
- Trust from field and leadership
 - 3-year project on DG
- Recommendations still in use
 - USN BASH personnel continue pressure on birds in AOA



A Blueprint for Success

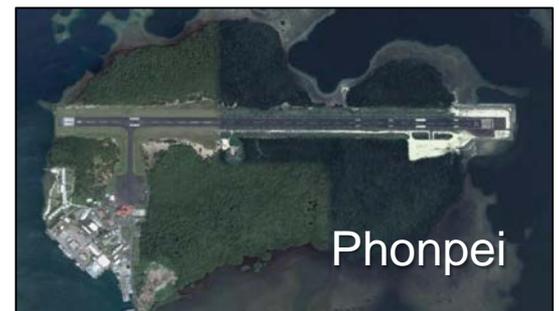
- Identify the common goals
- Clear objectives and communication
- Planning
- Flexibility
- Collaborate at all levels
- Past experiences = future efficiency



What's Next?

- Airport Hazard work with Compact States
 - Civilian airports and USAF bases in Asia-Pacific

- Working with International trade groups





United States Department of Agriculture

DIEGO GARCIA

Footprint of Freedom

Questions?