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Conservation measures to assist the adaptation of
*Falco eleonora** to climate change

ATTENTION

DIONYSADES AND MAKARES ISLETS ARE IN QUARANTINE TO AVOID RAT REINTRODUCTION

Help use keep the islet rat-free.

In the framework of LIFE ElClimA project rat eradication was carried out at Dionysades (Crete) and Makares (Donousa) islets. Keeping the islets rat-free requires the contribution of all visitors, as rats are likely to board all types of vessels.

Please take into consideration the following:

Avoidance of carrying rats on board

- Regularly check for rat traces on your vessel. *Rat traces include faces, unbroken food packages that were left exposed, chewed cables.*
- Check your equipment, such as tarpaulins, covers or nets stored ashore, for rats, before transporting them onboard.
- Store food and garbage in airtight metal or plastic containers. *Rats are attracted by smells and can open holes in most materials.*
- Seal openings that give access to the vessel interior to rats. *Rats can pass through 1.5cm wide apertures. Use scouring pads for small apertures.*
- Use rat-guards on mooring lines. *The rat guards should be able to rotate freely. An economical solution is to place a cut plastic bottle.*
- Use rat-traps whenever required. *In case you catch a rat, do not throw it into the sea. Rats are very keen swimmers.*

And remember: By keeping your vessel rat-free you protect it from minor or even significant damage rats may cause, among which to electronic systems due to chewing of cables.

Avoidance of rat landing on the islet

- Minimize the mooring time ashore. For longer stay anchor away from shore.
- Avoid to land on the islet at night and overnight. *Rats are more active during night and they are more likely to disembark.*

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- Store food/garbage in airtight metal or plastic containers during your stay on the islet.
- Do not leave any food/garbage on the islet. Leftovers may be buried.
- The dishwashing water must be poured into the sea or buried.

In case you spot rats or evidence of their presence on the islets inform immediately the project's team and the Forestry of Siteia (for Dionysades)!

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The islet is in quarantine and bait stations are places at its perimeter. Do not touch the baits.

The drastic substance of the baits is BRODIFACOUM and the antidote Vitamin K.

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