

RECOVERY OF ISLAND FOX 1999–2005, CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

As wildlife biologists have removed feral pigs, relocated golden eagles, and reintroduced bald eagles, the number of endangered island foxes on San Miguel, Santa Rosa, and Santa Cruz Islands has increased, indicating they are on the road to recovery. Decline in the number of feral pigs is not included on the graph because recovery efforts did not record such data with any level of confidence; however, park staff estimates that 5,000 pigs inhabited the islands before removal efforts, with approximately 2,500 remaining at the end of 2005. Contractors will have removed the bulk of these remaining animals by summer 2006.

