

Subject: introduction message for Jamie/OPP

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Hi Todd,

Many thanks for the conversation last week about your experience with OPP's grant making process. Indeed, they are clearly a new breed of philanthropists!

As planned, we drafted an introduction message from you to Jamie. Let me know if you think this is appropriate or if it needs to be modified; feel free to adjust the introduction to fit your style if needed. As Karl will be in the area very soon, we would deeply appreciate your assistance as soon as feasible.

Let me know if there's any question. Many thanks!

Carol

Jamie,

I'm writing to introduce you to [Island Conservation](#). They coordinate the GBIRD ([Genetic Biocontrol of Invasive Rodents](#)) consortium, where I lead the international stakeholder engagement effort. I think you may find it valuable to meet Dr. Karl Campbell, cc'd here. Karl is the lead representative to GBIRD for Island Conservation (IC), a global biodiversity conservation nonprofit, which would be a likely end-user of the genetic technology that GBIRD is investigating.

GBIRD is an international, nonprofit collaboration of world-renowned scientists developing genetic technology that, through population suppression methods, has potential to eradicate a trifecta of impacts from invasive rodents on islands: species extinctions and the subsequent ecological degradation; food security; and vector-borne disease. GBIRD's investigation into natural and synthetic gene drives in mice is the most advanced to date for vertebrates, and the team's work to facilitate the enabling conditions (public acceptance, regulatory considerations, and planning and preparing for the possible future application of the technology) is also well-underway.

On the latter, IC is engaged with Target Malaria as there are common interests in building social license for gene drive technology. IC is leveraging its global network of conservationists, a group that is at least paramount to advancing enabling conditions for the application of gene drives in conservation, but also very likely to be key actors in helping to advance such conditions that will benefit Target Malaria.

Karl, who is based in the Galapagos, is going to be in the Bay Area mid-June. Perhaps you might have time in your schedule to meet with him? If so, please feel free to reach out directly to him for scheduling.

Best,
Todd

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