

**Subject:** virtual introduction

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Hi Jaime,

I wanted to introduce you to some colleagues of mine that I have been working with to see if you might have some time to speak with or meet with them in person. They all work with [Island Conservation](#), a global biodiversity conservation nonprofit. Royden Saah coordinates the GBIRD ([Genetic Biocontrol of Invasive Rodents](#)) consortium here at NC State, where I help lead the international stakeholder engagement effort. Royden in particular has an interesting background that you might find intriguing. Before joining Island Conservation he worked in the public health space where he helped manage relief efforts during the Ebola outbreak, among others. Dr. Karl Campbell is the lead representative to GIBRD for Island Conservation. Karl is based in the Galapagos but is going to be in the Bay Area mid-June and if you have some time wanted to possibly meet with you.

GBIRD is exploring the 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. Island Conservation is also engaged with Target Malaria as there are common interests for gene drive technology. IC is leveraging its global network of conservationists who will likely be key actors in helping to advance conditions that will benefit Target Malaria.

If you are interested in possibly speaking with Royden or Karl please let us know and I will have them follow up with you.

Kindest regards,

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