

Santa Cruz Island Restoration Timeline

Year

Primary Restoration Action

2001

- Complete Federal Planning Compliance, Spring 2001, Consult with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – complete permitting in early fall.
- Refine and ground truth fence lines.
- Solicit contractor bids for fencing of the island into 6 management zones.

2001-02

- Begin construction of first fenced zone, as soon as funds are available, ideally as soon as permits are in hand in fall 2001.
- Begin zone 1 feral pig hunting as soon as it is fenced completely, and ideally as soon as OFS funding is available in March 2002. Hunt until entirely pig-free.

2003-08

- Complete construction of fencing for all zones. (Fenced zones to be approximately 12,000 acres in size. Total fencing required for all 6 zones equals about 45 miles.)
- Initiate fennel control in zone 6 in preparation for hunting.
- Hunt zones in sequence until each is confirmed to be "pig-free".
- Regularly inspect fence lines for damage and openings and survey all hunted zones for evidence of missed pigs.
- Monitor effects of pig removal on island ecosystem.

2009-13

- Conduct multi-zone pig-free surveys.
- Monitor and document restoration success & ecosystem recovery.

