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Mongoose observed, (composite records)

July 6	Lameshur area	(1/2 hour)	2	(2 hours)	0
July 7	"		(2 hours)	5	(2 hours) 0
" 8	"		(1/2 hours)	3	(2 hours) 0
" 9	Reef Bay - Lameshur	(5 hours)	3		
" 10	Lameshur - Reef Bay	(5 hours)	2		
" 10	Lameshur	(1/2 hour)	1	(2 hours)	0
" 11	"	(2 ")	2		
" 12	"	(1/2 ")	1	(2 hours)	0
" 14	Reef Bay area	(2 hours)	2		
" 14	Lameshur	(1/2 hours)	1		
" 15	" Estate House	(3 hours)	1		
" 16	Lameshur, Bordeaux, Lameshur	(4 hours)	1		
" 17	" " "	(4 ")	2		
" 18	" " "	(4 ")	1		
" 19	" " "	(4 ")	0		
" 20	Lameshur, Concel Bay	(1 hr by jeep)	2		
" 21	5 Cays	(7 hours)	0		
" 22	Lameshur	(2 hours)	2		
" 24	"	(" ")	1		
Aug 6	Annaberg	(5 hours)	4		
Aug 8	Haulover to Coral Bay and return	(6 hours)	0		
" 9	" Bay	(3 hrs)	2		
" 10	" "	(2 hrs)	1		
" 11	Lameshur - Bordeaux	(4 hrs)	1		
" 12	" "	(4 hrs)	2		

The best time to see these animals is in the early morning or in the evening, although I have seen them during all hours of the day. Many of these sight records are duplicates especially the Lameshur ones, although I have watched one individual travel two blocks without stopping. It is my opinion there are many more mongooses than one is led to believe on the basis of sight records. Although they are generally distributed they are more commonly seen around places of habitation where they can feed on refuse and other scraps. It is also believed that these animals could be accustomed to feed at baited areas and then shot, or hunted systematically until exterminated. To eliminate the rat would be more difficult or impossible without affecting other kinds of native wildlife.