

by shooting. (See plan suggested under swine.) Wild goats have territorial tendencies and are gregarious and when disturbed remain as one group: a combination of factors favorable for their control or extirpation. A female and her kid, for example, remained on one promontory bordering the ocean for one month (August) and when the kid was shot the female joined a group of four burros in another part of the same general area. Goat capturing by the use of dogs is the method employed by the native people. This system, however, is difficult and is accompanied by considerable disturbance to the native fauna. Goats are more difficult to control by means of fences than any other kind of livestock. Impoundment or control also requires adequate pasturage and continual herding.

Mongoose: The first introduction of the mongoose onto St. John Island, according to Julius Sprauve of Cruz Bay, was made by Louis Denilios, who brought a male and female from Haiti. Sprauve did not recall the date of this event. It is the overwhelming concensus of opinion by native people questioned concerning the reason for introduction of the mongoose that these animals were brought to the island not to prey on rats and mice, but to kill the snakes which at one time were numerous and offensive around their homes. Several individuals believe that poisonous snakes were a serious menace on the island when the island was first inhabited. Since the time of its introduction, the mongoose has spread throughout the island. Today the mongoose occurs in every land community on the island, however remote, from the low xeric wind swept slopes bordering the ocean, where it is least common, to the damp forests surrounding Mt. Bordeaux. In the wild, the mongoose is more at home in the low-forested bottomlands of the canyons. The greatest numbers per unit area, regardless of altitude, approximately 80 per cent in the case of our records of occurrences, are associated with human habitations or with man's activities. Mr. Ewen MacFarlane, Manager of the Caneel Bay Plantation Resort, informs us that as