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Reintroductions of wildlife continue

The Department of the Environment and Climate Change, working with the Gibraltar Ornithological & Natural History Society, are continuing the work to replenish and improve the wildlife of Gibraltar.

The Department today announced the release of 59 wild rabbits to various parts of the Nature Reserve. These are to replenish the reduced numbers of rabbits, now that areas of habitat have been created by clearing of dense areas of scrub.

It was also confirmed that over 200 Barbary partridges have also been released in different parts of the Rock, and appear to be settling in well. Many of them have paired up and appear to be holding territory.

A number of pairs are being kept as part of a captive breeding programme, and already eggs have been laid.

Minister for the Environment, Dr John Cortes, commented, "This is part of our strategy to recover and support the biodiversity of the Gibraltar Nature Reserve, and it appears to be going well. The success of the releases will be monitored, but I am hopeful that before long we will see evidence of young rabbits and partridges in different parts of the Rock."