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Next stop was the island of Santa Cruz, where his plan was to look for Galapagos tortoises. This island, with its humid climate and fertile soil, is inhabited – mostly by Ecuadorians, but there are a few Europeans there, too. They cleared ground to establish banana and coffee plantations, among other things. And they slaughtered tortoises for their tasty meat. Eibl-Eibesfeldt’s group saw entire fields of tortoise carcasses – in spite of the laws passed in 1934 protecting creatures like tortoises, land iguanas, marine iguanas, penguins, sea lions and fur seals.

But that wasn’t the worst of it. On the tiny Las Horcas Islands to the east of Santa Cruz, which ought to be an idyll for the tortoises, they were met with an overwhelming number of goats. A military base had obviously hunted the iguanas out of boredom. A military base had obviously hunted the iguanas out of boredom. A military base had obviously hunted the iguanas out of boredom. A military base had obviously hunted the iguanas out of boredom. A military base had obviously hunted the iguanas out of boredom.

Eibl-Eibesfeldt got to know the Galapagos Islands in the 1950s. Today, half a century after Irenäus Eibl-Eibesfeldt embarked on his journey, the future of the islands is still not secure. UNESCO has therefore placed the archipelago on its list of World Heritage in Danger. The ecological crisis of the Ecuadorian Pacific island group is threatened by increasing immigration and uncontrolled tourism, according to an analysis made by the World Heritage Committee at its meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand on June 26, 2007.

Eibl-Eibesfeldt, head of the Max Planck Society’s Research Unit for Human Ethology, is known for his many research trips and has followed events there for over five decades. His first trip to the archipelago was thanks to a meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand on June 26, 2007. In order to participate in the journey, the young behavioral scientist Eibl-Eibesfeldt had to learn to scuba dive. On his first trip off the coast near the small island of Osborn in the south of the archipelago. The noise audible far out to sea left no doubt that this was a sea lion habitat. The ship’s officer pressed a rope into his hand so that he could swim to shore, hauling the boat with the photographic equipment behind him. He anxiously asked if one of them was likely to nibble on him, the officer laid his mind to rest, saying: “Aw, come on, they only eat fish.” The scientist spent two days on the island observing the behavior of these large peaceful creatures.

The Charles Darwin Station on Santa Cruz, which was awarded the “Orden nacional al Merito” by the Ecuadorian government, is the very station where the scientist is to take stock of the animal world and to choose a location for his suggested biological station.

Charles Darwin Station in Academy Bay, Baltra, accommodating the archipelago’s only airfield. The Charles Darwin Research Station was founded in Bruselas in 1959 and attended to the issues of financing, planning, building and operating a biological station. The Charles Darwin Research Station was built between 1960 and 1964. Scientists from all over the world go here to study biologists on land and in the sea. Scientists from all over the world go here to study biologists on land and in the sea. Scientists from all over the world go here to study biologists on land and in the sea. Scientists from all over the world go here to study biologists on land and in the sea. Scientists from all over the world go here to study biologists on land and in the sea.

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