

## Supplementary Materials:

### Note 1

“I have been researching seventeenth-century archives in The Hague and Cape Town, and have found proof of dodos being alive west of Mahébourg in 1689” (Moree, P. *Paradise Lost? Mauritius in the Dutch period (1598–1610)* (n.d.): <http://www.iias.nl/iiasn/16/regions/isa2.html> (page no longer online, but retained in part by JCP).

### Note 2

A reviewer suggested Lamotius would have been familiar with true dodos through illustrations, but if he had in fact seen some, he would have only been confused. The books he is most likely to have seen/read have only very misleading images (*Tweede boek* and derivatives, see [6,63]; Dutch translation of [71]) or dodos represented by penguins [66,67]. He might have seen van den Broecke’s semiadequate images of a dodo and a red hen [6], but the author neither named them nor connected them to Mauritius. The only other reasonably good published images were in Latin language encyclopaedias by Clusius and Piso that Lamotius was unlikely to have seen, and in a book of travels by Nieuhoff published too late in 1682 [6]. Adequate if odd-looking woodcuts by Salomon Savery from a Roelandt Savery sketch were incorporated in 1660s editions of Bontekoe’s and van Spilbergen’s journeys [6], but Bontekoe claimed his birds were on Réunion and Spilbergen, and said nothing about dodos in his text.

### Note 3:

e.g., Hugo’s journal (item 656, November 1673); see also [4] (p.79). Feral pigs were reported to attack and eat young goats and even calves [28,41,34].

### Note 4

(“Il nous raconta aussi que bien qu’il avait séjourné aussi longtemps dans le pays il n’avait vu que deux fois un dodo, de la grandeur d’un Casuarina ce seront apparemment des dodos “walgvogels” dont il a été fait mention lors de la première découverte de l’Ile toujours est-il qu’aucun Neerlandais quel que soit le temps qu’il ait passé ici qui puisse dire en vérité avoir vu un des ces oiseaux”.)

### Note 5

Cauche’s *fouches* are Flamingos (Lesser *Phoenicopterus minor*, from the description of its red back) and *feiques* are Comb Ducks *Sarkidiornis melanotos* (identification from Cauche’s descriptions: [6], with whom we concur)—both were seen and eaten in Madagascar.