Critical Habitat Designations for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

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** Critical Habitat Designation by NOAA
St. Croix Ground Lizard (*Ameiva polops*)

U.S. Virgin Islands. Protestant Cay, roughly defined by the coordinates 64°42'15" N. and 17°45'7.5" W.; and Green Cay, roughly defined by the coordinates 67°37'30" N. and 17°45'15" W.

Note: Map follows:
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Culebra Island Giant Anole (*Anolis roosevelti*)

Note: No text. Map follows:
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Yellow-Shouldered Blackbird (*Agelaius zanthomus*)

Puerto Rico. Areas of land, water, and airspace with the following components: (1) All of Mona Island; (2) that portion of the main island of Puerto Rico within the following boundary: Beginning at a point where the Quebrada Boquerón joins the Bahía de Boquerón, thence proceeding southwesterly along coast to Cabo Rojo, thence eastward along the coast, including offshore cays, to the point where Highway 332 meets the Bahía de Guánica, thence northward on Highway 332 to its junction with Highway 116, thence westward on Highway 116 to its junction with Highway 305, thence westward on Highway 305 to its junction with Highway 303, thence northward on Highway 303 to its junction with Highway 101, thence westward on Highway 101 to the point where it crosses Quebrada Boquerón, thence along the Quebrada Boquerón to the point where it joins the Bahía de Boquerón; (3) a circular portion of the main island of Puerto Rico with a one mile radius, the center being the junction of Highways 360 and 102 in the town of San German; (4) Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, southeast of Ceiba.

Note: No map

Note: The following maps are only a representation of the text above. They are not official.
Puerto Rico. Areas of land, water and airspace with the following components: (1) Cerro Avispa-elevation above 700 meters on the south and southeastern slope of the mountain: from the northern junction of Highway 715 and an unnumbered dirt road southeast and southwest along Highway 715 to the southern junction with the same unnumbered dirt road and Highway 715, north and northeast along the unnumbered dirt road just below the southeast facing crest of Cerro Avispa to its junction with Highway 715.

(2) Monte el Gato-entire summit above 700 meters: from the junction of Highway 715 to the junction of Highway 715 and the 700 meter contour interval west along Highway 715 to the junction of Highway 715 and an unnumbered road, north and northeast along this road to where it crosses the 700 meter contour interval, and east along the 700 meter contour interval to where it crosses Highway 715.

(3) Sierra de Cayey-elevations above 700 meters: southeast from the junction of Highways 738 and 15 along Highway 15 to point .5 kilometer south of Benchmark 684.5, northeast from this point in a line to a point on Highway 7741 two kilometers south of the junction of Highway 738 and 7741, north and northwest along Highway 7741 to its junction with Highway 738, and northwest from the junction of Highways 1741 and 738 along Highway 738 to its junction with Highway 15.

NOTE: Map follows:
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Mona Ground Iguana (Cyclura stejnegeri)


Note: Map follows:
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Mona Boa (*Epicrates monensis monensis*)


Note: Map follows:
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Leatherback Sea Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)

U.S. Virgin Islands- A strip of land 0.2 mile wide (from mean high tide inland) at Sandy Point Beach on the western end of the island of St. Croix beginning at the southwest cape to the south and running 1.2 miles northwest and then northeast along the western and northern shoreline, and from the southwest cape 0.7 mile east along the southern shoreline.

Note: Map follows:
Puerto Rico: (1) Isla Mona. All areas of beachfront on the west, south, and east sides of the island from mean high tide inland to a point 150 meters from shore. This includes all 7.2 kilometers of beaches on Isla Mona. (2) Culebra Island. The following areas of beachfront on the north shore of the island from mean high tide inland to a point 150 meters from shore Playa Resaca, Playa Brava, and Playa Larga. (3) Cayo Norte. South beach, from mean high tide inland to a point 150 meters from shore. (4) Isla Culebrita. All beachfront areas on the southwest facing shore, east facing shore, and northwest facing shore of the island from mean high tide inland to a point 150 meters from shore.

Note: Maps follows.
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Monito Gecko (*Sphaterodactylus mocropitecus*)

Puerto Rico. Isla Monito- entire island.

Note: Map follows:
Culebra Island, Puerto Rico- Waters surrounding the island of Culebra from the mean high water line seaward to 3 nautical miles (5.6 km). These waters include Culebra’s outlying Keys including Cayo Norte, Cayo Ballena, Cayos Geniqui, Isla Culebrita, Arrecife Culebrita, Cayo de Luis Peña, Las Hermanas, El Mono, Cayo Lobo, Cayo Lobito, Cayo Botijuela, Alcarraza, Los Gemelos, and Piedra Steven.

Note: Map follows.
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*Catesbaea melanocarpa*

Halfpenny Bay, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands: The Halfpenny Bay unit consists of approximately 10.5 ac (4.3 ha) on privately owned property located about 2.48 mi (4 km)south of Christiansted, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands. The designated unit is located east of South Shore Road, approximately 342 m (1,122 ft) south of Road 62, approximately 600 m (1,968 ft) north of the Halfpenny Bay coast, and 70 m (230 ft) west of a local road to Halfpenny Bay.

Note: Map follows:
Puerto Rico: (1) Critical habitat units are depicted for Humacao, Juncos, Las Piedras, Maunabo, Patillas, San Lorenzo and Yabucoa.

Note: Index map (Map 1) follows:
Unit 1: Mariana, Humacao, Puerto Rico.

**General Description:** Unit 1 consists of approximately 23.6 acres (ac) (9.6 hectares (ha)) located south of Road PR-909, west of Road PR-3, and north of Quebrada Cataño within Mariana Ward, Humacao.

Note: Map of Unit 1 (Map 2) follows:
Unit 2: Montones, Las Piedras, Puerto Rico.

*General Description:* Unit 2 consists of approximately 31.1 ac (12.6 ha) along the headwaters of the Valenciano River at PR 917 Km 9.7, Montones Ward, Las Piedras.

Note: Map of Unit 2 (Map 3) follows:
Unit 3: Tejas, Las Piedras, Puerto Rico.

General Description: Unit 3 consists of approximately 5.2 ac (2.1 ha) between Road PR-905 to the east, Road PR-908 to the west, Road PR-9921 to the north, and Road PR-9904 to the south within Tejas Ward, Las Piedras.

Note: Map of Unit 3 (Map 4) follows:
Unit 4: Emajagua, Maunabo, Puerto Rico.

*General Description:* Unit 4 consists of approximately 33.0 ac (13.4 ha) between Quebrada Arenas and Quebrada Emajagua, north of Road PR—901 within Emajagua Ward, Maunabo.

Note: Map of Unit 4 (Map 5) follows:
Unit 5: Jacaboa, Patillas, Puerto Rico.

General Description: Unit 5 consists of approximately 10.3 ac (4.2 ha) northwest of road PR-758 within Ríos Ward, Patillas.

Note: Map of Unit 5 (Map 6) follows:
Unit 6: Calabazas, Yabucoa, Puerto Rico.

General Description: Unit 6 consists of approximately 13.8 ac (5.6 ha), including lands northeast of road PR-900, between Quebrada Guayabo to the south and Río Guayanés to the north, and south of Guayanés Unit, within Calabazas Ward, Yabucoa.

Unit 7: Guayanés, Yabucoa, Puerto Rico.

General Description: Unit 7 consists of approximately 7.9 ac (3.2 ha) northeast of Road PR-900 between Quebrada Guayabo to the south and Río Guayanés to the north, and north of Unit 6, within Calabazas Ward, Yabucoa.

Note: Map of Units 6 and 7 (Map 7) follows:
Unit 8: Panduras, Yabucoa, Puerto Rico.

*General Description:* Unit 8 consists of approximately 28.6 ac (11.6 ha) to the northwest and southeast of Road PR-3 within Calabazas Ward, Yabucoa, and 18.2 ac (7.4 ha) of lands owned by the Puerto Rico Conservation Trust near the top of Cerro La Pandura.

Unit 9: Talante, Yabucoa, Maunabo, Puerto Rico.

*General Description:* Unit 9 consists of approximately 23.5 ac (9.5 ha) east of Road PR-3, including the headwaters of the Talante Creek and five unnamed drainages. About 2.8 ac (1.1 ha) of Unit 9 are located within Calabazas Ward, Yabucoa, and the remaining 21.6 ac (8.7 ha) are located within Talante Ward, Maunabo.

Note: Map of Units 8 and 9 (Map 8) follows:
Unit 10: Guayabota, Yabucoa, Puerto Rico.

*General Description:* Unit 10 consists of approximately 13.1 ac (5.3 ha) to the northeast of intersection of roads PR-181 to the east, and PR-182 and Río Guayanés to the south, and south of the municipal boundary with San Lorenzo, within Guayabota Ward, Yabucoa.

Note: Map of Unit 10 (Map 9) follows:
Unit 11: Guayabito, Yabucoa, Puerto Rico.

*General Description:* Unit II consists of approximately 17.3 ac (7.0 ha) south of Road PR-900 and north of the Maunabo boundary, within Guayabota Ward, Yabucoa.

Unit 12: Guayabo, Yabucoa, Puerto Rico.

*General Description:* Unit 12 consists of approximately 9.8 ac (3.9 ha) within Guayabota Ward, Yabucoa, crossing Road PR-900, north of the Maunabo boundary, and about 3,025 ft (922 m) west of Unit 11.

Note: Map of Units 11 and 12 (Map 10) follows:
Unit 13: El Cielito, Maunabo, Puerto Rico.

*General Description:* Unit 13 consists of approximately 7.84 ac (3.17 ha), between the municipal boundary of Yabucoa to the north, PR-759 to the south and west, and PR-3 to the east, within Talante Ward, Maunabo.

Note: Map of Unit 13 (Map 11) follows:
Unit 14: Verraco, San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico.

*General Description:* Unit 14 consists of approximately 8.9 ac (3.6 ha), between PR-181 to the north and west, Río Grande de Loíza to the east and south, and the municipal boundary of Yabucoa to the south, within Espino Ward, San Lorenzo.

Unit 15: Cueva Marcela Unit, San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico.

*General Description:* Unit 15 consists of approximately 7.47 ac (3.02 ha), between PR-181 and Quebrada Verraco to the north, PR-181 to the west, and Río Grande de Loíza and the municipal boundary of Yabucoa to the south, within Espino Ward, San Lorenzo.

Note: Map of Units 14 and 15 (Map 12) follows:
Unit 16: Ceiba Sur Unit, Juncos, Puerto Rico.

*General Description:* Unit 16 consists of approximately 13.92 ac (5.63 ha) between Road PR-9934 to the east, and Road PR-919 to the west within Ceiba Sur Ward, Juncos.

Note: Map of Unit 16 (Map 13) follows:
Unit 17: Playita Unit, Yabucoa, Puerto Rico.

*General Description:* Unit 17 consists of approximately 5.27 ac (2.13 ha), between PR-900 to the north and east and the municipal boundary of Maunabo to the south, within Calabazas Ward, Yabucoa.

Note: Map of Unit 17 (Map 14) follows:
Coquí llanero (*Eleutherodactylus juanariveroi*)

General Description: The Sabana Seca Unit consists of approximately 615 ac (249 ha) located south of State Road PR–867, west-southwest of Ramón Ríos Román Avenue, east of José Julián Acosta Road, and north of the limestone hills located north of Highway PR–22 in the municipality of Toa Baja, Puerto Rico.

Note: Map follows: