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#### Introduction

The conservation community of the Caribbean can feel small, at times, or as vast as the ocean that surrounds us. In a growingly complex world of environmental and social obstacles it is imperative to work collaboratively across ecosystems, scales, disciplines and methodologies. Protecting natural and cultural resources is essential to sustaining our health and quality of life. People, along with the fish and wildlife, rely on clean water and the benefits of healthy rivers, streams, wetlands, forests, grasslands, coasts, coral reefs, estuaries and oceans in order to thrive. Equally as diverse and vibrant as our ecosystems are the Caribbean peoples, histories, and cultures that are arguably just as threatened as our natural resources. Managing the landscapes and seascapes that provide our natural and cultural resources is no small task, especially in light of changes in climate, land use, and economies. Researchers have been able to advance our understanding of our vulnerabilities and science products provide managers and communities the tools necessary to apply sound science to everyday decision-making. More is needed. With the signing of Secretarial Order No. 3289, the United States Department of the Interior launched the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) to better integrate science and management to address climate change and other landscape scale issues. Our partners work collaboratively to identify best practices, connect efforts, identify science gaps, and avoid duplication through conservation planning and design. By building a network that is holistic, collaborative, adaptive, and grounded in science, LCCs are working to ensure the sustainability of our economies, land, water, wildlife, and cultural resources. The Caribbean LCC (CLCC) works collaboratively to bridge science and action, land and sea.

Early on in the development of the CLCC it became quite clear that in order to successfully identify shared priorities across the Caribbean islands of the United States (Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Navassa), and across the Caribbean basin, we would need to systematically "connect the dots" between government agencies, coalitions, advocacy and scientific organizations, third sector parties, and individuals. The purpose of developing this compendium, along with a companion compendium covering the Insular Caribbean, Belize, Suriname, and Guayana, was to identify "who is doing what" and the interests and capacities of different organizations within the regional conservation community. Additionally, the information provided allows us to be more informed on gaps in governance or science, to avoid duplicating efforts, and to foster cross-scale communication to meet the conservation needs of research and management agencies and organizations in the Caribbean.

Products of this effort include an interactive map (www.caribbeanlcc.org) and compendiums of US Caribbean and Caribbean-wide conservation organizations, available online and in print.

The value of this work has become clearer as we have progressed, and we now consider the human and social dimensions of conservation, and more specifically ecosystem governance, to be a critical pillar in the foundation of the CLCC's work. Based on positive feedback from participants in the process of developing the compendiums, we plan to update the information on an annual basis and to keep the interactive map current throughout the year. We cannot do this work alone, however. We encourage all entities working in the Caribbean on the conservation of natural and cultural resources to actively communicate so these dots stay connected.

#### **METHODS**

The CLCC Staff and project coordinators Karen Sola and Colibrí Sanfiorenzo-Barnhard worked from March to October 2013 at the CLCC offices in the International Institute of Tropical Forestry (IITF) in San Juan, Puerto Rico to design and conduct the Connecting the Dots compendium and survey project. Combining CLCC contact lists and databases with personal contacts and web browsing results, the team was able to develop a comprehensive excel spreadsheet of 150 entities operating in the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Simultaneously, the CLCC Staff with input from social science researchers, designed survey questions in English and Spanish that focused on demographic information, institutional background, organizational structure, views on landscape conservation, data needs, and collaborations. The survey was conducted using phone interviews, email, hard copies of the survey through postal mail, and an online survey link using Google Forms. Regardless of survey form, the same questions were asked and information gleaned. More conservation entities were added to the spreadsheet after interviews (i.e., the Snowball Method). 42 groups provided responses to the questionnaire. The actual survey was conducted from June 30 to November 4, 2013 and administered by two persons during this time period (K. Sola and C. Sanfiorenzo-Barnhard).

This compendium provides a summary of the preliminary analysis of the data collected and the organizational profiles provided include only responses to select questions based on what we thought would be most representative of the information included in each profile. Later publications will provide a more detailed analysis on issues of top interest to the U.S. Caribbean conservation community at large such as views on landscape conservation, science needs, and collaborative efforts. Appendix I includes themes covered in the detailed survey and how to request data from this project. Appendix II describes the CLCC Interactive Map and how to update organizational profiles. More in-depth analysis is planned for the future by the CLCC staff and collaborators. Organizations that did not respond to interview requests or fill out the online form are listed after the organizational profiles in order to provide the comprehensive list of organizations that were included in the final spreadsheet. The contact information and websites provided are publically available and correct as of the publication date to the best of our knowledge.

#### SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS

For half a century there have been a number of assorted organizations contributing to ecosystem governance in the Caribbean islands of the United States. In general, these organizations research, plan, educate, and conduct community-based management. Diplomacy, agroforestry, and international waters are less common themes in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands (Table 1 and 2). It is difficult to estimate the number of conservation-based actors that are currently active in the study area, as online databases that list conservation organizations in the region are incomplete and because many community-based organizations are not active online. However, using these sources and existing CLCC staff contacts, a list of 150 organizations was compiled, of which 42 groups provided responses to the questionnaire for a survey response rate of 28%. As expected, human resource capacity is a challenge in the conservation organizations with 0 to 5 full-time employees for the majority of organizations, and roughly the same amount of part-time staff. Expertise varies across the board but the majority of organizations specialize in natural science, education, community organizing, planning, and the social sciences (Table 3).

The purpose of this compendium is to provide a resource to the Caribbean conservation community at large and not to release the full analysis of the survey data as this information will be released in a separate publication to be used in the CLCC's Strategic Conservation Framework and forthcoming research articles. The summary of analysis provided here and represented graphically in the next section is meant to offer a preview of what types of information can be found within the organizational profiles that are included in later sections of this compendium.

Visual summary of conservation organizations in the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico:

**ANALYSIS FROM A SURVEY OF 42 ORGANIZATIONS** 

# TABLE 1: TOP THEMATIC AREAS SURVEY QUESTION: IN WHAT THEMATIC AREAS DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION WORK? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Thematic Area	Number of Organizations
Education	40
Community-Based Management	24
Conservation Planning	22
Ecosystem Restoration	21
Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues)	20
Threatened/Endangered Species	20
Land Use Planning	19
Invasive Species	18
Protected Areas (land)	17
Waste Management	17
Coral Reefs	16
Wetlands	16
Agriculture	15
Climate Change Adaptation	15
Cultural and Historical Resources	15
Law & Policy	15
Student Researchers	15

## TABLE 2: LEAST COMMON THEMATIC AREAS SURVEY QUESTION: IN WHAT THEMATIC AREAS DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION WORK? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Thematic Area	Number of Organizations
Biodiversity	14
Fresh Water Ecosystems	14
Monitoring	14
Built Environment (e.g., infrastructure)	13
Disasters & Natural Hazards	13
Water Resources	13
Economic Valuation & Ecosystem Service	12
Energy	12
Climate Change Mitigation	11
Data Management	11
Decision Making & Policy	11
Law Enforcement	11
Media	11
Fisheries	10
Marine Protected Areas	10
Amphibians/Reptiles	9
Sea Level Rise	9
Avian/Birds	8
Forest Management	8
Diplomacy	3
Agroforestry	2
International Waters	0

# TABLE 3: AREA OF EXPERTISE SURVEY QUESTION: WHAT AREAS OF EXPERTISE ARE REPRESENTED IN YOUR ORGANIZATION'S WORK TEAM? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Expertise	Number of Organizations
Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g. Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.)	36
Education	31
Community Organizing	25
Planning	20
Social Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Anthropologist, Sociologist, Geographer, etc.)	19
Public Relations	15
Environmental Manager	14
Business Manager	13
Information Systems Technician	12
Lawyer	12
Public Health	11
Agricultural Specialist	9
Social Worker	7
Economist	6
Architecture	5
Engineer	4
Forest Specialist	3
Policy Maker or Advisor	3
Diplomat	1
Political Appointee	1

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILES

#### HOW TO READ THE ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILES

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Type of group/ Year founded / legal registration icon

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Group is registered with the Puerto Rico Department of State

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# U.S. Virgin Islands





#### The Nature Conservancy

Year founded: 1951

Geographic scope: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or Territory Federal, International,

Ecosystem

**Mission:** The mission of The Nature Conservancy is: to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. Our vision is to leave a sustainable world for future generations.

Additional information about mission: The Nature Conservancy is one of the leading conservation organizations working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. We address the most pressing conservation threats at the largest scale. We work in all 50 US states, all the US overseas territories and commonwealths, and over 35 countries; protecting habitats from grasslands to coral reefs, ranging from Australia to Alaska to Zambia. We address threats to conservation involving climate change, fresh water, oceans, and conservation lands. We've protected more than 119 million acres of land and thousands of miles of rivers worldwide; and we operate more than 100 marine conservation projects globally. Everything we do is rooted in the best science available, We pursue non-confrontational, pragmatic solutions to conservation challenges, We partner with indigenous communities, local communities, businesses, governments, multilateral institutions, and other local non-profits all to achieve the best conservation results. One of our core values at The Conservancy is to operate openly and transparently. TNC has about 4,000 employees worldwide, and over 1 million members.

Estimated number of full time staff: 21-50 Estimated number of part time staff: 21-50

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 21-50 **Estimated number of members:** 21-50

**Thematic areas:** Biodiveristy, Built Environment (e.g., infrastructure), Climate Change Adaptation, Community-Based Management, Conservation Planning, Data Management, Decision Making & Policy, Diplomacy, Economic Valuation & Ecosystem Service, Ecosystem Restoration, Fisheries, Invasive Species, Law & Policy, Marine Protected Areas, Protected Areas (land), Sea Level Rise, Threatened/Endangered Species, Water Resources

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** In PR and the USVI: Land management, conservation easements, conservation planning, Coral restoration, Public Policy, Marine Protected Area planning, among others. Ecological, geographic, other bio data. Boats, Computers, Servers, Dive gears, truck.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Public Policy, Habitat Restoration, Resource management, Conservation Science, Government Engagement, Private Sector Engagement. Business Manager, Diplomat, Economist, Engineer, Information Systems Technician, Lawyer, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Planning, Policy Maker or Advisor, Public Relations.

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#### Friends of Virgin Islands National Park

Year founded: 1988

Geographic scope: Primarily St. John, but also St. Thomas, VI

**Mission:** "Friends of Virgin islands National park is dedicated to the preservation and protection of the natural and cultural resources of Virgin islands National Park and promotes the responsible enjoyment of this unique national treasure".

**Additional information about mission:** Supporting natural resource protection and cultural resource preservation in VI National Park. Nurturing the next generation of conservation citizens in the Virgin islands, Promoting the responsible enjoyment of VI National Park

Estimated number of full time staff: 1-5 Estimated number of part time staff: 1-5

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 3,000 members / **Estimated number of members:** 0

about 10,000 volunteer hours/year

**Thematic areas:** Coral Reefs, Cultural and Historical Resources, Education, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Invasive Species, Marine Protected Areas, Protected Areas (land)

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** Hand tools for trail work - Normally just hire contractors who have the tools, equipment and expertise necessary

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Turned VI National Park into an anchorless park by installing >350 moorings, Maintain/improve trails within VI National Park, - Educate children about conservation and environmental issues. Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Eco-excursions, Education and Awareness, Government Engagement, Public Policy, Resource Management

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#### **Coral Bay Community Council**

Year founded: 2003

Geographic scope: Coral Bay Watershed (3003 land acres; ~3000 water acres) on St. John,

USVI

**Mission:** CBCC's purpose is to provide an effective means for residents of Coral Bay to participate in planning the future of Coral Bay development, by providing education and information on planning processes, and a forum for government, citizens, and developers to discuss plans. The agenda focuses on: land and water use planning, infrastructure, development and environmental issues. The organization, with its nonprofit status, will be able to implement community improvement and research projects through grants and donations, and evolve into a broader agenda of community services and concerns.

**Additional information about mission:** Providing educational materials, professional opinions, and community input on all sides of issues; and facilitating meetings where issues can be respectfully and rationally discussed. Our first priority is to establish an objective framework of facts and planning information, history, analysis and education.

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 1 to 5 Estimated numbers **of part-time staff:** 1 to 5

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 1 to 5 Estimated numbers **of members:** Approximately 5400

**Thematic areas:** Built Environment (e.g., infrastructure), Community-Based Management, Conservation Planning, Coral Reefs, Cultural and Historical Resources, Ecosystem Restoration, Education, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Land Use Planning, Monitoring, Waste Management, Water Resources, Wetlands, Community issues.

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** GPS and GIS capabilities, typical office equipment, turbidity meter and multi-parameter meter.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Environmental Manager, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Planning, Habitat Restoration, Education and Awareness, Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Grassroots Advocacy, Government Engagement, Private Sector Engagement. Planning, Restoration, Environmental Education, Baseline Surface Water Quality Research, Storm water Management, Best Management Practices Implementation.

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Network





#### VINE-Virgin Islands Network of Environmental Educators

Year founded: 2004

Geographic scope: VINE works across St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John

**Mission:** To build capacity for environmental and cultural education within the U.S. Virgin Islands; link K-12 educators, natural and cultural resource organizations, and other stakeholders to promote environmental and cultural education within the U.S. Virgin Islands; disseminate member, program and outreach information to teachers, administrators and community groups.

**Additional information about mission:** VINE acts as a network for environmental educators and seeks to maximize efficiency of environmental education by linking educators and target audiences.

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 0 Estimated numbers **of part-time staff:** 0

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 0 Estimated numbers **of members:** 0

**Thematic areas:** Avian/Birds, Biodiversity, Coral Reefs, Cultural and Historical Resources, Disasters & Natural Hazards, Economic Valuation & Ecosystem Service, Education, Energy, Fisheries, Forest Management, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Invasive Species, Land Use Planning, Marine Protected Areas, Protected Areas (land), Sea Level Rise, Threatened/Endangered Species, Waste Management, Water Resources, Wetlands

#### Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Community Organizing, Education, Environmental Manager, Forest Specialist, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Public Relations, Social Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Anthropologist, Sociologist, Geographer, etc.). Education and Awareness, Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Eco-excursions, Information Dissemination and Environmental Education.

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Business /

2005



#### Virgin Forest Restorations

Year founded: 2005

**Geographic scope:** Northern Virgin Islands -- all US Virgin Islands except St. Croix, though can do projects there but ONLY with St. Croix germ plasm.

**Mission:** This is a conservation project that creates a novel industry in native landscape horticulture. The business will (a) raise the appreciation for our native flora as a valuable source for ornamental landscape plants, (b) reduce or eliminate the traffic of alien pests and disease pathogens into our natural forest communities from the international nursery trade, and (c) kindle an awareness of the beauty and ecological importance of natural Virgin Islands biota.

**Additional information about mission:** This is a large scale production nursery for resort, commercial and broad residential markets. One company creating a new industry for locally grown native plants.

Estimated number of full time staff: 1-5 Estimated number of part time staff: 0

Estimated number of volunteers: N/A Estimated number of members: N/A

**Thematic areas:** Biodiveristy, Built Environment (e.g., infrastructure), Climate Change Mitigation, Conservation Planning, Decision Making & Policy, Ecosystem Restoration, Education, Energy, Invasive Species, Monitoring, Protected Areas (land), Threatened/Endangered Species, Wetlands

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** Population monitoring, ecological restoration, environmental education, info dissemination. Virgin Forest Restorations is my associated consulting company. I conduct research in rare plant population ecology, forest ecology and community dynamics, and ecological restoration. ecological data on plant communities of the tropical dry forest

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Conservation Science , Education and Awareness, Green Technology, Habitat Restoration, Public Policy, Resource Management

Website:

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#### Reef Jam

Year founded: 2007

Geographic scope: St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

**Mission:** Encouraging marine conservation and stewardship through community education and outreach, achieved through our annual Reef Jam musical fundraiser (on Memorial Day weekend). Funds raised are used to support projects around the island.

**Additional information about mission:** Reef Jam was founded by Kurt Schindler, a local musician, and his wife Janelle. In 2007 they were asked to host a free concert that would serve as a fundraiser for coral reefs. They joined forces in 2008 with the local St. Croix International Year of the Reef committee and together they created Reef Jam to directly support USVI reef systems.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated numbers of part-time staff: 0

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 125 approximately **Estimated number of members:** N/A

**Thematic areas:** Community-Based Management, Coral Reefs, Education, Fisheries, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Invasive Species, Marine Protected Areas, Media, Threatened/Endangered Species, Wetlands

#### Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Community Organizing, Education and Awareness, Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Grassroots Advocacy, Eco-excursions. Free Public Snorkel Clinics six months out of the year and are organized by St. Croix Environmental Association (SEA). Reef Responsible Restaurants, a market-driven approach to a sustainable fishing industry in the USVI. "Tan Tan Tours Takes on Trash" is a litter protest/fun island clean-up all promoting island pride.

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#### Blue Flag USVI

Year founded: 2010

**Geographic scope:** Blue Flag USVI operates on all three US Virgin Islands. Blue Flag sites, located on all three major islands, and are operated according to strict ethics that respect the environment as well as the visitors who make use of the facilities. St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. 2013-2014 approved sites: St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. 2013-2014 approved sites: Palms at Pelican Cove and Green Cay Marina, St Croix; Trunk Bay and Cinnamon Bay, St John; and Lindberg Bay (Emerald Beach Resort), Grand Bay (Ritz Carlton Resort) and Crown Bay Marina, St. Thomas.

**Mission:** To promote and participate in environmental education programs for the users of beaches and marinas; implement sound safety and environmental management systems; monitor environmental conditions to reduce the impact of human activity at the beaches and marinas; and commit to partnerships and collaborative action to promote the sustainable development of tourism.

**Additional information about mission:** The Blue Flag Eco-label is a voluntary certification program for beaches and marinas, owned and run by the independent non-profit organization, the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). To attain the Blue Flag, beaches and marinas have to comply with a number of strict criteria concerning environmental information and education, environmental management, safety and service facilities, and water quality.

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 1 to 5 **Estimated numbers of part-time staff:** 1 to 5

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 1 to 5 **Estimated number of members:** 1 to 5

**Thematic areas:** Biodiversity, Built Environment (e.g., infrastructure), Community-Based Management, Conservation Planning, Coral Reefs, Cultural and Historical Resources, Decision Making & Policy, Education, Energy, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Invasive Species, Land Use Planning, Law and Policy, Law Enforcement, Marine Protected Areas, Media, Threatened/Endangered Species, Waste Management, Water Resources

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: N/A

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Business Manager, Community Organizing, Education, Environmental Manager, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g.,. Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Planning, Public Health Education and Awareness, Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Grassroots Advocacy, Eco-excursions, Green Technology, Government Engagement, Private Sector Engagement.

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#### Friends of the St. Croix East End Marine Park

Year founded: 2011

Geographic scope: East End, St. Croix, USVI

**Mission:** The Friends of the STXEEMP support the protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources within the St. Croix East End Marine Park, promote responsible enjoyment of the Park, and link to the community through outreach and education.

**Additional information about mission:** Membership-based organization that operates as a sponsored project of the St. Croix Foundation for Community Development, Inc. Friends help to protect and preserve the St. Croix East End Marine Park by volunteering time, donating funds, promoting responsible enjoyment, and providing a link to the community.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

Thematic areas: Climate Change Adaptation, Coral Reefs, Marine Protected Areas

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** We seek to provide volunteer opportunities for Friends that include coral bleaching monitoring, Diadema urchin monitoring, and sea turtle nesting monitoring.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Community Organizing, Education, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Social Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Anthropologist, Sociologist, Geographer, etc.). Habitat Restoration, Education and Awareness, Eco-excursions and Outreach Activities within the Community; Assisting Property Owners to find Activities and Funding for Watershed Management.

Website: www.friendsofstxeemp.org Social Media: www.facebook.com/Friends.STXEEMP

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#### Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center

Year founded: 2012

Geographic scope: Virgin Islands (US and British); Puerto Rico and the Caribbean

**Mission:** Preserving, cultivating, researching, presenting, conserving, sustaining and nurturing Virgin Islands and Caribbean culture, natural resources and heritage through interactive technology, education, arts and sciences.

Additional information about mission: The Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center (VICCC) is nestled within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) within the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI). The VICCC is designated to intellectually and pragmatically support, produce, promote, institute and develop scholarly research, publications, digital media, conferences, heritage restoration symposia, historic preservation programs, cultural education colloquia, conservation and sustainability projects, community and socio-economic projects, and related initiatives that nurture, cultivate and respect VI and Caribbean cultural heritage, traditions, resources and more. The Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center is nestled within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at the University of the Virgin Islands.

**Estimated number of full time staff:** 0 **Estimated number of part time staff:** 1-5

Estimated number of volunteers: 5-10 Estimated number of members: N/A

**Thematic areas:** Agriculture, Community-Based Management, Cultural and Historical Resources, Diplomacy, Education, Media, Holistic Health Planning and Management

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: Work equipment inclusive of computers, digital cameras and other media equipment. Social and demographic data in concert with cultural resources and perspectives data. VICCC is in a preliminary (first year) data collection mode and intends to share data outside in the next year within a feasibility study and research initiative.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Public Policy, Habitat Restoration, Resource management, Conservation Science, Government Engagement, Private Sector Engagement. Agricultural Specialist, Architecture, Business Manager, Community Organizing, Economist, Education, Engineer, Information Systems Technician, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Public Health, Public Relations, Social Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Anthropologist, Sociologist, Geographer, etc.), Naturopathic Practitioner

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## Virgin Islands Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (VI-EPSCoR)

Year founded:

Geographic scope: St. Thomas; St. John, St. Croix

**Mission:** VI-EPSCoR's strategy to build the territory's scientific capacity in support of economic development draws on and strengthen the territory's physical and human resources through two main efforts—by integrating investments in capacity for marine and environmental research, policy and decision-making, education, and outreach, and by enhancing partnerships between researchers and policy and decision makers, educators, and the broader community—in order to address marine and environmental issues of vital importance to a healthy and sustainable future for the territory.

**Additional information about mission:** The Virgin Islands Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (VI-EPSCOR) is a Territorial program, funded by the National Science Foundation. One of its goals is to strengthen partnerships between researchers, decision-makers, educators, and the public. This is essential if we hope to successfully address local and regional marine and environmental issues.

**Estimated number of part time staff:** 1-5 **Estimated number of part time staff:** 0

Estimated number of volunteers: 0 Estimated number of members: 0

**Thematic areas:** Biodiveristy, Climate Change Mitigation, Coral Reefs, Data Management, Education, Fisheries, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Invasive Species, Marine Protected Areas, Student Researchers

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** We have a wide range of marine and GIS research equipment

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Conservation Science, Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Education and Awareness. Community Organizing, Education, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Public Relations, Social Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Anthropologist, Sociologist, Geographer, etc.)

**Website:** http://epscor.uvi.edu/

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#### We Grow Food, Inc

Year founded: 1993

Geographic scope: US Virgin Islands

**Mission:** The mission of We Grow Food.Inc. is to promote, develop, preserve, and defend agriculture in the Virgin Islands by assisting farmers in the Virgin islands to the growth and development of their farm operations by establishing programs in partnership in the agriculture sector, both private, and government, in order to provide the virgin Islands with fresh locally grown produce at affordable prices.

**Additional information about mission:** We are a sustainable agriculture organization. Our membership consists of about 20 farmers.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 0 **Estimated number of members:** 20

Thematic areas: Agriculture and Energy

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: N/A

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Education and Awareness, Green Technology

Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/WEGROWFOOD

**Contact person(s):** Benita D. Martin

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# Puerto Rico



#### Sierra Club, Puerto Rico Chapter

Year founded: 1968

**Geographic scope:** We give educational presentations to schools/institutions all around the We also participate in environmental-related events wherever we can such as Luquillo, Old San Juan, Arecibo, Ocean Park, Bayamón, Hato Rey, and Guaynabo.

**Mission:** Explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

**Additional information about mission:** Dedicated to the protection of the Northeast Ecological Corridor, the implementation of a Zero Waste model for the Island and achieving Cool Cities that reduce their global warming emissions and thus reduce municipal spending. The Club engages volunteer leaders in presentations, tabling, excursions, lobbying, communications and legal efforts in order to create the change we want to see.

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 1 to 5 **Estimated number of part-time staff:** 1 to 5

**Estimated number of volunteers:** Over 600 **Estimated number of members:** Over 1500

**Thematic areas:** Amphibians/Reptiles, Avian/Birds, Biodiversity, Community-Based Management, Conservation Planning, Coral Reefs, Decision Making & Policy, Economic Valuation & Ecosystem Service, Ecosystem Restoration, Education, Energy, Fisheries, Forest Management, Fresh Water Ecosystems, Land Use Planning, Law & Policy, Marine Protected Areas, Protected Areas (land), Threatened/Endangered Species, Waste Management

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** Participation of our fellow Puerto Ricans who serve as volunteers.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Community Organizing, Education, Planning, Policy Maker or Advisor, Public Relations Public Policy, Habitat Restoration, Education and Awareness, Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Grassroots Advocacy, Resource management, Eco-excursions, Government Engagement, Private Sector. Engagement Conservation of Natural Resources, Conservation of Habitat, Protection of Endangered Species, Land Management.

Website: http://puertorico.sierraclub.org Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubPR

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Representative and Field Coordinator; Orlando Negrón, President;

Alberto Torres, Vice President. **Telephone:** (787) 688-6214

Mailing Address: PO Box 21552 San Juan, PR 00931-1552 Email: adriana.gonzalez@sierraclub.com





#### Para la Naturaleza

Year founded: 1970

Geographic scope: Puerto Rico Archipelago

**Mission:** Ensure functional and healthy ecological systems on the islands of Puerto Rico and to promote among our people a sense of responsibility around the conservation of nature, therefore providing ecosystem services that will help us achieve our social goals, economic and quality life.

Additional information about mission: We are a conservation group who seeks a sustainable future for Puerto Rico. We provide transformative experiences in nature, preserve land of high ecological value, encourage taking responsibility for our natural resources and drive public policy for protection. Para la Naturaleza, the new unit of the Conservation Land Trust of Puerto Rico, assembles all the projects and initiatives of the organization, and also handles all natural areas. Para la Naturaleza seeks to put conservation in the hands of every person and every community, by offering life experiences with nature, to inspire and motivate specific actions in favor of its protection.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 139 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

**Estimated number of volunteers:** >50 **Estimated number of members:** 2,700

**Thematic areas:** Agriculture, Amphibians / Reptiles, Enforcement, Protected Areas (land), Avian / Bird, Biodiversity, Waste, Human Dimensions (eg., Social aspects of environmental issues), Freshwater Ecosystems, Education, Endangered Species / in Danger, Research Students, Community Based Management, Wetlands, Law & Policy, data Management, Conservation Planning, Land Use Planning, Historic & Cultural Resources, Water Resources, Ecosystem Restoration, Policy & Decision Making, Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services.

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: Operations: Human Resources, Accounting, Finance, Information Systems Development (FRIENDS program, 'Grants',' Fundraising), Legal, Communications (Graphic Arts, Marketing, Events, Web Management, 'copywriter') and Program Management: Division of Science, Education and Public Policy, Procurement, Grants and Conservation Easements; Regions (Superintendents, Interpreters, Management Officials) Tree Nurseries

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Lawyer, Scientist or Research Natural (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc..), Scientific and Social Research (eg., Anthropologist, sociologist, geographer, etc..), Education Policy Maker or advisor, Environmental Manager, Business Manager, Engineer, Community Organization, Planning, Information Systems Technician, Social Worker. Community Activities (eg beach cleaning), Conservation Science, Commitment of the Government, Private Sector Engagement, Eco-excursions, Education and Awareness, Resource Management, Public Policy, Habitat Restoration

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Twitter: @SeaGrantPR



#### Programa Sea Grant de la Universidad de Puerto Rico

Year founded: 1977

**Geographic scope:** Archipelago PR (Puerto Rico, Vieques, Culebra, Mona, Monito, Caja de Muortos, all kove and islands)

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**Mission:** The mission of Sea Grant Program at the University of Puerto Rico is to promote conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources.

**Additional information about mission:** Our organization seeks to promote the conservation and sustainable use through three main components: Research, Extension and Education, all supported by the Communications Section. Our focus areas are: Environmental Education, Communities and Economies Resilient and Healthy Coastal Ecosystems and Habitats.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 11-20 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

Estimated number of volunteers: N/A Estimated number of members: N/A

Thematic areas: Adaptation to Climate Change, Agriculture, Marine Protected Areas, Protected Areas (land), Coral Reefs, Sea Level Rise, Avian / Bird, Biodiversity, Natural Disaster & Risk, Waste, Human Dimensions, Freshwater Ecosystems, Education, Energy, built Environment, Endangered Species / Endangered, Invasive Species Research Students, Community Based Management, Wetlands, Law & Policy, data Management, Media, Climate Change Mitigation, Monitoring, Fisheries, Conservation Planning, Planning of Use Land, Cultural & Historic Resources, Water Resources, Ecosystem Restoration, Policy & Decision Making, Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services, mariculture, ecotourism

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** We have a printing area and computers with video editing capabilities, illustrate, layout and prepare graphic art. We also have a Resource Centre for Marine Information and Education.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** We have working team composed of the right people to carry out our mission (recreationists, marine scientists, social scientists, artists, administrators, educators, information systems technicians, engineers). Community Activities (eg beach cleaning), Conservation Science, Commitment of the Government, Private Sector Engagement, Ecoexcursiones, Education and Awareness, Community-Based Promotion. Grant research projects, dissemination of information through electronic media, magazines, books, pamphlets, posters, and videos, coordination of educational activities, workshops and conferences.

Website: http://seagrantpr.org Social Media: Facebook: Sea Grant Puerto Rico

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Yulissa García Lugo, Administrator

Cristina D. Olán Martínez, Communication Coordinator

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#### Asociación de Acampadores de Puerto Rico

Year founded: 1978

**Geographic scope:** State Forests, Reserves, undeveloped natural Areas (Commonwealth or

Territory)

**Mission:** The Camping Association of Puerto Rico, Inc. (ADAPRI) is a nonprofit organization that promotes the knowledge and practice of camping backpack with low ecological impact in Puerto Rico and elsewhere.

**Additional information about mission:** Facilitates the exchange and dissemination of knowledge and information on environmental protection and natural resources. Perform activities that enrich the knowledge of the members on the Puerto Rican folklore and culture. Sponsored by environmentalists and social activities responding to these principles and the Puerto Rican people.

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 0 **Estimated number of part-time staff:** 

**Estimated number of volunteers: 11-20 Estimated number of members:** 

**Thematic areas:** Protected Areas (land), Biodiversity, Freshwater Ecosystems, Education, Ecosystem Restoration, Policy & Decision Making, All you have to do with sustainability and resource use under the principles of LEAVE NO TRACE, in addition to restoration, preservation and conservation of natural areas.

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** Visual equipment. Development of educational materials for K - 12 on the river Mameyes.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Besides Mameyes defense in the monthly meetings of the Metropolitan Chapter offered educational and environmental talks for ten months of the year. Occasionally coordinate environmental and educational activities during camps. Community Activities (eg beach cleaning) Government commitment, Ecoexcursiones, Education and Awareness, Resource Management, Public Policy, Habitat Restoration. Lawyer, Scientist or Research Natural (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc..), Education, Forestry Specialist, Business Manager, Engineer, Public Health, Social Worker

Website: http://adapri.org/

Contact person(s): Felix Hernández (Metro Chapter President)

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#### Puerto Rico Water & Environment Association

Year Founded: 1978

**Geographic Scope:** Metropolitan Area, Mayagüez, Coamo, Camuy, Cidra, Fajardo, Aibonito, Patillas, Naranjito and other municipalities, Puerto Rico.

**Mission:** Educational non-profit organization dedicated to "Serve and Give". It has a genuine interest in providing safe drinking water conducive to general public health. Its members belong to a variety of disciplines, but share the vision of preserving and improving overall water and environmental resources.

**Additional information about mission:** The Puerto Rico Water & Environment Association is composed by the Water Environment Federation (WEF), and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) for its acronym in English. These organizations cover all kinds of professionals in the field of environmental engineering, specifically drinking water, sewage, reuse water, biosolids and other branches of environmental engineering in particular. Our main purpose is to orient, educate and serve all our membership. Our main base is to offer seminars, technical conferences, and any other activity that help and nurture our knowledge on the topics of interest.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

Estimated number of volunteers: 21 Estimated number of members: 310

**Thematic areas:** Disasters and Natural Hazards, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Student Researchers, Community-Based Management, Water.

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: N/A

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Architecture, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Social Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Anthropologist, Sociologist, Geographer, etc.), Education, Environmental Manager, Business Manager, Engineer, Community Organizing, Public Relations, Public Health, Information Systems Technician, Operators of treatment plants and independent consultants. Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Conservation Science, Private Sector Engagement, Education and Awareness, Resource Management, Grassroots Advocacy, Green Technology. Environmental Education, Water Bodies Monitoring, Education and Restoration of water systems in small communities who do not receive service from the Public Authority, Guidance and Support to young students, Working together with media and organizations that care and value natural resources.

Website: www.prwea.org Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/prweaorg

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#### Tropic Ventures Sustainable Forestry & Rainforest Enrichment Project

Year founded: 1983

**Geographic scope:** Sierra de Cayey, Patillas, Puerto Rico

**Mission:** Develop and sustainably manage timber producing forest; traditional and non-traditional agro-forestry systems. Protect and conserve more than 675 acres in forest reserve. Conserve the present forest on this property for the protection of three important systems of permanent streams and rivers. Develop authentic ecotourism and educational activities. Creating practical strategies for plantations and small diameter forest products. Identify, manage and reduce threats to forested ecosystems health.

**Additional information about mission:** Established in 1983, the land known as Las Casas de la Selva is the home of Tropic Ventures Sustainable Forestry & Rainforest Enrichment Project, in Patillas, Puerto Rico. Silvicultural techniques developed and applied at Las Casas de la Selva over the last two decades, demonstrate, that on a small scale in Puerto Rico, secondary forests can be ecologically and economically suitable for sustainable timber production.

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 1 to 5 **Estimated number of part-time staff:** 1 to 5

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 1 to 5 **Estimated number of members:** 1 to 5

Thematic areas: Forest Management

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** Tree growth, Tree survey, Herpetological Data, Fungi Data, Bird Species, Seedlings. Scientific Equipment for Tree Measuring, Herpetological Studies, Bird Surveys. Tree Harvesting Equipment, Chainsaw, Tractor, Winch, etc.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Agricultural Specialist, Business Manager, Community Organizing, Education, Forest Specialist, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Public Relations Habitat Restoration, Education and Awareness, Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Resource management, Eco-excursions, Green Technology, Government Engagement, Private Sector Engagement. Forestry Monitoring, Herpetological Studies, Fungi Inventory, Bird Surveying.

Website: www.eyeontherainforest.org Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/eyeontherainforest,

https://twitter.com/wanderwoman3t

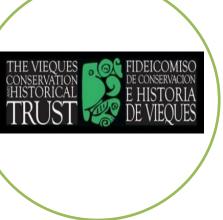
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#### The Viegues Conservation and Historical Trust

Year founded: 1985

Geographic scope: Vieques, Puerto Rico

**Mission:** The mission of the Vieques Conservation and Historical Trust (VCHT) is to foster, protect and conserve the environmental, archaeological and cultural resources of Vieques, Puerto Rico. One of the primary goals is to preserve and study the bioluminescent bays found on the island.

**Additional information about mission:** VCHT is committed to supporting the people, the archaeology and the physical environment of Vieques, by honoring its history, ecology and culture through education and research. The VCHT supports a broad array of educational programs for the community, with a special focus on children, through lectures, educational exhibits, seminars, summer programs, publications, computer resources and a unique Vieques scholarship program.

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 1-5 **Estimated number of part-time staff:** 0

Estimated number of volunteers: 0 Estimated number of members: N/A

**Thematic areas:** Community-Based Management, Conservation Planning, Cultural and Historical Resources, Education, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Marine Protected Areas, Wetlands

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: N/A

Expertise/Methods used by organization: N/A

Website: www.vcht.org

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Mark Martin-Bras, Community Relations Director

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### Centro Hemisférico de Cooperación en Investigación y Educación en Ingeniería y Ciencia Aplicada (CoHemis)

Year founded: 1991

Geographic scope:

**Mission:** Promote and facilitate the development of human resources, technology, and programs that help the research and Education in science and engineering for the benefit of the countries of the Western hemisphere.

**Additional information about mission:** CoHemis has been responsible for a number of conferences, workshops, courses and forums of national and international relevance as part of its mission of promoting the development of human resources, technology, and programs that help the research and educational initiatives in science and engineering. The specific objectives are to: increase industrial competitiveness in the Western Hemisphere; improve the scientific and technological capacities of the Americas and the Caribbean; encourage the protection of resources and the environment in the hemisphere; increase the knowledge of regional problems of high priority among researchers and educators in the Americas; increase the number and quality of engineers and Hispanic scientists in the global market.

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 1 to 5 **Estimated number of part-time staff:** 1 to 5

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 6 to 10 **Estimated number of members:** 0

**Thematic areas:** Climate Change Adaptation, Agriculture, Sea Level Rise, Biodiversity, Disasters and Natural Hazards, Waste Management, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Education, Energy, Built Environment (e.g., infrastructure), Threatened/Endangered Species, Community-Based Management, Climate Change Mitigation, Conservation Planning, Land Use Planning

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** Educational material related to the conferences, forums and workshops. For example, Powerpoint presentations, videos, and photos. We continuously use resources such as teachers and students from the University of Puerto Rico in various specialties.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Education, Engineer, Information Systems Technician, Administrative Assistant. Education and Awareness, Grassroots Advocacy, Conferences, Forums and Workshops.

Website: http://cohemis.uprm.edu/

**Contact person(s):** Fernando Gilbes Santaella, Director;

Francisco Maldonado Fortunet, Co-Director Yamarie Hernandez Bonet, Coordinator

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Email: cohemis@uprm.edu



#### Scuba Dogs Society

Year founded: 1993

**Geographic scope:** We work with all the cities, river basins and coastal areas of Puerto Rico around the world.

**Mission:** Our Geographic Reach is to model a culture of harmony with nature to educate and integrate humans with their socio-ecological surrounding.

**Additional information about mission:** Ensure that humans can live in harmony with nature. We have a permanent administrative team and the largest "grass roots" group and most active volunteers in Puerto Rico.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 10 Estimated number of part-time staff:

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 21 to >50 **Estimated number of members:** >50

Thematic areas: Adaptation to Climate Change, Amphibians / Reptiles, Law Enforcement, Marine Protected Areas, Protected Areas (land), Coral Reefs, Sea Level Rise, Avian / Bird, Biodiversity, Natural Disaster & Risk, Waste, Human Dimensions (p. example., social aspects of environmental issues), Diplomacy, Freshwater Ecosystems, Education, Energy, built environment (eg., infrastructure), Endangered Species / Endangered, Invasive Species Research Students, Base Management community, Wetlands, Law & Policy, data Management, Forest Management, Media, Climate Change Mitigation, Monitoring, Fisheries, Conservation Planning, Land Use Planning, Historic & Cultural Resources, Water Resources, Ecosystem Restoration, Taking Decision & Policy, Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services, Urban development, cultural behavior, recycling programs

#### Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: N/A

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Scientific or Research Natural (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc..), Scientific and Social Research (eg., Anthropologist, sociologist, geographer, etc..), Diplomat, Education, Policy Maker or advisor, Forestry Specialist, Environmental Manager, Business Manager, Engineer, Community Organization, Planning, Public Relations, Public Health, Information Systems Technician

Website: www.scubadogssociety.org Social Media: Facebook - Scuba Dogs Society

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#### Sociedad Eco Ambiental

Year founded: 1993

Geographic scope: UPR Río Piedras

**Mission:** The mission of our organization is to promote environmental conservation by creating a sense of responsibility and promoting sustainability in the university community and the rest of the country.

**Additional information about mission:** Sociedad Eco-Ambiental (SEA) is a non-profit student organization dedicated to the conservation of nature and environmental education. The SEA was founded by several students from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus. Some of our activities include lectures, research, tours, exhibitions, contests, beach cleaning, recycling and our annual social activity, the Environmental Bohemia.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

Estimated number of volunteers: 1-5 Estimated number of members: 21 to 50

**Thematic areas:** Law Enforcement, Marine Protected Areas, Protected Areas (land), Biodiversity, Natural Disaster & Risk, Waste, Human Dimensions (eg., Social aspects of environmental issues), Education, Research Students

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** We are a group of students from different areas of study. Scientific or Research Natural (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc..), Scientific and Social Research (eg., Anthropologist, sociologist, geographer, etc..), Education

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Environmental education, research, coastal cleanups, "lobbying" with the campus administration. Community Activities (eg beach cleaning), Ecoexcursiones, Education and Awareness

Website: seaupr.weebly.com Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/sea.upr

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## **Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University**

Year founded: 1993

**Geographic scope:** We focus our service in US EPA Region 2 (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and eight tribal nations), but also work across the Nation, and globally Our main office is based out of the Syracuse Center of Excellence, at Syracuse University, in Syracuse, NY. We also have staff members located in satellite locations in New York City and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Mission:** EFC's mission is to advance efficient and effective governance and problem-solving through leadership development and community participation in decision-making processes, focusing on public infrastructure education and training, financing, and regulatory tools, in areas such as, but not limited to, sustainable materials management, green infrastructure for storm water management, water and wastewater infrastructure, smart growth, comprehensive planning, sustainable agriculture, and green building.

**Additional information about mission:** EFC leverages numerous partners to connect local government officials and other organizations with technical assistance, assessment tools, and funding offered by its large network of collaborators and resources. EFC also provides professional training and community outreach to engage, educate, and enable communities to make change toward improved environmental infrastructure and quality of life.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 6-10 Estimated number of part-time staff: 11-20

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 0 **Estimated numbers of members:** N/A

**Thematic areas:** Agriculture, Agroforestry, Built Environment (e.g., infrastructure), Climate Change Adaptation, Climate Change Mitigation, Community-Based Management, Conservation Planning, Coral Reefs, Cultural and Historical Resources, Decision Making & Policy, Disasters & Natural Hazards, Education, Fresh Water Ecosystems, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Land Use Planning, Law & Policy, Media, Monitoring, Sea Level Rise, Student Researchers, Waste Management, Water Resources, Wetlands, Waste water treatment and management.

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** EFC collects data through its support of mini-grant research projects on Sustainable Materials Management and Green Infrastructure with organizations throughout Puerto Rico. In addition, EFC engages with various communities that provide feedback through event evaluations and anecdotal evidence.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Agricultural Specialist, Community Organizing, Economist, Education, Engineer, Environmental Manager, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Planning, Public Health, Policy Maker or Advisor, Public Relations, Social Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Anthropologist, Sociologist, Geographer, etc.). Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Education and Awareness, Government Engagement, Grassroots Advocacy, Green Technology, Private Sector Engagement, Public Policy, Resource Management.

Website: http://efc.syracusecoe.org

Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Environmental Finance-Center-at-Syracuse-University

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## Sociedad Ornitológica Puertorriqueña, Inc.

Year founded: 1995

**Geographic scope:** Puerto Rico including Vieques and Culebra, but we have mostly worked in the municipalities of Ponce, Guánica, Lajas, Cabo Rojo, Mayagüez, Añasco, Rincón, Aguadilla, Isabela, Quebradillas, Camuy, Hatillo, Arecibo, Barceloneta, Manatí, Adjuntas and Jayuyas.

**Mission:** Promote the preservation, conservation, restoration and sustainable management of important bird areas in Puerto Rico. Stimulate the study, appreciation and protection of birds and give alternatives of technical and scientific character for those actions that could have a significant impact on birds.

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 1 to 5 **Estimated number of part-time staff:** 1 to 5

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 1 to 5 **Estimated number of members:** Approximately 5180

**Thematic areas:** Avian/Birds, Biodiversity, Ecosystem Restoration, Education, Monitoring, Threatened/Endangered Species, Wetlands

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** Ecological and Demographic Data. Field equipment: binoculars, GPS, spotting scope. Work equipment: field guides, a small library, computer, office equipment.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Agricultural Specialist, Education, Engineer, Information Systems Technician, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Public Relations, Habitat Restoration, Education and Awareness, Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups) Birds Populations Monitoring, Capacity Building, Environmental Education.

Website: http://www.avesdepuertorico.org

Social Media: Twitter:SOPI@Aves\_Puerto Rico, Facebook:Sociedad Ornotológica Puertorriqueña

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#### Ciudadanos del Karso

Year founded: 1995

Geographic scope: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

**Mission:** Our mission is to protect and conserve the natural systems of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rican karst mainly, and to encourage and develop actions that illustrate how social organization and nature can and should be supported.

**Additional information about mission:** CDK is a non-governmental, non-profit, incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, dedicated to the protection and conservation of natural resources of Puerto Rican karst.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 1 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

Estimated number of volunteers: 6 a 10 Estimated number of members: N/A

**Thematic areas:** Adaptation to Climate Change, Agriculture, Amphibians / Reptiles, Enforcement, Protected Areas (land), Sea Level Rise, Avian / Bird, Biodiversity, Natural Disaster & Risk, Waste, Freshwater Ecosystems, Education, Energy, the built environment (eg., infrastructure), Endangered Species / Endangered, Invasive Species Research Students, Wetlands, Law & Policy, Forest Management, Land Use Planning, Water Resources, Ecosystem Restoration, Policy & Decision Making.

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: Computers with GIS program

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Lawyer, Scientist or Research Natural (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc..), Scientific and Social Research (eg., Anthropologist, sociologist, geographer, etc..), Economist, Environmental Manager, Planning. Conservation Sciences, Government Commitment, Public Policy, Eco-tours, Education and Awareness, Resource Management, Habitat Restoration, Green Technology.

**Website:** www.cdk-pr.org

**Social Media:** https://www.facebook.com/groups/CiudadanosDelKarso/

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#### Ecotono, Inc.

Year founded: 1997

**Geographic scope:** Fajardo, Humacao, Aguadilla, Rincón, Cabo Rojo, Guánica, Lajas, Ponce, San Juan and Dorado, Puerto Rico; Bonaire; Curacao; US Virgin Islands; British Virgin Islands; Dominican Republic; Panama; Venezuela; Colombia and Mexico.

**Mission:** To support research and education on marine environments.

**Additional information about mission:** Nonprofit organization founded to support marine education initiatives. Since 2007 we have been working with the lionfish issue. Currently we provide support to the fishing industry of Puerto Rico on the necessary amendments to the Fishing Regulations; working on initiatives that involve the Seahorse, and improving the environmental data.

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 1 to 5 **Estimated number of part-time staff:** 1 to 5

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 1 to 5 **Estimated number of members:** 0

**Thematic areas:** Law Enforcement, Marine Protected Areas, Coral Reefs, Disasters and Natural Hazards, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Education, Built Environment (e.g., infrastructure), Threatened/Endangered Species, Invasive Species, Student Researchers, Community-Based Management, Law and Policy, Data Management, Monitoring, Fisheries, Conservation Planning.

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** Specimens of invasive species (Lionfish). Projectors, Computers, Secci Disks, Diving Equipment, Fishing Equipment, and Underwater Cameras.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Diplomat, Education, Business Manager, Planning, Information Systems Technician. Eco-excursions, Education and Awareness, Resource Management, Grassroots Advocacy. Invasive Species Removal, Education Programs, Documentation.

Website: http://www.caribbeanlionfish.org/

**Social Media:** https://www.facebook.com/EcotonoInc

Contact Person(s): Joel Meléndez Díaz, President

Geovanny Negrón, Vice President

Carmen Rosa Velentín Del Río, Administrator

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#### Sociedad Ambiente Marino

Year founded: 2001

**Geographic scope:** Around the Island of Puerto Rico, including Mona, Culebra. In the Virgin Islands and the Dominican Republic

**Mission:** Maximize available resources in protecting the marine environment.

**Additional information about mission:** Research dissemination of knowledge with community-based conservation and restoration of coastal and marine habitats. To guide, educate, and raise awareness through conferences, forums and symposiums on the conservation of our marine resources.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

Estimated number of volunteers: 21 a 50 Estimated number of members: 0

**Thematic areas:** Adaptation to Climate Change, Marine Protected Areas, Coral Reefs, Education, Endangered Species / Endangered, Invasive Species Research Students, Community Based Management, Data Management, Climate Change Mitigation, Monitoring, Fisheries, Planning for Conservation, Restoration Ecosystems, Politics & Decision Making, Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services.

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** Coastal cleanups. Monitor populations of fish and corals for restoration of their habitat. Coral farming. Establish marine reserves.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Community Activities (eg beach cleaning), Conservation Science, Commitment of the Government, Private Sector Engagement, Education and Awareness, Resource Management, Promoting Community Based Habitat Restoration.

Website: http://www.cesampr.com/

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## Comité al Rescate de Nuestro Ambiente (CORENA), Inc.

Year founded: 2002

**Geographic scope:** Guayabal Ward, Cuevas, Cuevitas and Paso Hondo Sectors of Juana Díaz, and Higüero Sector of Villalba, Puerto Rico.

**Mission:** To become custodians of the environment in our communities, denouncing violations of environmental laws by companies and government agencies; to be promoters of the coexistence between citizens and the natural resources.

**Additional information about mission:** It was founded with the purpose of combating environmental pollution in all its manifestations in the towns of Villalba and Juana Díaz. The organization has forced the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, as well as the Environmental Quality Board to more rigorously monitor mining activities in our communities. Our mission is to ensure that these agencies along with EPA, recognize the serious environmental problem caused by the quarries operations at the Cerro Cuevas of Poblado Guayabal in Juana Díaz, among other situations.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 6 to 10 **Estimated number of members:** 0

Thematic areas: Law Enforcement, Disasters and Natural Hazards, Fresh Water Ecosystems, Land Use Planning.

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: N/A

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Public Relations, Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Education and Awareness, Public Policy. Legislative Lobbying for the implementation of the Law 129 of 202 that declares the Cerro Cuevas as Natural Monument.

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# Cooperativa Orgánica Madre Tierra

Year founded: 2002

**Geographic scope:** Metropolitan Region, Island of Puerto Rico

**Mission:** The mission of the Cooperative is to educate and facilitate the cultivation, production and consumption of synthetic chemical-free food, which is grown in an environmentally and healthy way so that our natural resources can be enjoyed by our childrenand our children's children in perpetuity. Puerto Rico has the physical and human capacity to produce in abundance. There is wisdom in the traditional knowledge of our farmers on how to farm efficiently and abundantly. We intend to redeem and use that knowledge and integrate new techniques of organic farming .

**Additional information about mission:** La Cooperativa Orgánica Madre Tierra became assembled on April 27, 2002 and from July of the same year celebrates an organic market in the Plaza Roosevelt at the Roosevelt urbanization located in Hato Rey, San Juan Puerto Rico. The market is offered every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. This is a cooperative that brings together farmers, processors and consumers interested in promoting a healthy lifestyle through the cultivation and consumption of local sustainable agriculture. Among its objectives is to provide the farmer and the processor of organic products a space to sell their products directly to the consumer and in turn the community has a place to come to buy fresh produce, grown without pesticides or synthetic chemicals. Another goal of this cooperative is to share information and provide educational workshops to guide on the steps to live a healthy life.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated numbers of part-time staff: 1-5

Estimated number of volunteers: 6-10 Estimated number of members: 114

Thematic areas: Agriculture, Biodiversity, Waste, Education, Community Based Management

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** La Cooperativa Orgánica Madre Tierra provides efficient management workshops on agricultural land to farmers and the general community as well as an exchange of information between farmers on best practices for the conservation and management of agricultural land. Coordinate conferences and workshops on seed conservation and proper management of them.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Community Activities (eg beach cleaning), Education and Awareness, Habitat Restoration, Green Technology. Lawyer, Architecture, Natural Scientist or researcher (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc..), Scientific and Social Research (eg., Anthropologist, sociologist, geographer, etc..), Economist, Education, Maker of Policy or Advisory Specialist, Agricultural, Forestry Specialist, Business Manager, Engineer, Community Organization, Planning, Public Relations, Public Health, Information Systems Technician, Social Worker, Cultural Management; Communicators

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## Coalición Pro Corredor Ecológico del Noreste

Year founded: 2005

**Geographic scope:** The Northeast Ecological Corridor occupies 3,000 acres (1,200 hectares) and is located between the towns of Luquillo and Fajardo. Neighborhood or Subdivision: Effort to establish gateway communities and volunteer recruitment, specifically in: the town of Luquillo, Barrio Juan Martin in Luquillo and Las Croabas in Fajardo. Municipality: Luquillo and Fajardo. At the island level: in order to recruit volunteers, lobbying and message dissemination efforts.

**Mission:** The Coalition brings together organizations and individuals dedicated to the permanent conservation and sustainable development of the Northeast Ecological Corridor and its gateway communities.

**Additional information about mission:** The Coalition is an organization consisting of individual and organizational members represented in a council and supported by several external organizations. The purpose of the Coalition is to empower residents, community groups and organizations in Puerto Rico's Eastern Region.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 1-5 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

Estimated number of volunteers: 11-20 Estimated number of members: 11-20

**Thematic areas:** Adaptation to Climate Change, Avian / Bird, Biodiversity, Natural Disaster & Risk, Freshwater Ecosystems, Education, built environment (eg., Infrastructure), Endangered Species / Endangered, Research Students, Community Based Management, Wetlands, Law & Politics, Media, Monitoring, Conservation Planning, Land Use Planning, Restoration of Ecosystems, Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services.

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** No, but the Coalition donated equipment to the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources for turtle monitoring. The equipment acquired was a scanner that can read the information source of the "tags" to be detected on the turtles that come to CEN.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Community Activities (eg beach cleaning), Conservation Science, Commitment of the Government, Private Sector Engagement, Eco-excursions, Education and Awareness, Promoting Community Based Advocacy for Corridor in the legislature and federal government, turtles Monitoring (with DNER), Planning for community portals (thesis students of Planning and Architecture), educational activities (workshops and forums), cultural activities (pump), Festival Tinglar scientific Activities bio-blitz type and inventory of species. Lawyer, Scientist or Research Natural (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc..), Scientific and Social Research (eg., Anthropologist, sociologist, geographer, etc..), Environmental Manager, Community Organization, Planning.

**Website:** http://www.sierraclub.org/corredor/coalition.asp

**Social Media:** https://www.facebook.com/corredorecologicodelnoreste

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## Frente Ambiental Amigos de la Naturaleza Patillas, Puerto Rico Inc.

Year founded: 2006

**Geographic scope:** Humedal Punta Viento Natural Reserve, Bajos and Patillas Pueblo Wards, Patillas, Puerto Rico

**Mission:** Development of educational, recreational activities and awareness to achieve the management, conservation, protection and sustainable development of areas of ecological value. through the development of Environmental Policy and promote ecotourism.

**Additional information about mission:** Non-profit, community-based volunteer work, individually and in conjunction with the Central Government and Municipal, in the preparation of Conservation Plans and Development, Education, Recreation and Ecotourism Project and the promotion and implementation of Environmental Public Policy.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 11 to 20

**Estimated number of volunteers:** Over 50 **Estimated number of members:** 0

Thematic areas: Amphibians/Reptiles, Law Enforcement, Marine Protected Areas, Protected Areas (land), Biodiversity, Fresh Water Ecosystems, Threatened/ Endangered Species, Invasive Species, Student Researchers, Community-Based Management, Wetlandss, Law and Policy, Forest Management, Media, Conservation Planning, Land Use Planning, Cultural and Historical Resources, Ecosystem Restoration, Economic Valuation and Ecosystem Service

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** Ecological and Geographical Information.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Architecture, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Education, Community Organizing, Planning. Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Conservation Science, Government Engagement, Eco-excursions, Education And Awareness, Resource Management, Public Policy, Grassroots Advocacy, Habitat Restoration, Protected Areas Management, Flora Restoration, Environmental Education, Planning And Development.

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# Corporación para la Sustentabilidad Ambiental de Puerto Rico, Inc.

Year founded: 2007

Geographic scope: Puerto Rico

**Mission:** Occupy the forefront in the promotion of "Environmental Sustainability" and "Public Health" exercising local leadership and proactive initiatives by using scientific knowledge, appropriate technology and essential partnerships to ensure the enjoyment of the natural heritage to future generations.

**Additional information about mission:** Non-profit organization created to promote Environmental Sustainability, Public Health, and to create and support community initiatives.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

**Estimated number of wolunteers:** 6 to 10 **Estimated number of members:** 6 to 10

**Thematic areas:** Climate Change Adaptation, Agriculture, Protected Areas (land), Biodiversity, Disasters and Natural Hazards, Waste Management, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Education, Energy, Built Environment (e.g., infrastructure), Community-Based Management, Climate Change Mitigation, Conservation Planning, Land Use Planning, Water Resources, Ecosystem Restoration, Desicion Making and Policy, Public Health.

#### Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:

Expertise/Methods used by organization: Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Social Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Anthropologist, Sociologist, Geographer, etc.), Education, Environmental Manager, Engineer, Community Organizing, Planning, Public Health, Information Systems Technician, Social Worker. Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Education and Awareness, Grassroots Advocacy, Scientific Research. Design and Management of Environmental and Public Health Programs. Scientific Research, Environmental Education, Technical Advisory.

Website: www.cosuam.org

Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/COSUAMdePuertoRico

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#### Fundación Surfrider Rincón

Year founded: 2008

**Geographic scope:** The majority of our activities are on the northwest coast of PR: Isabela, Aguadilla, Aguada, Rincón, Añasco. We also have partners-collaborators in Mayagüez, Cabo Rojo, and La Parguera and have carried out projects in these areas.

**Mission:** Surfrider Foundation's mission statement: 'the protection and enjoyment of oceans, waves and beaches through a powerful activist network'.

**Additional information about mission:** FSR has developed a more specific mission statement: Beyond the general mission of the national Surfrider Foundation, the Rincón chapter has developed specific focal areas due to its unique status within the national network. As an integral partner in the creation of the Reserva Marina Tres Palmas the chapter continues to promote and protect the RMTP and encourage the creation of other co-managed Marine Protected Areas in PR. The experience gained from the RMTP effort has allowed the chapter to become well versed in all aspects of coastal management, and especially in coral reef ecology and protection.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

**Estimated number of volunteers: 11-20 Estimated number of members: 75** 

**Thematic areas:** Agriculture, Biodiveristy, Built Environment (e.g., infrastructure), Climate Change Adaptation, Climate Change Mitigation, Community-Based Management, Conservation Planning, Coral Reefs, Cultural and Historical Resources, Data Management, Decision Making & Policy, Economic Valuation & Ecosystem Service, Ecosystem Restoration, Education, Fresh Water Ecosystems, Human Dimensions (e.g., social and societal aspects of environmental issues), Invasive Species, Land Use Planning, Law & Policy, Marine Protected Areas, Monitoring, Sea Level Rise, Student Researchers, Threatened/Endangered Species, Waste Management, Water Resources, Wetlands

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** IDEXX Enterolert 2000 lab for determining fecal bacterial concentrations; various dive equipment (lift bags, buoys etc) for reef restoration work; PA system, projectors etc for public presentations; other educational literature/demonstration set-up equipment. Enterococcus bacterial counts in recreational waters in our study area (Isabela to Rincón); garbage/trash collection data from local area; marine debris 'trash map' of the Reserva Marina Tres Palmas.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Conservation Science, Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Education and Awareness, Government Engagement, Grassroots Advocacy, Habitat Restoration, Public Policy, Resource Management. Business Manager, Community Organizing, Education, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.)

Website: http://rincon.surfrider.org/

**Social Media:** https://www.facebook.com/FundacionSurfriderRincon

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## Centro Para la Conservación del Paisaje



Geographic scope: Archipelago of Puerto Rico

**Mission:** Positively impact a Puerto Rican society through the implementation of projects in area of environmental management that contributes to 1) improve the interface between the public and the forest landscape, 2) to contribute to understand, recognize and use the natural environment responsibly through effective management of the landscape around us.

**Additional information about mission:** Organization with professional credibility, technical and social commitment that works for environmental conservation from the point of view of landscape management and society that composes it. An organization with the capacity and structure to perform work and projects that impact environmental and social services of a well-managed forest landscape integrating management activities to residents, so that they contribute and know their role in the landscape where they live and the role of the components of mismo. Our concept is to work with technical staff, with an interdisciplinary approach to protect, restore and enhance our natural landscape and forest with responsible management of our natural resources so that communities can use and enjoy environmental benefits that this landscape provides for this and future generations.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 1-5 Estimated number of part-time staff: 1-5

Estimated number of volunteers: 21-50 Estimated number of members: N/A

**Thematic areas:** Agriculture, Protected Areas (land), Biodiversity, Human Dimensions (eg., Social aspects of environmental issues), Freshwater Ecosystems, Education, Endangered Species / Endangered, Invasive Species Research Students, Data Management, Management forest Monitoring, Fisheries, Conservation Planning, Ecosystem Restoration, Policy & Decision Making, Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services.

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** For our educational, conservation, management and restoration use specialized equipment such as GPS, dbh tape, clinometer, tape measure distance, "range finder", compass, etc.. Team work such as shovel, pick, pruning shears, etc.. For our educational projects using the following equipment: computer, projector, screen, etc.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Conservation Sciences, Government Commitment, Education and Awareness, Resource Management, Habitat Restoration. Lawyer, Scientist or Research Natural (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc...), Scientific and Social Research (eg., Anthropologist, sociologist, geographer, etc...), Education, Forestry Specialist, Planning.

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## Grupos Ambientales Interdisciplinarios Aliados- GAIA

Year founded: 2009

Geographic scope: Puerto Rico

**Mission:** GAIA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to encourage favorable behaviors of individuals and groups towards the environment, by facilitating conservation action in K-12 schools and their surrounding communities.

**Additional information about mission:** We hope to inspire and facilitate citizens to take action in their communities through science, K-12 curriculum development, multimedia projects, restoration and conservation projects, professional development workshops and networking. Our main goal with any initiative is to promote the understanding that all human actions have interactions with the natural and cultural landscape that surrounds us.

Estimated number of volunteers: 1-5 Estimated numbers of members: N/A

**Thematic areas:** Marine Protected Areas, Protected Areas (land), Biodiversity, Natural Disaster & Risk, Waste, Human Dimensions (eg., Social aspects of environmental issues), Education, Student Research

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: computers, trees measuring equipment, materials and garden equipment, GPS, google maps. We collect social data, ecological and geographical. Scientific or Research Natural (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc..)

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Community Activities (eg beach cleaning), Conservation Science, Education and Awareness, Community-Based Promotion. Environmental education, restoration of landscaping in public schools, water monitoring, monitoring of public forests, solid waste management. Adaptation to Climate Change, Agriculture, Agroforestry, Waste, Human Dimensions (eg., Social aspects of environmental issues), Education, Community Based Management, Monitoring, Ecosystem Restoration. Scientific and Social Research (eg., Anthropologist, sociologist, geographer, etc..), Education, Community Organization.

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#### Silent Grace Foundation

Year founded: 2009

Geographic scope: Pueblo: Dessources, Municipality: Croix-des-Bouquets, Country: Haiti

**Mission:** We focus on creating and implementing viable and sustainable projects in the areas of energy, health care, farming, engineering, education and leadership, promote actions in collaboration with the international community to encourage young people to act on behalf of social justice and transform the heart of providing aid: from indifference to engagement.

**Additional information about mission:** The purpose of the intervention of Silent Grace in a community is to conduct and facilitate, together with the community, projects that contribute to sustainable development and improving the quality of life of all community participants. We have an interdisciplinary team working from an anthropological perspective facilitating sustainable processes with communities and organizations in developing countries.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated number of part-time staff: 1-5

Estimated number of volunteers: 11-20 Estimated number of members: 0

**Thematic areas:** Adaptation to Climate Change, Agriculture, Agroforestry, Biodiversity, Waste, Human Dimensions (eg., Social aspects of environmental issues), Freshwater Ecosystems, Education, Energy, Research Students, Community Based Management, Data Management Forest Management, Climate Change Mitigation, Monitoring, Conservation Planning, Land Use Planning, Historic & Cultural Resources, Water Resources, Ecosystem Restoration, Policy & Decision Making.

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: Social, demographic, ecological and agricultural

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Land use planning, monitoring of surface water quality, environmental and agricultural education. Community Activities (eg beach cleaning), Education and Awareness, Resource Management, Public Policy, Promoting Community Based Habitat Restoration, Green Technology. Architecture, Scientific Research Natural (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc..), Scientific and Social Research (eg., Anthropologist, sociologist, geographer, etc..), Education Specialist, Agricultural, Forestry Specialist, Environmental Manager, Engineer, Community Organization, Planning, Public Relations, Public Health, Social Worker.

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## Arrecifes Pro Ciudad, Inc.

Year founded: 2009

Geographic scope: Carolina, Puerto Rico

**Mission:** Our mission is to protect of the reefs through education.

**Additional information about mission:** Non-profit organization founded in order to preserve, protect and restore reefs from the metropolitan area of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Our purpose was initially to achieve the designation of the Isla Verde Reef Marine Reserve to

begin here with the protection of our resources. In September 2012, we achieved the designation, becoming the Isla Verde Reef the first urban marine reserve in Puerto Rico and perhaps in many parts of the world. In addition we are creators of the coloring book, "The Residents of Isla Verde's Coral Reef" (in Spanish and English version).

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 0 **Estimated number of part-time staff:** 1 to 5

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 1 to 5 **Estimated number of members:** 0

**Thematic areas:** Amphibians/Reptiles, Marine Protected Areas, Coral Reefs, Invasive Species, Conservation Planning, Ecosystem Restoration

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** Photos and the method of a civil organization that manages achieves a marine reserve designation. Camera and computer.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Lawyer, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Education, Environmental Manager, Business Manager, Community Organizing, Graphic Artist. Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Conservation Science, Government Engagement, Education and Awareness, Resource Management, Grassroots Advocacy. Dissemination of Information, Environmental Education Issues Presentations, Conferences to schools, communities and beach users, Sports activities, environmental activities and camps.

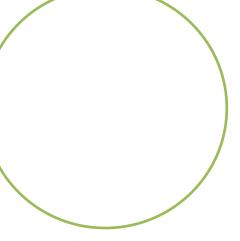
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## Iniciativa Herpetológica Inc.

Year founded: 2010

**Geographic scope:** Archipelago PR (Puerto Rico, Vieques, Culebra, Mona, Monito, Caja de Muertos, all keys and islands).

**Mission:** Herpetologica Initiative, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the Government of Puerto Rico. Our purpose is: 1. To stimulate public appreciation of amphibians and reptiles, 2. To promote the study and protection of amphibians and reptiles, 3. Promote the conservation and preservation of areas of importance for amphibians and reptiles, 4. Promote conservation alternatives to activities that somehow adversely affect the Puerto Rican herpetofauna.

**Additional information about mission:** Our institution is structured with a board of directors, consisting of president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and a member. The organization remains financially through proposals and grants. In the 3 years that we as an organization have offered: 1. teacher training workshops on amphibians and reptiles of Puerto Rico, 2. educational talks on endemic and endangered, 3. to develop scientific research projects related to threatened or endangered in the karst area of the island.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

**Estimated number of volunteers: 1-5 Estimated number of members:** 

Thematic areas: Amphibians / Reptiles, Education, Endangered Species / Endangered, Invasive Species

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: N/A

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Herpetological Initiative, Inc. is comprised of herpetologists and other scientists who voluntarily and have long been dedicated to offering lectures on wildlife Puerto Rican schools and community groups. Scientific or Research Natural (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc..). Educational Workshops, Lectures, Research, invasive species management, Student Orientation, Organization of Symposia, Preparation of educational material. Education and Awareness, Resource Management.

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# Comité Arecibeño por la Conservación de las Tortugas Marinas, Inc.

Year founded: 2011

Geographic scope: Arecibo, Hatillo and Manatí, Puerto Rico

**Mission:** Our mission is to conserve and protect our turtles in danger of extinction through the monitoring of beaches and the protection of its habitat through education and awareness, engaging the community and tourists in their protection.

**Additional information about mission:** Non-profit organization dedicated to the management and conservation of sea turtles in danger of extinction. Better known as YO AMO EL TINGLAR it is a non-governmental community-based organization operating under the permit and the collaboration of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources of Puerto Rico.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

Estimated number of volunteers: 22 Estimated number of members: 0

**Thematic areas:** Amphibians/Reptiles, Law Enforcement, Marine Protected Areas, Protected Areas (land), Education, Threatened/Endangered Species, Community-Based Management, Data Management, Monitoring, Conservation Planning, Volunteers Training.

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: N/A

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Education, Community Organizing. Community Activities (e.g., beach cleanups), Conservation Science, Eco-excursions, Education and Awareness, Resource Management, Grassroots Advocacy, Habitat Restoration. Populations Monitoring, Restoration Work, Environmental Education, Dissemination of Information, Data Collection, Beach Monitoring Activities for Nesting Turtles.

Website: www. http://yoamoeltinglar.com/

**Social Media:** https://www.facebook.com/yoamo.eltinglar

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## Iniciativa para un Desarrollo Sustentable

Year founded:

Geographic scope: Puerto Rico

**Mission:** Protecting the quality of the environment, conservation and better use of natural resources and sustainable development of the land.

**Additional information about mission:** Provide scientific and technical assistance to conservation organizations and community groups on issues or disputes relating to the protection of environmental quality, conservation and better use of natural resources and sustainable development of the land.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 0 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

**Estimated number of wolunteers:** 1-5 **Estimated number of members:** N/A

**Thematic areas:** Enforcement, Education, Community Based Management, Law & Politics, Media, Conservation Planning, Land Use Planning, Ecosystem Restoration, Policy & Decision Making

Types of information collected by organization or equipment used: N/A

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Scientific or Research Natural (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc..), Planning. Public Policy.

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# Coalicion Playa Para Todos

Year founded:

Geographic scope: Punta las Marías, Culebra, San Juan, Ocean Park, Rincón

**Mission:** Recovery, restoration and protection of the streets, roads and public spaces that lead or are on our shores, protecting the coast of buildings that could destroy its ecological integrity and keeping the coasts and beaches for the overall enjoyment of the community.

**Additional information about mission:** The illegal and immoral way in which access controls have been placed on our shores, under Regulation 20 of Act 21 of 1987 Access Control, even contrary to its section 3.02 indicating that this Act does not apply in areas where you see affected access to the beaches. By inaction of government agencies to protect our natural resources and their access. The clear violation of public policy and government inaction does not stress your ministerial duty described in our Constitution under Article 6 Section No. 19 and Act No. 3 Article 1 of 1990 and Regulation # 17 where expressed public policy of open access and protection of our coasts. For partial or complete loss of access to our shores that threaten our quality of life and sustainable development.

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 0 **Estimated number of part-time staff:** 1-5

**Estimated number of volunteers: 21-50 Estimated number of members:** 0

**Thematic areas:** Adaptation to Climate Change, Coral Reefs, Natural Disaster & Risk, Education, Law & Politics, Media, Access to beaches

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used::** Envelope, Legal cases street closures with access to beaches and buildings that affect costs and its approaches.

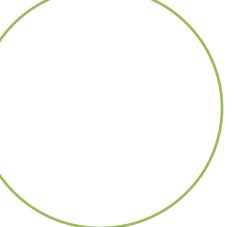
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#### GuardaMar

Year founded:

Geographic scope: Puerto Rico

**Mission:** Protecting the health and integrity of the coast and the sea that surrounds us and pouring water on it and assert the right to use and enjoy the coast by all.

**Additional information about mission:** Guardamar is a non-governmental environmental non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the health and integrity of the coast and the sea that surrounds us. We do this through education, organization, research, conservation, activism and institutionalization of Guardamar. This program is a Neighborhood Watch environmental program where citizens patrol protecting communities and the waters on which they depend. Guardamar's philosophy is based on the notion that the protection and enjoyment of the natural resources of the community require daily monitoring of its citizens.

Estimated number of full-time staff: 1-5 Estimated number of part-time staff: 0

Estimated number of volunteers: 21-50 Estimated number of members: 0

Thematic areas: Adaptation to Climate Change, Agriculture, Agro-forestry, Amphibians / Reptiles, Law Enforcement, Marine Protected Areas, Protected Areas (land), Coral Reefs, Sea Level Rise, Biodiversity, Natural Disaster & Risk, Waste, Dimensions human (eg., social aspects of environmental issues), Diplomacy, Freshwater Ecosystems, Education, Energy, built environment (eg., infrastructure), Endangered Species / Endangered, Invasive Species Research Students, Management Community Based Wetlands, Law & Policy, data Management, Media, Climate Change Mitigation, Monitoring, Fisheries, Conservation Planning, Land Use Planning, Historic & Cultural Resources, Water Resources, Ecosystem Restoration, Decision Making & Policy, Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services.

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used::** Land management, planning, population monitoring, weather monitoring, monitoring of oceanographic conditions or other environmental conditions, restoration work, information dissemination and environmental education, among others.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Community Activities (eg beach cleaning), Conservation Science, Commitment of the Government, Private Sector Engagement, Eco-tours, Education and Awareness, Resource Management, Public Policy, Promoting Community Based Habitat Restoration. Lawyer, Architecture, Political Position, Scientific Research Natural (eg., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc...), Scientific and Social Research (eg., Anthropologist, sociologist, geographer, etc...), Diplomat, Economist, Education, Policy Maker or advisor, Agricultural Specialist, Forestry Specialist, Environmental Manager, Business Manager, Engineer, Community Organization, Planning, Public Relations, Public Health, Information Systems Technician, Social Worker, Futuristic.

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**Geographic scope:** The coastal communities of Espinar, Tablonal and Guaniquilla Wards of Aguadilla.

**Mission:** Protect the lands with ecological and agricultural value of the Town of Aguada and the Northwestern area of Puerto Rico through the education of citizens and communities and boosting public policy through legislative and Government lobbying.

**Additional information about mission:** Non-profit organization whose goal is to fight for the conservation of the natural resources of Aguada area and neighbouring towns.

**Estimated number of full-time staff:** 6 to 10 **Estimated number of part-time staff:** 11 a 20

**Estimated number of volunteers:** 11 to 20 **Estimated number of members:** N/A

**Thematic areas:** Agriculture, Law Enforcement, Marine Protected Areas, Protected Areas (land), Wetlands, Law and Policy, Land Use Planning, Cultural and Historical Resources.

**Types of information collected by organization or equipment used:** We do not have scientific data but we have information, laws and press articles. Electronic and Imaging Equipment.

**Expertise/Methods used by organization:** Lawyer, Natural Scientist or Researcher (e.g., Biologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist, etc.), Education, Policy Maker or Advisor, Agricultural Specialist, Social Worker. Government Engagement, Private Sector Engagement, Education and Awareness, Resource Management, Public Policy, Legislative and Government Lobbying.

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#### APPENDIX I: SURVEY INFORMATION

Information for this compendium is part of a broader effort to understand "who is doing what" in the conservation arena in the US Caribbean and the Caribbean Basin. K. Sola and C. Sanfiorenzo-Barnhard gathered this as well as additional information through phone calls, face-to-face meetings, and mail, and electronic media. Information from the survey developed by the CLCC staff and others will be made available without organization identifiers in the future. We gathered information from 35 survey questions based on a set of six areas of interest to the CLCC.

- A. Mission, Vision, and Function of the Organization
- B. Conservation Issues in the Area
- C. Collaboration
- D. Science Priorities and Data Management for Achieving Your Mission
- E. Scale of Conservation Issues
- F. Background Information Questions

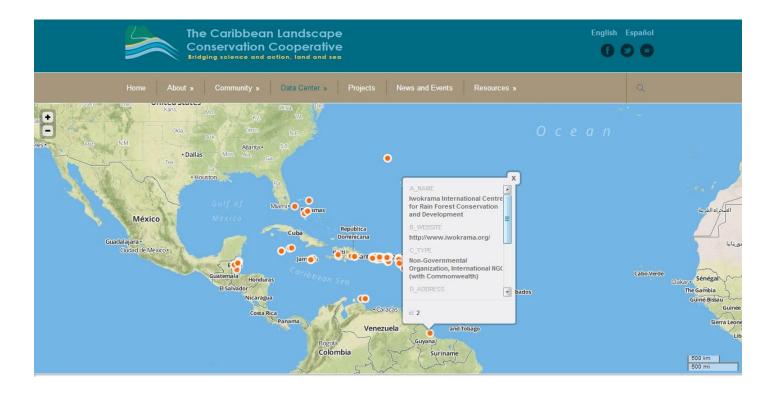
At this time, only the information in this compendium document is available to researchers that request it as per the CLCC data sharing guidelines. Contact the CLCC staff or visit the website for more information. Name of Organization

## APPENDIX II: ECOSYSTEM GOVERNANCE INTERACTIVE MAP

An Ecosystem Governance interactive map with a spatial view of all the organizations in the Caribbean that have provided information to-date can be found on the CLCC website at <a href="http://caribbeanlcc.org/portfolio/ecosystem-governance-2/">http://caribbeanlcc.org/portfolio/ecosystem-governance-2/</a> or from the homepage of the website click on the Data Center arrow and scroll down to Ecosystem Governance. As of the writing of this version of the compendium the interactive map organizational profiles are limited to Name, Website, Organizational Type, Headquarters Address, Contact Person, Email, and Telephone. We encourage organizations not included to contact CLCC staff to be uploaded to the map and to complete the survey to be included in the next compendium. Future versions of the interactive map will include detailed organizational profiles and a search option so as to allow for finding organizations by thematic area, expertise, geographic scope, and more.

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