

A young woman with dark hair, wearing a bright yellow helmet and a red life vest over a purple shirt and blue pants, is crouching on a rocky bank next to a stream. She is holding a small, clear glass vial in her right hand, looking at it intently. The background is a lush, green forest with sunlight filtering through the trees. The overall scene conveys a sense of environmental exploration and scientific fieldwork.

#AQUÍHAGOMIPARTE

A movement for nature

**Para la Naturaleza
Annual Report 2016**

**para la
Naturaleza**



Para la Naturaleza was envisioned to become a movement; a movement to inspire people to connect with nature, and most importantly, to assume an active role in the conservation of our most valuable ecosystems and historic treasures. Creating opportunities for transformative experiences and shared learning, fostering collaboration and building new partnerships, we are slowly weaving the fabric for a truly sustainable Puerto Rico. Take a look at some of our proudest moments of 2016 and join us in our mission to achieve the protection of 33% of Puerto Rico's lands by 2033.

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Dear friends,

A big part of our decision to launch Para la Naturaleza three years ago, came from realizing that in order to make nature conservation a higher critical priority in Puerto Rico, we needed to significantly expand the public impact and reach of our programs. While land protection and historic preservation would remain a central part of our work, amplifying opportunities for citizen participation and new organizational partnerships were vital to achieve our objective.

As we close the year 2016, there are many accomplishments that we should be proud of. We continued our path of strategic land acquisitions, as evidenced by the purchase of Hacienda Pellejas in Adjuntas, and completed important capital projects, such as the award winning, Hacienda La Esperanza nursery.

However, it was in the impact of our interactions with people and communities, where I believe we attained the most significant progress. Our pioneering Citizen Science program ended its second National Science Foundation-funded cycle, culminating four years of exploration, discovery and learning for more than 1,000 volunteers. The stories of Venus Hernández Páez, Tito Figueroa and the García Berlinger Family, are examples of the depth of these citizen science experiences, and the marvelous possibilities that they can unfold.

Our collaborative efforts with other public and private conservation entities also reached new heights this year. Working within the Caribbean Landscape Conservation Cooperative (CLCC) and its Protected Area Conservation Action Team (PA-CAT), we attained a remarkable increase in the percentage of land conserved in Puerto Rico, from 8 percent to 16.1 percent.

Boldly adopting the goal of protecting 33% of Puerto Rico's most valuable ecosystems by 2033, Para la Naturaleza has set in motion a passionate force for change. More than ever before in our history, individuals, communities and different groups are collaborating, exchanging knowledge and learning from each other in support of nature conservation. This Annual Report is a direct reflection of that, and we hope that as you read it, your enthusiasm for a sustainable future will grow and strengthen. On behalf of all of us at Para la Naturaleza, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Fernando Lloveras San Miguel, Esq.
President
Para la Naturaleza



Our movement
made headway in 2016...

PROTECTING

32,000

Total acres
of land protected

60

Natural Protected
Areas (NPAs)

6

Visitor centers

1,849

New acres
added in 2016

5

Tree nurseries
that produced

74,980

trees
representing

80

species

5

Sites listed in the
National Register
of Historic Places

CONNECTING

6,480

Volunteers helping in
everything from planting
new trees, to cleaning rivers
and conducting research

75,071

Volunteer hours donated

85,000

Visitors to our Natural
Protected Areas

5

Citizen Science research
investigations completed
involving scientists and

100

Events each week

1,389

total citizen
science volunteers

167

Children participating
in Summer Nature
Immersion Workshops in

5

different locations

ACHIEVING

16%

Total percentage
of land protected
in Puerto Rico

\$27,440

Raised on #GivingTuesday
enabling the planting of

10

New partnerships/MOUs established with
communities and other organizations

2,744

new native trees

360

Bird species counted
and registered in
eBird database

2,470

Individual and corporate
AMIGOS program members

6

New tree species
added to our
Champion Trees
data base

31,945

New Sapo Concho
(Puerto Rico Crested
Toad) tadpoles released

185,000+

Para la Naturaleza
Facebook followers

6,060

Participants in
our Feria Para
la Naturaleza

9

School-run plant nurseries
known as Biocomisos

206,264

Visitors to Para la
Naturaleza's website

3,000

New native
trees planted



NEW STRIDES IN CONSERVATION

Punta Guaniquilla
Nature Reserve
Cabo Rojo

We are half way there! Puerto Rico protected land increases from 8% to 16.1%

Fantastic news came in April, when Para la Naturaleza joined a dozen public and private conservation organizations to announce a significant increase in the percentage of protected land in Puerto Rico. The previously known 8% of protected land grew two-fold to 16%, moving us half way closer to our goal of securing the protection of 33% of the island's territory by 2033.

This unprecedented increase resulted from the combined effort of various entities within the Protected Area Conservation Action Team (PA-CAT), established by the Caribbean Landscape Conservation Cooperative (CLCC). Working together since 2015, the group set out to build an island wide protected areas database consistent with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) classification system. By adding existing natural protected areas (NPA) protected by law which were not previously counted due to lack of regulations, incorporating the acquisition of new lands for conservation by governmental and non-governmental organizations, and revising methodology with a shared definition of NPAs that is in line with U.S. and IUCN parameters, the PA-CAT has afforded Puerto Rico with a uniform Protected Areas Inventory that will be annually revised and published.

Building on this success, the group's collaborative work will expand to provide conservation strategies and mechanisms for Puerto Rico's protected natural areas and cultural resources.

PA-CAT MEMBERS

- Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Forest Service
- International Institute of Tropical Forestry
- Puerto Rico Planning Board
- Foundation Alma de Bahía
- Bahía Beach Resort
- Foundation for Development Planning Inc.
- Centro para la Conservación del Paisaje
- University of Puerto Rico
- Sierra Club
- Corredor Ecológico del Noreste
- Para la Naturaleza

Hacienda Central Pellejas: A future model for ecological agriculture

A strategic acquisition of extraordinary significance was completed in June, with the purchase of Hacienda Central Pellejas located in the mountains of Adjuntas. The transaction sealed the protection of 1,371 acres of great ecological and scenic value containing several natural springs and the Pellejas river. The springs and streams that run through Pellejas are part of the Río Grande de Arecibo basin and connect to the Lago Dos Bocas reservoir, a critical source of water for many urban and rural communities. By preserving the integrity of this land, we are also making a statement about the importance of securing Puerto Rico's vital water resources.

Initially known for its sugar cane and rum production, Hacienda Pellejas was later used mostly to grow plantain, coffee and bananas, and most recently for cattle raising. While its history accurately mirrors that of Puerto Rico's 20th century agriculture, we hope that its rich landscape will provide the perfect backdrop for imagining the future of sustainable agriculture on the island. Although plans are still in the early stages, our goal is for Pellejas to become a model and research lab for river basin conservation and ecological agriculture best practices.

KEY FIGURES

1,371 acres

366 species

45 streams

Hacienda Central Pellejas
Natural Protected Area
Adjuntas



Hacienda La Esperanza
Nature Reserve
Manatí

#GivingTuesday delivers more native trees for Puerto Rico

Our native trees reforestation efforts got an important jumpstart in November, thanks to an innovative fundraising initiative spearheaded by our Development team. The 10-day campaign peaked on Tuesday, November 29, in line with the #GivingTuesday global movement that annually promotes philanthropic giving on the Tuesday following “Black Friday”. With a simple call to action asking for donations to support Puerto Rico’s reforestation with native trees, Para la Naturaleza committed to plant and care for one native tree on the Island for every \$10.00 gift received.

The bilingual multimedia drive was a tremendous success, enlisting the support of more than 300 individuals on the Island and abroad. In the end, a total \$27,440 was raised which will enable the planting of 2,744 new native trees in 2017. The effort also allowed us to increase awareness on the unique benefits provided by our native trees, as well as to promote Para la Naturaleza’s tree nurseries.

KEY FIGURES

\$27,440 raised

2,744 new native trees to be planted

547 native tree species present in Puerto Rico



IUCN regional meeting
Panama

Leaving our mark in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Last September, Para la Naturaleza was elected Chair of the IUCN's Caribbean Sub-Regional Committee for a two-year term, following a previous appointment as Committee Secretary. The election will further our important role in supporting continued bilingual communications and better alignment of member actions and projects with IUCN core objectives.

Since joining IUCN in 2012, we have worked strategically to establish close ties with other Caribbean members and become a leading voice in the region. Besides our role in the Sub-Regional Committee, in 2013 we co-founded NatureCaribé alongside other Caribbean non-profits to help advance the area's conservation agenda, and have spearheaded efforts to improve information sharing, coordination and collaboration that can bring our culturally diverse, multi-language region closer together.

KEY FIGURES

Members since **2012**

Caribbean chair **2016**

20 IUCN Caribbean members

1,300 IUCN member organizations

New accolades for Hacienda La Esperanza: Tree Nursery and Maintenance building wins design award

This year's opening of Hacienda La Esperanza's new Tree Nursery and Maintenance building was topped with the project's recognition with the Honor Award for Built Work from the Puerto Rico Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). Praising the work of local architects Jorge Ramírez- Buxeda, Eugenio Ramírez, Ernesto Rodríguez and Francisco Gutiérrez, the international jury highlighted the design's "elegant restraint" within the context of the historic campus and how the "honest expression of structural elements establishes a dialogue with the original manor house". With an eco-friendly design that exclusively uses rainwater and is powered with photovoltaic panels, the new additions to Hacienda La Esperanza set an important milestone in our path to full sustainability.

KEY FIGURES

4,930 square feet

Water collection capacity of 16,000 gallons

Maintenance building
Hacienda La Esperanza Nature Reserve, Manatí
Photo by: Raquel Pérez Puig

Promising results emerge in the Puerto Rican Crested Toad Recovery program

Since Para la Naturaleza joined the Puerto Rican crested toad's recovery efforts in 2010, we've had one key goal: to create new populations and save this native species from extinction. In the past four years we have liberated a total 123,787 crested toad tadpoles at three of our natural protected sites: Hacienda La Esperanza, Río Encantado and Cuevas Convento. In 2016 alone, we liberated 31,945 tadpoles, the largest release since the reintroductions started. It's a big effort, with late field hours, many volunteers and multiagency collaboration, but 2016 proved to be the year in which we began seeing the results. By the end of the year we had recorded three successful reproduction events (one of them with 13 male adults calling!) and observed that the species has started to disperse outside the monitoring parcels surrounding the ponds. The work has benefited from 1,234 volunteer hours donated by 253 participants in 2016 alone.

KEY FIGURES

123,787 crested toad tadpoles released since 2010

31,945 tadpoles released in 2016

3 reproduction events

1,234 volunteer hours

253 volunteers

BioBlitz 2016: New varieties of fungi discovered at the San Cristóbal Canyon Natural Protected Area

Para la Naturaleza volunteers and team members were part of an exciting discovery this May, when three previously undetected fungi species, were found in the San Cristóbal Canyon in Barranquitas during a special BioBlitz event. Organized by National Geographic, the BioBlitz is an activity that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time. This year, Para la Naturaleza was one of 100 organizations participating across the U.S. in celebration of the National Park Service's 100th anniversary, with events held in four of our Natural Protected Areas.

The team working in Barranquitas registered the *Aecidium farameae*, a fungi species never before documented on the island but known to exist in the Dominican Republic and Cuba. The finding may have important consequences on the management plans for this natural protected area, as it is considered a plant parasite. "Some of these fungi that cause plant diseases have been introduced by accident through agricultural trade, although in this case it may have arrived naturally", said Deborah J. Lodge, researcher and mycology expert at the Natural Resources Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The *Lepiota guatopensis*, previously identified as being exclusive to the Guárico region in Venezuela, and the *Hygroaster nodulisporus* registered only at El Yunque National Forest, were also found in the area.

The BioBlitz was an excellent opportunity to expose volunteers and enthusiasts to the biodiversity of our natural protected areas, as well as to increase our knowledge about the presence of invasive species that may require specific management strategies.

KEY FIGURES

1 day

9 volunteers

2 scientists

3 new fungi species detected

San Cristóbal Canyon
Natural Protected Area
Barranquitas



FORGING ADVOCATES FOR NATURE

Feria Para la Naturaleza
Luis Muñoz Rivera Park
San Juan

Nature Immersion Workshops: Broadening horizons for city kids

Since 1993, when the first Nature Immersion Workshop was held at Las Cabezas de San Juan, kids and youths have been learning how to become caretakers and spokespeople for nature conservation through these transformative summer camp experiences, now offered in several of our nature reserves. This year, for the first time, a session was added in the San Juan Metro area to welcome 23 participants coming from some of San Juan's most underserved communities including La Perla, and public housing projects Puerta de Tierra, San Antonio, Manuel A. Pérez, and Luis Lloréns Torres.

Under the theme Nature in the City, the workshop allowed kids, ranging in ages from 8 to 13, to explore and learn in activities that included walks of Old San Juan, talks about nature's role in building the historic walls and fortresses, a sailboat ride offering a first-time view of the city from the bay, urban gardening in Punta Las Marías, and unforgettable trips to an organic farm in Aibonito and the San Cristóbal Canyon in Barranquitas. The camp provided them with a different perspective of their urban surroundings, teaching them how to protect nature and empowering them to become agents of change in their communities.

Our goal was to open their eyes to nature's power, but the experience also taught them important lessons about respect for others and for themselves, about aspiring to become more and about looking forward to learning and growing. Their testimonies at the end of the five-day session speak for themselves: "I want to see more things"; "I want to achieve more"; "I want to be like you"; "Thank you for believing in me". "Thanks for loving me". The Metro Central region is continuing to cultivate the relationship with workshop participants to help them in their journey, by integrating them into our volunteer activities.

KEY FIGURES

23 participants

5 communities represented

10 days

Exploring Life in the Río Grande de Manatí: A Citizen Science lab that transforms lives

2016 marked the closing of Para la Naturaleza's second National Science Foundation-funded Citizen Science project —*Exploring Life in the Río Grande de Manatí*, a four-year research program that surveyed the biodiversity found along the Manatí river basin. A total of five investigations, centering on bats, birds, archaeology, river and coasts were conducted since 2012, each headed by an expert scientist with the help of citizen science volunteers. Over the course of the project, a total of 1,370 volunteers took part in activities ranging from collecting soil and water samples, to classifying archaeological artifacts and documenting birds and bats species. An estimated 24,348 volunteer hours were donated in 440 different events. But perhaps the program's most lasting impact was opening the world of science to everyday people, helping them discover their own potential to make a difference in the health and wellbeing of their own communities through curiosity, research and dedication. The powerful experience of 18 of these citizen scientists inspired them to test their skills further and to venture in the development of their own research projects, some of which have been presented in community meetings, schools and symposiums in Puerto Rico and abroad. In the next pages we highlight the journey of some of them.

KEY FIGURES

5 scientists

5 research projects

6,845 hours of support work

1,370 total volunteer citizen scientists

7,503 research hours

4,482 total volunteer participations

24,349 total volunteer hours

2,972 participations in research events

1,510 participations in support work

Venus Hernández Paéz: a relentless passion for bats

Community Citizen Scientist
Project co-creator

The first time Venus Hernández held a bat in her hands it was, in her own words, “love at first sight”. The Fajardo native had been a regular participant and volunteer at Para la Naturaleza’s Cabezas de San Juan Nature Reserve since age 10, but it wasn’t until a bat observation event at Hacienda La Esperanza that she found her true calling. “They were so cute and unique, that I had to return to learn more about them!”, she recalls with excitement. Four years have gone since that first day, and today at age 14, Venus is a passionate advocate for bat conservation that is taking her educational message to workshops and lectures throughout Puerto Rico and abroad.

Under the guidance of Dr. Armando Rodríguez Durán, Venus joined the *Exploring Life in the Río Grande de Manatí* Citizen Science research which focused on the impact of habitat fragmentation on the river basin’s bat population. For more than two years, Venus travelled from Fajardo to Manatí, two weekends per month, to identify and count bat species with an ultrasound detector. Her work earned her the chance to participate in the North American Bat Research Conference held in Monterrey California, and most recently in the International Bat Research Convention in South Africa. In these events, Venus proudly shared her experience as a Para la Naturaleza citizen scientist in Manatí, and in her own research project, identifying bat species in the Northeastern Ecological Corridor that spans through Puerto Rico’s northeastern coast.

“Bats are important pollinators and play a critical role in maintaining the balance of our ecosystems, but unfortunately, these facts are hardly mentioned in school text books. My mission is to raise awareness to ensure that their habitats are protected and their populations can remain at healthy levels”, she explains.

She frequently speaks in schools and community groups and was even called in to offer a workshop at an exterminator conference, resulting in a collaborative agreement to advance bat conservation. “The citizen science program was a life changing experience. I would love to become a scientist working in community outreach”, she adds.



The García Berlingers: a family united by nature and science

Community Citizen Scientist Project co-creators

Sandra and Manuel Berlingeri were looking for science lab opportunities to expose their homeschooled teenage boys, when they discovered Para la Naturaleza's citizen science offerings. They signed up in Hacienda La Esperanza and quickly became active volunteers in the *Exploring Life in the Río Grande de Manatí* project headed by Dr. Concepción Rodríguez Fourquet, which researched the river's water by observing and documenting shrimp species along its basin. "We had never seen a live shrimp before, only frozen ones", Sandra recounts.

Their enthusiasm for the project continued and for more than a year, the family of four dedicated one Saturday every month to helping Dr. Rodríguez Fourquet collect water samples, measure depth changes and capture and document the different shrimp species found in the river. At the same time, they also joined other volunteer activities in La Esperanza and in Cabezas de San Juan including counting bat species, collecting beach sand samples, monitoring marine turtle nests and cataloguing archaeological findings.

The schedule of this family is tight, as the kids are accomplished musicians that train at the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music, but the time they spent in these volunteer experiences has provided a unique space for learning and spending time together. "The Citizen Science program has given us access to a new way of looking at our surroundings and also allowed us to do something together as a family. After each event we always sit down and discuss each other's main observations and experiences", Sandra explains.

Putting into practice what they learned with Dr. Rodríguez, the García-Berlingers are now studying the water quality of the Indio River which flows near their home in Morovis. "Seeing these volunteers embark in their own investigations, in their own communities, is one of the greatest satisfactions of working in a citizen science project", says, Dr. Rodríguez.



José Figueroa Pesquera: building alliances to protect the Toro Negro River

Community Citizen Scientist
Project co-creator

José “Tito” Figueroa is no stranger to nature conservation. Since 1993, this 63-year-old farmer and landscaper, has been part of his community’s neighborhood board, actively advocating for the protection of the Toro Negro river in his hometown of Ciales. The beautiful river and surrounding area is very popular among outside visitors, and Tito and his neighbors fear that neglectful human conduct will damage its rich biodiversity and water quality. Wanting to acquire new skills to help his cause, in 2015 Figueroa joined Para la Naturaleza’s citizen science project, enlisting as a volunteer in the *Exploring Life in the Río Grande de Manatí* quality of water research investigation, lead by Dr. Concepción Rivera Fourquet. His yearlong participation allowed him to learn the correct application of scientific methods for the measurement of water quality and conditions, but most importantly paved the way for a new partnership in support of his Toro Negro river conservation initiatives.

With the help of Dr. Rodríguez and Para la Naturaleza, Tito and a group of volunteers produced *Pesca de río en Puerto Rico: tradición y sabiduría* (River fishing in Puerto Rico: tradition and wisdom), a 10 minute documentary film recollecting the experiences and practices of river fishermen in the Toro Negro and Matrullas rivers in Ciales, and calling for their protection as a critical resource to the livelihood of its surrounding communities. The film has amassed more than 30,000 thousand views in YouTube and more than 10,000 in Facebook, thanks in part to the special Facebook page *¿Por qué cuidamos los ríos?* (Why do we care for rivers?), also created by Figueroa.

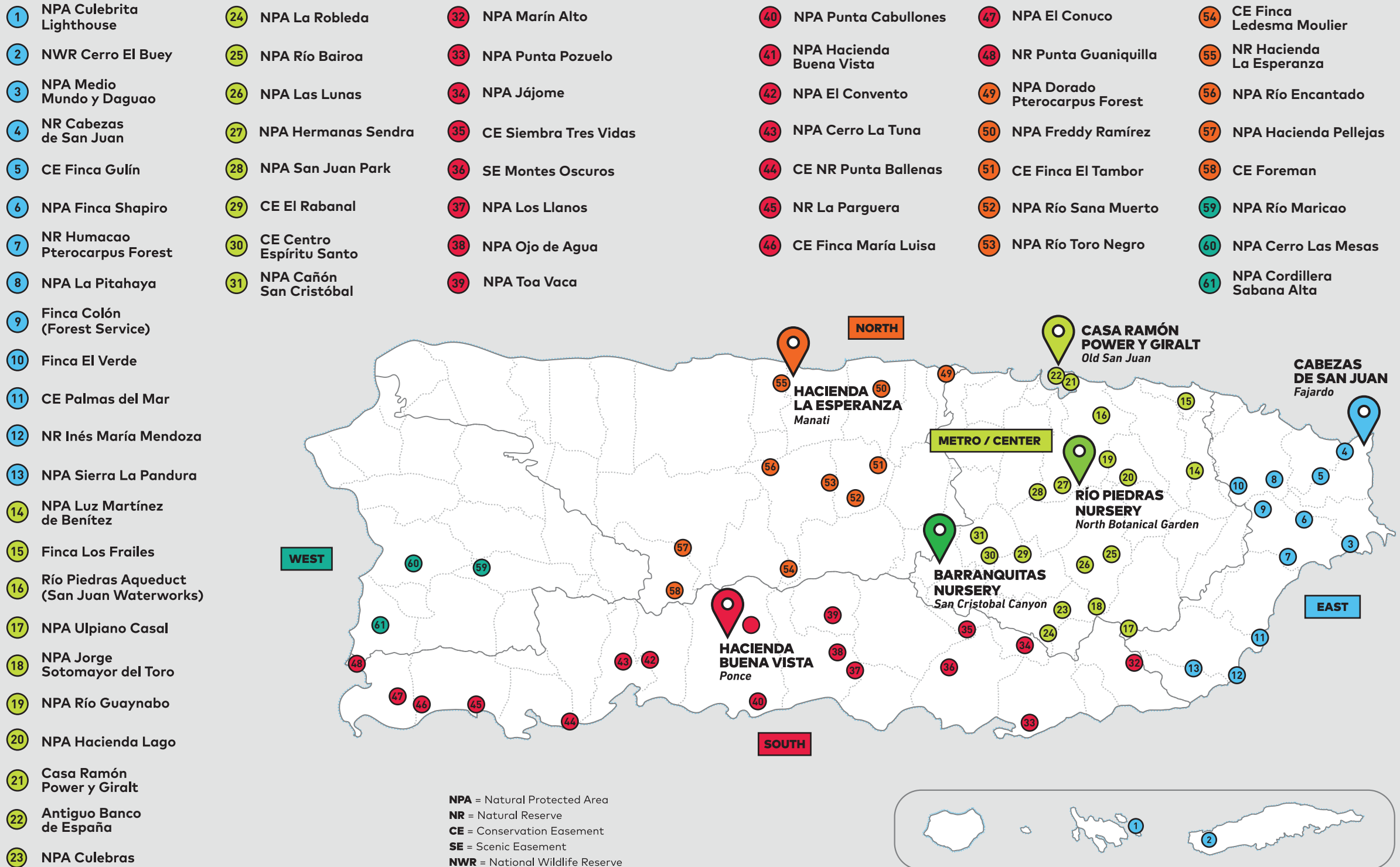
Figueroa’s tireless quest has most recently given way to a new alliance with Para la Naturaleza, where our interpreters and volunteers are joining the Toro Negro community in a series of on-site workshops to educate residents and visitors about the rich biodiversity of the river and promote its adequate conservation. “Having the support of Para la Naturaleza has been critical, as we continue to build interagency support to ensure the adequate protection of our valuable river ecosystems,” says Figueroa.





Barranquitas Tree Nursery
San Cristóbal Canyon
Natural Protected Area

**LAND
PROTECTION**



Natural Protected Areas Descriptions

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
|  <p>1
NPA CULEBRITA LIGHTHOUSE
4.37 acres
Dry forest
Dry scrub</p> |  <p>6
NPA FINCA SHAPIRO
4.86 acres
Subtropical moist forest</p> |  <p>12
NR INÉS MARÍA MENDOZA (PUNTA YEGUAS)
281.37 acres
Subtropical moist forest
Sandy coast</p> |  <p>18
NPA JORGE SOTOMAYOR DEL TORO
61.81 acres
Subtropical moist forest
Creeks
Falls
Sierra palm forest</p> |
|  <p>2
NWR CERRO EL BUEY
799.82 acres
Mangrove
Sandy coast
Rocky coast
Savanna
Subtropical dry forest
Marine grass prairie</p> |  <p>7
NR HUMACAO PTEROCARPUS FOREST
766.48 acres
Freshwater swamp
Lagoons
Mangrove</p> |  <p>13
NPA SIERRA LA PANDURA
173.99 acres
Guajonales (rock formation)
Creeks
Subtropical moist forest</p> |  <p>19
NPA RÍO GUAYNABO
25.25 acres
Creeks
Subtropical moist forest</p> |
|  <p>3
NPA MEDIO MUNDO Y DAGUAO
3,328.01 acres
Subtropical dry forest
Freshwater swamp
Coral reef
Mangrove
Sandy coast
Marine grass prairie</p> |  <p>8
NPA LA PITAHAYA
108.25 acres
Forest
Creek
Grasslands and pastures</p> |  <p>14
NPA LUZ MARTÍNEZ DE BENÍTEZ
131.07 acres
Moist forest
Moist grasslands and pastures</p> |  <p>20
NPA HACIENDA LAGO
52.72 acres
Forest
Moist scrub and stand
Moist grasslands and pastures</p> |
|  <p>4
LAS CABEZAS DE SAN JUAN
431.77 acres
Subtropical dry forest
Bioluminescent bay
Mangrove
Sandy coast
Marine grass prairie</p> |  <p>9
FINCA COLÓN (FOREST SERVICE)
9.71 acres
Forest
Creek</p> |  <p>15
FINCA LOS FRAILES
679.55 acres
Mangrove
Salt flat
Wetland</p> |  <p>21
CASA RAMÓN POWER Y GIRALT
0.12 acres
Central offices</p> |
|  <p>5
CE FINCA GULÍN
24.42 acres
Forest
Creek</p> |  <p>10
FINCA EL VERDE (FOREST SERVICE)
31.87 acres
Subtropical forest</p> |  <p>16
RÍO PIEDRAS AQUEDUCT (SAN JUAN WATERWORKS)
12.62 acres
River
Subtropical moist forest</p> |  <p>22
ANTIGUO BANCO DE ESPAÑA
0.14 acres
Central offices</p> |
|  <p>11
CE PALMAS DEL MAR
164.8 acres
Forest
Wetland
Creek</p> |  <p>17
NPA ULPIANO CASAL
318.49 acres
Moist grasslands and pastures
Subtropical moist forest</p> |  <p>23
NPA CULEBRAS
33.99 acres
Forest
Creek</p> | |



24

NPA LA ROBLEDA

255.12 acres
Moist grasslands and pastures
Subtropical moist forest



30

**CE CENTRO
ESPÍRITU SANTO**

5.29 acres
Forest
Creek



36

SE MONTES OSCUROS

7,279.92 acres
Volcanic mountains
Coastal flat plains



42

NPA EL CONVENTO

862.81 acres
Cave system
Limestone formations
Canyon
Subtropical dry forest
Rivers
Creeks



25

NPA RÍO BAIROA

584.43 acres
Subtropical moist forest
Moist scrub and stand
Moist grasslands and pastures



31

**NPA CAÑÓN
SAN CRISTÓBAL**

1,730.35 acres
Subtropical moist forest
Farallon
River



37

NPA LOS LLANOS

116.72 acres
Dry forest
Dry grasslands and pastures



43

NPA CERRO LA TUNA

167.01 acres
Dry forest
Dry scrub and stand
Grasslands and pastures



26

NPA LAS LUNAS

18.75 acres
Wet woodland and shrubland
Moist grassland



32

NPA MARÍN ALTO

124.20 acres
Forest
Agriculture areas
Grasslands and pastures



38

NPA OJO DE AGUA

1,386.91 acres
Dry forest
Dry stand
Dry grasslands and pastures



44

**CE PUNTA BALLENAS
NATURAL RESERVE**

162.89 acres
Subtropical dry forest
Sandy coast
Mangrove
Lagoons
Coastal shrubland



27

NPA HERMANAS SENDRA

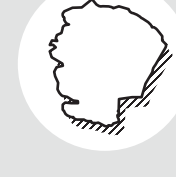
13.23 acres
Volcanic moist forest



33

NPA PUNTA POZUELO

124.55 acres
Dry forest
Dry scrub and stand
Salt wetland
Dry grasslands and pastures



39

NPA TOA VACA

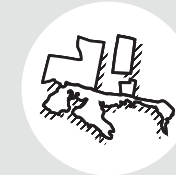
291.462
Subtropical moist forest
Moist grasslands and pastures



40

NPA PUNTA CABUYONES

531 acres
Dry grasslands and pastures
Lowland dry aluvial woody vegetation
Mangrove
Salt and mudflats
Sand and gravel coast



45

**LA PARGUERA
NATURAL RESERVE**

1554.84 acres
Coral reefs
Bioluminescent bay
Subtropical dry forest
Rocky coast
Mangrove
Salt flat



28

NPA SAN JUAN PARK

26.21 acres
Subtropical moist forest
Moist grasslands and pastures



34

NPA JÁCOME

658.10 acres
Forest
Moist grasslands and pastures



41

**NPA HACIENDA
BUENA VISTA**

79.41 acres
Subtropical moist forest
River



29

CE EL RABANAL

15.66 acres
Subtropical moist forest
River



35

CE SIEMBRA TRES VIDAS

9.71 acres
Subtropical moist forest
Moist grasslands and pastures



46

CE FINCA MARÍA LUISA

755.40 acres
Forest
Dry grasslands and pastures
Salt and mud flat



51

CE FINCA EL TAMBOR

217.16 acres
Creek
Subtropical moist forest



56

NPA RÍO ENCANTADO

2,211.03 acres
Limestone formations
Cave system
Underground river



47

NPA EL CONUCO

37.41 acres
Dry grasslands and pastures
Lowland dry woody vegetation



52

NPA RÍO SANA MUERTO

107.74 acres
Forest
Creek
Moist grasslands and pastures



57

NPA HACIENDA PELLEJAS

1,331.96 acres
Forest
Creek
Moist grasslands and pastures



48

NR PUNTA GUANIQUELLA

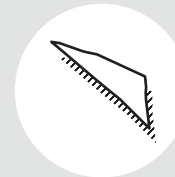
473.10 acres
Subtropical dry forest
Mangrove
Limestone formations
Lagoons
Inlet
Coastal shrubland



53

NPA RÍO TORO NEGRO

143.71 acres
Forest
Creek
Agriculture areas
Moist grasslands and pastures



58

CE FOREMAN

41.02 acres
Subtropical moist forest
River



49

**NPA DORADO
PTEROCARPUS FOREST**

30.08 acres
Freshwater swamps
Mangrove



54

**CE FINCA
LESDEMA MOULIER**

33.94 acres
Forest
Moist grasslands and pastures
Agriculture areas



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NPA RÍO MARICAO

141.46 acres
River
Subtropical wet forest



50

**NPA FREDDY
RAMÍREZ**

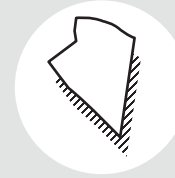
193.95 acres
Subtropical moist forest
River



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NR HACIENDA LA ESPERANZA

2,137.43 acres
Freshwater swamp
Lagoons
Mangrove
River
Estuary
Salt flat
Caño

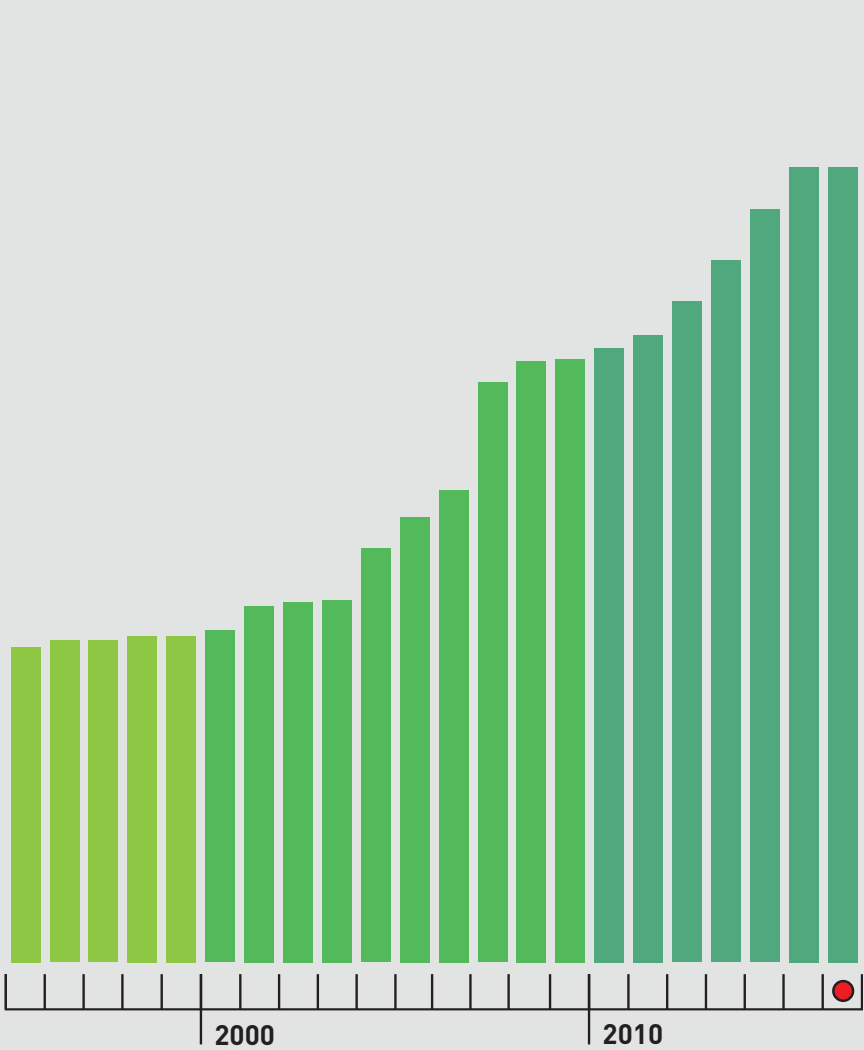
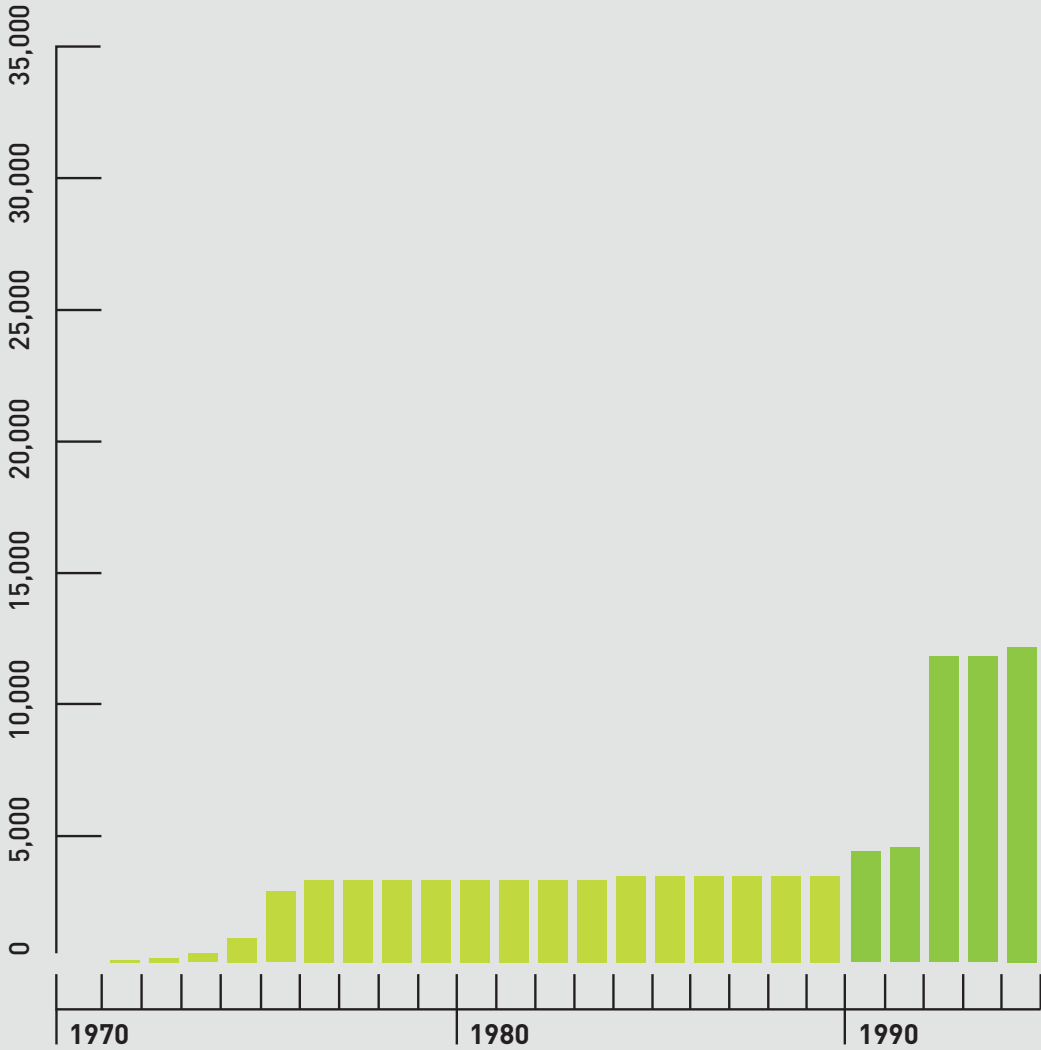


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**NPA CORDILLERA
SABANA ALTA**

47.18 acres
Forest
Scrub and stand
Salt wetland
Moist grasslands and pastures

Natural Protected Areas (in acres)

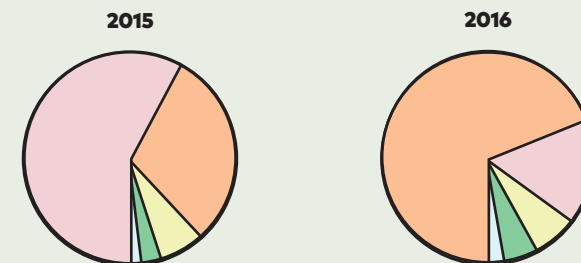




FINANCIALS

Cabezas de San Juan
Nature Reserve
Fajardo

Sources of funds



LAND DONATIONS AND EASEMENTS

2015	2016	
13,178	2,325	↓ -82%

PORTFOLIO INCOME*

2015	2016	
6,931	9,996	↑ 44%

DONATIONS, GRANTS AND OTHER GIFTS

2015	2016	
1,519	1,000	↓ -34%

INCOME FROM NOTES AND PREFERRED SECURITIES

2015	2016	
439	380	↓ -13%

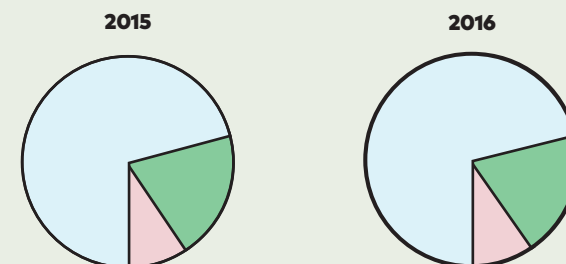
OTHER INCOME

2015	2016	
699	781	↑ 12%

TOTAL

2015	2016	
\$22,766	\$14,482	↓ -36%

Operating uses of funds



TOTAL

2015	2016	
\$17,496	\$17,552	↑ 0%

MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT

2015	2016	
3,461	3,358	↓ -3%

PROGRAM SERVICES

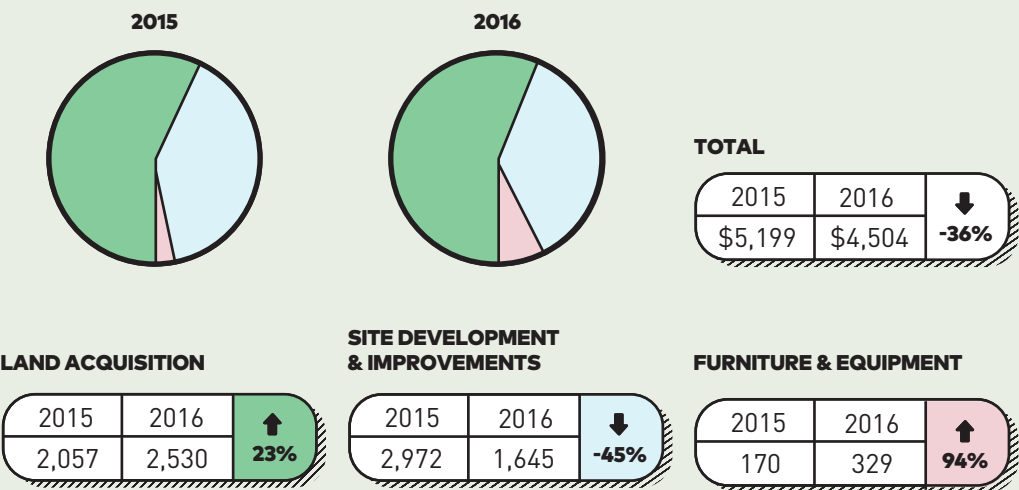
2015	2016	
12,401	12,517	↑ 1%

DEVELOPMENT

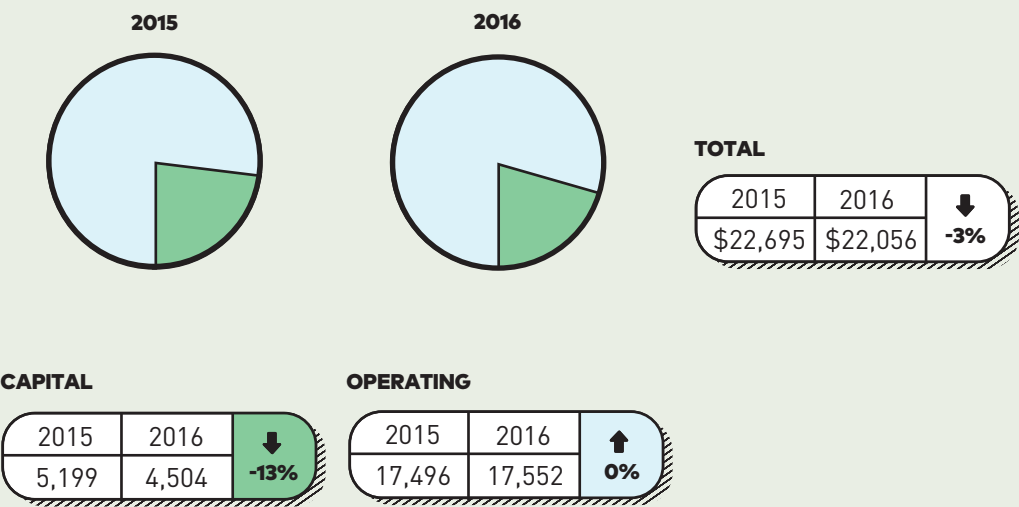
2015	2016	
1,634	1,677	↑ 3%

* Authorized endowment draw
\$ IN THOUSANDS

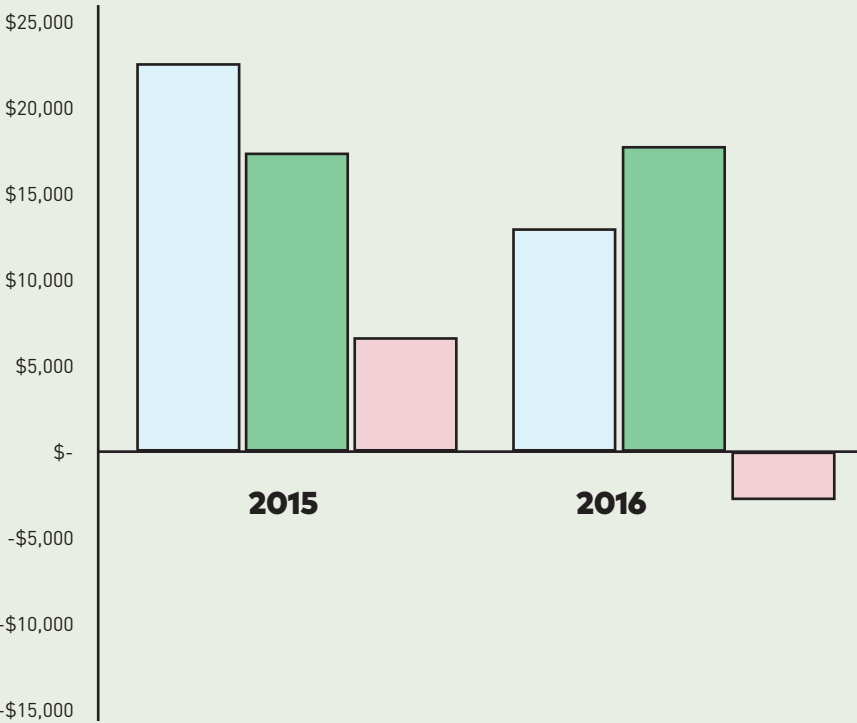
Capital investments



Total uses of funds



Revenue less operating expenses



OPERATING REVENUES			OPERATING EXPENDITURES			EXCESS FUNDS		
2015	2016	↓	2015	2016	↑	2015	2016	↓
22,766	14,482	-36%	17,496	17,552	0%	5,270	-3,070	-42%



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Cabezas de San Juan
Nature Reserve
Fajardo

\$75,000 — \$200,000

GFR Media LLC
Joaquín B. Viso & Olga Lizardi
Liberty Cablevision

\$10,000 — \$74,999

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SC Johnson de PR Inc.
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WKAQ 580 Univisión Radio

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