

Non-Time-Critical Removal Action  
at the Municipality of Culebra, Puerto Rico

# *Environmental and Cultural Resources Surveys for Isla Culebrita*

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## Introduction

In accordance with requests by the regulators involved with the Technical Planning Process and the approved Work Plan, Ellis Environmental Group, LC (EEG) is required to provide cultural resources and environmental surveys of each cay that will be investigated under this contract. The purpose of the surveys is to identify cultural resources, sensitive habitats, and endangered plants and animals that may exist in the work areas. Additionally, EEG is requested to determine the access points to the cays where the boats will anchor. This report presents the results of the surveys conducted at Isla Culebrita.

EEG employed two subcontractors with specific Caribbean experience to conduct these surveys. Southeast Archeological Research (SEARCH) performed the cultural resources survey, and ReForesta, Inc. conducted the habitat and endangered species surveys. The cultural resources survey is included in **Appendix A**. The habitat and endangered species survey is included in **Appendix B**. A wetlands jurisdictional survey is provided in **Appendix C**.

## Survey Results

### Cultural Resources

Based on the data in the cultural resources survey report, no significant cultural resources were found at Isla Culebrita that would limit the surface removal of munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) from this site. As SEARCH personnel observed, no limitation to EEG operations based on cultural resource issues should be necessary.

The SEARCH expert provided a cultural resources briefing to EEG personnel during the initial project mobilization. All team members will be on the lookout for any items of potential cultural significance. If, in the future, items are found, EEG will map each location with the global positioning system (GPS) and send the coordinates and pictures to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District (CESAJ) project manager, to be forwarded to the cultural resources specialist.

## Environmental Resources

### Flora

A total of 97 plant species were recorded during the survey, none of which are state or federally threatened or endangered species. Four distinct plant communities were identified and included coastal forest, dry scrub forest, semi-open grasslands, and tidal flats. **Appendix B, Figure 1** delineates these communities. A small patch of a species described as a hybrid of sea grape plants (*Coccoloba uvifera* and *C. krugii*) was observed in the northeastern tip of the survey area growing on a rocky outcrop.

### Fauna

The survey recorded 32 birds, 4 reptiles, and 2 mammals. One federally endangered species, the brown pelican, was observed resting on rocks along the coastline. The white-cheeked pintail, a species considered “threatened” by the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) was also sighted during the survey. Green turtles were also observed.

### Wetlands

Wetlands were also delineated as part of the survey completed by ReForesta, Inc. Two areas were identified during the survey. The larger of the two areas is located in the northwestern portion of the survey area. The other area is located to the southeast, beginning along the eastern survey boundary and extending to the east. The wetlands are described in the jurisdictional survey included as **Appendix C**.

### Recommendations

Based on the data and recommendations provided in the environmental resources survey report, EEG will implement the following actions during site preparation and MEC removal operations.

1. The small hybrid sea grape patch will not be removed. This patch is located at the northeastern tip of the study area. It measures 3 by 5 meters and is growing on a rocky coastal outcrop a few meters from the water (18.33965° N, 65.37668° W). This shrub tolerates pruning, and, if necessary, EEG will prune the bottom foliage to ensure proper detection of material potentially presenting an explosive hazard (MPPEH) in the area. EEG will not detonate an item near the sea grapes unless the item cannot be moved, in which case EEG will provide a barricade to protect the sensitive plants.

2. If MEC removal activities extend into the winter months, the crews will inform the appropriate agencies of any bird-nesting activity, especially in the tidal flat areas. All work will be coordinated with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (EQB) to ensure that EEG has current information about endangered birds that may be migrating and nesting in the area, and to ensure proper protection of the birds.
3. The appropriate agencies will be informed if any snakes are observed. As stated above, EEG will coordinate all work with the appropriate agencies.
4. Every effort will be made to avoid disturbing the brown pelicans, green turtles, and underwater habitat, especially sea grasses, when coming ashore. EEG will coordinate access to the cay with FWS to ensure protection of the brown pelicans and green turtles.
5. Clearing crews will be informed about the poisonous manchineel trees (photo at right). These trees exist in the coastal thickets. The manchineel tree is toxic and can burn the skin. The fruit of the manchineel tree resembles a small green apple and is poisonous. Contact with its leaves and fruit should be avoided and workers should not stand or sit under one when it is raining.
6. Coastal thickets and mangrove forests will be preserved. EEG will limit tree cutting and brush removal to only that necessary to effectively complete the detection and removal of surface MEC. Mangrove trees located within the coastal thickets and bordering the tidal flat will be carefully pruned to avoid damage. EEG will protect the sea grape plants located within the coastal thickets.



## Vegetation Removal

Vegetation on Isla Culebrita is extremely dense, and brush removal will be required. All native trees with diameters greater than 2 inches are to be left untouched. Non-native species can be removed as necessary. Brush removal crews will remove the least amount of vegetation that will

allow EEG unexploded ordnance (UXO) personnel to properly access the site and operate the geophysical equipment required to locate surface anomalies.

EEG plans to use manual methods (chain saws, machetes, and/or other hand tools) to perform tree and brush removal in accordance with the project Environmental Protection Plan; however, EEG proposes the option to perform mechanical removal using an armored Bobcat, mounted with a specialized vegetation cutting blade developed by Timberline Environmental Services (TES). The TES cutter grinds the smaller vegetation, leaving it as fine mulch distributed over the area.

### **Coastal Thickets and Mangrove Forests**

Vegetation removal within the coastal thickets and mangrove forests will be limited to manual methods. Two strands of coastal thickets (coastal forests) have been delineated (see **Appendix B**). One strand extends along the northwestern edge of the cay between the ocean and the inland tidal flat. This strand, ranging in width from 50 to 75 meters, is approximately 400 meters long. The other strand runs along the southern side of the cay, bordering the ocean on the south and scrub forests on the north. This strand is also approximately 400 meters long and ranges in width between 10 and 75 meters. The dominant tree species occurring in the coastal thickets include button mangrove, sea grape, water mampoo, and spoon tree. The poisonous manchineel tree is also present. A strand of white and black mangroves also exists along the northern fringe of the tidal flat (see **Appendix B**).

In accordance with the approved Work Plan, invasive trees such as mesquite may be removed from these areas. Native trees and underbrush will be pruned to a height that will allow full coverage (unobstructed access) by the geophysical equipment, which EEG believes to be 12 inches. Small native trees (less than 2 inches in diameter) may require removal in order to provide the required access. EEG will remove larger native trees only in cases where MEC is embedded in the tree or caught or suspended in the roots or branches, or to gain access to MEC, in which case the tree will be removed using a chain saw. If possible, the tree will be trimmed or pruned back instead of removed.

### **Dry Scrub Forest and Semi-Open Grasslands**

The dry scrub forest is dominated by cat's claw, pipe-organ cactus, crabwood, black willow, and a thorny bushy-vine. EEG plans to use manual brush removal in this area along with the option to conduct mechanized vegetation removal.

The semi-open grasslands are dominated by hurricane and guinea grasses, with scattered cashia trees and bushes. Depending on the height of the grass, mowing may be required to provide adequate access to the ground surface within the open grassy areas. Mechanized removals will be conducted in the brush areas if deemed appropriate, otherwise manual removal methods will be used.

### **Wetlands**

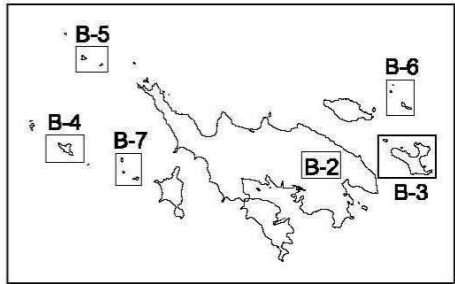
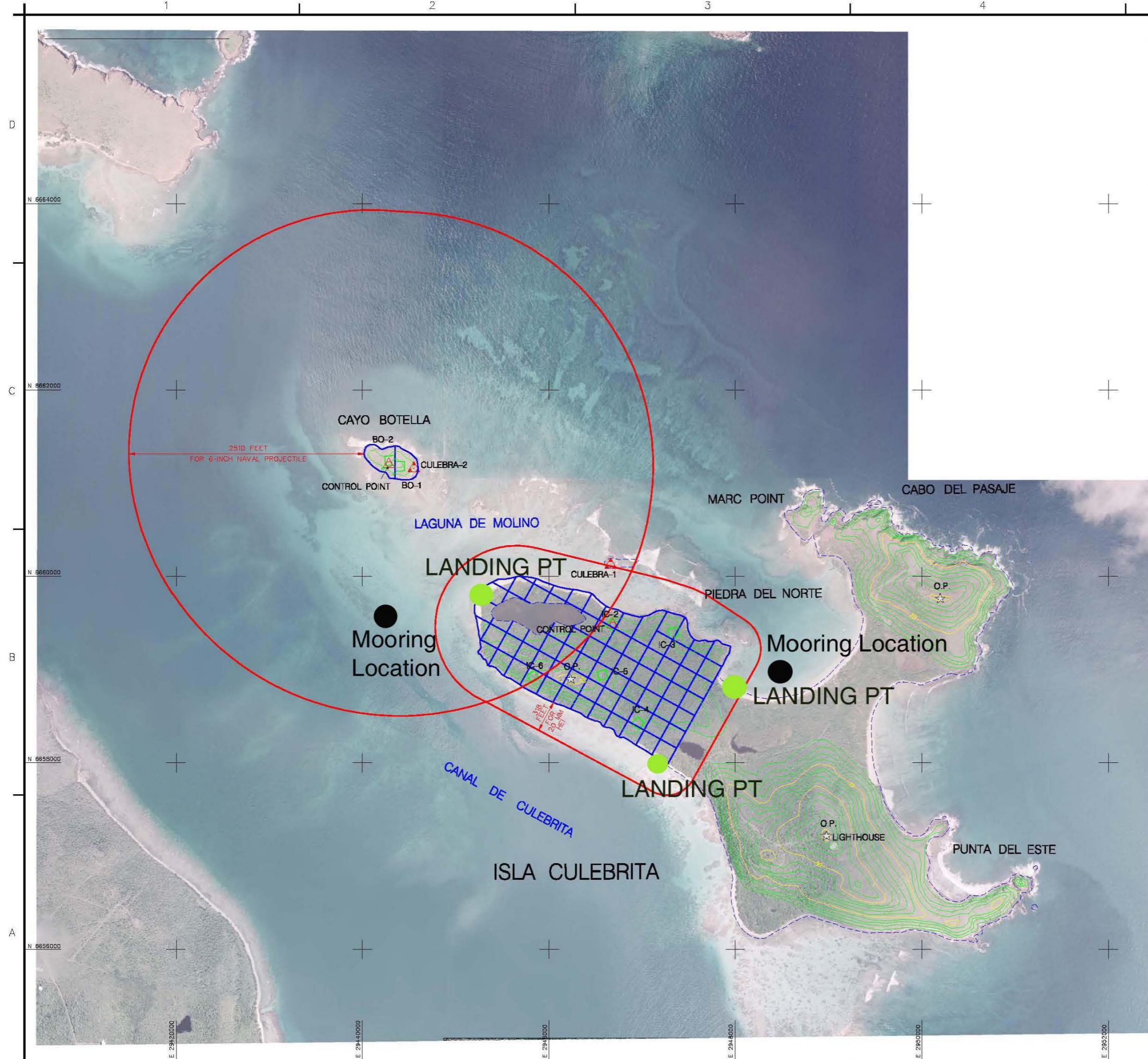
EEG will not conduct MEC removal operations in portions of the wetlands that are inundated with water at the time of the investigation. In areas not inundated, EEG will carefully hand trim vegetation to allow access to the ground. The wetlands boundaries will be marked in the field to ensure that the boundaries are clearly identified for the mechanized brush-cutting equipment.

### **Marine Protection**

EEG will use a Trident 40-foot boat with a 16-foot beam to transport personnel and equipment to the cays. The boat has a 4½-foot draft and will work well in this area.

EEG will access the cays only from the landing points shown on the map on the following page. EEG will ensure that the boat will be anchored in the mooring locations noted on the map. The bottom is sandy with only a sparse number of coral heads in the area, and care will be taken to avoid the coral heads in this area when anchoring.

EEG will use a rubber dingy or a small 14- or 21-foot skiff to land personnel and equipment on shore, which is a rocky beach presently littered with debris.



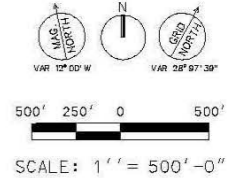
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 CULEBRITA (00U-4) AND CAYO BOTELLA (00U-5) GRID LAYOUT AND QUANTITY DISTANCE MAP

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LEGEND	
Symbol	Description
	GPS CONTROL MONUMENT
	CONTROL POINT
	OBSERVATION POINT
	ESCA SAMPLING GRID LOCATION
	MEC REMOVAL GRID AREAS
	MAXIMUM FRAGMENTATION DISTANCE (Q-D ARCS)
	ISLAND DELINEATION
	MAJOR CONTOUR
	MINOR CONTOUR
	CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 METERS

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 ZONE 19  
 DATUM: NAD 1987 (PUERTO RICO).

APPENDIX A

**Archaeological Walkover Survey**



**End of Fieldwork Report:  
Archaeological Walkover Survey Associated with Unexploded  
Ordnance Removal on Isla Culebrita and Cayo Lobo,  
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In April 2006, Southeastern Archaeological Research (SEARCH) of Jonesville, Florida was engaged by Ellis Environmental Group, LC, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Huntsville, to conduct a cultural resource survey of the Cerro Balcón region of Culebra and several of the surrounding cays as part of the Culebra Non-Time-Critical Removal of unexploded ordnance (UXO) from the ground surface. The first phase at Cerro Balcón has been described in a separate executive summary and final report. This second phase of work consisted of a survey of two of these cays: Cayo Lobo and the northwest peninsula of Isla Culebrita (Figure 1). As noted in the Cerro Balcón report, there is no mention of previously recorded archaeological sites on the small cays surrounding Culebra, with the exception of two sites on the east side of Isla Culebrita; one of which is the National Register of Historic Places listed property the Culebrita Lighthouse (“Faro Isla de Culebritas”), built in 1874. The Isla Culebrita sites are outside the present survey project area.



Figure 1. Location of Surveyed Cays—Cayo Lobo and Isla Culebrita

This End of Fieldwork report describes walkover surveys of Cayo Lobo and the northwestern peninsula of Isla Culebrita conducted in July 2006. Dr. William F. Keegan, Curator of Caribbean Archaeology, Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida, Gainesville, was sub-contracted as the Principal Investigator. Dr. Keegan conducted his investigation of Cayo Lobo on July 25 and Isla Culebrita on July 26, 2006. Unfortunately, due to severe weather conditions during the time of the survey, it was impossible to return safely to either island for follow-up investigations.

Dr. Keegan's investigations were limited to a walkover survey. No subsurface testing was permitted due to the potential for buried UXO in the project area. An Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) specialist, equipped with a magnetometer, preceded Dr. Keegan at all times during the surface survey. Because the current UXO removal project is limited to surface disposal with no planned subsurface impacts and the islands are protected by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, a surface survey was deemed a sufficient methodology for identifying resources within the project area. The project will have no significant subsurface impacts.

The following is a brief description of the survey completed on Isla Culebrita and Cayo Lobo. A complete report is pending, which will thoroughly present previous research, environmental conditions, archaeological site potential and findings. No sites were located during this investigation.

### ***Cayo Lobo***

Cayo Lobo is a small cay to the west of Culebra. It is composed of three high promontories connected by a low saddle (Figure 2). There are military observation bunkers on two of the promontories and a helicopter landing pad on the third. It appears that most of the bombing was restricted to the lower central part of the cay. Today, most of the cay is covered in dense grass, with woodland vegetation on the promontories and along the cliff edges. Surface visibility is only fair in most places, but toward the center of the cay there are former craters and erosion gulleys that offer complete surface exposures.

Keegan's survey covered the entire circumference of the cay, with special attention to cliff edges and other exposures. In addition, most of the low interior was walked in a series of transects that focused on the substantial exposures. The walkover survey achieved extensive coverage of the cay. The cay would certainly have provided access to a variety of resources including marine mollusks and a variety of lithics (milky quartz, diorite, and greenstone) that were used by the Taínos. However, the entire island is a high ridge with steep sides. This rocky outcrop has no beaches to easily land a canoe and no protection from the elements. Cayo Lobo has a low potential for prehistoric archaeological sites. The survey found no evidence of historic or prehistoric activities, other than 20<sup>th</sup> century military use.

### ***Isla Culebrita***

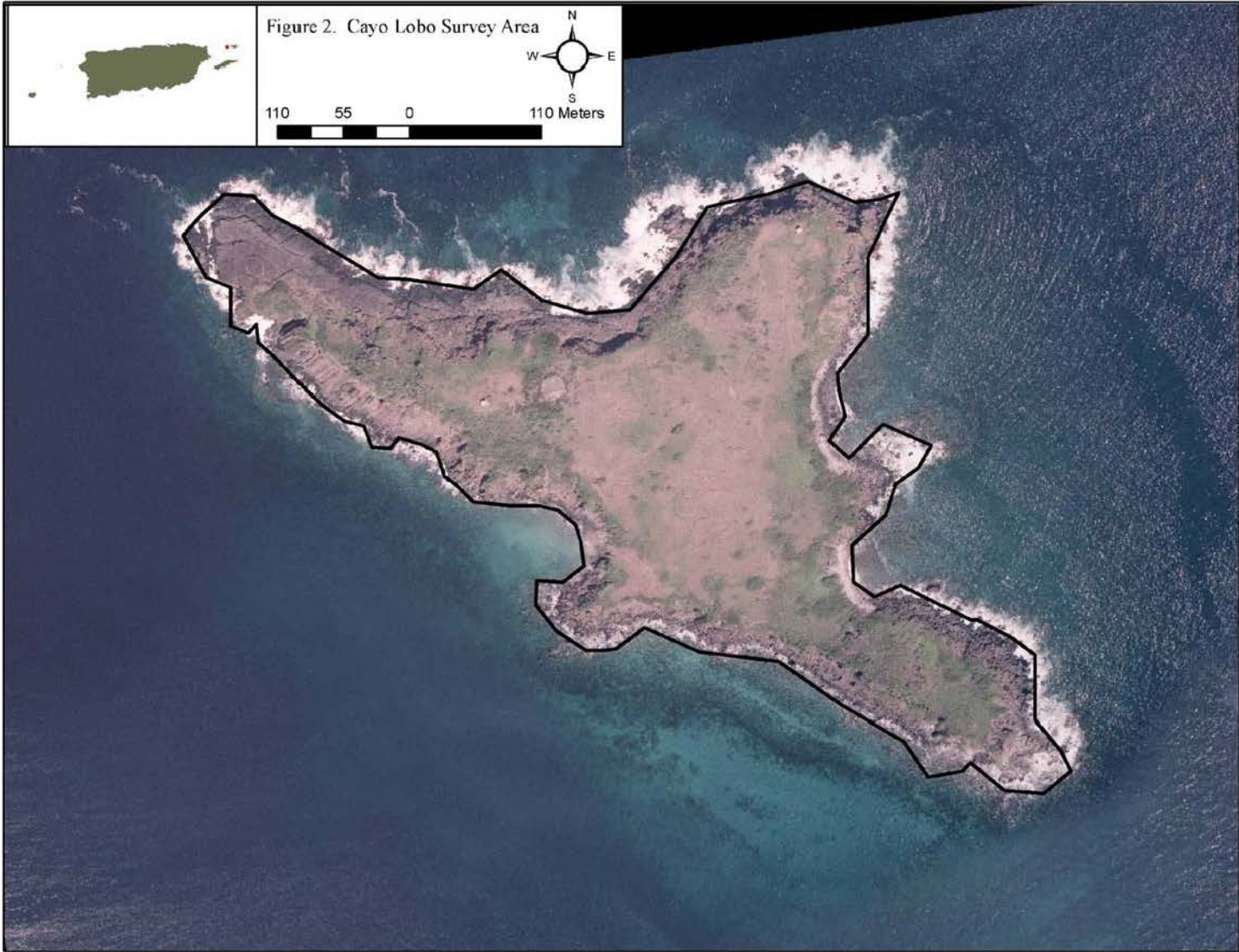
Isla Culebrita, located east of Culebra, has a similar layout to Cayo Lobo but on a much larger scale. There are again three promontories connected by a lowland. Only the northwestern peninsula of Culebrita is within the project area (Figure 3). The vegetation is extremely dense

and covered with thorns. Surface visibility on top of the peninsula is limited due to abundant leaf litter. There is a sand beach at the western tip of the peninsula that extends in front of a large pond (*Laguna del Molino*). This pond is not open to the ocean today, however it may have been a tidal creek at the time the Taínos were living in the region. The pond is described by the 1977 Soil Survey of Humacao Area of Eastern Puerto Rico (1977) as a tidal flat and shown in the aerial to have had access to the ocean on both ends of the pond. The fieldwork and photography for the 1977 soil survey was completed between 1962 and 1968. The sand beach at the tip of this peninsula appears to be a building rather than eroding shoreline and is possibly of modern origin (since A.D. 1500). The soils north of the pond are Catano loamy sand, which are nearly level, rapidly permeable sediments. Most of the remainder of Culebrita consists of Descalabrado clay loam (20-40% slopes, eroded) (USDA 1977). This soil type is well drained and moderately permeable, and occurs in areas of low rainfall. These soils are usually shallow and overlie volcanic bedrock.

The walkover survey progressed along the northwest beach and covered the entire perimeter of the project area. In addition, the margins of the pond were surveyed, and a transect was walked along a diagonal from the southern beach to the northern cliffs. With the possible exception of the pond, there is a low probability that prehistoric sites of significance ever existed here due to poor soils, a lack of freshwater resources, and little protection from the elements. The terrestrial environment offers no resources of value and is a difficult terrain to traverse as it consists of steep, heavily vegetated slopes. No evidence for historic or prehistoric activities was found.

### ***Conclusions***

Neither Cayo Lobo nor Isla Culebrita offered any signs of historic or prehistoric activities. No historic structures are located within the project areas. It is our opinion that the archaeological survey work described above and the submittal of a Final Technical report will adequately complete the cultural resource assessment of Isla Culebrita and Cayo Lobo. The walkover survey found no cultural resources and no evidence of past resource exploitation. Therefore, the project areas are not subject to any further investigations or protective or mitigative measures.





APPENDIX B

Flora and Fauna Survey for Culebrita Island

FLORA AND FAUNA SURVEY  
FOR  
CULEBRITA ISLAND  
DERP-FUDS CLEAN UP  
CULEBRA, Puerto Rico  
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## **Location**

The island of Culebrita is located approximately 1.5 kilometers east of Playa Larga in eastern Culebra (see appendix 1 for location map). Culebrita is located within the subtropical dry forest life zone (Ewel & Whitmore 1973).

The study area, located in the northwestern portion of the island, comprises 82 acres (approximately 1/3 of the island). Culebrita is part of the Culebra Wildlife Refuge administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

## **Soils**

According to the National Resource Conservation Service there are three soil types in the study area (see Appendix 1 for map):

**Cf - Cataño Loamy sand** (Deep soils that are excessively drained and rapidly permeable. Parent material: Beach sand deposits).

**Td - Tidal flats** (Low areas that are affected by seawater during high tide).

**DeE2 - Descalabrado clay loam** (Well-drained moderately permeable soils found on mountain side slopes and ridge tops in the semiarid volcanic uplands).

## **Methodology**

Field work was conducted on July 26, and August 10-11, 2006. All surveys were conducted during the day from approximately 8 A.M. to 3 PM by Roberto Bello, Alejandro Cubiñá, and Carlos Laboy from Reforesta, Inc. A UXO specialist was always



present with the biological team, and Dr. William F. Keegan, an archaeologist, accompanied us on the first field work day.

Penetrating the thick spiny scrub forest was the biggest challenge in conducting the field work. To maximize our effort, we selected representative areas by analyzing a 2005 aerial photo to establish linear study transects (see Appendix 2 for transect location), since total coverage was not possible. Emphasis was given to closed canopy forests and wetland areas. Steep cliffs were out of the scope of work of this survey. Coordinates were recorded with a handheld GPS in DEG.DDDDD, NAD 27 datum.

*Flora* – We recorded all plant species occurring within the study site. Any plants that could not be identified in the field were taken to the University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras herbarium for later identification. Plant nomenclature follows Liogier and Martorell (2000).

*Fauna* – The vertebrate fauna was determined by visual and acoustic means. Rock and fallen branches were frequently turned to detect cryptic species. Any skeletal remains were identified. Nomenclature for the herpetofauna follows Schwartz and Henderson (1991) and Raffaele *et al.* (1998) for the avifauna.

## **Results**

*Flora* – We recorded 97 plant species of plants (see Table 1). No state or federally threatened and endangered species of plants were recorded. Grey nickers (*Caesalpinia bonduc*) is listed as an “elemento crítico” by the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (PR-DNER) and is found throughout the coastal thickets in the study area. This plant is not uncommon throughout Puerto Rico and

adjacent islands. It is probably included in the “elemento crítico ” list because it resembles *Caesalpinia culebae* and *Caesalpinia melanosperma*.

To determine the degree of human disturbance in Culebrita before becoming a nature reserve, we obtained a 1965 aerial photo (earlier photos weren’t available in the PR Highway Authority). The main difference between vegetation cover in the sixties and today is the degree of fragmentation of the dry forests in the study area. Forty years ago scrub forest wasn’t as extensive as it is today. Earlier photography is needed to determine the degree of human impact in the island. It is very likely that the suitable trees found in the dry forest were exploited by the lighthouse caretakers and that fires must have been a common occurrence during military practices.

Four distinct plant communities occur in northwestern Culebrita (see Appendix 4 for map):

1 - Coastal forest – Flat coastal areas with closed tree canopy from 3.5 to 5 meters in height. The dominant tree species occurring in this community are: Button mangrove (*Conocarpus erectus*), Sea grape (*Coccoloba uvifera*), Water mampoo (*Pisonia subcordata*), and the Spoon tree (*Elaeodendron xylocarpum*). The poisonous Manchineel tree (*Hippomane mancinella*) occurs in these coastal thickets.

2 – Dry scrub forest – This is the most abundant habitat-type found in the study site. It occurs along the cliffs and hills of the island. The soil is rocky and very shallow. Canopy height averages 2.6 m. The dominant shrubs and trees growing in this community are: Cat’s claw (*Pithecellobium unguis-cati*), Pipe-organ cactus (*Pilosocereus royenii*), Crabwood (*Gymnanthes lucida*), and Black willow (*Capparis cynophallophora*). The thorny bushy-vine *Oplonia spinosa* is also abundant.

3 – Semi-open grasslands – Grassy patches dominated by Hurricane grass (*Bothriochloa pertusa*), and Guinea grass (*Urochloa maxima*). Scattered Cashia (*Acacia farnesiana*) trees and (*Capparis flexuosa*) bushes are common.

4 – Tidal flats – Seasonally flooded shallow lagoons. May be partially or completely surrounded by mangrove forests dominated by White (*Laguncularia racemosa*) and Black (*Avicennia germinans*) mangroves.

A species described as a hybrid between *Coccoloba uvifera* and *Coccoloba krugii* which was abundant in Cayo Lobo, was only found in the northeastern tip of the study area. The small patch measures 3 x 5 m and is growing on a rocky coastal outcrop a few meters from the water (18.33965° N, 65.37668°W, 108 ft). Another plant of interest, the endemic herb *Justicia culebritae*, was not recorded in the study area. According to the information provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife this plant is found in the hills surrounding the lighthouse (T. Tallevast, pers. comm.).

*Fauna* – We recorded 32 birds, 4 reptiles, and 2 mammals in the study area. A few Brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) individuals, a federally endangered species, were observed resting on rocks along the coast of Culebrita. Two dead pelicans were found along the coasts during the field effort. Green turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) were observed foraging in *Thalassia* beds found in northern Culebrita. A few individuals of the White Cheeked Pintail (*Anas bahamensis*) were sighted on the tidal flats in the northwestern tip of Culebrita. This species is considered threatened by the PR-DNER.

No amphibians were recorded during our diurnal survey, but we would expect to find *Eleutherodactylus antillensis*, *Eleutherodactylus cochranae* and *Eleutherodactylus*

*coqui*, three common Coquí species, if we had continued the surveys through the night. The white-lipped frog (*Leptodactylus albilabris*) and the toad (*Bufo marinus*) should also be present. In addition, other probable reptiles found in Culebrita are: *Typhlops richardi*, *Alsophis portoricensis*, *Arrhyton exiguum*, and the Puerto Rican slider (*Trachemys stejnegeri*).

The Virgin Islands tree boa (*Epicrates monensis granti*) has been observed in nearby Culebra. During our site visit we did not find any boas or shed skins. The coastal thickets and scrub forest are ideal habitat for this species. Nocturnal surveys would be necessary to determine if the species is present in this small island. Finally, we observed abundant evidence of deer presence in Culebrita. A study on the impact of this exotic species on the native vegetation would be appropriate.

## **Recommendations**

We recommend the following:

1. As in Cayo Lobo, avoid removing the small Hybrid seagrape patch.
2. If work extends into the winter months, the cleaning crews should inform the appropriate agencies of any bird nesting activity, especially in the tidal flat areas.
3. Inform the appropriate agencies if any snakes are observed.
4. Avoid disturbing the brown pelicans, green turtles and underwater habitat, especially sea grasses, when coming ashore.
5. Inform clearing crews about the poisonous Manchineel tree.
6. Preserve the coastal thickets and mangrove forests.

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**Table 1. Flora**

<u>Scientific name</u>	<u>Common name (E)</u>	<u>Common name (Sp.)</u>	<u>Family</u>
<b>Herbaceous Plants</b>			
<i>Argusia gnaphalodes</i> (L.) Heine	Sea lavender	Temporana	
<i>Batis maritima</i> L.			
<i>Bothriochloa pertusa</i> (L.) A. Camus	Hurricane grass	Hierba amarga	POACEAE
<i>Cakile lanceolata</i> (Willd.) O. E. Schulz	Sea-rocket	Mostacilla del mar	BRASSICACEAE
<i>Chamaecrista</i> sp.		Barilla	LEGCAESALPINIOIDEAE
<i>Chamaesyce messembrianthemifolia</i> (Jacq.) Dugand			BORAGINACEAE
<i>Commelina</i> sp.			EUPHORBIACEAE
<i>Crotolaria lotifolia</i> L.		Cascabelillo axilar	COMMELINACEAE
<i>Cyperus planifolius</i> Rich.			CYPERACEAE
<i>Desmanthus virgatus</i> (L.) Willd.		Desmantho	BATAACEAE
<i>Hymenocallis caribae</i> (L.) Herb.	White lily, spider lily	Lirio blanco	LEG.-PAPILIONOIDEAE
<i>Mammillaria nivosa</i> Link in Pfeiff.	Snow cactus	Erizo blanco	AMARYLLICACEAE
<i>Melocactus intortus</i> (Miller) Urban	Turk's cap	Melón de costa	CACTACEAE
<i>Opuntia repens</i> Bello	Suckers	Gatos	CACTACEAE
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i> L.	Purslane	Verdolaga	PORTULACACEAE
<i>Psychilis macconnielliae</i> Sauleda			LEG.-MIMOSOIDEAE
<i>Rivina humilis</i> L.	Cat's blood	Carmín	ORCHIDACEAE
<i>Ruellia tuberosa</i> L.	Many-roots		PHYTOLACCACEAE
<i>Sesuvium portulacastrum</i> (L.) L.	Sea purslane	Verdolaga rosada	ACANTHACEAE
<i>Setaria rariflora</i> Mikan			AIZOACEAE
<i>Sida ciliaris</i> L.		Escoba peluda	POACEAE
<i>Spartina patens</i> (Ait.) Muhl.	Salt grass	Hierba de sal	MALVACEAE
<i>Sporobolus virginicus</i> (L.) Kunth	Seashore dropseed	Matojo de burro	POACEAE
<i>Tephrosia cinerea</i> (L.) Pers.		Añil cenizo	
<i>Tillandsia utriculata</i> L.	Florida giant air plant		
<i>Tolumnia prionochila</i> (Kranzlin) Braem	Dancing lady		
<i>Urochloa maxima</i> (Jacq.) R. D. Webster	Guinea grass	Hierba de guinea	POACEAE
			POACEAE
			LEG.-PAPILIONOIDEAE

**Table 1. Flora (continued)**

<u>Scientific name</u>	<u>Common name (E)</u>	<u>Common name (Sp.)</u>	<u>Family</u>
<b>Herbaceous Plants (continued)</b>			
<i>Waltheria indica</i> L.		Malvavisco	STERCULIACEAE
<i>Wedelia fruticosa</i> Jacq.	Margarita de las rocas		
<b>Shrubs and Trees</b>			
<i>Acacia farnesiana</i> (L.) Willd.		Aroma	
<i>Amyris elemifera</i> L.			
<i>Avicennia germinans</i> (L.) L.	Black mangrove	Mangle negro	
<i>Bouyeria succulenta</i> Jacq.	Pigeon berry	Palo de vaca	
<i>Bucida buceras</i> L.	Oxhorn bucida	Tea	
<i>Bursera simaruba</i> (L.) Sarg.	Gumbo limbo	Amacigueta	COMPOSITAE
<i>Capparis cynophallophora</i> L.	Black willow	Burro pinto	AVICENNIACEAE
<i>Capparis hastata</i> Jacq.	Broad-leaved caper	Burro	LEGUMINOSAE
<i>Capparis flexuosa</i> (L.) L.	Dog caper	Palinguán	BORAGINACEAE
<i>Citharexylum fruticosum</i> L.	Florida fiddlewood	Péndula	CAPPARACEAE
<i>Coccoloba krugii</i> x <i>C. uvifera</i> Howard	Hybrid Seagrape	Uva de playa híbrida	COMBRETACEAE
<i>Coccoloba krugii</i> Lindau	Seagrape	Uva de playa	POLYGONACEAE
<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i> (L.) L.	Torchwood		VERBENACEAE
<i>Coccothrinax alta</i> (OF. Cook) Becc.	Teyer palm		CAPPARACEAE
<i>Cocos nucifera</i> L.	Palma de coco	Coconut palm	
<i>Conocarpus erectus</i> L.	Button mangrove	Mangle botón	
<i>Cordia rickseckeri</i> Millsp.		San Bartolomé	
<i>Crossopetalum rhacoma</i> Crantz	Poison cherry		PALMAE
<i>Croton astroites</i> Dryand in Ait.		Maná	COMBRETACEAE
<i>Croton flavens</i> L. var. <i>rigidus</i> Muell. Arg.	Yellow balsam	Adormidera	EUPHORBIACEAE
<i>Ficus citrifolia</i> P. Mill.	White fig		BORAGINACEAE
<i>Elaeodendron xylocarpum</i> (Vent.) DC.	Spoon tree		EUPHORBIACEAE
<i>Erithalis fruticosa</i> L.	Black torch		
		Jagüey	
	Manjack	Guayabote	PALMAE
		Jayajabico	CELASTRACEAE
			RUBIACEAE
			MORACEAE
			CELASTRACEAE





**Table 1. Flora (continued)**

<u>Scientific name</u>	<u>Common name (E)</u>	<u>Common name (Sp.)</u>	<u>Family</u>
<b>Shrubs and Trees (continued)</b>			
<i>Rauvolfia viridis</i> Willd. ex Roem. & Schultes	Bitter bush		APOCYNACEAE
<i>Rhizophora mangle</i> L.	Red mangrove	Mangle colorado	RHIZOPHORACEAE
<i>Schaefferia frutescens</i> Jacquin	Florida boxwood	Jibá	
<i>Suriana maritima</i> L.	Bay cedar		
<i>Tabebuia heterophylla</i> (DC.) Britt.	White cedar	Roble blanco	BIGNONIACEAE
		Guitarán	SIMAROUBACEAE
<b>Vines</b>			
<i>Caesalpinia bonduc</i> (L.) Roxb.	Gray nickers	Mato de playitas	LEG.-CAESALPINIOIDEAE
<i>Canavalia rosea</i> (Sw.) DC.	Bay bean	Haba de playa	LEG.-CAESALPINIOIDEAE
<i>Centrosema virginianum</i> (L.) Bentham	Wist vine	Flor de conchitas	LEG.-PAPILIONOIDEAE
<i>Dalbergia monetaria</i> L. f.	Money bush	Palo de brasilete	LEG.-PAPILIONOIDEAE
<i>Galactia dubia</i> DC.	Iron weed		LEG.-PAPILIONOIDEAE
<i>Jacquemontia pentanthos</i> (Jacq.) G. Don	Wild daisy	Aguinaldo azul	CONVOLVULACEAE
<i>Hylocereus trigonus</i> (Haw.) Safford	Strawberry pear	Pitahaya	
<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i> (L.) R. Br.	Bay hops	Bejuco de playa	CONVOLVULACEAE
<i>Ipomoea steudelii</i> Millsp.			
<i>Macfadyenia unguis-cati</i> (L.) A. H. Gentry	Cat claw	Uña de gato	CACTACEAE
<i>Metastelma decipiens</i> Schltr.			BIGNONIACEAE
<i>Oplonia spinosa</i> (Jacq.) Raf.	Prickly bush	Espinosa	ASCLEPIADACEAE
<i>Passiflora suberosa</i> L.	Passion flower	Flor de pasión	ACHANTHACEAE
<i>Serjania polyphylla</i> (L.) Radlkofer	Black withe	Bejuco de canastas	SAPINDACEAE
<i>Tournefortia volubilis</i> L.		Nigua enredadera	BORAGINACEAE
			LEG.-PAPILIONOIDEAE
			PASIFLORACEAE

**Table 2. Fauna**

<u>Scientific name</u>	<u>Common name (Eng.)</u>	<u>Common name (Sp.)</u>	<u>Family</u>
<b>Birds</b>			
<i>Anas bahamensis</i>	White-cheeked Pintail	Pato quijada colorada	ANATIDAE
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Red-tailed Hawk		
<i>Butorides virescens</i>	Green Heron		
<i>Calidris himantopus</i>	Stilt Sandpiper	Playero patilargo	
<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	Least Sandpiper	Guaraguao Playerito menudo	SCOLOPACIDAE
<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Playerito gracioso	SCOLOPACIDAE
<i>Charidrius wilsonia</i>	Wilson's Plover	Playero maritimo	ACCIPITIDAE
<i>Coccyzus minor</i>	Mangrove Cuckoo	Pajaro bobo menor	ARTDEIDAE
<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	Bananaquit	Martinete	CUCULIDAE
<i>Columba squamosa</i>	Scaly-naped Pigeon	Paloma turca	SCOLOPACIDAE
<i>Columbina passerina</i>	Common ground-Dove	Rolita	
<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	Smooth-billed Ani		
<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	Yellow Warbler	Canario de mangle	EMBERIZIDAE
<i>Elaenia griseus</i>	Caribbean Elaenia	Juí blanco	
<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common Gallinule	Reñita Judío Gallareta común	COLUMBIDAE
<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	Oystercatcher		RALLIDAE
<i>Larus atricilla</i>	Laughing Gull	Gaviota gallega	HAEMATOPODIDAE
<i>Margarops fuscatus</i>	Pearly-eyed Thrasher	Zorzal pardo	EMBERIZIDAE
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel	Falcón común	COLUMBIDAE
<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	Magnificent Frigatebird	Tijereta	TYRANNIDAE
<i>Orthorhyncus cristatus</i>	Antillean crested Hummingbird	Ostero	CUCULIDAE
<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i> *	Brown Pelican	Pelícano pardo	LARIDAE
<i>Rallus longirostris</i>	Clapper Rail	Pollo de mangle	TROCHILIDAE
<i>Saurtothera vielloti</i>	Puerto Rican Lizard-Cuckoo	Pajaro bobo mayor	MIMIDAE
<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Common tern	Gaviota común	RALLIDAE
<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Brown Boobie	Boba prieta	FALCONIDAE
<i>Tiaris bicolor</i>	Black-faced Grassquit	Gorrión negro	CUCULIDAE

SULIDAE  
EMBERIZIDAE

**Table 2. Fauna (continued)**

<u>Scientific name</u>	<u>Common name (Eng.)</u>	<u>Common name (Sp.)</u>	<u>Family</u>
<i>Tringa flaviceps</i>	Lesser Yellowlegs		
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	Solitary Sandpiper	Playero solitario	SCOLOPACIDAE
<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>	Gray Kingbird		
<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	White-winged Dove	Chorlo Tortola aliblanca	
<i>Zenaida aurita</i>	Zenaida Dove	Tortola cardosanterera	
			COLUMBIDAE
<b>Mammals</b>			COLUMBIDAE
<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	White-tailed deer	Pitirre	
<i>Rattus rattus</i>	Black rat		SCOLOPACIDAE
		Venado	TYRANNIDAE
<b>Reptiles</b>			
<i>Ameiva exsul</i>	Common P.R. Ameiva	Siguana común	TEIIDAE
<i>Anolis cristatellus</i>	Common Anole	Lagartijo común	CERVIDAE
<i>Anolis pulchellus</i>	Common Grass Anole	Lagartijo jardinero	IGUANIDAE
<i>Anolis stratulus</i>	Tree Anole	Lagartijo manchado	IGUANIDAE
<i>Chelonia mydas</i> +	Green turtle		IGUANIDAE
<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>	House Gecko	Salamanquesa	MURIDAE
<i>Sphaerodactylus macrolepis</i>	Ground Gecko	Salamanquita común	IGUANIDAE
<i>Sphaerodactylus nicholsi</i>	Dwarf Ground Gecko	Salamanquita pigmea	GEKKONIDAE
			GEKKONIDAE
+Threatened species		Pejeblanco	CHELONIIDAE
*Endangered species			GEKKONIDAE

Appendix 1 – Location and Soil Maps.

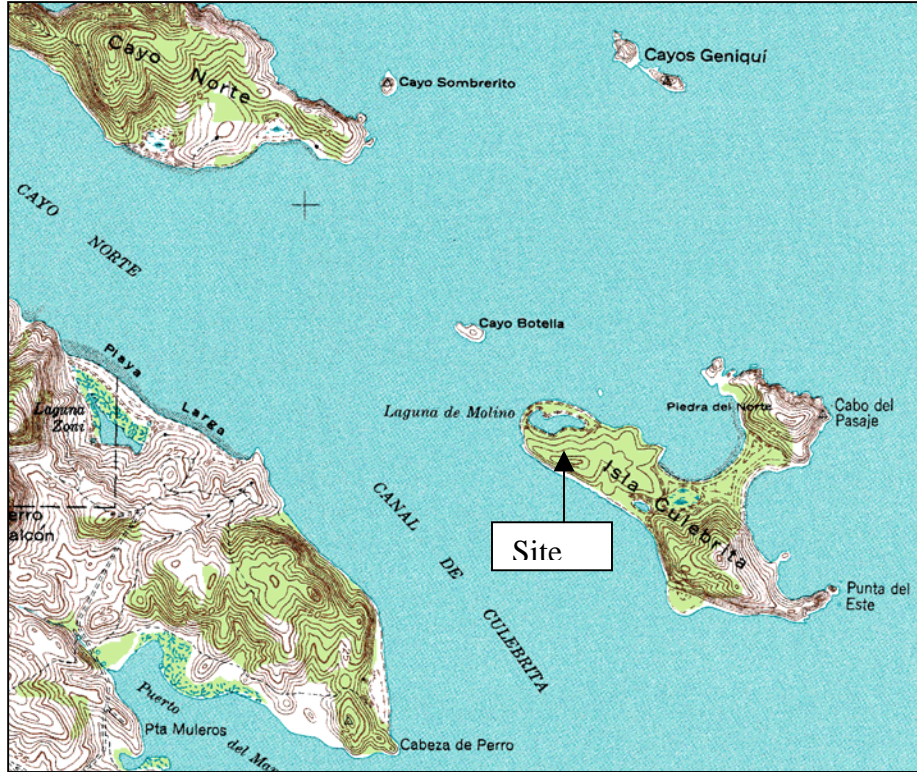


Figure 1. Location of Culebrita Island.

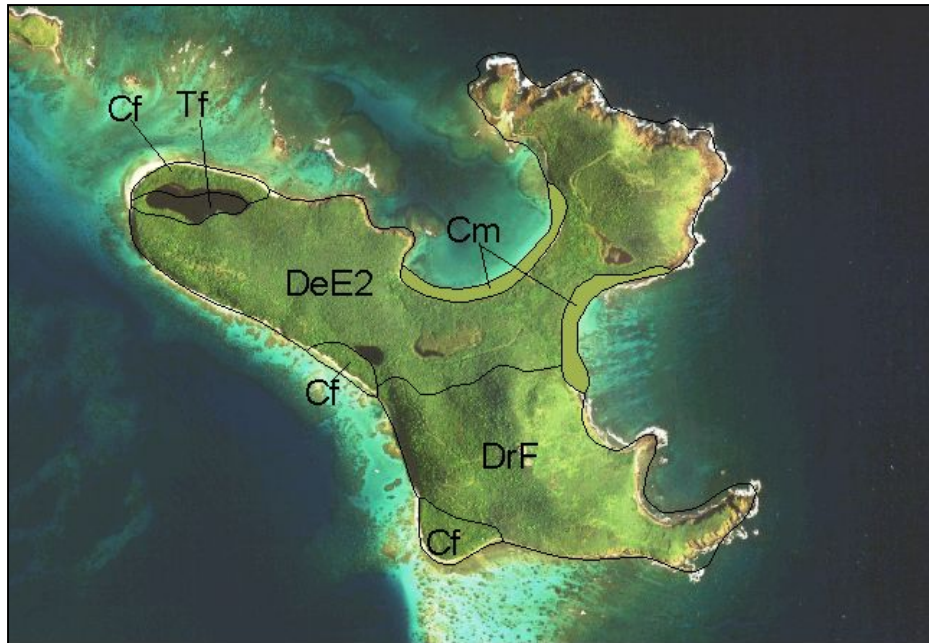


Figure 2. Soil map.

Appendix 2 – Surveyed areas (2005 aerial photo).

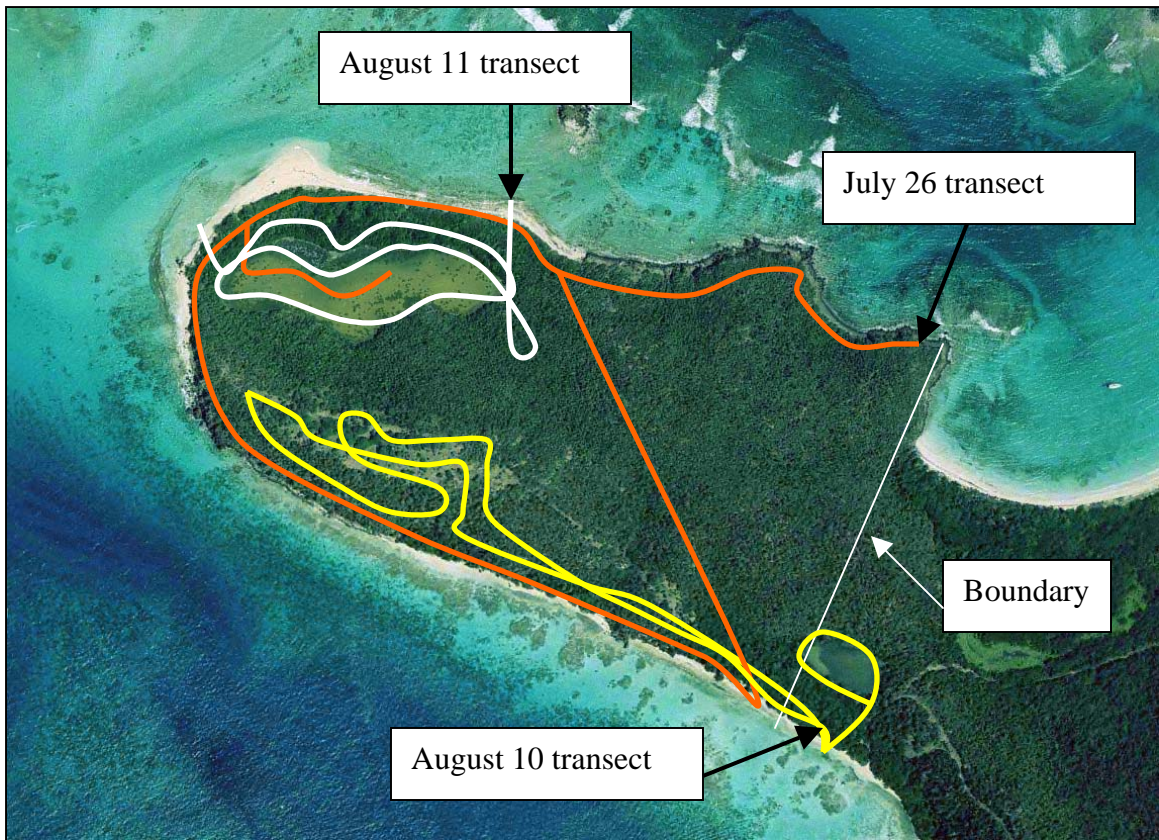


Figure 3. Colored transects depicting sampled areas.

**Appendix 3 – 1965 Aerial photo.**



Figure 4. Vegetation cover in 1965.

**Appendix 4 – Plant communities and field photographs.**

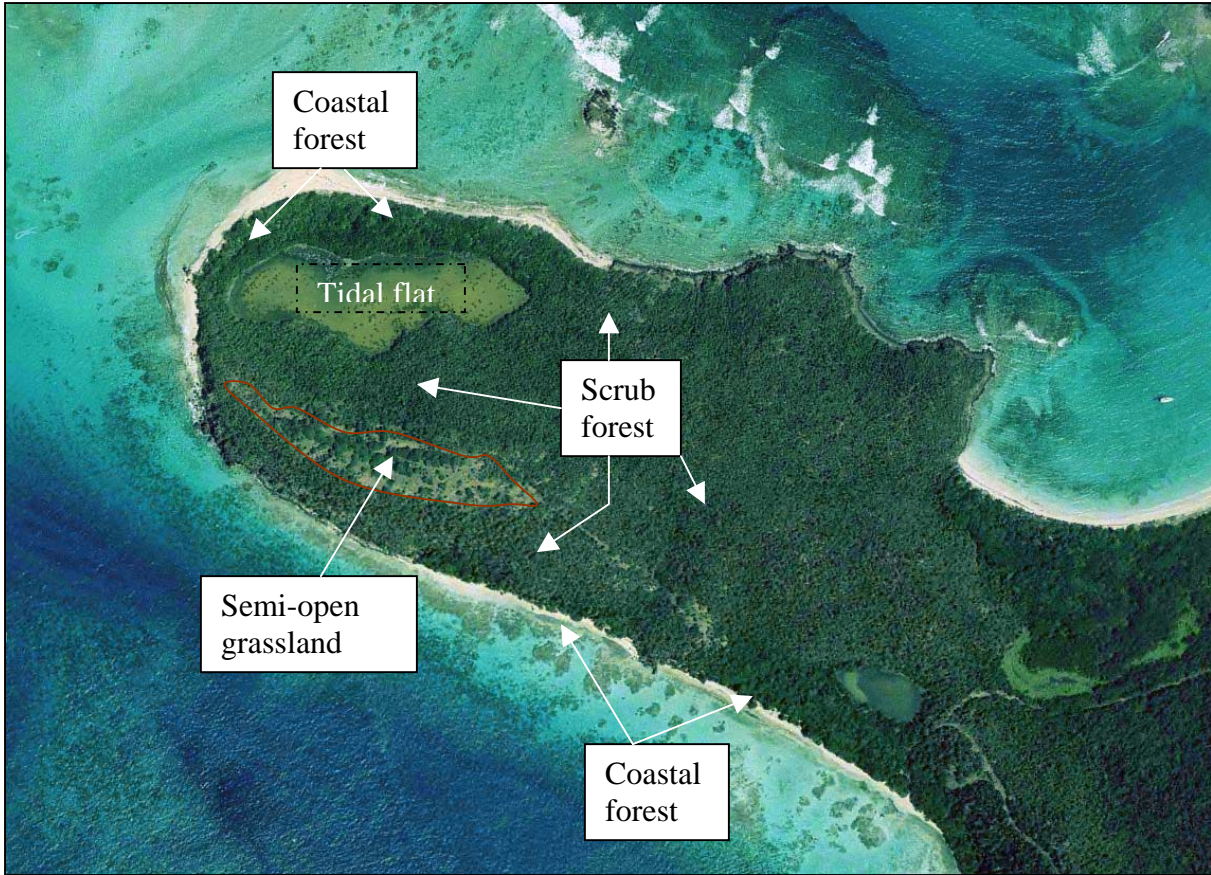


Figure 5. Approximate location of plant communities in study site.



Figure 6. Tidal flat in northwestern tip of Culebrita.



Appendix 4 – (Continued).



Figure 7. Pipe-organ cactus and surrounding scrub forest vegetation.



Figure 8. Flowering Gray nickers (*Caesalpinia bonduc*).

## APPENDIX C

# Jurisdictional Determination for Culebrita Island

JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION  
FOR  
CULEBRITA ISLAND  
DERP-FUDS CLEAN UP  
CULEBRA, Puerto Rico  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

Ellis Environmental Group, LC (EEG) is conducting a clean-up and removal action of munitions of environmental concern (MEC) under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program-Formerly Utilized Defense Sites (DERP-FUNDS) Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) in the island of Culebrita. Wetlands, primarily lagoons, salt flats, and associated transitional zones are considered part of essential fish habitat and provide foraging areas for migratory and resident bird species. To aid in protecting these resources, jurisdictional wetlands have been delineated.

## **LOCATION**

The island of Culebrita is located approximately 1.5 kilometers east of Playa Larga in eastern Culebra (see appendix 1 for location map). Culebrita is located within the subtropical dry forest life zone (Ewel & Whitmore 1973).

The study area, located in the northwestern portion of the island, comprises 82 acres (approximately 1/3 of the island). The proposed areas of clean-up and removal activities are part of the Culebra Wildlife Refuge administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

## **METHODS**

The determination of jurisdiction was conducted following the routine on site method as described in the Wetland Determination Manual, 1987. It involved an evaluation of the Soil Survey, Wetland Inventory Maps and aerial photos. An intensive field inspection for the presence of wetland plants, hydric soils and wetland hydrology was conducted. Once

a wetland was identified, sampling transects were established perpendicular to the wetland baseline. Each transect consisted of three sampling points (within the wetland, bordering the wetland, and approximately 3-4 m from the wetland border. Field work was conducted on July 26, and August 10-11, 2006. A UXO specialist was always present with the delineation team, and Dr. William F. Keegan, an archaeologist, accompanied us on the first day. Coordinates were recorded with a handheld Magellan Platinum GPS in DEG.DDDDD, NAD 27 datum.

## **SOILS**

According to the National Resource Conservation Service there are three soil types in the study area (see Appendix 1 for soil map):

**Cf - Cataño Loamy sand** (Deep soils that are excessively drained and rapidly permeable. Parent material: Beach sand deposits).

**Td - Tidal flats** (Low areas that are affected by seawater during high tide). A hydric soil.

**DeE2 - Descalabrado clay loam** (Well-drained moderately permeable soils found on mountain side slopes and ridge tops in the semiarid volcanic uplands).

## **RESULTS**

### **Hydrology**

The two wetland areas identified in the study are enclosed by land. The two shallow lagoons or tidal flats flood during rain events and may receive sea water from storm surges. During our first visit to Laguna de Molino (western tidal flat) on July 26, 2006

about 95 % of the sandy bottom of the lagoon was exposed. Two weeks after, the area was completely flooded following several rainy days.

### **Vegetation**

The field investigation of the site revealed that both lagoons are bordered on the seaward side by a small mangrove fringe. The mangrove fringe on the eastern lagoon is dominated by Bottom mangrove (*Conocarpus erectus*), while Black (*Avicennia germinans*) and White (*Laguncularia racemosa*) mangroves are more abundant in Laguna de Molino. Both mangrove areas are narrow and are less than 10 m wide. Further seaward, both wetlands are bounded by coastal forests. The upland species that dominate this community are the Spoon tree (*Elaeodendron xylocarpum*) and Water mampoo (*Pisonia subcordata*).

The hydric vegetation on the landward side is limited to the shrubby *Batis maritima*. The wetland limit is well defined due to an abrupt change in topography which in turn allows for the development of upland plant species. The landward side of both lagoons consists of xeric scrub forest.

### **CONCLUSION**

The USACE jurisdictional areas are limited to two shallow lagoons (see Appendix 6). Laguna de Molino occurs on the western tip of the study site and covers approximately 5.5 acres. The other lagoon occurs on the boundary of the study site. This wetland is smaller, covering only 0.9 acres. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Wetland Inventory Map has no data on Culebrita (see Appendix 2).

The Laguna de Molino boundaries were flagged and GPS coordinates were recorded for each point. Below are the recorded coordinates:

Pt. 1 - 18.32005° N, 65.23826° W	Pt.15 - 18.31959° N, 65.23629° W
Pt. 2 - 18.32021° N, 65.23804° W	Pt.16 - 18.31945° N, 65.23647° W
Pt. 3 - 18.32031° N, 65.23781° W	Pt.17 - 18.31944° N, 65.23661° W
Pt. 4 - 18.32035° N, 65.23761° W	Pt.18 - 18.31925° N, 65.23676° W
Pt. 5 - 18.32021° N, 65.23683° W	Pt.19 - 18.31926° N, 65.23676° W
Pt. 6 - 18.32017° N, 65.23645° W	Pt.20 - 18.31937° N, 65.23715° W
Pt. 7 - 18.32018° N, 65.23606° W	Pt.21 - 18.31948° N, 65.23729° W
Pt. 8 - 18.32008° N, 65.23570° W	Pt.22 - 18.31958° N, 65.23751° W
Pt. 9 - 18.31379° N, 65.23538° W	Pt.23 - 18.31963° N, 65.23772° W
Pt.10 - 18.31962° N, 65.23530° W	Pt.24 - 18.31963° N, 65.23796° W
Pt.11 - 18.31947° N, 65.23559° W	Pt.25 - 18.31966° N, 65.23808° W
Pt.12 - 18.31940° N, 65.23576° W	Pt.26 - 18.31967° N, 65.23587° W
Pt.13 - 18.31944° N, 65.23592° W	
Pt.14 - 18.31950° N, 65.23606° W	

The western end of the small lagoon was also flagged. The rest of the lagoon is outside the clean-up and removal area. Below are the recorded coordinates:

Pt. 1 - 18.31573° N, 65.23255° W
Pt. 2 - 18.31582° N, 65.23266° W
Pt. 3 - 18.31597° N, 65.23274° W
Pt. 4 - 18.31600° N, 65.23260° W
Pt. 5 - 18.31601° N, 65.23253° W
Pt. 6 - 18.31602° N, 65.23242° W
Pt. 7 - 18.31600° N, 65.23228° W

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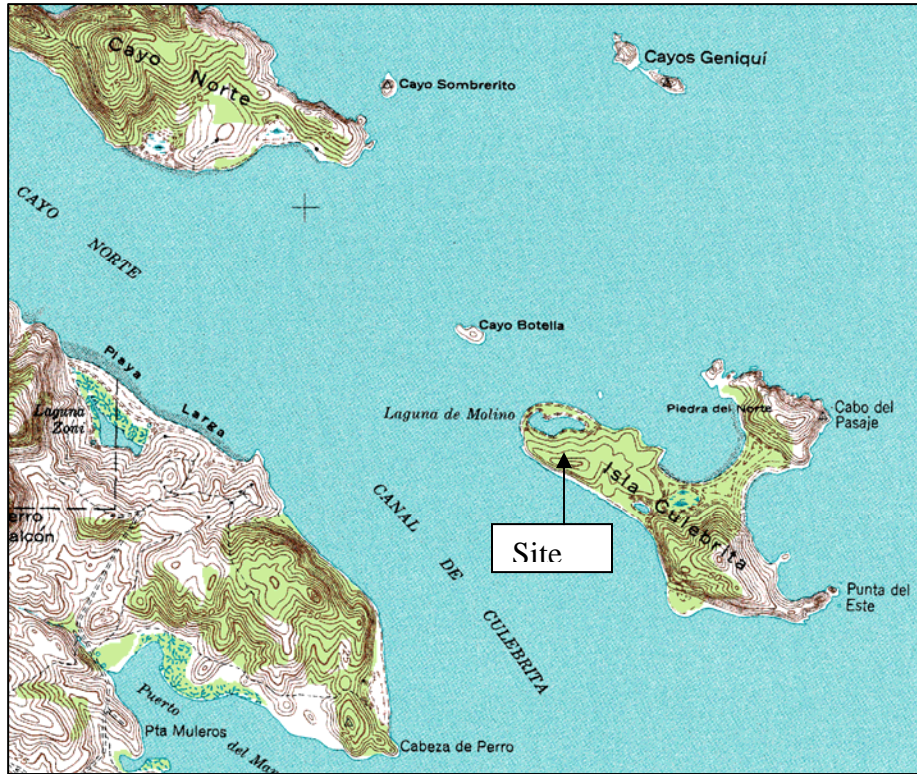


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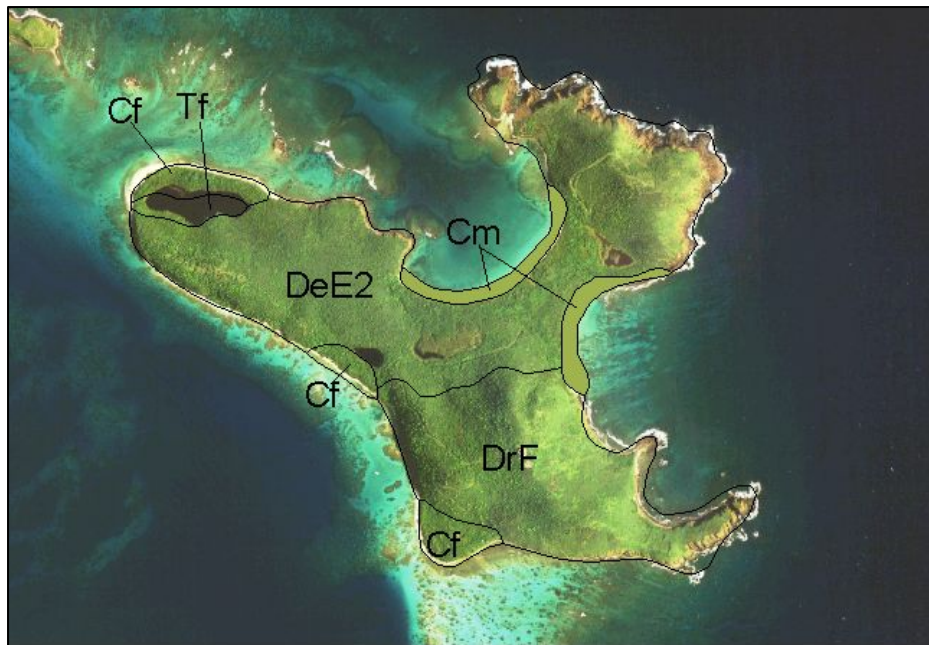


Figure 2. Soil map.

## Appendix 2 – Wetland Inventory Map.

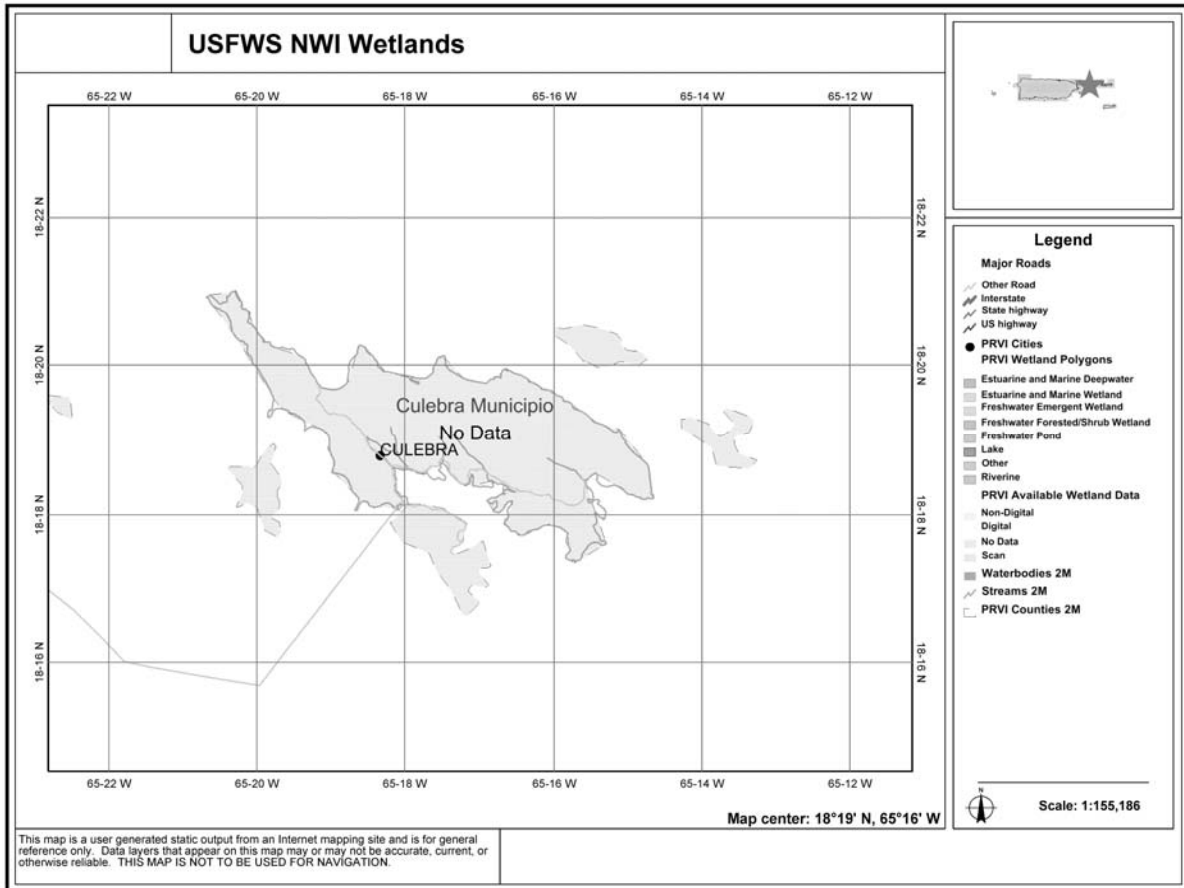


Figure 3. No data are provided for the area of Culebra.

**Appendix 3 – Field Photographs.**



Figure 4. Laguna de Molino (western tidal flat) on July 26, 2006.



Figure 5. Laguna de Molino on August 11, 2006.

**Appendix 3 – Field Photographs (continued).**



Figure 6. Northern limit of wetland at Laguna de Molino.



Figure 7. Eastern tidal flat on August 10, 2006.

**Appendix 4 – Field Data Sheets.**

**DATA FORM  
ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION  
(1987 COE Wetlands Delineation Manual)**

Project/Site: <u>Culebrita</u>	Date: <u>August 11, 2006</u>
Applicant/Owner: <u>Ellis Environmental</u>	County: <u>Culebra</u>
Investigator: <u>Alejandro Cubiñá</u>	State: <u>Puerto Rico</u>
Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Community ID: <u>Laguna de Molino (Western Tidal Flat)</u>
Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Transect ID: <u>2</u>
Is the area a potential Problem Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If needed, explain on reverse.)	Plot ID: <u>A</u>

**VEGETATION**

Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1. <u>No Vegetation</u>			9. _____		
2. _____			10. _____		
3. _____			11. _____		
4. _____			12. _____		
5. _____			13. _____		
6. _____			14. _____		
7. _____			15. _____		
8. _____			16. _____		

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC (excluding FAC-): \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: Edge of lagoon, sandy soil with no vegetation.

**HYDROLOGY**

<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks): <input type="checkbox"/> Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photographs <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available	<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <b>Primary Indicators:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Inundated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands <b>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Soil Survey Data <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<b>Field Observations:</b> Depth of Surface Water: _____ (in.) Depth to Free Water in Pit: <u>8</u> (in.) Depth to Saturated Soil: <u>0</u> (in.)	
Remarks:	

**Appendix 4 – Field Data Sheets (continued).**

**SOILS**

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase):		Tydal Flats (Td)		Drainage Class:	
Taxonomy (Subgroup):				Field Observations	
				Confirm Mapped Type?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Profile Descriptions: Depth (inches)	Horizon	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/ Size/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0-2	A	10 YR 3/1			Rusty Orange Concretion / Loamy Sand
2-16	B	10 YR 5/2			Loamy Sand

Hydric Soil Indicators:

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concretions
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon	<input type="checkbox"/> High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils
<input type="checkbox"/> Sulfidic Odor	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquic Moisture Regime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed on Local Hydric Soils List
<input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed on National Hydric Soils List
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)

Remarks:

**WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Check)	(Check)
Wetland Hydrology Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Hydric Soils Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Remarks GPS coordinates: 18.31964° N, 65.23537° W. First parameter doesn't apply, no vegetation present.

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Appendix 4 – Field Data Sheets (continued).

**DATA FORM**  
**ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION**  
 (1987 COE Wetlands Delineation Manual)

Project/Site: <u>Culebrita</u>	Date: <u>August 11, 2006</u>
Applicant/Owner: <u>Ellis Environmental</u>	County: <u>Culebra</u>
Investigator: <u>Alejandro Cubifá</u>	State: <u>Puerto Rico</u>
Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Community ID: <u>Laguna de Molino (Western Tidal Flat)</u>
Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Transect ID: <u>2</u>
Is the area a potential Problem Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Plot ID: <u>B</u>
(If needed, explain on reverse.)	

**VEGETATION**

Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1. <u>Capparis cynophallophora</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>NL</u>	9. _____	_____	_____
2. <u>Laguncularia racemosa</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>OBL</u>	10. _____	_____	_____
3. <u>Acacia farnesiana</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>NL</u>	11. _____	_____	_____
4. <u>Pithecelobium unguis-catis</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>FAC-</u>	12. _____	_____	_____
5. <u>Avicennia germinans</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>OBL</u>	13. _____	_____	_____
6. <u>Sporobolus virginicus</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>FACW</u>	14. _____	_____	_____
7. <u>Batis maritima</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>FACW</u>	15. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	16. _____	_____	_____

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC (excluding FAC-). 4 out of 7 = 57 %

Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks): <input type="checkbox"/> Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photographs <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available	<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <b>Primary Indicators:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Inundated <input type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands <b>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> Local Soil Survey Data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<b>Field Observations:</b>  Depth of Surface Water: _____ (in.)  Depth to Free Water in Pit: _____ (in.)  Depth to Saturated Soil: _____ (in.)	
Remarks:	

Appendix 4 – Field Data Sheets (continued).

**SOILS**

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase):		Cataño Loamy Sand (Cf)		Drainage Class:	
Taxonomy (Subgroup):		Typic Tropopsamments		Field Observations	
				Confirm Mapped Type?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Profile Descriptions:					
Depth (inches)	Horizon	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/ Size/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0-16	A	2.5 Y 3/2			Loamy Sand
Hydric Soil Indicators:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol		<input type="checkbox"/> Concretions			
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon		<input type="checkbox"/> High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sulfidic Odor		<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquic Moisture Regime		<input type="checkbox"/> Listed on Local Hydric Soils List			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Conditions		<input type="checkbox"/> Listed on National Hydric Soils List			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)			
Remarks:					

**WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Check)	(Check)
Wetland Hydrology Present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Hydric Soils Present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks GPS coordinates: 18.31962° N, 65.23531° W.		

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**DATA FORM**  
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 (1987 COE Wetlands Delineation Manual)

Project/Site: <u>Culebrita</u>	Date: <u>August 11, 2006</u>
Applicant/Owner: <u>Ellis Environmental</u>	County: <u>Culebra</u>
Investigator: <u>Alejandro Cubifá</u>	State: <u>Puerto Rico</u>
Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Community ID: <u>Laguna de Molino (Western Tidal Flat)</u>
Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Transect ID: <u>2</u>
Is the area a potential Problem Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Plot ID: <u>C</u>
(If needed, explain on reverse.)	

**VEGETATION**

Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1. <u>Elaeodendron xyloocarpum</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>NL</u>	9. _____	_____	_____
2. <u>Randia aculeata</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>NL</u>	10. _____	_____	_____
3. <u>Acacia farnesiana</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>NL</u>	11. _____	_____	_____
4. <u>Pithecelobium unguis-catis</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>FAC-</u>	12. _____	_____	_____
5. <u>Melochia tomentosa</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>NL</u>	13. _____	_____	_____
6. <u>Jacquemontia pentanthos</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>NL</u>	14. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	15. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	16. _____	_____	_____

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC (excluding FAC-): 0 out of 6 = 0 %

Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks): <input type="checkbox"/> Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photographs <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available	<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <b>Primary Indicators:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Inundated <input type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands <b>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> Local Soil Survey Data <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<b>Field Observations:</b>  Depth of Surface Water: _____ (in.)  Depth to Free Water in Pit: _____ (in.)  Depth to Saturated Soil: _____ (in.)	
Remarks:	

Appendix 4 – Field Data Sheets (continued).

**SOILS**

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase):		Cataño Loamy Sand (Cf)		Drainage Class:	
Taxonomy (Subgroup):		Typic Tropopsamments		Field Observations Confirm Mapped Type?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Profile Descriptions:					
Depth (inches)	Horizon	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/ Size/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0-12	A	10 YR 3/3			Loamy Sand
12-16	B	10 YR 4/6			Sandy Clay Loam
Hydric Soil Indicators:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol		<input type="checkbox"/> Concretions			
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon		<input type="checkbox"/> High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sulfidic Odor		<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquic Moisture Regime		<input type="checkbox"/> Listed on Local Hydric Soils List			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Conditions		<input type="checkbox"/> Listed on National Hydric Soils List			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)			
Remarks:					

**WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Check)	(Check)
Wetland Hydrology Present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Hydric Soils Present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks GPS coordinates: 18.31961° N, 65.23530° W.		

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**DATA FORM  
ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION  
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Project/Site: <u>Culebrita</u>	Date: <u>August 10, 2006</u>
Applicant/Owner: <u>Ellis Environmental</u>	County: <u>Culebra</u>
Investigator: <u>Alejandro Cubiñá</u>	State: <u>Puerto Rico</u>
Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Community ID: <u>Eastern Tidal Flat</u>
Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Transect ID: <u>1</u>
Is the area a potential Problem Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Plot ID: <u>A</u>
(If needed, explain on reverse.)	

**VEGETATION**

Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1. <u>Batis maritima</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>FACW</u>	9. _____	_____	_____
2. <u>Conocarpus erectus</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>FACW</u>	10. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	11. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	12. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	13. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	14. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	15. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	16. _____	_____	_____

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC (excluding FAC-). 2 out of 2 = 100 %

Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks): <input type="checkbox"/> Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photographs <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available	<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <b>Primary Indicators:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Inundated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands <b>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Soil Survey Data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<b>Field Observations:</b>  Depth of Surface Water: _____ (in.)  Depth to Free Water in Pit: <u>6</u> (in.)  Depth to Saturated Soil: <u>0</u> (in.)	
Remarks:	

Appendix 4 – Field Data Sheets (continued).

**SOILS**

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase): <u>Tydal Flats (Td)</u>		Drainage Class: _____	
Taxonomy (Subgroup): _____		Field Observations Confirm Mapped Type? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Profile Descriptions:	Matrix Color	Mottle Colors	Mottle Abundance/	Texture, Concretions,
Depth (inches)	Horizon	(Munsell Moist)	Size/Contrast	Structure, etc.
0-15	A	Gley 1 2.5/10Y		Loamy Sand

Hydric Soil Indicators:

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol	<input type="checkbox"/> Concretions
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon	<input type="checkbox"/> High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils
<input type="checkbox"/> Sulfidic Odor	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquic Moisture Regime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed on Local Hydric Soils List
<input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed on National Hydric Soils List
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)

Remarks:

**WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Check)	(Check)
Wetland Hydrology Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Hydric Soils Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Remarks GPS coordinates: 18.31567° N, 65.23244 ° W

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**DATA FORM**  
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Applicant/Owner: <u>Ellis Environmental</u>	County: <u>Culebra</u>
Investigator: <u>Alejandro Cubifia</u>	State: <u>Puerto Rico</u>
Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Community ID: <u>Eastern Tidal Flat</u>
Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Transect ID: <u>1</u>
Is the area a potential Problem Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Plot ID: <u>B</u>
(If needed, explain on reverse.)	

**VEGETATION**

Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1. <u>Tabebuia heterophylla</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>FAC</u>	9. _____	_____	_____
2. <u>Conocarpus erectus</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>FACW</u>	10. _____	_____	_____
3. <u>Elaeodendron xylocarpum</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>NL</u>	11. _____	_____	_____
4. <u>Hippomane mancinella</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>NL</u>	12. _____	_____	_____
5. <u>Randia aculeata</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>FAC</u>	13. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	14. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	15. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	16. _____	_____	_____

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC (excluding FAC-). 3 out of 5 = 60%

Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks): <input type="checkbox"/> Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photographs <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available	Wetland Hydrology Indicators: Primary Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> Inundated <input type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands Secondary Indicators (2 or more required): <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> Local Soil Survey Data <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
Field Observations:  Depth of Surface Water: _____ (in.)  Depth to Free Water in Pit: _____ (in.)  Depth to Saturated Soil: _____ (in.)	
Remarks:	

**Appendix 4 – Field Data Sheets (continued).**

**SOILS**

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase):		Cataño Loamy Sand (Cf)		Drainage Class:	
Taxonomy (Subgroup):		Typic Tropopsamments		Field Observations	
				Confirm Mapped Type?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Profile Descriptions:					
Depth (inches)	Horizon	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/ Size/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0-7	A	10 YR 3/2			Loamy Sand
Hydric Soil Indicators:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol	<input type="checkbox"/> Concretions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon	<input type="checkbox"/> High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils				
<input type="checkbox"/> Sulfidic Odor	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils				
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquic Moisture Regime	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed on Local Hydric Soils List				
<input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed on National Hydric Soils List				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)				
Remarks: Soil mixed with crushed coral. Below 7" limestone layer.					

**WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Check)	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	(Check)
Hydric Soils Present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland?
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks GPS coordinates: 18.31564° N, 65.23247°W		

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Project/Site: <u>Culebrita</u>	Date: <u>August 10, 2006</u>
Applicant/Owner: <u>Ellis Environmental</u>	County: <u>Culebra</u>
Investigator: <u>Alejandro Cubifá</u>	State: <u>Puerto Rico</u>
Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Community ID: <u>Eastern Tidal Flat</u>
Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Transect ID: <u>1</u>
Is the area a potential Problem Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Plot ID: <u>C</u>
(If needed, explain on reverse.)	

**VEGETATION**

Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1. <u>Elaeodendron xylocarpus</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>NL</u>	9. _____	_____	_____
2. <u>Conocarpus erectus</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>FACW</u>	10. _____	_____	_____
3. <u>Crossopetalum rhacoma</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>NL</u>	11. _____	_____	_____
4. <u>Bursera simaruba</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>NL</u>	12. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	13. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	14. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	15. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	16. _____	_____	_____

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC (excluding FAC-). 1 out of 4 = 25%

Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks): <input type="checkbox"/> Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photographs <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available	<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <b>Primary Indicators:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Inundated <input type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands <b>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> Local Soil Survey Data <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<b>Field Observations:</b>  Depth of Surface Water: _____ (in.)  Depth to Free Water in Pit: _____ (in.)  Depth to Saturated Soil: _____ (in.)	
Remarks:	

**Appendix 4 – Field Data Sheets (continued).**

**SOILS**

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase):		Cataño Loamy Sand (Cf)		Drainage Class:	
Taxonomy (Subgroup):		Typic Tropopsamments		Field Observations	
				Confirm Mapped Type?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Profile Descriptions:					
Depth (inches)	Horizon	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/ Size/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0-16	A	7.5YR 3/2			
Hydric Soil Indicators:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol <input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon <input type="checkbox"/> Sulfidic Odor <input type="checkbox"/> Aquic Moisture Regime <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors			<input type="checkbox"/> Concretions <input type="checkbox"/> High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils <input type="checkbox"/> Listed on Local Hydric Soils List <input type="checkbox"/> Listed on National Hydric Soils List <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)		
Remarks:					

**WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	(Check)		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Hydric Soils Present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
			Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks GPS coordinates: 18.31563° N, 65.23252°W					

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**Appendix 5 – Data Point Photos.**



Figure 8. Sampling point 2A.



Figure 9. Sampling point 2B.

**Appendix 5 – Data Point Photos (continued).**



Figure 10. Sampling point 2C.



Figure 11. Sampling point 1A.

**Appendix 5 – Data Point Photos (continued).**



Figure 11. Sampling point 1B.

**Appendix 6 – Location of Wetlands and Sampling Transects.**

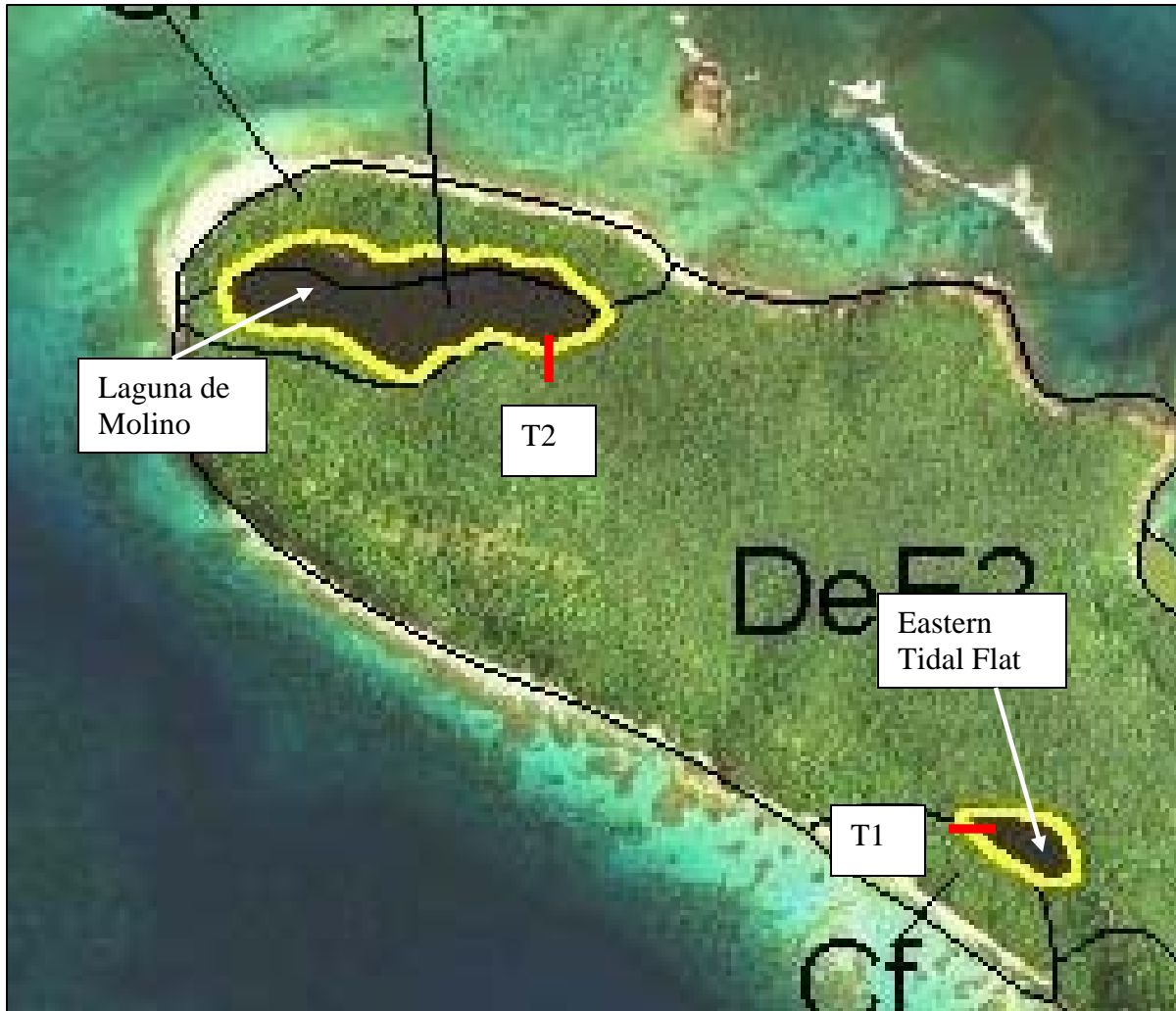


Figure 11. Location of both tidal wetlands and sampling transects. Yellow lines represent wetland boundaries.