

Caribbean Islands

National Wildlife Refuges



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Refuge Facts

- The Caribbean Islands NWRs are a complex of nine refuges in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Jamaica Passage. The nine refuges are Cabo Rojo, Culebra, Desecheo, Buck Island, Green Cay, Sandy Point, Laguna Cartagena, Navassa and Vieques. Each unit has a unique composition of plant and animal species.
- Location: from Mayaguez, drive south on Route 2 (main highway) and exit Route 100 toward Cabo Rojo. When Route 100 ends, turn left onto Route 101. Drive .8 mile, then turn right onto Route 301. Drive approximately three miles and look for Cabo Rojo NWR sign which is the complex headquarters.

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 11-person staff.
- Current budget (FY 02) \$748,900.

Management Tools

- Biological research and surveys.
- Habitat restoration and reforestation.
- Environmental education and interpretation.
- Marsh and water management.
- Law enforcement.

Public Use Opportunities

Visitor center/contact station is located at the complex headquarters on Cabo Rojo NWR, Puerto Rico.

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