

above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority: The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 13, 1996.

Susan Silander,

Acting Field Supervisor.

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Notice of Availability of a Technical/ Agency Draft Recovery Plan for *Calypttranthes Thomasiana* for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces availability for public review of a technical/agency draft recovery plan for *Calypttranthes thomasiana*. (no common name). *Calypttranthes thomasiana* is an evergreen shrub or small tree that may reach 9 meters in height. The species is currently known from three locations: The Island of Vieques in Puerto Rico, the island of St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands. The species is extremely rare and may be affected by management practices within the known areas as well as by the expansion of facilities in Vieques. The Service solicits review and comments from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before November 18, 1996 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting Ms. Susan Silander, Boquerón, Puerto Rico 00622. Comments and materials received are available upon request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Silander, Boquerón Field Office, P.O. Box 491, Boquerón, Puerto Rico 00622, Telephone: 809/851-7297.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened species or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare

recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

This Technical/Agency Draft is for *Calypttranthes thomasiana*, an evergreen shrub or small tree that may reach 9 meters in height and 13 centimeters in diameter. Leaves are opposite obovate to oblong, 2 to 4 centimeters long, coriaceous and with gland dots. Flowers and fruit have not been described. This tree was described in 1855 from specimens collected in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Although collected from this island, it has not been reported from there in recent years. It is currently known from 10 to 12 individuals on the island of Vieques in Puerto Rico, about 100 mature individuals within the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, and from the island of Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands. While found within a conservation zone on U.S. Navy property in Vieques, the species would be effected if facilities were to be expanded. Within the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John, the species may be affected by park management practices and the presence of feral pigs and donkeys. This plan will describe measures necessary to recover the species, including studies of its reproductive biology and propagation.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority: The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531.

Dated: September 12, 1996.

Susan R. Silander,

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Notice of Availability of a Technical/ Agency Draft Recovery Plan for *Aurodendron Pauciflorum* and *Myrcia Paganii* for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces availability for public review of a technical/agency draft recovery plan for *Aurodendron pauciflorum* and *Myrcia paganii* (no common names). *Aurodendron pauciflorum* is an evergreen shrub or small tree known from the semi-evergreen forests of the limestone hills of Isabela in northwestern Puerto Rico. Only 10 individual plants are known from the edges of these cliffs. *Myrcia paganii* is an evergreen tree which may reach 9 meters in height, known from only 8 individuals at three locations in the limestone hills of northwestern Puerto Rico. Both species are threatened by rural, urban and tourist development. The Service solicits review and comments from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before November 18, 1996 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting Ms. Susan Silander, Boquerón Field Office, P.O. Box 491, Boquerón, Puerto Rico 00622. Comments and materials received are available upon request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened species or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

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