



**The Institute for  
Regional Conservation**

**----- December 2015 Newsletter -----**

Dear ,

Happy Holidays from the Institute for Regional Conservation! December has been a monumental month for us with the release of our newest website titled Plants of the Island of Puerto Rico, a successful invasive workshop with Florida Keys homeowners, and the start of several exciting new projects.

[DONATE NOW >>](#)

## **New Plantas de la Isla de Puerto Rico/Plants of the Island of Puerto Rico Website Released.**

IRC is proud to announce the official release of our Plants of Puerto Rico website. This database has been 15 years in the making and offers detailed information on the over 3,500 plants found within the island.



Pictured Above:

*Poitea florida* found at the Parque Doña Iñez (site of the launch).

Additionally, this website includes links and information regarding green living and sustainable agriculture within Puerto Rico. To access the Plants of Puerto Rico website simply click on the link found on the left hand side of IRC's main website (pictured below).



For more information on the database and for pictures from the launch, visit our [facebook page](#).

## New Projects

2016 is shaping up to be a great year for IRC as we will be starting seven new projects in the Lower Keys, the Upper Keys, Miami-Dade County, and Palm Beach County at the start of the new year. These projects include both rare species surveys and exotic plant removal and management. Stay tuned for our upcoming newsletters to read more about our progress on this work!

## IRC Held Invasive Exotic Plant Identification and Removal Workshop

---

IRC's Workshop focused on training Keys homeowners how to identify and remove invasive exotic species found



within their own backyards was a huge success. Many homeowners from throughout the Keys attended the workshop and left with new knowledge on how to treat invasive plants and the herbicide to help remove the exotic species on their properties.

We are thankful for the Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden for hosting the event and for all of the homeowners who are choosing to make conservation a priority on their land. For more pictures from the event, check out this [facebook album](#).

---

## Upcoming Events

- **End of Year Fundraiser**- IRC has raised nearly \$2,000 towards our goal of \$5,000 to support our online databases and environmental education programs in 2016. Thank you to all of you who have already donated! If you haven't made your tax-deductible donation yet, there is still time. Simply click on the grey 'Donate Now' button below.
- **Atlantic Dunes Park Restoration Volunteer Day** - On Saturday, January 30th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm IRC will be holding a volunteer day at Atlantic Dunes Park in Delray Beach. This is a wonderful public park found right on the beach in Delray Beach that could use our help. Volunteers will assist us in removing various exotic plant species throughout the park and also help us plant native hammock species that are currently missing from the habitat. IRC will provide the tools and plants. All you need to do is show up with sunscreen, long sleeves/pants, a hat and a helping hand! We hope to see you at this event! If you have any questions, contact Cara Abbott at [abbott@regionalconservation.org](mailto:abbott@regionalconservation.org) or 305-304-6610.

**DONATE NOW >>**

*The Institute for Regional Conservation*

[www.regionalconservation.org](http://www.regionalconservation.org)

305-247-6547 | [admin@regionalconservation.org](mailto:admin@regionalconservation.org)

