



**The Institute for
Regional Conservation**

Atlantic Dunes Park Restoration Volunteer Day

IRC held a Restoration Volunteer Day sponsored by Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc at Atlantic Dunes Park in Delray Beach on Saturday, April 30th. Thank you to everyone who came out and volunteered! We removed invasive plants throughout the park, planted a variety of native species, and conducted a trash pick-up along the beach. For additional pictures from the event, check out the Facebook album [here](#).



Volunteers removing *Sansevieria hyacinthoides* (Snake Plant).



New Hire For IRC

We pleased to announce the addition of Maha Nusrat to the IRC staff as our new Miami Field Crew Leader! Maha is a Florida native and an FIU graduate with a degree in biology. Her passion for ecological restoration makes her a great addition to IRC. To read her full bio, click [here](#).

Spring Conferences

- **Jorge Carlos Trejos-Torres** attended and presented at the XIV Congress of the Ibero-Macronesian Association of

Botanical Gardens held in the Canary Islands.

- **George Gann** participated as a presenter and panelist at Biodiversity Without Borders: The NatureServe Network Conservation Conference held in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- **Craig van der Heiden** was the keynote speaker at the 2016 Florida Rare Plant Task Force Meeting held at Bok Tower Gardens. van der Heiden also attended the 2016 North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC) Florida - Georgia Regional Orchid Workshop, held at Naples Botanical Garden.



Participants of the Biodiversity Without Boundaries Workshop including George Gann, past IRC board member Joyce Maschinski, and Director the Doña Inés Park Christian Torres Santana.

