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Re: *Leptocereus grantianus*
Villas de mi Terruño
Culebra, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Dubón:

The purpose of this letter is to follow-up on the meeting we had on April 6, 2009, regarding the proposed conservation measures to be implemented as part of the above-mentioned project and to request permission to collect cuttings of the cacti *Leptocereus grantianus* on your property.

Based on the information submitted and our discussion during the meeting, we believe that the proposed conservation measures to protect all the population of this endangered cacti, and to minimize possible adverse effects of the project on the VI boa (*Epicrates monensis granti*) are appropriate. We would like to know the final number and where water detention ponds to be constructed and the total amount of habitat to be affected. We understand that a final meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency was pending to determine the final number of ponds. Once we receive the above information we will be able to submit our final comments. We are also waiting for the information on the size of the lots and the amount of habitat would remain within each lot.

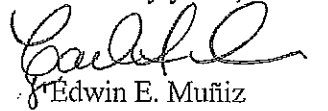
The Service would like to inform you that has reinitiated a propagation program for the cacti in our Culebra National Wildlife Refuge facilities. The objective is to maintain representation of the known populations of the cactus and propagate the species for recovery activities. As part of our efforts, we need to visit all known populations at the Culebra Island and collect at least 20 cacti's fragments (cuttings) per each population. We would like to request permission to visit your property on May 4 and 5, 2009. There we will collect 60 fragments of these cacti for propagation. Please let us know if there is any inconvenience for us to visit your site at that time.

Mr. Dubón

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It is our mission to work with others, to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of our people. If you have any additional question regarding the program, please contact Carlos Pacheco from our staff at 787-851-7297 extension 229 or by e-mail at Carlos_Pacheco@fws.gov.

Sincerely yours,



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May 1, 2009

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RE: *Leptocereus grantianus*
Villa Mi Terruño
Culebra, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Muñiz:

We are in receipt of your letter dated April 28, 2009 following up on our meeting of April 6, 2009 in Boquerón and requesting permission to collect cuttings of the cactus *Leptocereus grantianus* on our property. We are pleased to be able to assist you in your efforts to continue propagating this endangered species in Culebra and look forward to joining you on May 4 and 5, 2009 to learn more about this species' maintenance and recovery process.

Once we hold our meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency and have more information regarding the number and location of detention ponds on the property we will submit this information to you for your final review and comments. We are also working to clarify the information you requested on the size of the lots and the amount of habitat that would remain within each lot.

We would like to take advantage of this opportunity to request more information on the procedure to be followed in order to be able to propagate the endangered cactus *Leptocereus grantianus* on our own property. We understand this has to be coordinated with you and developed by means of a management agreement. If you have a model we could work with it would be greatly appreciated.

It gives us great satisfaction that our efforts to protect the populations of *Leptocereus grantianus* present on our property and to minimize potential adverse effects on the Virgin Islands boa (*Epicrates monensis granti*) are proper according to your standards.

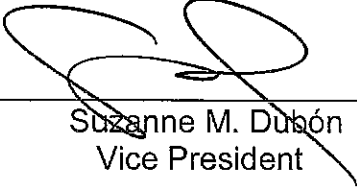
We look forward to continue working with you to help recover these important species for the benefit of our present and future generations.

Sincerely,

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