



Vieques Cleanup News!

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Conceptual Map of Potential Areas of Ecological/Cultural Importance on Vieques

Community Input is Welcome!

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the Navy have been working together to gather information about areas of ecological/cultural importance for consideration during investigations of environmental sites on Vieques. FWS prepared a draft conceptual map, which identifies some areas of potential interest, and invites the public to provide input.

What is an area of ecological importance?

An ecologically important area can include the presence of endangered species, unique vegetation, primary and secondary forests, lagoons, ravines, creeks, and springs.

How to provide input

If you, or someone you know, can identify such an area, please come to FWS offices on Vieques to fill out a form that includes the description and location of the area. FWS and Navy will verify the existence and ecological/cultural value of these areas and will add the locations to the conceptual map.

Administrative Record for Vieques

The Administrative Record (AR) for Vieques has moved. The **correct** address of the new location is:

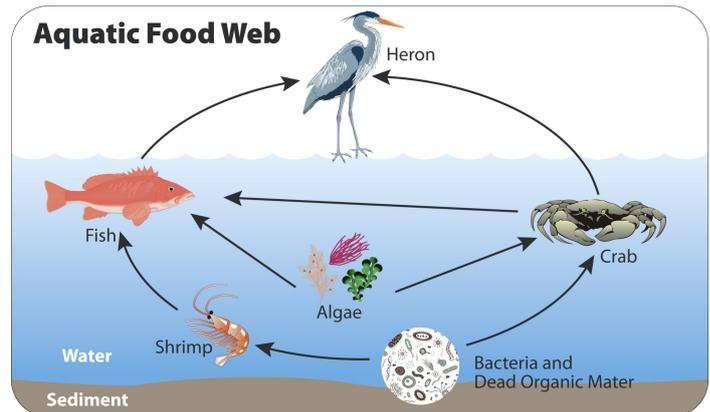
**Municipio de Vieques
Asuntos de la Juventud
Benítez Guzmán and Baldorioty de Castro
Streets
(right on the corner)**

The AR is available for review from 9 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday.

For more information, please contact:

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Ecological Risk Assessment Workshop for RAB members



On August 24, 2010, the Navy, NOAA, EPA, EQB and FWS jointly presented a technical workshop for RAB members. The workshop provided an overview of the ecological risk assessment process for Vieques sites and the team answered questions from workshop participants.

The Navy would like to thank the Vieques Conservation Trust for allowing the use of their facilities for the workshop.

Restoration Advisory Board meeting October 27, 2010 6:00 – 9:00 PM Vieques Lighthouse

NAVFAC Atlantic invites interested members of the public to participate in the next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting.

Public Outreach Event October 28, 2010 - 11:00 AM- 6:00 PM Multiple Use Center

We also invite the public to participate on an outreach event where the Vieques Restoration Program process, progress and safety issues will be presented in large colorful displays.

We hope to see at these two events!