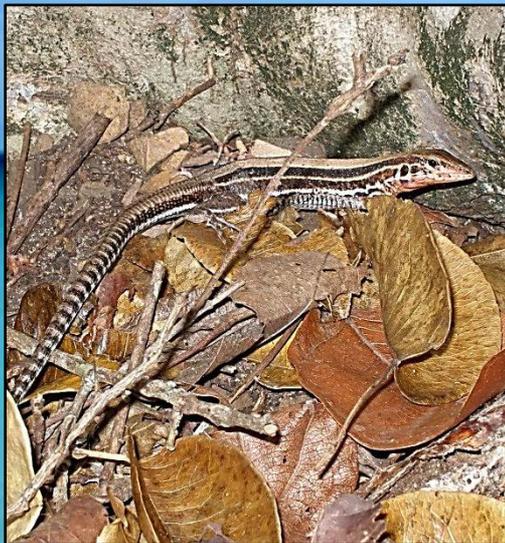


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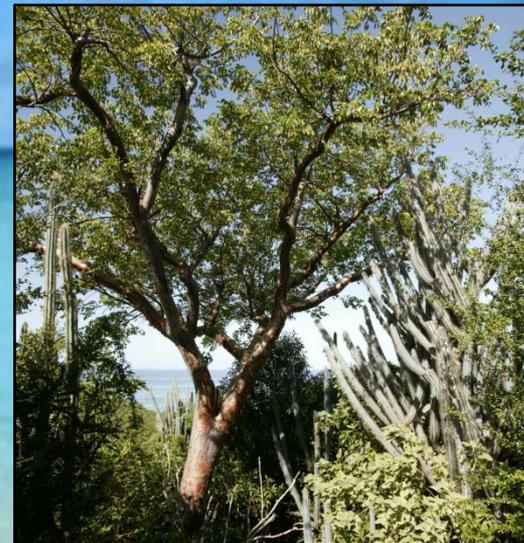
## Leave All Resources In Their Place\*



The globally endangered St. Croix Ground Lizard, *Ameiva polops*, was reintroduced to Buck Island in 2008. It can be seen all along the hiking trail and shoreline.



Elkhorn coral, *Acropora palmata*, is considered to be one of the most important reef-building corals in the Caribbean. Now in decline, it is protected under the Endangered Species Act.



Since the 1700s, timber harvesting and grazing livestock deforested much of Buck Island's dry tropical forest. Today the forest is recovering under Park Service management.

\* All Buck Island Reef National Monument resources are protected by a variety of Federal criminal and civil statutes. These include, but are not limited to, the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Park System Resources Protection Act and the regulations located at Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations that apply to National Park System units. Violators will be prosecuted and required to pay for the cost to restore any injured resource.

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