

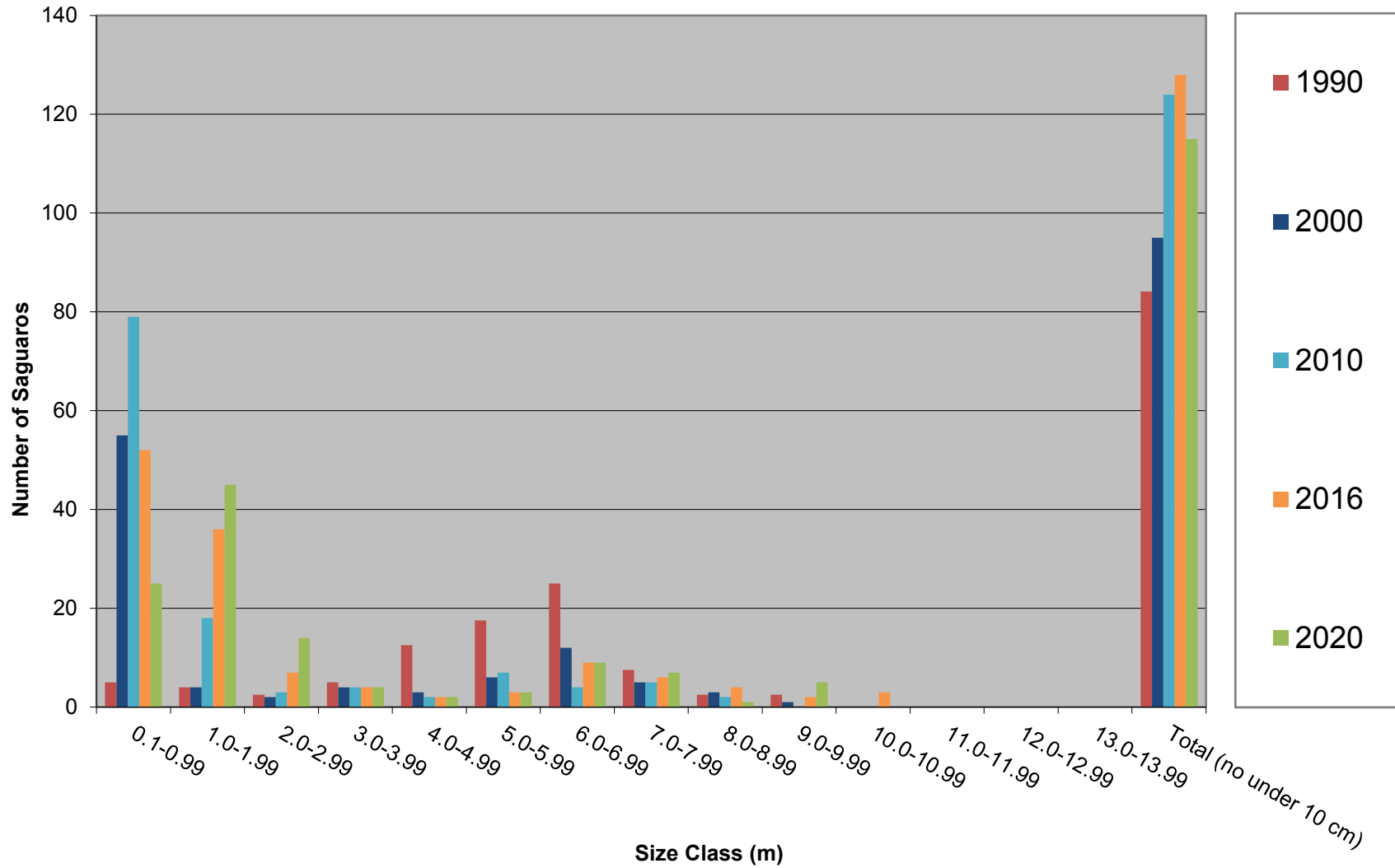
Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 10, Rincon Mountains

Sky Island Alliance, December 10th, 2019



On December 10th, we took out a great crew recruited by Sky Island Alliance to Plot #10, located along the Mesquite Trail. This group toughed out a brushy plot filled with Christmas cholla ('tis the season), prickly pear, and acacia. Expertly navigating the cactus maze, the group completed the plot. We counted 115 saguaros in total which is down from the 128 seen in 2016 and 124 seen in 2010, but still more than the 95 and 84 documented in 2000 and 1990 respectively. As we have observed with some of the other plots so far, the decrease in numbers is within the smallest height class of saguaros less than 1 meter tall. We can expect some of that attrition to be due to saguaros growing and graduating to the next height class, rather than loss. We look forward to looking at all of our data in whole to make comparisons to other plots of the same habitat type.

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