

Results of 2020 Saguaro Census on Plot 33, Tucson Mountains

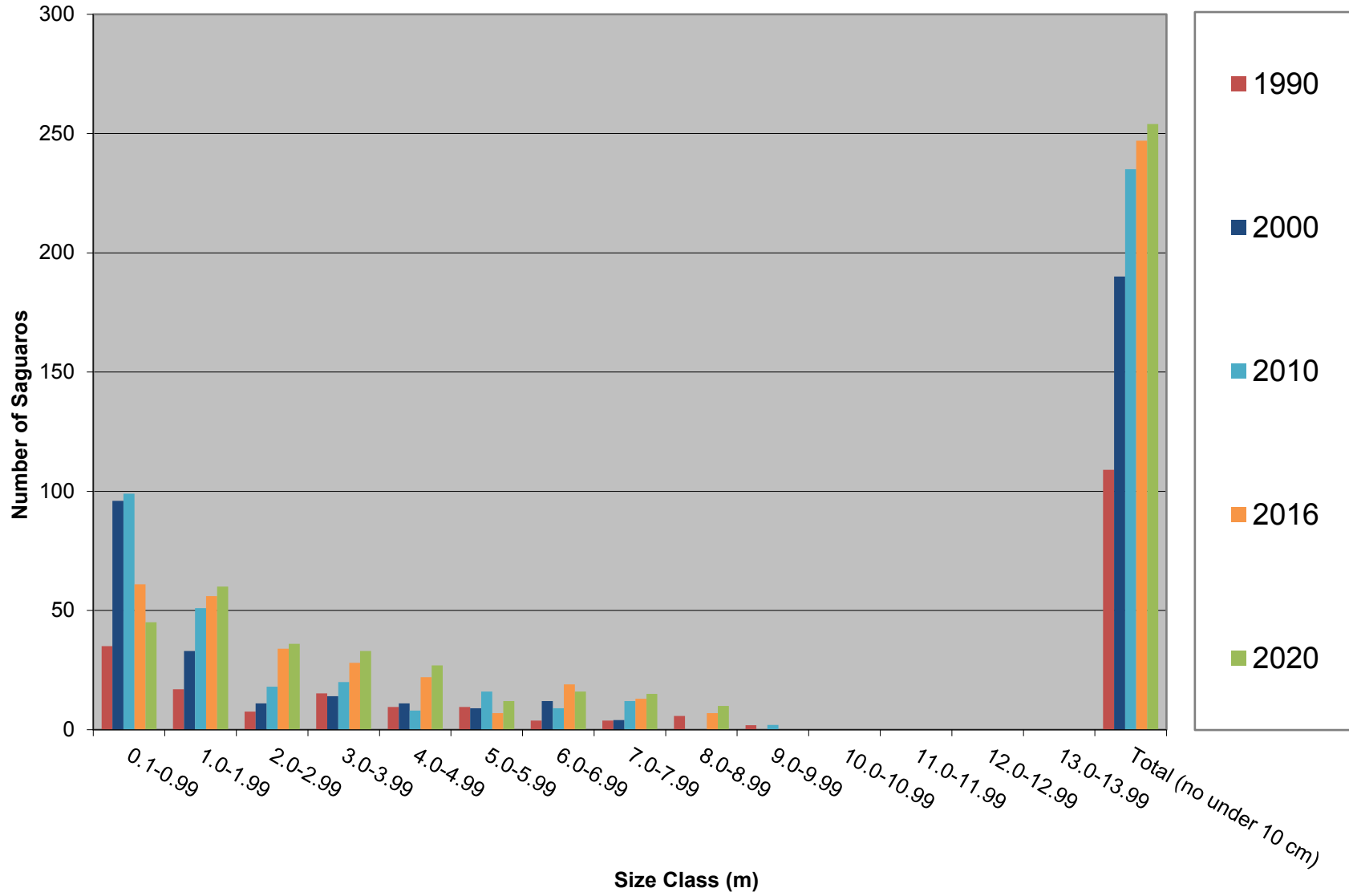
Individual Volunteers and AZCC, January 22nd, 2020



We are conducting the 2020 Saguaro Census both with organized groups such as schools and companies, as well as with groups made up of motivated individual volunteers. We now have a dedicated core of experienced volunteers and also get a number of new folks on each survey. On January 22, we also had visiting some visiting volunteers from New Jersey. We teamed up with our Arizona Conservation Corps crew to survey (and finish!) plot 33, located on the lower bajada of the Tucson Mountains near Manville Road. We had a great group and a great day!

The weather was overcast, gradually clearing after the previous day of rain. A highlight was that one volunteer found a night-blooming cereus, and we also observed several really large mammal burrows. We also found a number of really small saguaros, which is somewhat unusual for a plot in this location (and always good news). Overall, there has been a large increase in the number of saguaros on this plot since 1990 – from just over 100 in 1990 to more than 250 in 2020.

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