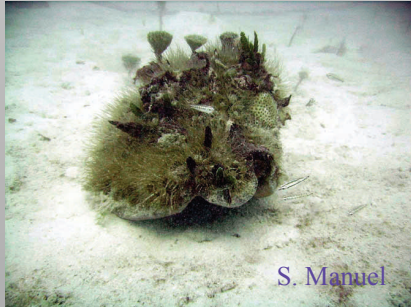


Recovering Bermuda's Species

Spot the Conch! One of our last remaining queen (pink) conch, so old that coral is growing on its shell! Boosting this population is a must...at 30 years old, this conch parent may not be around next year!



To all the environmentalists of Bermuda, "Share your knowledge and work towards a common goal...the recovery of native and endemic ferns, snails, skinks, flowering plants, killifish, seahorses, eagle rays and cave critters! Information on where they are, what they eat, how to grow them, how to breed them, and how many are out there is most welcome! Please call.

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Bermuda Shield Fern— only 3 sites remaining, and a 40% population decline in last 3 years

The Protected Species Act 2003 provides the means to not only protect Bermuda species identified as threatened, but more importantly to actively intervene and remedy the population status of species. It can be a powerful tool, working towards the ultimate goal of ensuring self-propagation and self-sustainability of species currently considered: Critically Endangered, Endangered or Vulnerable. Success depends on the engagement of all environmentalists—government departments, local NGOs, community clubs, and private individuals— and a coordinated framework.

This framework is provided for by the Species Recovery Plans produced by the Department of Conservation Services.

Each plan provides:

- Information on ecological requirements, known distribution, threats and current conservation efforts
- Short and long term targets for recovery, and available recovery tools
- Specific prioritized actions necessary to recovery with anticipated timeframe required and a responsible party for ensuring completion

To date recovery plans have been published on:

Queen Conch
Endemic snail
Eight flowering plants
Six ferns
Bermuda skink
Yellow Wood tree
Two seahorses
Bermuda killifish
Bermuda cahow

Available on www.conservation.bm

Project Objective

To develop a framework for the preservation of Bermuda's threatened species, pooling conservation efforts and existing know-how across the community, prioritizing actions and following Conservation Services'

Our very own land snail, on the verge of extinction... let it not be an example for all our species!



Recovery = Simple, practical and realistic measures to remedy population numbers of Bermuda's terrestrial and marine species

How can we approach recovery

- Protect and manage suitable habitats
- Expand the geographic distribution of species through translocation of mature individuals
- Actively propagate and produce juveniles through controlled reproduction
- Assess existing populations, and ecological requirements
- Provide educational tools for an improved island wide understanding of our natural environment



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