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Ginger Island

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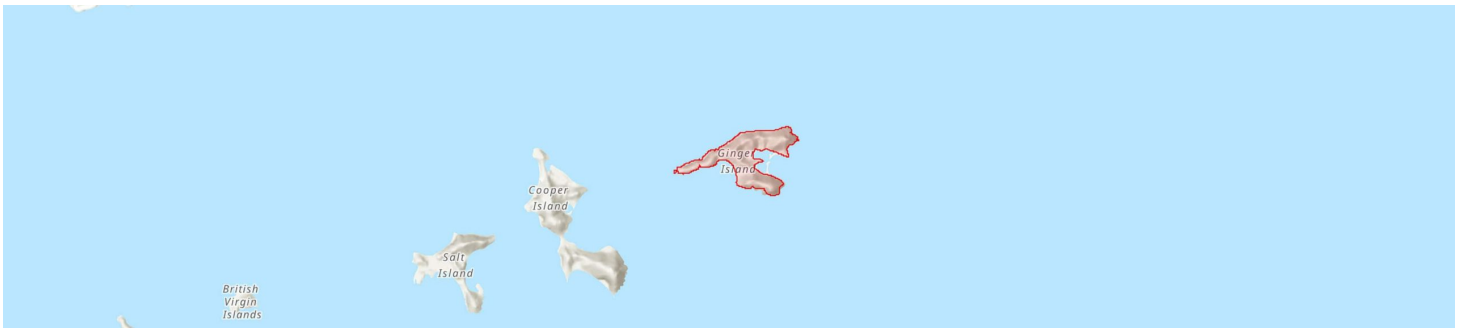

Country: **British Virgin Islands**
Administrative region: **Ginger (Province)**
Central co-ordinates: **18.38875 N, -64.47951 E**
Area: **0.99km²**

Qualifying IPA criteria

A(i), C(iii)

IPA assessment rationale

The whole island has been identified as a TIPA for its important Coastal shrubland habitat and for being one of the five best sites for two globally threatened Puerto Rican Bank endemic plants. Mangroves and Dry salt flats, which occur in small areas around a salt pond on the South Bay side, did not qualify for the TIPAs criteria because of their small size and lesser importance at a national level.

Site description

The whole island has been identified as a TIPA. This island is one of the few privately owned uninhabited and undeveloped islands in the territory.

Botanical significance

The area around Wedgeo Bay has important populations of the Puerto Rican Bank endemics Bastardiopsis eggersii (EN) and Malpighia woodburyana (VU); being one of the five-best sites in the BVI for these two species and qualifying the area under TIPAs sub-criterion A(i). The Greater Antilles endemic cactus Stenocereus fimbriatus (LC), which is locally rare, has also been recorded in this TIPA.

Habitat and geology

The elevation varies from sea level to just over 100m on this volcanic island, with large parts of the coast being rocky and steep with sparse vegetation. Large tracts of Coastal shrubland cover more than a quarter of this island's surface and it has been assessed as the third-best site for this habitat in the BVI. The other two nationally threatened habitats present here are Mangroves and Dry salt flats, which occur in small areas around a salt pond on the South Bay side. There are also large areas of Seasonally deciduous forest and woodland on the island.

Conservation issues

The main threats to this TIPA are future development, invasive plants and feral goats if they are reintroduced.

Site assessor(s)

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IPA criterion A species

SPECIES	QUALIFYING SUB-CRITERION	≥ 1% OF GLOBAL POPULATION	≥ 5% OF NATIONAL POPULATION	1 OF 5 BEST SITES NATIONALLY	ENTIRE GLOBAL POPULATION	SOCIO-ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT	ABUNDANCE AT SITE
Bastardiopsis eggersii (Baker f.) Fuertes & Fryxell	A(i)	–	–	✓	–	–	
Malpighia woodburyana Vivaldi	A(i)	–	–	✓	–	–	

IPA criterion C qualifying habitats

HABITAT	QUALIFYING SUB-CRITERION	≥ 5% OF NATIONAL RESOURCE	≥ 10% OF NATIONAL RESOURCE	1 OF 5 BEST SITES NATIONALLY	AREAL COVERAGE AT SITE
Coastal Shrubland	C(iii)	–	–	✓	

General site habitats

GENERAL SITE HABITAT	PERCENT COVERAGE	IMPORTANCE

Land use types

LAND USE TYPE	PERCENT COVERAGE	IMPORTANCE

Threats

THREAT	SEVERITY	TIMING

Bibliography

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