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Geographical range

Amazing Species: Sebucan

The **Sebucan**, *Leptocereus quadricostatus*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This large, scrambling cactus was originally thought to be endemic to Puerto Rico, but another small population has recently been discovered on Anegada in the British Virgin Islands.

Despite the discovery of a second population, there are estimated to be less than 50 surviving individuals in total. Recent development on Puerto Rico is likely to threaten the remaining plants there, but the status of this subpopulation is currently unknown. Although Anegada is also under severe pressure, the Sebucan subpopulation occurs within the Western Salt Ponds Ramsar site – an area unlikely to be damaged by current development. However, this habitat is two metres below sea level which may render it susceptible to the impacts of climate change.

Since the relatively pristine habitat on the island of Anegada supports several other regionally and locally endemic species, it is of high conservation value. Fortunately, legislation is being prepared to declare the Western Salt Ponds a National Park, a designation which will further enhance the protection of this cactus species.

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