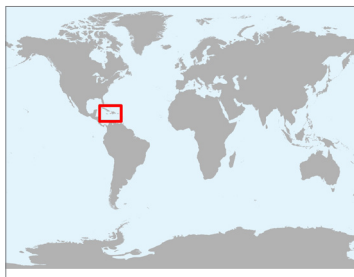




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## Species of the Day: Carossier Palm

The **Carossier Palm**, *Attalea crassispatha*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. One of the rarest palms in the Americas, this tall, attractive species is restricted to the southwestern peninsula of Haiti on the island of Hispaniola, in the Caribbean.

The conversion of habitat for agriculture has had a severe impact on the Carossier Palm, and just 30 individuals were estimated to remain in the wild in 1996. Other threats include the harvesting of seeds by people, livestock grazing, and a reduction in the abundance of seed dispersal agents. Given the small size of its population, the Carossier Palm is also vulnerable to extreme natural events.

A large ex-situ (outside of its natural habitat) population is maintained at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Florida. A local NGO, the Fondation Botanique d'Haiti is undertaking a two-year project to investigate the distribution, ecology and conservation status of the Carossier Palm. The project will conduct public awareness activities, propagate seedlings for out-planting, and carry out further surveys to determine the species' full area of occupancy.

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