Conserving the Canopy: Puerto Rico Inspiring Resiliency Through Cooperative Conservation.
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Para la Naturaleza
“The For Nature” is a sentiment, if not a testament to resiliency. The marriage of passion, care, and consideration for the natural environment shared by the communities of Puerto Rico is exemplified at Para la Naturaleza. The team is multifaceted, comprised of lifelong residents of Puerto Rico, scientists, naturalists, environmentalists, and volunteers. Our OSU team had the opportunity to plant one hundred trees—two species endemic to forests on the island.

Exploring the Forests of Puerto Rico
The island of Puerto Rico is a macrocosm of biodiversity, from its vibrant blue coastal waters teeming with marine life to inland arid cactus deserts and lush forests scattered across the mountains that span the island’s center. Puerto Rico holds the only tropical rainforests managed by the United States Forest Service. During our time in Puerto Rico OSU students had the privilege of exploring two forests.

For more information about Para la Naturaleza and the numerous projects they have going on across Puerto Rico, scan these QR codes.

Bosque Estatal de Toro Negro
“Black Bull State Forest” is an island haven for locals, tourist, and biodiversity alike. Home to thousands of species of flora and fauna, it is an ecologically vital ecosystem. While in Puerto Rico our team had the privilege to explore a section of one of the many hiking trails. With the help of Dr. Alok Arun from Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico we were able to get up close and up close look at several of the many species that call this beautiful forest home. From native anoles, to fungi, mosses, lichens, various invertebrates, and countless plants.

For more information about Toro Negro State Forest. Please visit the QR code to the left. For more information about visiting Bosque Estatal de Toro Negro scan the QR code to the right.