

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name: PARAMAYON 2

other name/site number: PUNTA VACA (12VPr2-66)

2. Location

street & number: [REDACTED]

not for publication: X

city/town: Barrio Llave, Vieques

vicinity: _

state: PR county: Humacao

code: 069

zip code: 00765

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Federal

Category of Property: Site

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
<u> 1 </u>	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u> 1 </u>	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: _____

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature] _____ 7-13-92
Signature of certifying official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

please see attached letter dated 20 May 92

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register [Signature] 9-10-92
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register _____
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register _____
 removed from the National Register _____
 other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: AGRICULTURE Sub: _____

Current : AGRICULTURE Sub: _____
MILITARY _____

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification: N/A

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation _____ roof _____
 walls _____ other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.



during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and for a few centuries in prehistoric times it was dotted with a whole string of little settlements.

The prehistoric dwelling sites _____ discovered in the course of the last few years, by survey teams working on behalf of the Navy. Most of them were found in 1978, by a group of archaeologists headed by Marvin Keller, of Ecology and Environment, Inc. One additional site was recorded in 1980, during a detailed reinvestigation of the area by a second team of surveyors working under the general direction of G.S. Vescelius and the immediate supervision of C.A. Tronolone, L.S. Robinson and G. Freimuth.

The southwest coast sites vary greatly in their size, in their condition, and in their importance. The largest and most interesting of them, the Playa Vieja site (12VPr2-70), is sufficiently distinctive and significant in its own right to merit special consideration. _____

_____ Consequently, it has been singled out for separate treatment. The remaining sites of the series, _____ have enough in common with one another, notwithstanding their size differences, to be dealt with jointly, as _____. It seems appropriate to name that district after one of its more salient physiographic features _____

_____ and one of them--12VPr2-66--is by far the largest and most important member of the entire series.

Paramayon 2 or Punta Vaca (12VPr2-66) is by far the largest site in the surveyed area. Located during the course of the systematic survey undertaken in 1978, it was also reported to the Navy's survey team by private collectors in 1980. However, an extensive exploration of the place, under the supervision of C.A. Tronolone, failed to produce any substantial amount of material, though it did turn up an occasional relic here and there _____

_____ Most of the material that has been collected from _____

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12VPr2-66 has been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

at a depth of 15 cm or thereabouts, and they included some glass fragments as well as prehistoric pottery. It appeared that they might represent a secondary deposit--that they might have been washed down from somewhere further up the slope--but a fairly careful exploration of the area above the spot from which they were retrieved proved to be very unrewarding. It is clear that a sizeable building (probably a farmhouse) stood on the site earlier in the century. The construction of that building by the Navy, and recent land-clearing by a group of cattlemen to whom [REDACTED] is now leased have all had an impact on the prehistoric cultural remains. Erosion has been severe in places. Half a dozen excavations, with an overall area of 54 dm² and a combined volume of 135 liters, produced hardly any material of archaeological interest. Excavation 6, the innermost of the group, was totally sterile. Pits 1, 3, and 4 yielded a single sherd each; Pit 5, four sherds. Only from Excavation 2, at the head of the ravine, was any considerable amount of pottery recovered; the sample from that pit includes 44 sherds, six of which are of diagnostic value. Only a couple of shell fragments were encountered, one of them in Excavation 4 and the other in Excavation 5. Most of the pottery is of a late Saladoid (Longfordian) or epi-Saladoid (Richmondian) style, and should date from Periods 4C-4D (c. 600-900 AD), but a small amount of its may represent a somewhat later time span.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: STATE AND LOCAL

Applicable National Register Criteria: D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : _____

Areas of Significance: ARCHEOLOGY - PREHISTORIC
ARCHEOLOGY - HISTORIC

Period(s) of Significance: PREHISTORIC
1800-1899
1900-

Significant Dates : _____

Significant Person(s): _____

Cultural Affiliation: SALADOID, OSTIONOID, CHICOID, SPANISH COLONIAL

Architect/Builder: _____

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Punta Vaca and has yielded the greatest number of diagnostic artifacts, and is the best surviving example of a unique pattern of occupation on Vieques' [REDACTED] Therefore, it is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Punta Vaca appears to have been occupied during two time spans that were intervals of considerable population pressure: an earlier one, corresponding roughly to Periods 4C-4D of the local chronology (c 600-900 AD), and a later one, corresponding approximately to Period 4G (c 1300-1492 AD). The Indian population of Vieques may have come close to attaining its peak size, as a matter of fact, toward the end of Period 4D (c 900 AD). Thereafter it went into a temporary decline, and took about four centuries to regain its earlier density. Under the circumstances, it can be argued that Punta Vaca was to the aboriginal way of thinking a relatively unattractive area of marginal utility, a sort of last resort, to be exploited only when land had come to be in very short supply. Whether or not this particular reconstruction of Punta Vaca's history is correct is something that remains to be determined, but in order to make a final determination, it will probably be necessary to undertake additional fieldwork of some, if not all, of the site. Steps should be taken, therefore, to protect and preserve this site for future study.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Vescelius, Gary S., & Linda S. Robinson. The Prehistoric Settlement Pattern of the Southwest Coast of Vieques. Reports of the Archaeological Survey of Vieques Series B, Number 19. Charlotte Amalie: Archaeological Services, 1980.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

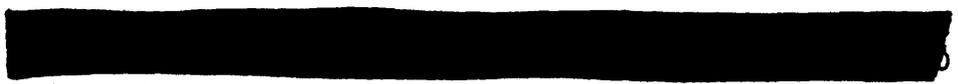
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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: 

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing



Verbal Boundary Description:



Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY:

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92001241

Date Listed: 9-10-92

Property Name

County

State

Paramayon 2

Vieques

PR

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Janet E. Swinson
Signature of the Keeper

9-10-92
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The county location is incorrect and the period of significance is unclear, and no historic function is indicated. The nomination is amended as follows: The county is Vieques. The periods of significance are A.D. 600 - 900 and A.D. 1300 - 1492. The historic function is "camp."

Mr. J. Bernard Murphy, the Navy FPO, was contacted regarding these amendments.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)