

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Playa Grande 9 (12VPr2-212)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Barrio Llave, Vieques

STATE Puerto Rico

VICINITY OF CODE 72

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY Humacao

CODE 1030

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Headquarters, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (Department of the Navy)

STREET & NUMBER
Norfolk Naval Station

CITY, TOWN
Norfolk

VICINITY OF

STATE
Virginia 23511

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registro de Propiedades & LANTDIV COMNAVFORCARIB

STREET & NUMBER
PO Box 3037

CITY, TOWN
Norfolk

STATE
Virginia 23511

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Records of the Archaeological Survey of Vieques

DATE
19 October 1984

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Atlantic Division: Puerto Rico Branch

CITY, TOWN
PO Box 3037, Roosevelt Roads, Ceiba, Puerto Rico

STATE

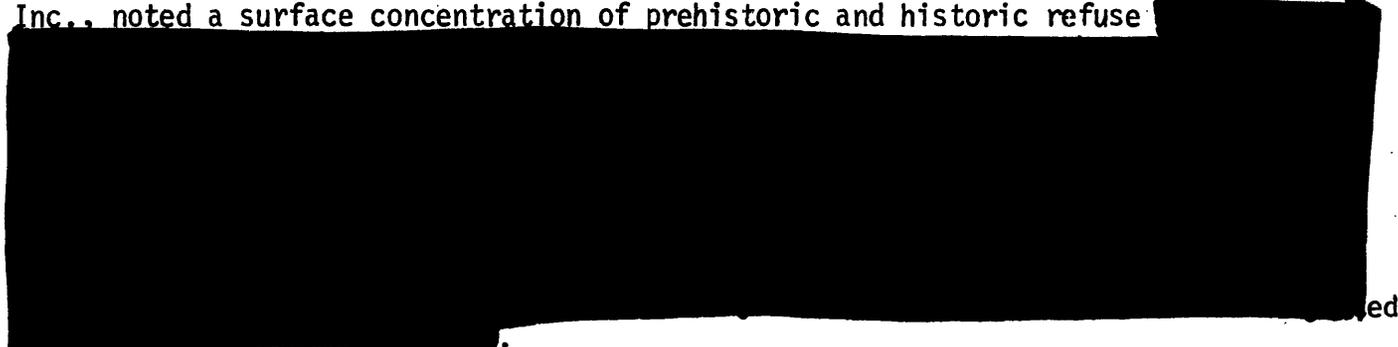
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Oct 84</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In May of 1982, in the course of an archaeological reconnaissance survey undertaken on behalf of the U.S. Navy, Carmine A. Tronolone, of Ecology and Environment, Inc., noted a surface concentration of prehistoric and historic refuse



In June of 1982, a team of investigators headed by Tronolone, returned to the site of the original find to sample the area and provide further preliminary information for the site. The investigations included close inspection of the ground surface for the entire hilltop. A site sketch map was made, surface collections were made, and photographs of the site environs were taken at this time. The preliminary testing conducted identified the location of a surface scatter of prehistoric refuse and possible subsurface deposits. Also, smaller amounts of historic materials, including ceramic, metal, and glass, were identified. Therefore, it was recommended that additional testing should be conducted at the site to determine precisely the nature and extent of the materials encountered.

In October of 1983, Tronolone, accompanied by Michael A. Cinquino, returned to the site of Playa Grande 9 to undertake a more thorough examination of the deposits. At this time, the site was mapped, a systematic surface collection was made for the entire area of the hilltop, and 9 test units, ranging in size from 30 X 30 cm to 50 X 50 cm, were dug. These investigations indicated the presence of intact undisturbed subsurface midden deposits in a single area of the hilltop, and served to suggest that the average depth of the deposits is between 0 and 25 cm to bedrock in places. The majority of the materials were recovered

Further, the investigations indicated that the area of the site had not been subjected to much previous disturbance (e.g., agriculture, military activity, or the like) and the deposits had survived in a relatively unaltered state, with the exception of minor disturbances from slope wash and erosion.

Testing at Playa Grande 9 yielded numerous items of cultural material remains, many of which were diagnostic. The pottery found appears to be of several styles: the Late Saladoid tradition (Period 4C c. 600-800 AD); the Ostionoid tradition (Period 4D c. 800-900 AD); the Elenoid tradition (Periods 4E and 4F c. 900-1300 AD); and the Chicoid tradition (Period 4G c. 1300-1500 AD). Stone and shell artifacts were also recovered. The shell refuse at the site is represented by numerous species. A form summarizing cultural remains by provenience is included with this nomination form.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Playa Grande 9 site (12VPr2-212) is the only prehistoric occupation where utilization of rock shelters is evidenced and one of only a small number of prehistoric occupations to be found with what can be seen as an elevated inland location on Vieques. The deposits at the site were found relatively undisturbed, and include many diagnostic artifacts and ecofacts representing several hundred years of occupation. As such, Playa Grande 9 constitutes a resource of substantial scientific interest concerning information it may yield concerning aboriginal occupation on Vieques Island and in the Caribbean. The archaeologists who have investigated at the site, therefore, believe it should definitely be listed in the National Register.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cinquino, Michael A., Carmine A. Tronolone, Charles E. Vandrei, and Gary S. Vescelius, Cultural Resource Reconnaissance Survey for the Vieques Naval Reservation, Prepared by Ecology and Environment, Inc., Buffalo, New York, 1984.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

UTM REFERENCES

A _____

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C _____

B _____

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael A. Cinquino and Carmine A. Tronolone (Senior Archaeologists)

ORGANIZATION

Ecology and Environment, Inc.

DATE

19 October 1984

STREET & NUMBER

PO Box D

TELEPHONE

(716) 632-4491

CITY OR TOWN

Buffalo

STATE

New York 14225

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO _____

NONE _____

Arch. Mariano G. Coronas Castro

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National _____ State _____ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

See attached, signed letter (8 July 1991)

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Janet E. Swenson

DATE

8-21-91

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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In all, the site at Playa Grande 9, including the adjacent rockshelters,

[REDACTED] The remains at the site are indicative of a campsite occupation where subsistence activities included not only fishing and shell gleaning, but also hunting and agricultural. The site was also undoubtedly utilized as a lookout point, and the rockshelters were probably used as shelter from West Indian hurricanes.

A small amount of historic materials were found located on the surface of the site. These appear to date from the late 19th Century and into the 20th Century to about 1940. These materials were probably associated with the presence of one of the many past homesteads located in the vicinity. No remains of a homestead were discovered, however, as many were of wood-frame construction, vestages are rarely found.