

Poke-me-boy (*Acacia anegadensis*)

Acacia anegadensis, a spiny tree in the bean family, naturally occurs on the island of Anegada and nowhere else on Earth.

It is **Critically Endangered**, the highest level of threat, using the redlisting criteria of IUCN-The World Conservation Union.

Although it is quite common on Anegada, threats from development and grazing by livestock could lead to the extinction of this species.

Botanists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew in England and the British Virgin Islands National Parks Trust are working together to identify and conserve threatened plant species like poke-me-boy.

Threatened Plants of the British Virgin Islands

Rondell Smith of the BVINPT beside a mature poke-me-boy tree at flamingo ponds.



Actual size of flowers

