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**Collaborations Throughout the Caribbean and Beyond:
Naples Botanical Garden Welcomes Bahamas National Trust**

NAPLES, FL – July 15, 2019 – For the past several years, Naples Botanical Garden has worked closely with staff at Bahamas National Trust, a nonprofit that manages the country’s national parks and strives to protect Bahamian biodiversity. During an exclusive Members-Only President’s Welcome Reception on July 18 in the Garden’s Kapnick Hall, members of the media are invited to learn more about this partnership’s aim to build shared capacity for conservation of rare flora species and staff exchange opportunities benefiting the professional development of both organizations. Recent efforts have focused on evaluating the extinction risk of more than 40 plant species of the Bahamas, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Florida, and Mexico for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.

Working in unison with local, state and federal organizations to conserve native flora at Naples Botanical Garden and in native habitat is a crucial piece of the Garden’s mission. This partnership is one of several throughout the US and Caribbean Basin.

The reception begins at 5:30pm, with remarks at 6pm. Cameras are welcome at this event.

[July 18 President’s Welcome Reception Details](#)

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About Naples Botanical Garden

Naples Botanical Garden is a 170-acre world-class garden paradise that features the plants and cultures of the tropics and subtropics between the latitudes of 26 degrees North and 26 degrees South including Brazil, the Caribbean, Southeast Asia and Florida. A hands-on interactive Children’s Garden along with 90 acres of beautifully restored natural habitats, walking trails and a Butterfly Garden offer educational entertainment and enjoyment for people of all ages. During summer hours of operation from June 1-September 2, the Garden will be open Tuesday-Sunday, 8 am-4 pm, and closed Monday. Regular admission is \$19.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children (4-14); Members and children 3 and under get in free.