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U.S. Government Sued Over Plant Species

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An environmental group is suing the U.S. government to have two plant species found only in the U.S. Virgin Islands placed under federal protection, officials said.

Fewer than 50 specimens of agave eggersiana are left in the U.S. Virgin Island of St. Croix, said a spokesman for the Center for Biological Diversity. Fewer than 200 specimens of solanum conocarpum remain on the island of St. John, he said.