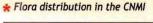




**COMMONWEALTH** of the NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS







Oxmoxylon mariannense



Tabernae montana rotensis



ACTOID!

Serianthes nelsonii

Serianthes nelsonii (Fire tree, Trongkon guafi) is a native tree that is endemic to the Mariana Islands. The flower is a deep pink pompom, similar to the Monkeypod. This large tree can grow to about 2m in diameter and over 30m in height. On Rota, there are approximately one hundred and twenty-one trees in upper elevation native forests.

Wasps and mealy bug parasites; seedling predation by mammals such as deer, pigs and cattle; habitat loss; and interbreeding are all factors that may have contributed to the decline of this species.

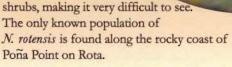
S. nelsonii is listed as a federally endangered species. It is protected by federal and local laws.

## Nesongenes rotensis

Nesogenes rotensis is a very small herbaceous, creeping plant with pointed toothed leaves. It has small white flowers with five petals that develop anywhere along the branch. It grows in small clumps with many branches growing in different directions. The leaves are greenishyellow, and it often grows under other low lying



Nesogenes rotensis



Threats to this plant are recreational activities that take place in and around its habitat.

N. rotensis is a candidate-for-listing as a federally endangered species.

# Oxmoxylon mariannense

Osmoxylon mariannense is a soft-wooded tree that is endemic to Rota. These trees are only found in the Sabana area of Rota at high elevations. They grow to about 10m in height. The fruit of the O. mariannense is a cluster of large dark blue berries at the end of branches.

Threats to O. mariannense are forest loss coupled with invasive vines, particularly Mikania scandens (mile-a-minute vine). O. mariannense is a candidate-for-listing as a federally endangered species and is protected by local law.

## Tabernaemontana rotensis

Tabernaemontana rotensis is a small tree with light green, oblong leaves and milky sap. It has small flowers, each with five petals. It grows to about 8m in height. It is found in native forests of both Rota and Guam.

Threats to T. rotensis are predation by insects and rodents, a lack of suitable pollinators and competition with non-native species.

T. rotensis is a candidate-for-listing as a federally endangered species and is protected by local law.



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