

Puerto Rico

[Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture](#)

The Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture is empowered to designate harmful species and whose introduction, possession, acquisition, sale or transfer in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico must be prohibited. The Department is authorized to establish through regulation the conditions under which the introduction and the movement in Puerto Rico of plants and plant products or vegetative material for propagation from outside the Commonwealth.

[Puerto Rico Department of Conservation](#)

The Puerto Rico Department of Conservation has the powers and duties necessary to protect the fishery resources so that they may be used by the People of Puerto Rico.

	Provision Summary	Citation
Invasive Plants	Upon written notification by Secretary of Agriculture of a declaration of public nuisance the owner or person in charge of the place of the nuisance is obliged to destroy the plant pest, plant, plant product, or vegetative material, without any compensation, if satisfactory treatment is not possible.	P.R. Laws Tit. 5 § 613c
Soil	The introduction into Puerto Rico of soil, earth, sand, or any similar material from any place abroad is prohibited without a permit.	P.R. Laws Tit. 5 § 613b
Invasive Animals	It is illegal to introduce into Puerto Rico any insect alive or dead or in any stage of development, or of any plant pest without first obtaining a permit.	P.R. Laws Tit. 5 § 613g
	It is prohibited to introduce, possess, acquire, sell, or transfer in Puerto Rico those fishes, mollusks and crustaceans, or their eggs or progeny, which the Secretary of Agriculture designates as harmful.	P.R. Laws Tit. 5 § 1601
	Puerto Rico prohibits the possession, acquisition, sale, or transfer of piranhas, establishing a compensation program for <i>Serrasalmus</i> surrendered within the first 30 days. After the initial 30 days, piranhas will be confiscated and destroyed without compensation.	P.R. Laws. Tit. 12 § 261