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A Parrot's Friends Dig Deep to Help Save It

National symbol of Dominica, the sisserou parrot now numbers at most 200 on the Caribbean island. To protect its oceanic rain forest habitat, Dominica has set aside 8,242 acres—4.4 percent of the country—as Morne Diablotin National Park.

Before the park's scheduled approval last January, one private 1,301-acre parcel still was needed, and time was running short. To help the Dominican government buy it, a small Florida nonprofit, the Rare Species Conservatory Foundation, contributed \$750,000—and temporarily went into debt, says director Paul Reillo.

