

## Scientists visit Guana

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Educators from Texas Technical University were invited to Guana Island this month as part of a yearly scientific research programme.

The scientists conducted studies in the areas of natural history, ecology, conservation biology, systematics and biogeography. The results are used to add to the BVI's information on natural resource preservation and species conservation.

Studies focused on the reintroduction of iguanas on the island, the social behavior of other lizards, non-native species and bird migration.

The visitors from Texas Tech presented talks and photographs during a science symposium recently at the H. Lavity Stout Community College. Discussions followed the presentations.

Topics included: "Raptors of the BVI" by Dr. Clint Boal, "The Mysteries of Distress Calling" by Dr. Kate LeVering, "Invader Plants" by Joydeep Battacharjee, "Body Size and Habitat in BVI Lizards" by Adrian Andrei and "Opportunities for Study and Research at Texas Tech" by Dr. Gad Perry.