



## Inspection Report

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Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico  
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Customer ID: **325361**

Certificate: **94-C-0116**

Site: 001

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RICO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 29-JAN-2024

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### **Separation.**

The facility continues to house singly an adult non-releasable Floridian manatee, Guacara, at their enclosure labeled 24K pool.

The Center has been offered to long-term house another non-releasable Floridian manatee, named Cayo, presently at Zoo Tampa. The facility's attending veterinarian maintains his professional opinion that "Guacara" should have the companionship of a compatible animal of the same or biologically related species. Manatees are semi-social animals and do better medically and psychologically when they are housed in pairs or groups. Marine mammals, whenever known to be primarily social in the wild, must be housed in their primary enclosure with at least one compatible animal of the same or biologically related species.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the attending veterinarian and four additional facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

Patricia Laracuente, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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**Date:**

01-FEB-2024

**Title:** VETERINARY MEDICAL  
OFFICER

**Received by Title:** Facility Representative

**Date:**

01-FEB-2024



### Species Inspected

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325361	94-C-0116	001	UNIVERSIDAD INTERAMERICANA DE PUERTO RICO	29-JAN-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000007	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	CARIBBEAN MANATEE
000004	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	BROWN PELICAN
000002	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	BROWN BOOBY
000002	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD
000001	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	PEREGRINE FALCON
000002	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000018	<b>Total</b>	