

# UPLAND PLANT COMMUNITY: COASTAL HAMMC

## A. DESCRIPTION:

The association is characterized by a dense cabbage palm - seagrape canopy occurring behind dunes between coastal ridges.

## B. FUNCTION:

✓ WILDLIFE HABITAT  
✓ BIOTIC DIVERSITY  
✓ STABILIZATION  
✓ ENERGY CONSERVATION

✓ UNIQUE FEATURE  
✓ LANDSCAPE RECREATION  
✓ AESTHETICS

✓ FLOOD PROTECTION  
WATER QUALITY  
WATER QUANTITY  
✓ CLIMATE MODIFIER

## C. SPECIAL CONCERNS:

✓ ENDANGERED FLORA  
✓ ENDANGERED FAUNA  
✓ SYSTEM DESTRUCTION

✓ LIMITED RESOURCE  
REGIONAL RESOURCE  
✓ UNIQUE FEATURE

JURISDICTIONAL  
SEASONAL FLOOD

## D. COMMENTS:

Area often invaded by Brazilian pepper.

## E. TYPICAL DOMINANT PLANTS:

### TREES (UPPER STORY)

1. Cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto*)
2. Sea grape (*Coccoloba uvifera*)
3. Strangler fig (*Ficus aurea*)
4. Buttonwood (*Conocarpus erecta*)
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### SHRUBS (MIDDLE STORY)

1. Stopper (*Eugenia spp.*)
2. Marlberry (*Ardisia escallonioides*)
3. Myrsine (*Myrsine guianensis*)
4. Smilax (*Smilax auriculata*)
5. Poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*)

### GROUND COVER (UNDER STORY)

1. Switchgrass (*Panicum varagatum*)
2. Wild coffee (*Psychotria nervosa*)
3. Muhly grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)
4. Foxtail grass (*Setaria corymbosa*)
5. Swamp fern (*Blechnum serrulatum*)